

Mauney Memorial Library  
100 S. Piedmont Ave.  
Kings Mtn., 28086

## Road Work!

### Board Considers Three Street Projects

Street projects received most of the attention during a brief meeting of the Kings Mountain Board of Commissioners Monday night at the Governmental Services Facilities Center.

In separate matters, the board discussed widening several streets in the area of Kings Mountain Hospital and Kings Mountain Convalescent Center, requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation to re-surface nine streets that were damaged in connection with the construction of the Highway 74 bypass, and approved a resolution of intent to close Webb Street between Lynn Street and the Highway 74 bypass.

The board received a petition from about 50 percent of the property owners in the area of the hospital and convalescent home, asking that the city improve Sipes Street from Edgemont Drive to Sims Street.

Mayor John Henry Moss presented the commissioners with a plan designed by the city's consulting engineers, the W.K. Dickson Co., which also included improvements to Edgemont Drive.

Moss said traffic in the area has been increased due to the recent expansion of Kings Mountain Hospital. Property owners and representatives of the hospital are asking for a 40-foot street for Sims, but the W.K. Dickson Co. is proposing a

50-foot street, which would include a 44-foot street and three-foot sidewalks.

Mayor Moss said the city would have to acquire additional right of way from the hospital and some property owners. He plans to work with property owners and bring the matter back to the board at its next meeting.

The city is considering widening Edgemont from Boyce Memorial A.R.P. Church to Sipes Street, and also plans to curb and gutter both streets. Curb and gutter—but not widening—is planned for Sipes Street from Sims to Goforth.

Moss said the sidewalks could be optional but would be nice for residents of the Convalescent Center, who walk along Sipes Street for exercise.

On a motion by Norman King and second by Jim Dickey, the board voted unanimously to request that the State Department of Transportation re-surface nine streets which have been damaged due to increased detour traffic because of work on the Highway 74 bypass.

The streets include Highway 74 from Castlewood to the Gaston County line; Walker Street from Cansler to Gantt; Fulton Street from Cansler to Piedmont; Ramseur Street from Fulton to Bridges; Gantt Street from Bridges to McGinnis;

Bridges Street from Cansler to Ramseur; Linwood Road from Phillips Street to Cleveland Avenue; Fairview Street from Piedmont to Linwood Road; and Phenix Street from Linwood to its dead end.

Mayor Moss said the increased traffic and heavy construction equipment which have used the roads have had a "destructive result on these streets which were not designed for heavy truck usage."

Walt Ollis, a city employee, said Phenix Street has been demolished 100 percent because of the construction of the bypass.

The board also unanimously approved the resolution of intent to close Webb Street between Lynn Street and the bypass. The board called for a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. September 27 to receive citizen input and instructed City Clerk Joe McDaniel to submit a copy of the resolution to each property owner on the street.

In other action Monday, the board:

\*Authorized advertisement for bids for a container truck for the Sanitation Department.

\*Authorized advertisement for bids for police cars.

\*Approved a resolution of support of the newly-organized White Plains Shrine Club.

## Conner Jury Out

The jury was out Wednesday in the trial of Don Conner of Kings Mountain, who is charged with attempting to hire a fellow inmate at the McDowell Country Prison to kill Gaston County Sheriff C.L. "Sarge" Waldrep.

The state and defense rested their cases late Tuesday and summation arguments were scheduled for Wednesday morning.

Conner, who is serving 18 to 20 years for the attempted bombing of Waldrep's home in April of 1979, is accused of offering Ernest James Lyall of Sparta \$10,000 and a Ford truck to kill Waldrep.

Lyall, who has been transferred from the McDowell unit to an undisclosed unit, said Conner made the offer in March and raised it to \$20,000 in May after Conner failed to make honor-grade prisoner and blamed Waldrep for that failure.

Lyall said he turned down the offer, but then changed his mind and told Conner he would kill Waldrep. Instead, he said he told Waldrep of the alleged plot.

He testified that he wrote a letter to Waldrep telling him that he needed to talk to him, and the two talked on June 9 in Central Prison, where Lyall was being treated for ulcers.

Conner was charged on June 16 following an SBI investigation.

Another prisoner, James Self of Georgia, testified that Conner also talked to him about killing Waldrep.

During Tuesday's testimony, the defense presented six inmates who testified that Lyall concocted the story in order to get an early release from prison.

Lyall said he was refused parole when he came up for review in March, but he denied that he made up the story to get Waldrep's help in seeking early release.

### HOT DOG SALE

Kings Mountain Fire Department will sponsor a hot dog sale at the Kings Mountain Fire Museum Saturday. The museum is located on Cleveland Avenue beside the Kings Mountain Community Center.

Conner testified that he had never offered to pay anyone to shoot Waldrep. "I didn't have the money to offer anyone," Conner said.

