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## Mayor Breaks Tie Vote To Delay Public Meeting On Water District

Unanswered questions to a proposed Metropolitan water district were questioned by citizens attending Tuesday night's city board meeting, and by Commissioner Fred Finger - but Mayor John Moss said a public meeting to clarify those questions is still premature.

"We won't have the answers by Sept. 29th," said the Mayor, in breaking a tie vote, 4-3, on a substitute motion by Comm. Humes Houston, to delay, for at least

a month, a public meeting, which Finger said was necessary Sept. 29 to "clear the air, answer questions raised in the media and perhaps get some support for the project."

The Mayor, who

acknowledged that he had the idea for a Metropolitan water district, designed to serve a 90 square mile area in Gaston-Cleveland Counties plus a sister lake to Moss Lake, made "no financial commitment to the project" and spent no funds in preliminary work done on the ambitious project, which

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## Board To Fill Vacancies

The city board of commissioners voted 4-3, the mayor breaking the tie in an executive session Tuesday night, to advertise for a Public Works Director to fill a position that has been vacant since the resignation of Wayne Kimbrell, Nov. 26, 1985.

In another major personnel decision, the board also voted to advertise for a City Clerk-Treasurer to succeed the late Joe H. McDaniel, Jr. who died Aug. 19. Mrs. Steve Harmon, whom the board formally promoted to Assistant City Clerk, had been serving as Acting Clerk during his two-year illness.

The city clerk's salary was \$509.41. The Public Works Director's salary was \$495.19 weekly.

During the hour's executive session, the board also took several other personnel actions, which were then approved unanimously in open session after the board reconvened.

Gene Whitworth was promoted from streets to water and sewer maintenance.

Elester Sawyer was promoted from the street department to water and sewer construction and raised from \$5.81 to \$7.00 per hour.

Chris Short was hired in Property and Maintenance at \$4.50 per hour.

Jim Dickey, Jr. was hired as a waste treatment plant operator, in training program, at \$5.50 per hour.

The Board authorized Karl Moss to hire three additional people on a temporary basis in water and sewer maintenance construction and transferred one employee from Property and Maintenance and added two employees to the work programs.

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RED LETTER DAY FOR SMITHS—Linda Smith and her children, above, are all smiles that Mrs. Smith, hospitalized for the past 11 weeks after an accident, is able to walk. From left, Dale Smith, Mrs. Smith, physical therapist Teresa Angeles, Billy Smith and Keisha Smith, kneeling.



Photo by Gary Stewart

LET'S GO MOUNTIES! - Kings Mountain High cheerleaders Heather Bradshaw (left) and McFerebee help lead an excited home crowd in cheers Friday in the Mountaineers' 42-0 victory over East Lincoln at Gamble Stadium. The Mountaineers go after their third straight win Friday at home against Hunter Falls. See game details and photos in Friday's Heroes in this day's Herald.

## Two KM Men Charged After Last Week's Raid

Two Kings Mountain men - Earl Collins, 23, of 406 Baker St., and Willard (Pete) Johnson, 47, of 707 Cleveland Ave. and 612 Mauney Ave., were charged by officers of Alcoholic Beverage Control after a raid on a house at 612 Mauney Avenue Friday and Saturday.

Collins faces charges of selling tax paid alcoholic beverages without first obtaining applicable ABC permit and revenue license and two counts of possession for sale of alcoholic beverages. Trial date is September 30th in Cleveland County District Court. He was arrested Friday night and Saturday night, according to the warrant.

Johnson faces charges of carrying concealed weapon and carrying a pistol into a house at 608 Mauney Avenue, "an establishment in which alcoholic beverages are sold and consumed in violation of G.S. 14-269.3 and upon property he does not own," according to the warrant. Johnson's address on the warrant is listed as 608 Mauney Avenue and 707 Cleveland Ave. He was placed under \$500 unsecured bond and trial date is Sept. 30 in Cleveland County District Court. Johnson was arrested Saturday, according to the warrant.

Arresting officer was ABC Officer Mark Perry.

## Wreck Victim Linda Smith Takes First Step In Months

Monday was a red letter day for Linda Leigh Smith and her family at Kings Mountain Hospital.

Mrs. Smith, who suffered a broken left hip and pelvic and underwent four operations after a two-car collision that took her husband's life and injured their two boys, took her first steps after 11 weeks and walked down the hall to East station.

