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Water Problems Continue

Water problems continued for at least one Kings Mountain family this week.

Dennis and Lisa Bryant of 822 Second Street had their entire six-room house watered down Monday morning after sewage backed up from a clogged line.

City employees, who thought their water problems were behind them after the seven-inch rain and flood 10 days earlier, were called to the scene and quickly unclogged the line with the aid of a Ram-Jet truck and hose which washed the lines. Two city employees later returned to help the Bryants clean the inside of their home.

"There's no way of telling what stopped it up, unless you'd just happen to be in a manhole looking and see what came through," said Public Works Director Wayne Kimbrell. "Usually, whatever stops up the line goes on down" when the line is washed out.

Mrs. Bryant said that when her alarm clock sounded at 7 a.m., she heard water running. "I went to the bathroom and the tub was half-full of water and sewage," she said. "It was pouring in the commode and there was water in the floor up to my ankles."

She said she called her husband at work "and by the time he got home, the water was going out the front door," Mrs. Bryant said.

Bryant and his next door

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SEWAGE BACKUP - This is the bathroom of the home of Dennis Bryant after sewage backed up from a clogged sewer line into his home on Second Street Monday. City employees unclogged the line but all six rooms of the home were soaked with water.

Zoning Change Allows Plant To Locate Here

After a lengthy public hearing during which time three residents of Canterbury Road expressed concern over whether a proposed tool and dye shop would be good neighbors, city commissioners Monday night voted unanimously to rezone a seven-acre tract of land on the south side of Canterbury so AMP, Inc. of Harrisburg, Pa., can build a \$1.9 million facility.

The shop, which would be an expansion of the company's Gastonia facility and would employ about 50 people, will be located about 2,700 feet from the Highway 74 intersection. The tract of land was a part of the J.O. Plunk Estate, Mayor John Moss said.

Ed Kost, Real Estate Manager for AMP, said the company hopes to begin construction late this year or early next year. He said the business will not result in any heavier traffic on Canterbury Road. "We will have one large delivery truck coming in about once a week, and a small van type-vehicle traveling the road once a day," he said.

In replies to questions by residents Jerry Stone, Alan Stout and Carolyn Farmer, Kost said AMP will do everything in its power to be good neighbors and abide by the building guidelines.

Stone expressed concern that the plant would have an effect on the environment, and especially on a spring-fed creek which is a spawning

area for trout. "I don't think the plant will be conducive to fish life, and acid going into the spring-fed creek is going to kill wildlife," Stone said.

Kost said AMP facilities nationwide have a policy of not discharging any type of hazardous waste outside of the building. The firm intends

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Officials Can Attend Meeting

The Kings Mountain Board of Commissioners voted 4-2 Monday to allow commissioners to attend the National League of Cities annual meeting in Seattle, Wash.

Commissioners Corbet Nicholson and Jim Dickey voted against the motion by Norman King and second by Curt Gaffney. Commissioners Irvin "Tootie" Allen and Humes Houston also voted for it.

Dickey said that he opposed the motion "due to the distance involved. I suggest we attend the state meeting rather than the national meeting," he said.

King objected, saying "I'm the only commissioner that ever attends" the National League of Cities meeting "and I think it is most helpful."

Mrs. Haywood Lynch,

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King To Resign City Job To Open Appraising Firm

Kings Mountain Codes Director Jerry King has resigned his position and plans to begin his own residential real estate appraising firm.

King, who resigned by letter to Mayor John Henry Moss Monday, will leave his city position September 6.

King said he feels the experience he gained as codes director equips him to begin his own appraising firm, a goal he's had in mind for years. His responsibilities in the areas of zoning, inspections of subdivisions, new and existing constructions, issuing of building permits and taking the lead in updating the city zoning ordinances will be invaluable in his new endeavor, he said.

