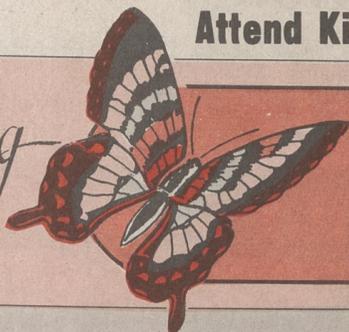


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KINGS MOUNTAIN, NORTH

## Democrats Seek Third KM Precinct

Local Democrats, suggesting a compromise in No. 4 Township to the Cleveland County Board of Elections proposed changes in precinct lines, want to pull out 1100 of the 3,403 registered voters at the West Kings Mountain box and move them to a new North Kings Mountain precinct which would vote at the Depot Center.

West KM Chairman Charlie Carpenter made the proposal during a Sunday afternoon meeting.

Carpenter said the change would equalize the number of voters in the West precinct, which is the city's biggest. Carpenter suggested that voting places remain the same in other precincts in No. 4 Township, including Grover, where 1087 Democrats are registered, at

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**CRUSADE KICK-OFF**—Evangelist Clyde Dupin, above, helped 250 church members from 30 churches kick off the Clyde Dupin Crusade activities in Kings Mountain Tuesday night. Hundreds of volunteers will begin crusade activities as they open an office next week and begin spiritual preparation rallies. The crusade will be held Aug. 16-23 at Gamble Memorial Football Stadium.

## Gaston, Gastonia Support WW Idea

Neighboring Gastonia and Gaston County boards are joining Kings Mountain board of commissioners in support of a proposed \$28 million Crowders Creek Regional wastewater treatment plant, which if approved for federal grants and constructed in the next three years, would serve a drainage basin of 70-90 square miles in Gaston-Cleveland Counties.

The proposed site is located on Crowders Creek near Bud Wilson Road and the N.C.-S.C. state line.

Mayor John Moss said that he and Gaston County officials have an appointment to discuss the project in Raleigh Wednesday with Coy Batten, of the Construction Grants Section of the Division of Environmental Management of the N.D. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development.

State officials are reviewing hundreds of similar requests but the Mayor has been told that the regional plant is likely to get a high ranking from state officials and will probably be in the top 40 or 50 applications from across the state for up to \$43.8 million per year for the next four years under the Clean Water Act.

On March 10, Mayor Moss proposed joining forces with Gastonia and Gaston County to seek funding for an eight-million-gallon per day waste treatment plant. The Mayor said that he had first suggested the project in 1974 when a study of the area's needs pointed out the suitability of Crowders Creek for such a plant. Since the other municipalities had just committed themselves to separate projects, Moss said they were not interested in pursuing a regional plan.

When Congress approved an \$18 billion renewal of the 1977 Clean Water Act in January, however, Moss said he suggested a regional facility and meetings were with Gaston officials.

"The time was now to act, not only to replace the 33-year-old McGill Treatment Plant but to meet the needs of a wide area," he said.

The city was fined \$22,000 in December for violations of state environmental regulations at the city's old McGill Plant and the Mayor said the plant had reached the limits of its useful design and was costing the city too much for maintenance.

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## KM Welcomes Clyde Dupin

A kick-off banquet for the August Clyde Dupin Crusade was kicked off by the evangelist and 250 people representing 30 Kings Mountain churches Tuesday night at KMSHS Cafeteria.

Dupin, who is acclaimed as The Billy Graham of Small Cities" and a straight-talking

evangelist, challenged the group to let a new spirit come alive in the community. Prayer and getting involved are the keys to success of the crusade, he said in his message that "Christ is the answer to any and every problem" using as a text Christ's Great Commission from the

Bible. Dupin, who has preached before over two million people in crusades all over the country, takes his message to Haiti next week.

Wes Dupin joined his father here Tuesday evening and said he had been in the area for several months working with local volunteers on plans for the big crusade. Dupin said a crusade office will open here next week in Suite A, Professional Plaza, West King Street, with Donna Jenkins manning the office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The crusade office telephone number is 739-9337. He said that spiritual preparation rallies will be held in July and August as well as prayer rallies beginning in April. Ladies prayer teas will be slated and a crusade choir will begin rehearsals Aug. 2 at 2:30 p.m. at Macedonia Baptist Church.

Twenty four percent of the \$24,000 cost of the crusade was received in pledges and donations following Tuesday's kickoff.

"The Dupin Crusade is a major undertaking for any community but we are excited about it and want everyone in the community to get involved," said General Chairman Bob McRae,

Superintendent of KM District Schools. A member of First Baptist Church, McRae said the crusade "will be good for the community to further the cause of Christianity."