Conner's wife, Betty, testified that she has become debt-ridden since Conner was sentenced to prison. She testified that she earns the minimum wage for working at a Shelby restaurant and her home is mortgaged to pay lawyer fees. She said she has been on food stamps since last April.

She said her husband has never owned a 1965 truck.

Steve Thompson of Gaston County, who was serving time in the McDowell prison, said he talked with Lyall on June 16 after Lyall checked into the prison unit.

"He said he was setting Don Conner up to get out," Thompson said. "He said he hated to do it to the man, but that it was his only out and that he was going to take it."

If convicted, Conner could face up to 10 years in prison.



Photo by Gary Stewart

**SUMMER SCENE** - On a hot August day, Leigh Anne Bailes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bailes of Kings Mountain and a freshman at UNC-Charlotte, adds another touch of beauty to the scene.

## Grover Chief Quits

Grover Police Chief Mike Brown resigned his position Monday after 22 months on the job, leaving the town without police protection.

Brown, Grover's third chief in five years, said he plans to take a job in private business.

Brown said he resigned his \$12,300-a-year position because of the town council's "inability to see the police department's needs, not on my own personal needs."

Brown further stated that the commissioners "are not keeping the best interest of the citizens of the town of Grover in mind in their handling of the police department."

The administration recently terminated the employment of policeman Derek Johnson and reserve officer Kenneth Anthony.

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## Shriners Organize Thursday

White Plains Shrine Club was officially organized Thursday night at a dinner meeting of the charter members at Hank's Steak House.

Paul Falls was elected the first president of the new club and other officers are Thomas D. Tindall, vice-president; Russell Falls, secretary; and Tom Tate, treasurer. Senior directors are Bobby Tomlinson, Dwight Chapman, Sam Caveny and Marvin Biddix.

State Senator J. Ollie Harris was guest speaker at Thursday's organizational meeting and Calvin Gaddy, Recorder for Oasis Temple of Charlotte, presided at the election of officers. The club also approved by-laws for operation and set annual dues at \$10.00.

## Services Held Saturday For Dr. William Mauney

Dr. William Lawrence Mauney, 68, of 704 West Mountain Street, Kings Mountain, died Thursday night at Kings Mountain Hospital after several months illness.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late R. Lawrence and Jennie Grace Redfern Mauney. He was Cleveland County's first podiatrist and practiced here for 42 years. He was former president of the North Carolina Podiatry Society, vice president and director of Sadie Cotton Mill and former vice president of Bonnie Mill.

He was educated in the Kings Mountain school system and Fisburne Military School in Waynesboro, Va. In 1936, he graduated from Temple University School of Chiropody in Philadelphia, Pa. Following graduation, he did a year of post-graduate study at The Illinois College of Podiatric Medicine. In 1947, after serving in World War II, he established practice in Kings Mountain and Shelby.

He entered the U.S. Navy in August of 1943 and was attached to the Naval Hospital Corp. Later, he was transferred to the First Marine Division, 5th Regiment and Headquarters Company of the 1st Battalion with whom he served in the Southwest Pacific. He was in active combat during the Okinawan campaign and was later sent to Peking, China, with the same division for occupational duty and acceptance of the Japanese surrender for the Chinese government. Before that mission was completed, Dr. Mauney received orders to be returned to the Navy. He was discharged in 1946.

Dr. Mauney retired after 42 years of practice in Cleveland County, during which time he was active in the North Carolina Podiatry Association. He held the office of secretary-treasurer and President of the Association. In 1980, he was given a Life Membership.

He was an active member of



St. Matthew Lutheran Church, where he served as Councilman, President of the Lutheran Brotherhood and Sunday School teacher.

In 1975, Dr. Mauney was awarded the Service Cross of Honor by the William Wilson Allen Chapter of the United Daughters of Confederacy of Shelby. He was a member of the North Carolina Jaycees, Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club, Fairview Masonic Lodge No. 339 A.F. and A.M., Carolina Consistory, Oasis Shrine Temple, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was twice married, to Billie Louise Black Mauney, who died in 1951, and Elizabeth Fisher Winget Mauney, who survives. Other survivors include two sons, Captain William Lawrence Mauney Jr. of Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., and Dr. Charles Jefferson Mauney of Kings Mountain; one sister, Mrs. Winnie Vera Still of Kings Mountain; and two grandchildren.

Services were conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. at St. Matthews Lutheran Church by the Rev. Harwood Smith and the Rev. L. Glenn Cloninger.

Memorials may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, in care of Oasis Temple, 321 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, N.C.; or to the American Cancer Society.



**SHRINE OFFICERS** - Pictured above are the officers of the White Plains Shrine Club, which was organized here last week and will be chartered September 15. Seated, left to right, are Tom Tate, treasurer; Tom Tindall,

vice-president; Paul Falls, president; and Marvin Biddix, director. Back row, left to right, Dwight Chapman, director; Russell Falls, secretary; Sam Caveny, director; and Bobby Tomlinson, director.