"I appreciate all the people



JERRY KING

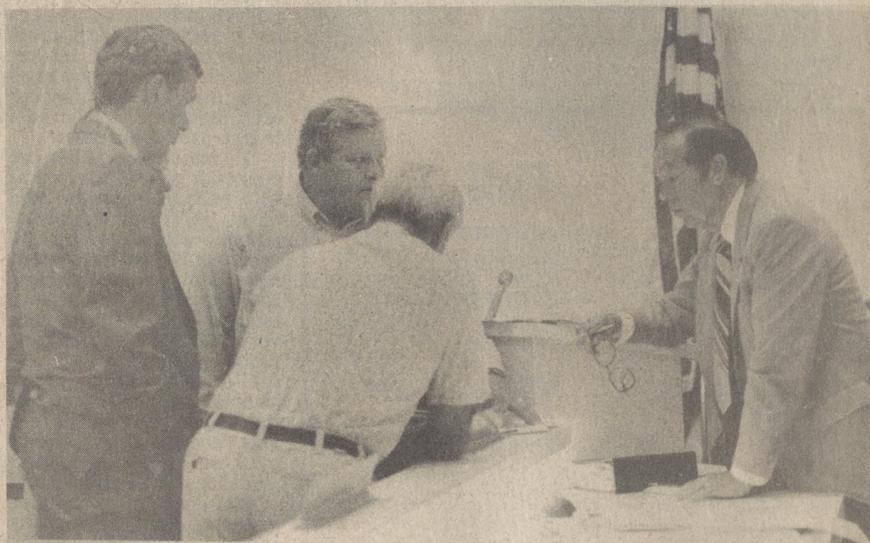
who supported and encouraged me during my years of service with the city," King said. "It is my desire that the city

will seek a qualified individual because the codes director's legal responsibilities and authorities are second only to the mayor and board of commissioners."

King, a native of Kings Mountain and a graduate of the local school system, holds a degree in business administration from Western Carolina University. He served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy and was in the banking business before joining city government here.

King served as assistant manager of the First Union National Bank office in Charlotte, managed the First Union office in Durham and headed the statewide charge card system for First Union

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LOOK AT MAPS - Ed Kost of AMP, Inc., left, Canterbury Road residents Alan Stout, second from left, and Jerry Stone, back to camera, and Mayor John Moss look over maps showing the seven-acre tract of land on which AMP plans to build a \$1.9 million tool and dye shop during Monday's Board of Commissioners meeting.

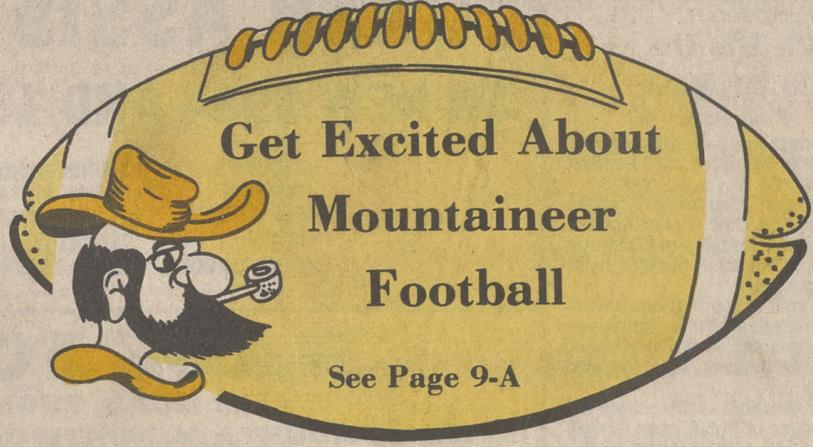
United Way Pledges Hit 23.7% Mark

Kings Mountain United Way Pacesetters reported pledges of \$23,723.17, or 23.7 percent of their \$100,000 goal at their first report meeting Monday at the Holiday Inn.

Top contributor thus far is Parkdale Mills Inc. Number Five, which reported pledges of \$9,132.75 from employees and \$800 from the company. Parkdale reported 98.2 percent participation of its employees.

Commercial Shearing reported \$6,604 in employee

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Win Big Money In Grid Contest

The Kings Mountain Herald's annual "Pick the Winners" football contest will begin in next week's paper. Each week for 10 weeks, area high school and college football games will appear in 20 advertisements on the two football contest pages. The contestant coming closest to predicting the winners of the 20 games will win \$100...the biggest prize offered in a football contest in any newspaper in the Carolinas.

The Herald's advertising department is now accepting ads for the contest. Merchants who have advertised in the past will have first shot. All persons interested in placing an advertisement in the contest should call Darrell Austin at 739-7496.