Mayor John Moss gave the welcome and Banquet chairman Bob Webster and Rev. Jesse Bailey, pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church, acknowledged support of many volunteers already working for a successful crusade.

Rev. John Harris and Rev. Dewey Smith offered the evening prayers. Wednesday morning, Rev. Dupin met with local pastors for breakfast at Holiday Inn.

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## Marvin Chappell Named City Clerk, Treasurer

Marvin Chappell, Jr., 29, will assume his new duties April 20th as city clerk-treasurer of the City of Kings Mountain, succeeding the late Joe H. McDaniel, Jr.

Chappell, finance director at Kings Mountain Hospital, will complete his duties with the hospital on April 17th. The city commissioners, who hired him during an executive session March 17th, voted him an annual salary of \$27,768.

A native of Chester, S.C., Chappell joined the hospital staff in 1981 as an accountant. He previously worked in computer operations at United Carolina Bank of Monroe and M. Lowenstein & Son of Rock Hill, S.C. He was educated at Clemson University, Winthrop College and Cleveland Technical College. Reared in the rural farming Blackjack region of lower South Carolina, he is the son of Marvin and Ashley Chappell of Chester, S.C. and is married



MARVIN CHAPPELL

to Margaret Matthews Chappell, who is also employed at the local hospital as Food Service Director and Dietician. They are parents of two children, Robert, age three and one half, and Marvin, III,

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## ABC Site Selection Nears, Architect To Be Hired

Site selection of the new and first Kings Mountain ABC Store is expected to be completed in the next two weeks, according to ABC Board Chairman Andy Neisler.

Neisler, Kings Mountain lawyer who was recently named to a three year term on the board by the city board of commissioners, said that an architect is expected to be hired this week.

Neisler said the full ABC Board, which also includes Van Birmingham and Roosevelt Ingram, conferred with Bill Hester, Administrator of the State ABC Commission, in Raleigh March 4 and since that time had visited area ABC stores, looking at six or seven parcels of land in town and looking at designs for a new building. He said the Board has decided to build, rather than attempt to rent or lease a building. He said that members had also been busy conferring with financial institutions about financing and had interviewed several architects.

Neisler said that once the decision is made by the board on a parcel of land to build and financial arrangements have been completed, the site will be posted for 30 days, as required by law, and subject to final approval of the state ABC commission. He said that the Kings Mountain ABC Board now has the option of contracting for ABC law enforcement by a special act for Cleveland County which permits boards to either hire their own officers or to contract with sheriff's department, police or law enforcement agencies, a bill recently ratified by the N.C. General Assembly.

## Chinese Buy \$2 Million Machinery From KM Plant

Wise Industries, Inc. of Kings Mountain sold \$2 million worth of machinery to Huaxin Carpet Co. of Tianjin, Peoples Republic of China, Wednesday.

A seven member delegation from Tianjin was welcomed by Mayor John Henry Moss, Chamber of Commerce President Claude Suber, Cleveland County Commission Chairman L.E. Hinnant, member of the city industrial committee, and J. Phil Coyle, executive vice president of the Gaston County Chamber of Commerce, in the Mayor's office at City Hall, prior to a tour of local industry.

Deputy Manager Li Lin Pan said the Chinese were here to inspect textile

machinery which will be installed in a new plant presently under construction in Tianjin to produce needle punch carpet. Pan said the equipment was bought from Wise because "American textile machinery technology helps us compete better in the world market."

Max Clark, controller at Wise Industries, said that he expects to ship the order to China by the end of July. "International sales are important to us and this will be the sixth country Wise has sold equipment to in the past several months."

President Dan Wise visited China last November to negotiate the sale of machinery. "I am very pleased that Kings Mountain has

extended such a warm welcome and the Mayor has rolled out the red carpet this morning to our visitors. I felt very welcome when I visited in China," he said.

Other machinery companies involved in the project are Gowin Card of Dalton, Ga. and Dilo of West Germany.

Wise Industries is represented in China by Sinieh Enterprises, an agency that specializes in international trade between the United States and China. Sinieh has offices in China and Los Angeles, Calif.

Wise opened in Industrial Park in 1976.

Welcoming the delegation

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**CHINESE DELEGATION HERE WEDNESDAY**—A delegation from China, pictured in the Mayor's office as they announced purchase and contracted for \$2 million in machinery from the Wise Industries, are from left, Mr. Tung, Wang Yue-Shu, Deputy Manager Li Lin Pan, Liu Hai Hong, Phyllis Wise, secretary of the firm of which her husband, Dan Wise, is president. Beside Wise is L.E. Hinnant, Claude Suber, Max Clark, J. Phil Coyle, Ding Bao-Qiang, Zhao Cong, and Wang Fusheng. Seated is Mayor John Moss.