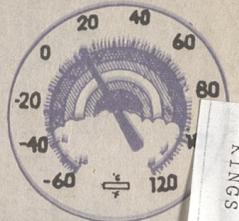




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CHAMBER ELECTS OFFICERS—W. Kemp Maoney, right, was installed as new president of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce Monday night. Claude Suber, left, outgoing president, welcomes guest speaker Henry Williamson as banquet speaker. Nearly 200 people attended the banquet.

New Chamber Of Commerce Head Maoney Foresees Full-Time Director

W. Kemp Maoney, the new president of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, is setting his sights high for the new year. The four Chamber priorities outlined by Maoney as he took office at the annual C of C banquet are: a full time executive director to coordinate Chamber functions; moving into new offices downtown in the old City Hall to become more visible to the public; creation of a Economic Development Commission with former mayor John Moss as chairman; and circulation of maps, brochures and more promotional materials. "We have a big marketing challenge in this area since we are only 30 miles from Charlotte and the Chamber

can and should be attune to newcomers", he said after he took the gavel from Claude Suber. Maoney said the Chamber is actively promoting a Sports Hall of Fame and Suber recognized both John Henry Moss and Carl Champion who reported that the first Hall of Fame banquet tentatively scheduled for March 15th at the Community Center. Other new officers for 1988 are Bobby Maner, first vice president; Grady Howard, Jr., second vice president; and Lucille Williams, office manager. Directors are Carl Plonk, John H. Moss, Louis Sabetti, Jr., Ernest Rome, Will Herndon, Jonas Bridges, Claude Suber, John McGinnis, Glee Bridges, Vickie

Smith, Rick Keever and Ruby Alexander. Suber took the occasion to present certificates of appreciation to Grady Howard, Sr., who has served in the capacity of volunteer executive director and advisor during the past year; to Lucille Williams veteran manager of the Merchants Association of C of C; and outgoing director Brenda Lovelace. Maoney took the occasion to present an engraved plaque to Suber for his service to the organization. Suber said he was quite proud of the accomplishments of the Chamber of Commerce during the past year and

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Outside Team Will Probably Be Hired

The city board of commissioners probably will hire an outside management team to study how the city is run, including how much it pays its 170 employees. Commissioners authorized Mayor Kyle Smith to bring in an expert on municipal government Friday morning to offer help in organizing the city's work force and pay scale, something that Mayor Smith said employees have been promised for a long time. Woody Underwood, a field representative for the North Carolina League of Municipalities, talked to commissioners and the Mayor on a proposal that would take about four or five months to complete but in organizing management procedures and structure for the city and actually structuring a new organization which says how things ought to be done in a specific way from the department head on down, including job allocations, job classifications as far as job responsibility is concerned from department

head on down to produce effective management city-wide. Pay classification is the second major part of the proposal and would involve on site field work with the city and a comparable study of city salaries verses salaries in industry, etc. "City commissioners were quite enthusiastic about his proposal," said Gene White, Community Development Coordinator. White said the League-contracted project

would cost between \$18,000 and \$20,000. Underwood is to forward to the mayor a list of firms who conduct organizational studies. Underwood, head of technical services for the League has been associated with the N.C. League of municipalities for 15 years. At the meeting here, Underwood explained functions of the League of Municipalities and various

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City Board Is Screening City Manager Applications

City commissioners narrowed the field of applicants for city manager Tuesday night during an executive session at City Hall.



KYLE SMITH

"We are beginning to weed out some of the applicants who don't meet the board's qualifications", said Mayor Kyle Smith. Thirty people from as far away as Seattle, Washington and as close as Shelby have applied for the position of a first city manager created in the new city manager-council form of government. Some of the requirements for city manager that the city board has established include a degree in public administration, at least five years of experience in the field, good public relations skills and a working

knowledge of public utilities, said the Mayor. An expert on municipal government with the N.C. League of Municipalities, Woody Underwood, of Atlanta, Ga., has presented board members salary sheets of 10 cities of comparable size with Kings Mountain and salary of a full time city manager could run from \$42,000 to \$48,000. Underwood, here on Friday for a meeting with the city commissioners, emphasized that officials should not hurry in selection of a city manager. "Make sure you get the right man and take your time", said Underwood, adding, "don't shortcut yourself in the amount of money involved." Underwood presented Mayor Smith and the board with suggestions on steps to take from start to finish, including interview selection, criteria, evaluations, how to conduct interviews of candidates, etc.

