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## Hydro Plant Under Construction

A prototype piston-drive hydroelectric unit designed by Pers Corporation of Charlotte is currently under construction at Moss Lake and is scheduled to be tested in 10 days.

Commissioner Jim Dickey, chairman of the hydroelectric committee, made the progress report at Monday night's board of commissioner's meeting.

The city entered into agree-

ment with the Charlotte company on June 11th to erect the unit, at no cost to the city, to extract energy from falling water pressure. The city reserved the right of acquiring an operating model unit at a later date on competitive bid, said Dickey.

The city executed with Pers a "hold harmless" agreement covering the entire project.

Dickey said that members of

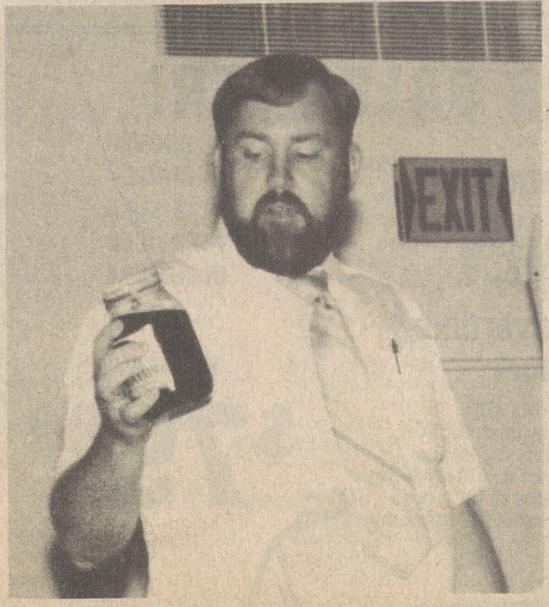
the Hydro committee, including Mayor John Moss and commissioners Curt Gaffney, Irvin Allen and Norman King, visited the building site to observe the construction. "The Unit is on schedule," said Dickey.

Dickey said the city is currently working on a permit application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and there is a plan being developed to

finance the project when a final decision is made by the board. Dickey said the committee has been discussing the use of conventional hydro units and have visited several operating units that have been in operation for 50 years. He said there is a 300 KVA unit available but that engineers are recommending the city acquire two units, one a 300 KVA and the other a 800 KVA,

alternating use of them during wet and dry seasons and using both during wet seasons.

"What makes the Pers theory so attractive is that you can extract more energy out of the same amount of water", explained Dickey. "They are using a piston system as opposed to a conventional system. The more energy we can produce the more revenue the city can save."



**DISPLAYS WATER SAMPLE** - Eddie Payne, of the Quail Run community displays sample of that community's present water supply as he presents petition from residents of the community who want to buy water from the city of Kings Mountain.

## City To Provide Quail Run Water

A half-million dollar plus project to extend city water lines to three outside areas of the city was approved unanimously by the city board of commissioners Monday night.

The Board also approved a schedule for user and tap-on fees and stipulated that first priority would go to the residents of the Quail Run Sub-Division where a total of 47 construction days was estimated the time it will take to take city water to the area where all 38 homeowners petitioned the board for water "at a reasonable cost" at the Monday night meeting.

The three areas to be served are Western Extension: U.S. Business 74 from SR 2256 (Phifer Road) west to SR2250 El Bethel Road and including all frontage roads north with estimated cost of this project will be \$248,976.00 with 451 work

days estimated to take to complete the project: Southwestern Extension-Phifer Road from existing line at Kings Mountain Junior High School to SR 2258 (Crocker Road) and including roads north and south (includes Quail Run) which will cost \$69,879.50 with 47 work days to complete; and Southern Extension, from Kings Mountain city limit on SR 216 (Grover Road) extending to SR 2245 (Bethlehem Road) on both SR 216 and SR 2263 and including all roads north and south, total cost estimated at \$523,160.00 with 231 workdays to complete.

Water rates were set at \$7.90 for the first 3,000 gallons and \$2 for each additional 1,000 gallons. The tap on fee was set at \$400. According to Mayor John H. Moss, who presented the recommendations from the KM Utility District, said the rates

"are favorable to cities under similar circumstances." The Mayor pointed out, as did Walt Ollis, of the public works department, that the Phifer Road project was estimated at several thousand less than originally projected by city engineers. Ollis said that it is conceivable that rates may be considered again after bid materials are received. After the discussion, the board approved advertisement for bids for the project materials.

Eddie Payne, resident of Quail Run Sub-Division, presented a petition to the board bearing the signature of 36 of 38 property owners and 26 of them were present for the board meeting. Payne said during the meeting that the residents had hoped the city could go lower than \$7.90 for a base water rate. Residents

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## School Expansion May Be Greater

The Kings Mountain Board of Education Monday night authorized Superintendent Bill Davis to explore the possibility of adding two more classrooms to the proposed addition at the junior high school.

The board several months ago approved adding eight new classrooms for math and science at an estimated cost of \$500,000.

Davis said Monday night that

he had talked with junior high principal Jerry Hoyle and the two had concluded that by the time the expansion is complete, there may be a need for five math and five science classrooms.

