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## City Board Considering Utility District

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Development of a utility district to extend city water and sewer to Kings Mountain's "bedroom" communities was outlined by engineer Ralph Johnson to members of the city board of commissioners Monday night.

Utilizing Johnson's plan, according to Mayor John Henry Moss, would not mean that water and sewer would be available to all outlying areas

overnight but both the mayor and Johnson called the Kings Mountain Utility District a much-needed program for the future of Kings Mountain.

"This would take a decade or more to accomplish," said the Mayor, "but it's something we need to be working toward now."

The utility district plan, developed by the W.K. Dickson Engineering Company of Charlotte and explained in map form, calls for the extension of

city water and sewer lines to residential areas north and west of the city, a wide area extending as far west as Buffalo Creek and as far north as Waco and areas below Cherryville.

Mr. Johnson said the city's only present water line extends from Moss Lake to the city, passes through eight to nine miles of "fairly dense" populated residential areas. He told the board that water could be furnished "fairly cheaply" and recommended that commis-

sioners adopt a policy for providing water where it is needed. He also suggested the city provide fire protection and install hydrants in the areas not now served by water and sewer. He projected that the city could receive substantial revenue from these potential customers and suggested the city could begin laying the pipes to begin supplying the water.

"Your mayor component, the water treatment plant and sewage treatment plant is some

distance away from the city," he said, "and the finished water line from Moss Lake passes through highly developed residential areas not tapped to your system", he pointed out. He said that four-fifths of KM's water supply now goes for industrial use and only one fifth to residential use and projected that only a half million gallons of water would be used daily in these new rural areas or "bedroom communities" but it was time to begin supplying water where it is

needed in the high concentrated areas.

"You have the big facility at Moss Lake", he said, and pointed out that 10-15 houses per mile are located on the route from Moss Lake to the heart of Kings Mountain. Johnson said his survey revealed trailer parks and numerous developments along Road 2033 on Persimmon Creek and a large concentration of houses in the Oak Grove area.

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## Fifth Urban Renewal Project Is Approved

Five Urban Renewal construction projects are going up soon in downtown Kings Mountain, the fifth given final approval by the city board of commissioners Monday night.

Mrs. Charles (Ruby) Alexander told the board she expects to begin construction within 10 days on five brick apartment units west of Joy Theatre on West Mountain Street. The apartments will be energy-efficient, first class apartments with 1100 square feet and in similar design to the apartment complex Alexander has under construction across from West School. Mrs. Alexander said she has a waiting list of prospective tenants.

M. Eugene White, Executive Director of Community Development, said that other projects with the go-ahead sign from the city board will go up soon in the downtown area.

Two parcels of land have been acquired in the area of Phifer Hardware, City Street, where Boyd Edmonson plans to construct a body shop and Bob Bridges plans to construct a parts distribution center and warehouse. Arlene Smith, who owns Scissor-Smith, plans to begin construction soon on a new beauty and hairstyling salon on the vacant lot beside of Griffin Drug on Mountain Street, and Attorney Mickey Corry plans to build a professional office complex North of First Union National Bank.

Final building plans have been approved by the city board for all five projects, White said.

"I am elated that citizens are acquiring land from the city and building downtown", said White, who said that all five projects will be going up simultaneously.

In other actions. The board:

—After a public hearing in which no one objected to his request, the board rezoned Ben H. Goforth's property at the intersection of West King St. and Roxford Road from R-10 to R-0. Mr. Goforth plans to rent his property for retail florist use to Mrs. Ken Yarbro. The Kings Mountain Planning and Zoning Board recommended the rezoning after Mr. Yarbro changed his request. A petition presented by Vernon L. McDaniel with 12 signatures opposed his previous request to rezone a portion of his property from residential to general business. The Planning Board suggested that the Residential Office zoning would be more suitable and more in keeping with neighborhood activity.

—Accepted the low bid of \$18,511.30 from Municipal Utility, Asheville, for waterline materials for the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation Project at Moss Lake. Other bidders were Pyco Supply Co., Charlotte, \$23,120; The Poe Corporation, Greenville, S.C., \$20,206.68; ITT Grinnell Corporation, Charlotte, which bid for one phase only, \$1,193; Davis Meter, Columbia, S.C., \$21,193.05 and Pump & Lighting Co., Charlotte, \$18,297.33. There were no bids from City Supply of Sumter, S.C. and Ben T. Goforth Plumbing of Kings Mountain who had received summary of bid information from the city.

—Authorized refund of property taxes in the amount of \$740.38 to HBE Leasing Corporation due to exemption of county on 1983 taxes paid.

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### BAG LEAVES

Jim Downey, superintendent of the Kings Mountain Sanitation Department, urges all Kings Mountain citizens to bag leaves which are placed on the curb for pickup by the sanitation department. Loose leaves cannot be picked up at this time of the year, Downey said.



