

1983 Should Be Better For KM Area

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will take about a year for completion.

Moss said he would also recommend "very serious consideration and evaluation" of the proposed hydro-electric project for Moss Lake. A hydro plant would provide enough electricity to operate the city's water and sewer plants, thereby eliminating approximately \$250,000 of energy now acquired by Duke Power to run those plants.

Other programs which should come about in 1983 include:

Urban Renewal - The city will make a special effort to dispose of surplus urban renewal property so as to encourage additional development of the downtown area.

Energy - The city will encourage volunteer committees to become active. The recently-appointed energy committee will

hold its first meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Governmental Services Facilities Center to begin planning how to conserve energy and cut energy costs.

Health Care - Moss said the completion of the Kings Mountain Hospital expansion program will give the city "an excellent health care facility." The city will also continue to work with the Aging Department and Handicapped program to extend their services.

Police Department - The city will continue its phased improvement of the old city hall,

which will ultimately be a law enforcement and emergency communications center. The work is about 25 percent complete.

City services - The city plans to update its Sanitation Department equipment, and will spend \$222,000 for street maintenance, supplies, paving and curb and guttering.

Bypass - With completion of the Highway 74 bypass scheduled in October, Moss expects to see a renewed interest in developing strategies for improvements of King Street. "Once open, I expect a drop in

traffic but that will gradually pick up to almost what it is today. King Street will remain a very valuable street," he said.

Recreation - Moss said the city plans to continue to improve its playing facilities for little league baseball, softball and youth football. The city is talking with citizens who own property at the south end of City Stadium. Acquiring that property would allow the city to develop a new entrance to the stadium. Moss said he would like to see the stadium used for sports for the next several years and in about two decades converted to

an extension of Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Housing - Moss said the city's Community Development Office will soon begin making some surveys of two Neighborhood Strategy Areas which he hopes can qualify for Small City Grants for housing rehabilitation. Those areas include Third Street, Fourth Street and Cranford Drive; and Hill Street, Clinton Drive, Gillespie Street, Baker Street, Dilling Street, Cherry Street, Mill Street and Broad Street. He said the city will also work with local con-

struction companies and real estate people to develop private housing.

Above all, Moss said he hopes 1983 will be a year when "all of us can develop a can do attitude that will establish a dynamic environment that produces innovative planning and strategies, and then coordinate the effort and carry them through. I believe all of us together can provide the impetus to carry our commitments through and will bring about increased business activity, thereby opening the opportunity for a better life for all of us."

Briefs

OIL PAINTING

Charlotte artist Boyce Kendrick will hold a public oil painting demonstration January 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cleveland County Historical Museum in Shelby. The event, sponsored by the Cleveland County Working Artist Guild with the help of a Grass Roots grant from the N.C. Arts Council, is open to the public and free of charge. Refreshments will be served.

IT'S A GIRL

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kirk Falls Jr. announce the birth of their first child, Diana Lynn, December 30 at Kings Mountain Hospital. The baby weighed seven pounds and seven ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul K. Falls Sr. of Kings Mountain and Betty Head Smith and the late Lars Marvin Smith of Dallas. Great-grandparents are Annie Lockridge of Kings Mountain and Myrtle Head of Fort Mill, S.C. The baby's mother is the former Nancy Smith.

CLASS OF 1973

A planning meeting for the 10th year reunion of the Kings Mountain High School class of 1973 will be held on January 14 at 7 p.m. at the home of Avis Owens Morrow, class treasurer. Anyone interested in serving on the planning committee should write Mrs. Morrow at 116 Robinson Drive, Quail Run, Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086; call 739-6363 or attend the meeting.

GOSPEL SING

There will be a gospel singing Saturday at 7 p.m. at Midview Baptist Church in Kings Mountain. Featured singers include the Roland Dry Family of Ft. Mill, S.C., and the Singing Thronemen of Stanley, N.C.

AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Elizabeth Stewart, Southern Division National Security chairman, will be in charge of the program.

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