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Mayor Says 97.8 Percent Want Water

1,866 Respond To Water Survey

A total of 1,866 residents of No. 3 and No. 4 Townships have signed preliminary survey questionnaires stating they are interested in buying water and sewer from Kings Mountain in a Metro Utility District proposed by Mayor John Henry Moss.

The figures represent overwhelming response 97.8 percent of the residents of the proposed district-which would include outlying areas of Kings Mountain, Patterson Springs, Earl and Grover in Cleveland County.

Volunteer firemen are also circulating the survey forms in neighboring Gaston County towns of Bessemer City and Cherryville, where interest in the water project is also high. Those survey sheets are to be returned by Sept. 30 to Mayor Moss.

Mayor Moss at a press conference Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. announced the survey results. Only 42 people surveyed said they would not want to buy utilities from Kings Mountain.

"I am delighted at the initial first returns of these surveys, which only underscores the need for water in an area hit hard by the drought", Moss said. "Residents of this proposed district have come to Kings Mountain for a solution to their water problems and during Phase I the district proposal would be to buy water and sewer from Kings Mountain with Phase II the expansion of the treatment facilities and Phase III, the creation of a sister lake to Moss Lake, a project estimated to cost \$25.8 million and cover a four year period," he said. The Mayor said the results of the survey will be followed by a feasibility study on the project. Meantime, the information from the survey sheets have been tabulated and placed in a computer with exactly the detailed requests as to location and services requested.

Meantime, some opposition to the proposed project surfaced at the recent city board of commissioners meeting. Several citizens, including some commissioners,

asked for specifics and answers to questions about financing, which the Mayor said he is unable to give "at this early stage of planning". The Mayor said he would honor the citizen's request for a public meeting as soon as he can get the answers.

Both L.E. (Josh) Hinnant and Joyce Cashion, county commissioners from Kings Mountain, said they had received several telephone calls from concerned residents in the area which has been targeted for a proposed sister lake to Moss Lake. "There has been some confusion-word has gotten out commissioners are going to levy a tax to construct the lake", said Hinnant.

Mayor Moss said at the recent city board meeting there will be no increase in taxes. County Manager Joe Hendrick has said Kings Mountain's water study is independent of the county and municipalities are within their rights to study issues. Hendrick

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MAYOR JOHN HENRY MOSS
...Says Survey Response Good

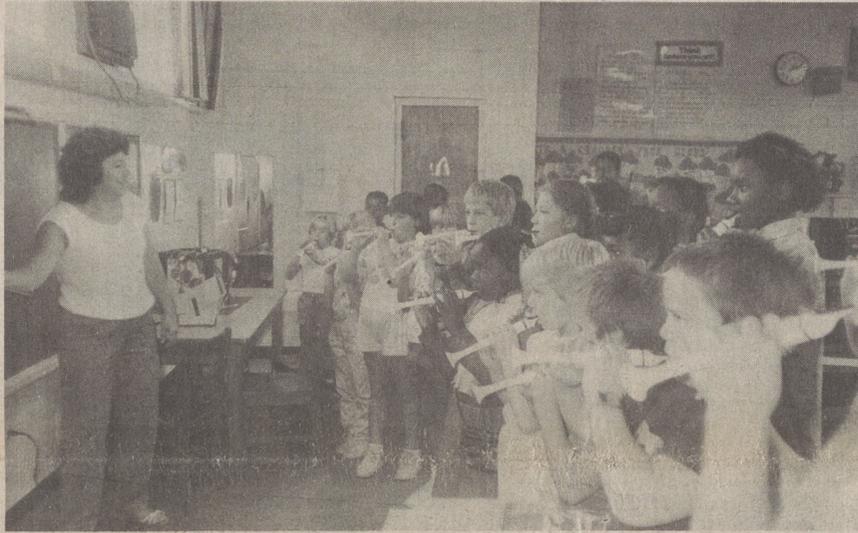
Symphony Is Coming To KMHS

A Children's Concert by the North Carolina Symphony is slated for Sept. 30th at 1 p.m. in B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

The program will be under the direction of Gerhardt Zimmerman, Music Director and Conductor; James Ogle, Associate Conductor; Jackson Parkhurst, Associate Conductor; and Benjamin Swalin, Conductor Emeritus.

The Education Concert Program will include Beethoven's "Symphony No. 7 In A Major, Op. 92"; Ravel's "Daphnis and Chloe

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PRACTICE FOR SYMPHONY - Marie Ballard, left, fourth grade teacher at East School, leads her students in playing the flute in preparation for the N.C. Symphony's children concert on September 30 at 1 p.m. at Barnes Auditorium.

County Water Meeting Tonight

County Manager Joe Hendrick has called a meeting of town officials with water systems to attend a meeting tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Room 104-D in the County Law Enforcement Center to discuss and update Cleveland County's future water needs.

Hendrick has asked a representative from the State's Division of Water Resources of the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development to meet with officials from Kings Mountain, Shelby, Boiling Springs, Grover and Upper Cleveland County. The Town officials have been asked to bring maps showing the

location of water lines and statistics on water capacities and treatment facilities.

Hendrick said the information will be compared by state officials with a previous study completed years ago of potential water sources of Cleveland County-Buffalo Creek, an impoundment on the First Broad River and in Upper Cleveland County and the Broad River.

