

Give A Kid A Merry Christmas Support Toys For Tots

Take Toys To KM Fire Department

25¢

Kings Mountain Herald

VOL. 97 NUMBER 52

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1984

KINGS MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA

KM's Hinnant County Chairman



L.E. HINNANT

For the first time in nearly 40 years a Kings Mountain citizen heads the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners.

L.E. (Josh) Hinnant, Kings Mountain banker, was elected chairman by the board after swearing-in ceremonies Monday for three new commissioners, including two from the Kings Mountain area.

Joyce Falls Cashion of Kings Mountain, Eugene LeGrand of the Moss Lake area of Kings Mountain, and Jack Spangler of Shelby took the oath of office from Superior Court Clerk Ruth Dedmon before a capacity crowd in the commissioners chambers at the Cleveland County Law Enforcement Center.

David M. (Pete) Stamey of Polkville was elected the board's vice chairman.

Hinnant is the first Kings Mountain citizen to serve as chairman since the late Glee A. Bridges, who served as chairman in 1945-46. Bridges was also mayor of Kings Mountain from

Cleveland County. Hinnant presented plaques to the three on behalf of the county.

Hinnant, senior business development officer of First Union National Bank of Kings Mountain and co-chairman with Senator Ollie J. Harris of Mayor John Henry Moss' city industrial committee, was first elected to the board of county commissioners in April 1977 to fill the unexpired term of B.E. (Pop) Simmons who died in office. He was re-elected in 1978 and in 1982.

After his election as chairman, Hinnant called on the support and confidence of his fellow commissioners and said that "no one can fill this chair alone." He said the key to the board's success would be "no fighting" and "communication among the members" and said he felt the board would be a good one for Cleveland County if the members "communicate and thrash out their differences."

Hinnant, who underwent successful major surgery in February for the removal of a cancerous lung, said there had been some "speculation about my health" but told the group he had recovered fully from the surgery and was capable of serving as the board chairman. He said there had also been some speculation by county personnel about what changes the new board may make. "I don't know anything about a hit list," he said, adding that county employees who are doing their job should feel comfortable with the new board.

Stamey nominated Hinnant for the position of chairman and Mrs. Cashion nominated Stamey for the position of vice chairman.

Mrs. Cashion, wife of Bill Cashion of Kings Mountain and daughter of Mrs. Craig Falls and the late Mr. Falls, is the first woman to serve on the board of county commissioners.

WANTS YOUR HELP - Rev. Fred Wells, pastor of Midview Baptist Church of Kings Mountain, is chairman of this year's bell-ringing project for the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association. Area ministers will be in front of Food Lion, Winn Dixie and Harris Teeter each Thursday, Friday and Saturday between now and Christmas to accept money to help provide food for needy families in the area.

KM Ministers To Ring Bell For Helping Hand

The Kings Mountain Ministerial Association will begin its annual bell-ringing appeal for funds for its Helping Hand Fund Thursday.

Each Thursday, Friday and Saturday between now and Christmas, area ministers will be ringing bells in front of three Kings Mountain grocery stores to solicit funds to help provide food for needy families in the Kings Mountain School District. Food is provided for those who are in need throughout the year. The Ministerial Association also receives funds from the United Way and from church budgets to help finance the program.

Rev. Fred Wells, pastor of Midview Baptist Church, is chairman of the bell-ringing project this year. He said ministers will be in front of Food Lion, Winn Dixie and Harris Teeter between 12 noon and 6 p.m. each Thursday, Friday and Saturday to accept money from the public.

Restraining Order Stops KM From Destroying Piers

A temporary restraining order was issued Friday by Superior Court Judge John Friday to stop KM Lake Authority from proceeding with plans to destroy piers belonging to two Moss Lake residents who have not paid land use fees the city maintains they owe.

The city has until Monday to respond to the charges brought by Jerry and Marietta Floyd and Marvin and Joan Allen of

Clinestead Sub-Division, who have sued to keep the city from charging them fees for the use of lakefront property.

The suits charge the city with violating the terms of judgement rendered the plaintiffs in May of this year when 17 families in the Clinestead neighborhood sought to keep the city of Kings Mountain from charging fees for the use of lakefront property. The plaintiffs contend their deeds

contain an easement on the city-owned buffer strip that lies between the property of all lakefront owners and the lake itself. They contend the judgement allowed them to have a pier, swim and use the lakefront strip without paying usage fees charged other lakefront residents. The city has maintained that the residents have the right to cross the property but not to build on it or alter it without paying a \$125 per year land use fee.