BLIND STUDENTS - Drama students who portray blind students in "Miracle Worker" are pictured, left to right. They are Gordon Small, Litza Harry, back row; Also - Tim Wright, Dana Donna Stroupe, Nelson Young, Bobby Necessary, Tammy Brown, Lori Thrift, Tippi Curry and Sonja Ross as Annie Sullivan. See Page 1-B

## Crosby Arrested For Embezzlement

Former Kings Mountain attorney Christopher Stevenson Crosby was arrested Thursday and charged with four counts of embezzlement.

He allegedly embezzled \$169,704.38 from three clients, according to the indictments. Crosby, 32, is currently serving a 12-month sentence for embezzlement and forgery at Cleveland County Jail. He also has received a six-month sentence for writing a worthless check. Under North Carolina law embezzlement is a Class H felony. If convicted, Crosby could receive up to 10-year sentences on each count.

Following his indictments in June, Crosby had voluntarily resigned his license to practice law in North Carolina. He was subsequently disbarred.

Crosby began serving his 12-month sentence on Dec. 19, 1983, according to Cleveland



STEVE CROSBY

County Sheriff's Department with work release privileges. He is employed during the day with the Charlotte law firm of Myers, Ray and Myers and returns to the jail at 8 p.m. each evening.

## Adams Enters Race

Declaring that "now is the time to secure our children's education", Jerry O. Adams of Shelby became the fourth candidate to enter the May 8 Democratic Primary for one of three seats in the 48th House district.

Adams, 28, joins incumbent Edith Lutz of Lawndale, Jack Hunt of Lattimore and Charles Owens of Forest City in the race.

Adams ran unsuccessfully for the post in 1982. "This time I expect to win, this time I am more organized", he said.

Adams says he will appeal to the voters with new ideas. "Seems like the voters are fed up with the same people running. I think they are ready for something new."

One of Adams' ideas is the elimination of annual county property taxes. Under his plan, buyers would pay a one-time five percent sales tax on home pur-



JERRY ADAMS

chase, but no future taxes. Farmers would pay only one-fourth of that tax. "I don't think it's fair for them to pay many times over for something they already own", he added.

Adams also favors a 100 percent across-the-board increase in welfare benefits for mothers with children. "They're just not

getting enough money to sustain a decent life", he says. Adams proposes using the money currently allocated for highway construction to fund the increase. "Why build a highway when we've got kids around here hungry", he said. "It just doesn't make sense."

Adams says that he believes the top issue facing the General Assembly in the next term will be the re-drawing of legislative districts so minority voting strength will not be diluted. "I'm 100 percent for it", he says.

Adams says that he believes the legislators in the General Assembly realize the shortcomings of the present educational and welfare systems. "They know these things and they haven't done nothing", he said. "It's time for new ideas."

Adams is employed as marketing specialist for Roses Stores.

## Mrs. Clemmer Wins Jefferson Award



VIRGINIA CLEMMER

Virginia Clemmer of Gastonia, stepmother of John Clemmer of Kings Mountain, has been called the unsung hero of the mentally, physically and emotionally handicapped of Gaston County.

She was honored as one of the five winners of the prestigious WBT Jefferson Awards for public service benefiting local communities Monday at a luncheon at the Charlotte Marriott Executive Park and on WBT's "Top O' The Day."

Mrs. Clemmer, widow of

Oscar Clemmer, is also stepmother of Charles Manor and Mrs. Marvin Robinson, both of Gastonia.

She received a bronze medallion featuring a replica of the Great Seal of the United States of America on the front, and, on the reverse, signatures of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and the Honorable Robert Taft, Jr. "In recognition of outstanding public service."

Community leaders have described the Gaston County native as the initiator of more

programs and activities for persons with special needs than any other single individual in her community. She began her work with retarded children during the Depression and helped organize a special education program for the mentally and physically handicapped. She was responsible for bringing Dr. Mary Ellen Nelson to Gaston County and starting the Mary Ellen Nelson Center for Handicapped Children. The center, now part of the Gaston County School System, includes a program for

trainable retarded children, a day care center for the profoundly retarded, and the Gaston County Skills sheltered workshop, for which Clemmer was named staff psychologist in 1966. Now supposedly retired, she continues helping the needy, the retarded, the lonely. She chauffeurs them, she visits them and makes sure they have the care they need, and she gives them her money and her possessions. When told she couldn't give everything away, she smiled and said, "Don't worry, God will take care

of me."

All five winners of the WBT Jefferson Awards are eligible to win the five national Jefferson Awards in the category "The Greatest Public Service Performed by Private Individuals Benefiting Local Communities." The winners of the national awards will be named during the summer.

The Jefferson Awards were established along with the American Institute for public Service in 1973 by the Honorable Robert Taft, Jr.