Joining in the "celebration" were her daughter, Keisha, age six, who started first grade this year at North School; Billy, 9, a third grader, and Dale, 10, a fifth grader, who broke his leg again on the first day of school. The two boys suffered broken legs in the June 22 wreck in which their father was killed instantly. Keisha, asleep in the back seat, was not injured. The 1966 Buick Larry (Buck) Smith was driving on Compact Road had no seat belts.

Recalling the tragic accident, Mrs. Smith said the family had been shopping in Gaffney, S.C. that Sunday afternoon and were returning to their home on Center Street. "We usually travel the interstate because

we don't like curvy Compact Road but that day we took the Compact Road and were taking our time, the children were napping and then suddenly there was a truck on our side of the road. "He's going to hit us", she screamed, and then passed out.

Since the accident and the long period of hospitalization, Mrs. Smith has busied herself with a hobby that her husband also enjoyed, tole painting and crafts, and has been making them in her hospital room, 215, on East Station. She credits her mother, Mrs. Doris Leigh, with being both Mom and Dad to her children during her long hospitalization, God for providing the miracle and hospital doctors and nurses for helping her, along with a "great" physical therapy team at KM Hospital, her pastor and friends from Piedmont Baptist Church "for being there when I needed them" and her best friend, Pam Anderson, for helping her to cope with the great loss and tragedy.

The Smith family is making adjustments.

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## \$200,000 Drive Begins To Expand Mauney Library

A \$200,000 fund-raising project for expansion of city-owned Mauney Memorial Library was launched at Tuesday night's city Board of Commissioner's meeting by the Library Board.

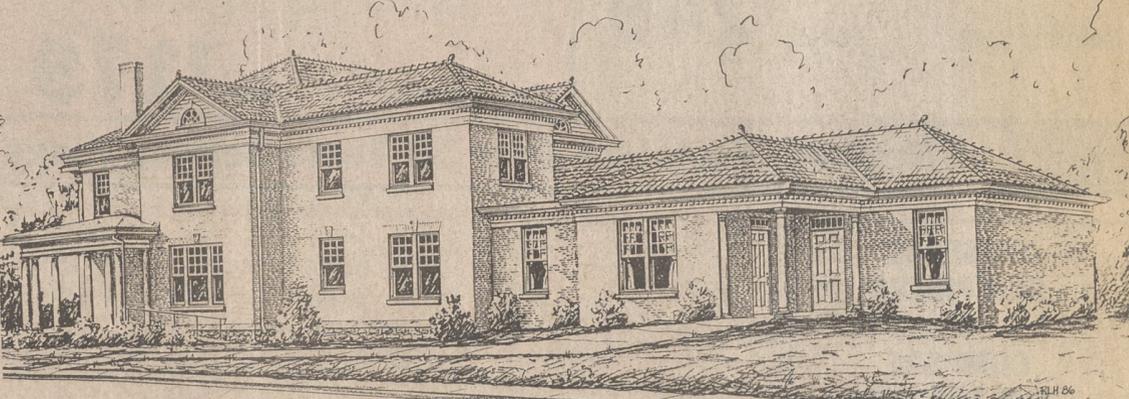
Bill Davis, retired superintendent of schools will head up the campaign, which will officially get underway in January.

The proposed 2,680 square foot addition will include a large multi-purpose room, which will accommodate 75 to 100 children for an assembly-activity room, and also serve as a community room for club meetings. Also planned are a work room, office, storage facilities, a book stack room and a new Carolina Room, according to Chairman Grady Howard.

Howard told the board that present space and resources are stretched to the maximum and that the library was unable to serve all children interested in this summer's reading program because of lack of space. The children's reading room enlargement is badly needed, said Howard.

Also present for the presentation were other members of the Library board, including Mrs. George Houser, Mrs. J.C. Bridges, Mrs. Bob Baker, Frank Cagle, Mrs. W. Eugene McCarter and Librarian Rose Turner.

Jacob S. Mauney Library, given to the city in 1947 by the J.S. Mauney family, is supported by city and county taxes with a book collection of 24,468 and 19,679 registered borrowers. The first library in the 30's and early 40's was in the basement of the old City Hall. The present building, which us-



## Proposed Expansion Of Library....

ed to be commonly known as the old Hord homeplace, included at one time a teacherage on the second floor and has been renovated in recent years. The addition will be on the first floor level, said Howard, and will retain the architecture and character of the original construction.

The Library sponsors a year round pre-school and Story

Hour, a summer reading program, educational movies, and with a network of libraries connected with computers, supplies reading materials and resource materials to hundreds of readers daily.

After their presentation, the board voted unanimously a resolution of support to the project.