Earlier this year the KM Lake Authority told residents of the Clinestead Sub-Division they must pay the fees or have their piers removed by city crews and gave the residents a December 1984 deadline to comply. The Clinestead owners, with exception of the Floyds and Allens, complied with the rules and paid the fees.

The dispute between the Clinestead land owners and the city has continued off and on

since planning for Moss Lake began a decade ago. Buford Cline, developer of Clinestead, filed suit in 1971 in an attempt to prevent the city from condemning his land. His case was heard in the state Supreme Court which upheld the city's right to take the property under the rights of eminent domain. Appearing before a city board of commissioner meeting several months ago, Cline said that his settlement with the city then gave his heirs and anyone he

sold land to an easement on the lakefront property that Cline retained when the city obtained his dairy farm property for the dam. The specific rights granted in the easement have been a matter of discussion since and both questions the basic language of the law, according to both attorneys for the city and plaintiffs.

The city, through its attorneys George Thomasson and Mickey Corry, will go to court Monday to reply to the order.

Grover Appraising Land

Saying that it had "gone too far to turn back now", the Grover Town Board Monday night authorized real estate appraiser Ralph Gilbert to do "whatever it takes to condemn property" necessary to make Grover's long-awaited sewer project a reality.

Gilbert said he was in the process of appraising all 60 parcels

of land involved in the right of way process and hopes to have his work completed by Christmas.

"We need to go ahead and do it as quick as we can," commented Mayor Bill McCarter following a two-hour discussion with Gilbert. Other members of the board echoed McCarter's feelings.

Grover town officials have discussed the sewer project for years and through a referendum and loan from the Farmers Home Administration have acquired the necessary funds to build the system. The town has worked out an agreement with the City of Kings Mountain to treat the sewage.

However, McCarter pointed out, residents have been slow to sign right of way agreements with the town.

Gilbert told the board that "you do not have to have signed right of way agreements in order to proceed with your plans. You should have appraisals and make an offer. If they don't accept the offer, you can go ahead with your plans. Usually there is

From Page 1-A

Christmas Party Set

A Senior Citizens Christmas Party will be held at the Kings Mountain Senior Center (The Depot) on Monday, December 10 from 2 until 4 p.m.

All persons 60 and older are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served by the AHOY Exercise Class.



TOYS FOR TOTS—Jaycee President Brad Tate, second from left, presents to Fireman Bud Ware a check for \$100 for the Toys for Tots Christmas season program of KM Fire Department. From left, Jaycees Larry Hamrick, Jr., Tate, Ware, John O. Plonk, III and Bob Maner.

Jaycees Support Projects

Kings Mountain Jaycees presented a check for \$300 to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and a \$100 check to Kings Mountain Firemen for the annual Toys for Tots Program in Kings Mountain at Monday night's meeting at Holiday Inn.

Steven Bailey, representing the American Diabetes Association, accepted the \$300 donation and said that the money will be used to help diabetic children in this area attend camp.

Lt. Bud Ware, representing Kings Mountain Fire Department, accepted the donation for "Toys for Tots" and said the money will be used to buy toys for needy children this

Christmas season. He said the Department is collecting used toys and donations of new toys for distribution to the area needy on Christmas Eve.

Making the check presentations was Jaycee President Brad Tate.

Tate said the Jaycees are continuing a long-standing tradition of helping the community and noted that this year the Jaycees have given \$1200 to the N.C. Burn Center, \$360 to KM Boys Club, \$700 to support the Little League baseball and basketball programs in town, \$150 to the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association to help needy families with fuel and staple

items, \$200 to state Jaycee projects, including Muscular Dystrophy, \$50 to the American Red Cross and will present a scholarship to a deserving high school graduate in the amount of \$500 later in the year.

This week is "Super Jelly Week" and Jaycees will be on the streets offering grape jelly at one dollar per jar for benefit of community projects and its scholarship project. John O. Plonk, III is project chairman.

"We appreciate very much the community's support of the various projects of Kings Mountain Jaycees", said President Tate.



DAVID BEAM

David Beam Chairs Gaston County Board

David C. Beam of Cherryville, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Wray Plonk, Sr. of Kings Mountain, is the new chairman of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners.

Beam was elected by commissioners after swearing-in ceremonies for new commissioners, on Monday. For the first time in many years, the majority of the board membership is Republican.

Beam, a Republican who was re-elected in the recent election, is married to the former Jeanne Plonk of Kings Mountain.

He is an executive in Cherryville Federal Savings & Loan Association.