



ASSISTANT CHIEF HONORED - Assistant Chief of Police Bob Hayes, left, is congratulated by Police Chief J.D. Barrett upon completion of 1211 hours of advanced schooling and honored with an Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate from the Department of Justice of N.C. Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission. Hayes joined KMPD Aug. 12, 1961 and has served nearly 24 years with the city. KMPD has five policemen receiving certificates in recent years, including Chief Barrett, Det. Sgt. Richard Reynolds and Plt. Sgt. Houston Corn, Hayes and Det. Billy Benton.



COMPLETES SCHOOLING - Det. Billy Benton of the Kings Mountain Police Department left, is congratulated by Chief of Police J.D. Barrett after Benton successfully completed requirements for an Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate from the Department of Justice Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission. Benton joined the KMPD in December, 1973 and holds an AA degree.

Mayor Moss Proposes Street Improvements

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costs of asphalt over the past decade and there has been heavier incidence of truck traffic on narrow streets. This project will require expenditures over the next several budgets and we have a job to do in working on our streets but we have a good foundation on which to build," he told the board.

Of Kings Mountain's streets and roads, 63 percent are curbed and guttered, a high percentage for cities in the two Carolinas, said the Mayor.

Moss said he will ask Superintendent of Public Works Wayne Kimbrell to determine the percentage of city streets in need of resurfacing and make up a list of priorities for the board's consideration. He said he will also ask Kimbrell to study the city's traffic patterns and recommend a method of routing the heavier traffic off roads not designed for heavy traffic. The city had to reroute a number of main utility lines because of recent ByPass construction, said Moss, who reviewed the need for a continuing program of street improvements, which he said, hopefully, could get underway this summer.

Moss said the state has no provision for funds for resurfacing city roads carrying detour traffic but that a "dedicated" effort of the

Public Works Department and all Kings Mountain citizens will be required in order for the project to become a reality. He said the city will investigate what he termed a "recycling" method and a very "accelerated" program of street resurfacing and general improvements of streets on a "prioritized" method over the next two and one half years. For its street mileage, Kings Mountain has a good percentage of sidewalks, said the Mayor, who asked that all citizens become "community watchers" and not allow motorists to park their vehicles on sidewalks, as he has observed on several occasions.

Prior to his remarks, the commission adopted a resolution to join Jimmy Falls of Kings Mountain in petitioning the state to widen Highway 161 (York Road) from two to four lanes because of increasing heavy traffic congestion in the area. The two lane portion of the road extends from the fence gate at Fredrickson Motor Lines to the I-85 bridge. Mayor Moss said that Falls is developing land on the west side of York Road across from Fredrickson Motor Lines into commercial property and may eventually seek annexation into the city.

Bethlehem Supper Set

Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a BBQ Chicken Supper Saturday, April 13th, and serving will start at 5 p.m. at the Fire Department in the Bethlehem Community. Take-out orders will be accepted and the dining room of the facility will be open to those who wish to eat inside.

Plates are \$4 each and all proceeds will be used for purchase of fire-fighting equipment.

City To Take Action

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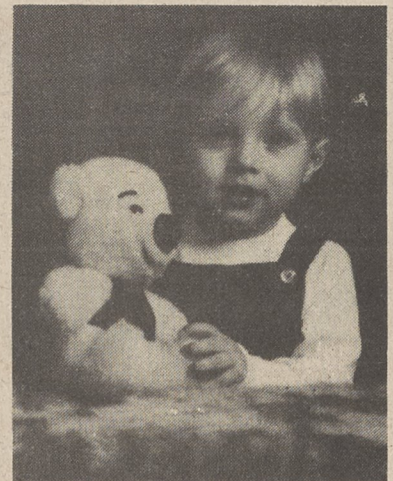
A vacant, frame house at 314 E. King Street, owned by the Peplers, has been described as "unfit for human habitation under the provisions of the Housing Code" and attempts by city codes director Jerry King and former city codes director Ted Huffman from 1981 until the present time to get the owners to comply have been unsuccessful.

A condemned placard was

placed on the house at 314 E. King Street on Feb. 24, 1981 which said that after inspection by building officials the house was "empty, dilapidated and falling down, a health and fire hazard."

Codes directors have recommended the house be demolished by the owners and have advised the owners in several letters over the past four years that the property is in violation of the city's housing codes.

Scott Is Two



SCOTT PARRISH

Christopher Scott Parrish, son of Wayne and Beth Parrish of Kings Mountain, celebrated his second birthday on April 9th.

Family and friends helped Scott celebrate the occasion with a party at his home.

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