Hendrick said "a lot of things have happened with water since the original study."

"Regardless of what announcements have been made, we have to look at the entire county", Hendrick was

quoted in The Shelby Star on Tuesday.

From the information obtained at tonight's meeting the state will be asked by the county commissioners and CAGO, Cleveland Association of Government Officials, to look at the county's overall water supply and future needs.

Hendrick said the public is invited to attend the meeting in the Commissioners Room. Hendrick said that commissioners are also invited to attend but are not conducting tonight's meeting.

Since the original state study some years ago, the Upper Cleveland Water

District was formed and Kings Mountain has expanded its services into the Grover-Bessemer City-Quail Run areas and has just completed a preliminary survey of No. 3 and No. 4 Township water needs, while staking out a proposal for a Metropolitan Water District to take in a 90 plus acre area and an ambitious four year proposal for a \$25.8 million Metro Utility District that envisions creation of a sister lake to Moss Lake to serve water to outlying areas.

Rescuers Interested In Serving

With 13 EMT's and four ambulance attendants now on its roster of qualified volunteers, Kings Mountain Rescue Squad wants to begin rescue-ambulance service again in Kings Mountain as "primary responder" during a 24 hour period Saturdays and Sundays.

A petition, signed by all members, officers and directors, was presented to Pete Stamey, Chairman of the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners, last Friday afternoon.

The request was not on the agenda for Monday morning's meeting of the County Board of Commissioners, but Captain Richard Byers said he has been assured that the request would be on the agenda for the next meeting, probably in October.

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Moss Says New Lake Would Not Increase Taxes In City

What will the proposed \$25.8 million Metropolitan Utility District cost the citizens of Kings Mountain?

Mayor John Henry Moss said today there will "absolutely be no increase in taxes."

The Mayor said he has been deluged with rumors circulating in the past several weeks about the project and that he wants to set the

record straight that the project is designed to be "a self sustaining project, paid for and operated by the city out of revenues from the sale of water and sewer services."

The Mayor announced today that with overwhelming response from citizens surveyed, that the city could begin soon a feasibility study of the proposed project.

Former Resident Jenny Oates Dies Monday In Myrtle Beach

Funeral services for Mrs. Rufus (Jenny) Oates, who died Monday at Grand Strand General Hospital in Myrtle Beach, S.C., were conducted Wednesday afternoon from First Baptist Church of Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Mrs. Oates had been in ill health for several years.

Mrs. Oates had owned and operated Sea Cove Motel in Myrtle Beach, S.C. for some years. For some years she was active on a local bowling team.

She is survived by her husband, Rufus (Blackie) Oates of Kings Mountain; their daughter, Evelyn Califf of Myrtle Beach; their son, Tim Oates, of San Francisco, Calif.; her sister, Margaret Williams, of Kannapolis; her brother, Carlston Rhodes in Lowell; and two grandchildren.



MRS. RUFUS OATES

Dr. Carl Compton and Dr. Jeff Kersey officiated at the rites and interment was in Oceanwood Memorial Cemetery in Myrtle Beach.

Services Held Sunday For Josephine McAbee

Funeral services for Mrs. Josephine Beam McAbee, 78, of 804 Second St., who died Thursday in the Kings Mountain Hospital, were conducted Sunday at 3 p.m. from Second Baptist Church of which she was a member.

Rev. Eugene Land officiated at the rites and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mrs. McAbee was a retired textile employee, daughter of the late Joe and Lydia Tiddy Beam and widow of James Russell McAbee. She was a native of Cleveland County, born Sept. 27, 1907.

Surviving are four sons, Tommy McAbee of Gastonia, Don McAbee, Kenny McAbee and Danny McAbee, all of Kings Mountain; four daughters, Mrs. Sue Holmes, Mrs. Brenda Foster, Mrs. Cheryl Pearson and Mrs. Wanda Wilson, all of Kings Mountain; one brother, Bill Mrs. Grace Homesley of Goins of Raleigh; four Cherryville; 10 grand-sisters, Mrs. Louise Collins of children and one great-gastonia, Mrs. Eva Roper grandchild.



JOSEPHINE McABEE

Belmont's Sam Davis Joins Staff Of Herald Publishing

Darrell Austin, general manager of Herald Publishing Company, publishers of the Belmont Banner, the Mount Holly News, the Kings Mountain Herald, the Cherryville Eagle, and the Tri-City Record (Stanley, Bessemer City, Dallas) announces that Belmont's Sam Davis has joined the company as advertising director and in public relations.

Davis, who worked for 33 years in public relations and other management responsibilities for Southern Bell before retiring, will work in the Belmont, Mount Holly and Stanley areas.

"We feel that with the many years Sam served as director of public relations with Southern Bell and in other management-related



SAM DAVIS

areas, and with his expertise in dealing with the public, he will be a big asset to our company," Austin said. "We look forward to his

working with our advertisers and the people in the Belmont, Mount Holly and Stanley communities."

Davis is the son of the late S. Moseley Davis and Grace L. Davis of Mount Olive. He is married to the former Agnes Ann Hendrix of Goldsboro. They have three children, Margaret Lynch Smith, Anne Davis Walker and Sam III, all college graduates, and two granddaughters, Kristin and Julia.

In high school, Davis was the first person to be named president of all of his four high school classes.

He attended Davidson College and graduated from Bowling Green Business University and American

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