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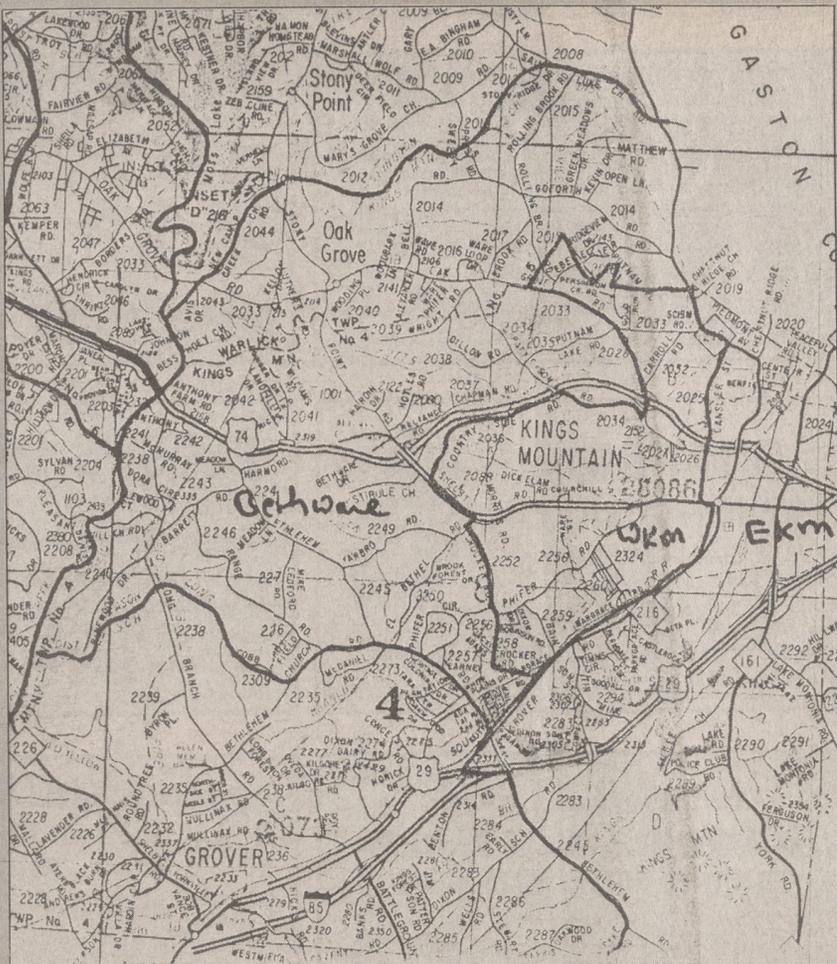
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Precinct Lines Are Re-Drawn

New Precinct lines in No. 4 Township transfer 872 voters from West Kings Mountain Precinct to East Kings Mountain Precinct and 104 voters from Bethware Precinct to West Kings Mountain Precinct, although polling places remain the same. Precinct officials at their organizational meetings Thursday night discussed the boundaries and David Thornton, Kings Mountain lawyer, was named chairman of the East of Buffalo Democrat caucus which will meet monthly with its major objectives to inform voters of the boundary changes and get them to the proper places to vote in the May primaries. The precinct lines for Bethware Precinct remain the same except for the Eastern boundary. The Eastern boundary, beginning at the County line, is the same until it crosses the new Highway 74 bypass around Kings Mountain. Where Oak Grove road intersects Patterson, the precinct lines turns West onto Patterson. The line continues West until it intersects with Countryside Road. The line continues West on Countryside Road to intersection with Highway 74,



Map Of New Precinct Lines...

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Regional Sewage Plant Will Get More Grant Money

Good news that a proposed regional plant may get nearly double the state grant money promised means that "the regional concept will be a lot cheaper than pay for our own plant," say officials attending a report session with Gaston County officials. Community Development Coordinator Gene White, Department Head of Sewer, Walt Hollis Ollis and City Commissioner Al Moretz said the lead agency (Gastonia) gave the report and White said that with four municipalities participating and the possibility of \$14 million grant, Kings Mountain would have to pay only 25 percent of \$11 million, least cost alternative for the Crowders Creek interceptor project. The Crowders Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, estimated to cost nearly \$26 million would treat wastewater for Gastonia, Gaston County, Kings Mountain and Bessemer City. The project would open 64 acres of southwest Gaston County to residential and industrial development. The Crowders Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, estimated to cost nearly \$26 million would treat wastewater for Gastonia, Gaston County, Kings Mountain and Bessemer City. The project would open 64 acres

of southwest Gaston County to residential and industrial development. Sam Wilkings, Gastonia's utilities and public works director, said he learned last week that the state may pay \$14 million of the total construction cost. Before that, \$7.3 million was expected. Monday at a meeting of elected officials and representatives of the municipalities involved, Wilkings said the state is expected to choose the least costly of three detailed wastewater treatment plans by Friday. Alternatives include building a new plant, pumping water to Gastonia's plant or expanding Kings Mountain's McGill plant. Wilkings said J.N. Pease Associates, the engineering firm for the project, chose the new plant as most economical. City commissioners have already earned \$18,000 for preliminary engineering study. "We're in a have to do position", said Commissioner Moretz, a resident engineer, "I tend to believe it's cheaper to sign in on this plan than it is to pay for our own plant." Most expenditures for the project will be due before 1990 and the earliest construction could start is February 1989.