

Goforth Satellite Annexation Request Denied

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more than 200 property owners and business people urging Council to annex the property. Only two people who were asked to sign the petition refused, said Thomasson.

"The Goforths asked for the annexation at the urging of neighbors and we feel their request should be honored," he said. Thomasson asked that council members make their own decision and not be influenced by an opinion expressed by a city official in the Aug. 8 edition of the Shelby Star. The

newspaper quoted M.E. (Gene) White, Kings Mountain's director of planning and economic development, as saying he would recommend that the petition for annexation be rejected because it was not cost effective or practical.

White, who was asked by Mayor Smith to give a recommendation from City staff, said based on cost revenue the recommendation was that the petition be denied. White estimated the annexation would cost the city \$5,182.51 a year after subtracting for estimated revenues of

\$460.68, beginning the second year. Although the city has accepted similar satellite annexation requests from convenience stores in the past, it is not obligated to accept the Goforth's petition for that reason alone, according to White.

Motion to reject was made by Councilman Humes Houston who said that the request was not an orderly part of the annexation plan of the city and not economically feasible. Councilman J.D. Barrett seconded and the motion passed without

comment from any other commissioner after a 10 minute public hearing. Attorney Thomasson asked Houston the estimated projected date when the whole area of Shelby road would be taken into the city limits and Houston could offer no specific date but said, hopefully, it would be economically feasible in the near future. White, also responding to the question, said that in view of the new priorities set by the new administration that he could not speculate on the date for annexation by the city of that area of the community.

Elections Board Votes To Adjust Precinct Lines

KM Board of Elections voted 3-0 on July 20 to readjust the precinct lines of East and West Kings Mountain to coincide with the county's and to avoid voting confusion.

West KM precinct has become too large with 3484 voters, East KM having 1841 voters, Chairman Becky Cook said.

The Cleveland County Board of Elections has changed its precinct lines. The Justice Department approved this change in September 1987.

Mrs. Cook said if the precinct lines for the city of Kings Mountain are not changed to comply with the county lines it means that voters, in some areas, will go to two different precincts to do their voting.

Voters who would change their voting places, from West KM, (National Guard Army) to East KM, (Kings Mountain Community Center) would, in most cases, be geographically nearer to the voting place. She said the growth in Kings Mountain at this time is on the west side of the city

which is now the most heavily populated.

At this time the precinct dividing line is the railroad which runs north and south between West and East Kings Mountain.

New boundaries would be for West KM: from the South city limits boundary north along railroad to Highway 74, west on Highway 74 to Cansler Street; north on Cansler Street to the KM city limits boundary. These lines would transfer 902 voters from West KM to East KM precinct.

The polling places would remain the same.

Kings Mountain elections will be held in 1989.

Mrs. Cook has submitted the change in a formal letter to the U.S. Justice Department Civil Rights Division, Voting Section, Washington, D.C., on Aug. 1.

City Manager George Wood read a copy of her letter to the city council Tuesday night.

Mrs. Cook said once approval is given the elections board will have ample time to notify voters of the change.

Council To Meet Again Tuesday

Kings Mountain Council has set a special meeting for Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. to hear the results of a management and personnel study, including a review of the city's pay plan, and to discuss participation in the Proposed Crowders Creek Waste Water Treatment Plant.

City Manager George Wood said the personnel plan is expected to be implemented in early September but it will take until

November to implement a cafeteria plan to determine what portion the employee will pay for dependent coverage. Wood said that presently 122 of the city's 170 employees pay \$2.90 per week for dependent coverage and that the city's cost is \$179,000 annually.

Preliminary figures from the new pay plan indicate that the city pays less than market but benefits structure of the city are more lucrative. He suggested ci-

ty council take a look at amending benefits so that the overall pay plan and benefits will be in keeping with policies of other municipalities.

Council renewed insurance coverage with Blue Cross-Blue Shield. A change in the coverage includes a \$200 deductible with a \$4 card for prescriptions. The insurance plan, as adopted, will save the city \$94,000 annually. The board deferred costs to be

paid by the employee for dependent coverage until after the pay plan becomes effective and the board has time to implement the program. "We need to see the impact of the pay plan," said Wood who told Council that the city cannot sustain a 20-25 percent increase in employee pay and dependent coverage. Extra features of a cafeteria plan include dental and eye care on a family plan.