Davis said the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners had approved the use of Kings Mountain Schools' share of the half-cent sales tax for use on the

school project. Kings Mountain also has some capital reserve funds to be used on the project.

In other matters Monday night, the board:

- \*Approved hiring an extra bus driver at each elementary school to be used as substitutes when needed, and as monitors when they are not needed as substitutes. The cost to the system will be about \$10,000 to \$12,000

per year, but Assistant Superintendent Larry Allen said it will be worth it because it will eliminate the need of principals driving buses in emergency situations or spending much of their time searching for substituted bus drivers. Having a monitor on buses will also improve school bus discipline and reduce the risk of accidents, he said.

Allen said school bus driver

pay will increase to \$4.25 per year this year and bus driver classes will be held throughout the year for those interested in becoming drivers for recertification.

\*Heard a report from Mrs. Betty Gamble on the success of the Summer Job Training and Placement Program. The pro-

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## School Board Discusses Goals

Kings Mountain Schools are right on target in reaching the 12 goals the Board of Education set in February as a part of its review and evaluation of the Superintendent.

Kings Mountain is participating in a state Pilot Program of Superintendent evaluation. The board hopes that by February of 1985, the schools will have reached most of the goals set.

Superintendent Bill Davis reported on progress made since February at Monday's monthly meeting of the Board of Education at the Schools Administration Office.

"This is a rather ambitious schedule of goals," Davis said, "but we're going to be as ambitious as possible to achieve them."

The goals included:

- 1) - To provide guidance ser-

vices in the K-5 schools. Davis reported that an elementary schools guidance counselor (Janet Suber) has been employed for the 1985-85 school year and she will concentrate on providing services at East, Grover and North. "We're glad we've gotten started on this program," Davis said. "Hopefully, we can expand it this coming year."

- 2) - A need to raise performance expectations of students.

Davis said many students are now involved in the Scholar's Diploma program and two sections of advanced placement American History have been added at the high school. An additional teacher has been employed in the Academically Talented program, an advanced math class has been added for seventh graders at Central School and a required reading list has been established for

fourth through 12th grade students.

The system is also initiating a voluntary program for enrichment classes after school "and we're emphasizing writing as never before," he said. Writing folders will be kept on all students for the entire year.

"These are some of the things that are already underway, but

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## Drivers Are Urged To Beware

With Kings Mountain schools scheduled to open next week, the Kings Mountain police department reports that they have started posting "School's Open - Drive Carefully" signs in areas where children will be traveling to and from school.

Police Chief Jackie Barrett said that the department joins forces with the AAA-Carolina Motor Club each year in an effort to remind motorists that school has started and to be particularly careful when driving through school zones or in areas where children might be playing.

Last year, 36 children under 15 lost their lives in pedestrian accidents in North Carolina, and 655 in the same age range were injured. In South Carolina, 22 children under 15 were killed, and 336 injured.



Photo By Gary Stewart

**DRIVE CAREFULLY** - W.H. White, left, of the Carolina Motor Club, and Kings Mountain Police Chief Jackie Barrett hang one of many posters which will be placed around schools in Kings Mountain this week reminding drivers to beware of school children walking to and from school. Kings Mountain schools open Tuesday.

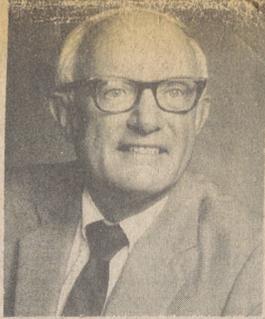
**School Board**  
Ring Tuesday

**Bus Routes**  
If you are a Kings Mountain District School student and want to know which bus you'll be riding this year, see page 6-A.

**Hot Dog!**  
That's what's cooking in area lunchrooms on the first day of school. For the August school lunch menu, see page 8-B.

**Homerooms!**  
If you are a KMSHS student and want to know your homeroom teacher for this year, see page 8-B.

**Welcome!**  
An orientation session for first-time KM Junior High students will be held Friday. See page 10-B.



GRADY HOWARD

## Howard Elected To Board

Grady Howard, Administrator of Kings Mountain Hospital, has been elected to the Board of Directors of Home Federal Savings & Loan Association.

Home Federal President Thomas A. Tate, Sr. made the announcement this week.

## Subscription Campaign Winding Down

Only one week remains in the Kings Mountain Herald's annual summer subscription drive, and new subscriptions are coming in at a record pace.

All youngsters who are selling subscriptions are reminded to conclude their drive and turn their subscriptions and money into the Herald no later than Fri., Aug. 24.

Subscriptions and money may be turned in to the Herald office on Canterbury Road this Thursday and Friday, and Thursday and Friday of next week, no later than 4 p.m.

Persons who have taken out subscriptions during the drive are asked to be patient. Due to the large number of subscriptions coming in, it could be two to three weeks before you receive your first paper.

Youngsters who sell at least 20 subscriptions may choose a 10-speed Western Flyer bicycle, a 12-inch RCA black and white television set, or \$5 for each subscription sold. Persons who sell less than 20 subscriptions earn \$5 for each subscription sold.