Wrecks Reported By KM Police

Fain Fountain, 17, of 215 Parrish Drive, and Richard David Patterson, 25, of 202 Thornburg Drive, sustained minor injuries Saturday night at midnight when they were struck by a car in which the driver and a passenger were hurt.

Kings Mountain Ptl. Steve Brown said that Russell Wayne

Stevens, Jr., 18, of Route 2, Bessemer City, was traveling west on Parrish Drive when he drove left of center and struck Patterson, who was walking, then lost control of his 1973 Chevrolet, hit the second pedestrian and a parked 1988 Chevrolet belonging to Joan Williams Smart, Ptl. Brown said

at high rate of speed Stevens attempted to stop and slid through the intersection of Parrish and Barnette Drive going through a chainlink fence and stopping at a pecan tree belonging to Robert L. White, 1040 Barnette Drive.

Police said that Frankie Diane Bell, 704 Cleveland Ave., 15, a passenger in the Stevens car, was also treated at the hospital for injuries.

Police charged Stevens with reckless driving and exceeding safe speed. Damages included \$4,000 damage to his car, \$1,000

damage to the parked vehicle, and \$1937 property damages to a tree and fence.

Two three-car wrecks occurred in this city this week, police

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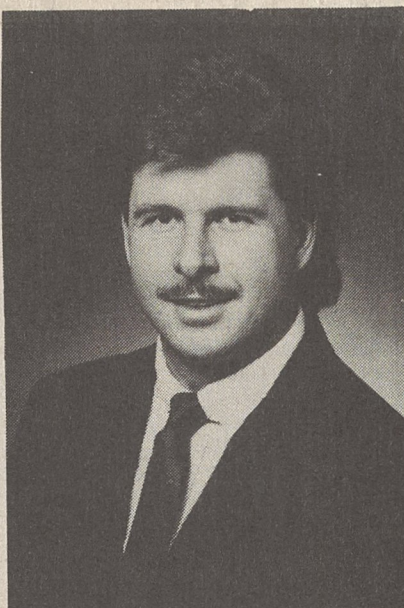
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Doty Joins First Baptist Church Staff

The First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain has a new youth minister.

Frank Shane Doty joined the ministry at First Baptist at the beginning of August. A native of Charlotte, Doty attended Gaston College then Wingate College, graduating with a degree in Human Service in 1986.

He attended the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and graduated this year with a Master's degree in Religious Education.

In search of the Lord's will in his life, Doty sent his resume to the church's search committee. "I prayed about it and they prayed about it and the committee felt I was the one for the job," he said.

His responsibilities at First Baptist will include planning, coordinating, and carrying out all ministries dealing with the youth of the church, he said. He will plan activities, Bible studies, trips, conduct counseling, and get involved daily with the youth of First Baptist.

Doty felt the call to ministry before he went to Wingate College, he said. One summer, he was the youth minister at McKee Road Baptist Church in Matthews. It was after that summer that he decided to go into the ministry.

His future plans are to remain a youth minister, he said. "I don't know what lies ten years ahead, but youth ministry is my lifetime calling."

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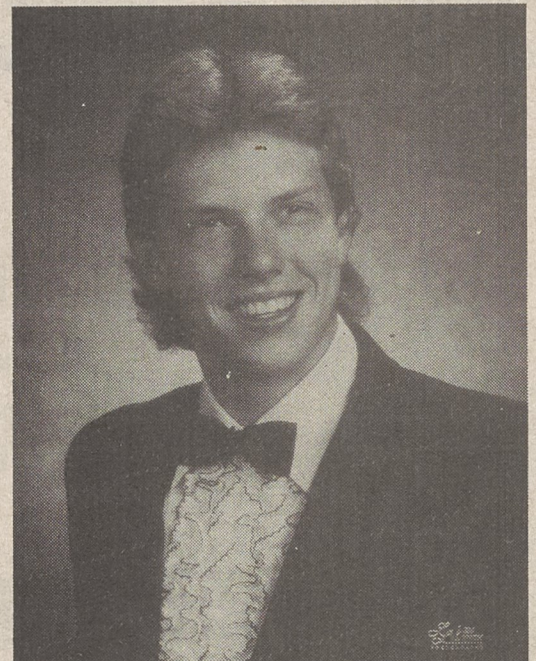


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