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City To Require Drug Testing

Roots Growing In Davidson Lake Dam

City maintenance crews led by Emmett Moss and George Jacobs discovered a bigger job than they anticipated this week when they began clearing a build-up of brush and trees on the earth-fill dam at Davidson Lake.

City Engineer Tom Howard said root structures have been found growing in the dam basins.

A big spillway project was recently completed at Moss Lake and major repairs were done to the dam when the lake was lowered. City crews, in the meantime, are doing the maintenance on the city's smaller

mid-risk dams at Davidson and City Lake and attempting to correct two expected seepages, said Howard.

Howard said that with over 4,000 dams in the state that state inspection teams must inspect dams on a regular basis and city teams expect to be ready when inspection teams come to Kings Mountain.

Brush growing over a dam is a violation of good safety policy and Howard said the city is monitoring the dams now for safety violations. Howard said state inspectors will be asked to look at the suspected seep-

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Kings Mountain City Council Tuesday night unanimously adopted a new policy requiring screening of all new or promoted employees for drugs.

The policy, which was recommended by City Manager George Wood and Personnel Director Charles Webber, has been talked about for several months. In studying the proposal, new to Kings Mountain, Webber said he didn't find any other cities which have such policies.

"It's just a growing trend nationally given the drug epidemic in this country and the pre-employment testing, which includes testing for drugs, would protect the city from related insurance or worker's compensation claims," said Wood.

After receiving proposals from Kings Mountain Family Practice, and the board accepted the \$65 low bid from to do the tests. Wood said all three Clin... ed valuable assistance to Webber in developing the screening applications which would also apply to employees receiving promotions. Drug tests eventually could be required for existing employees, but officials indicated that was not in the near future. Applicants in the Kings Mountain Police Department currently are required to take physical examinations.

The ultimate goal of the program is to assist in the reduction of claims filed against the city's medical
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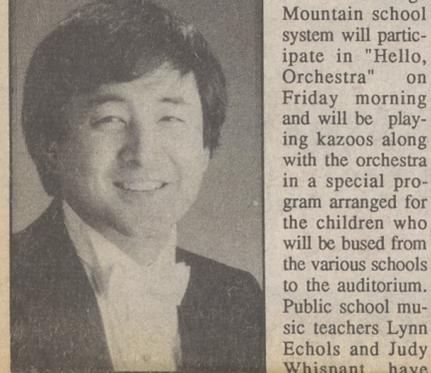
Charlotte Symphony To Perform Thursday

The Charlotte Symphony Orchestra returns to Kings Mountain Thursday night for a public concert at Barnes Auditorium at 8 p.m. and for a children's concert at 10 a.m. Friday, also in Barnes Auditorium.

The concerts are sponsored by the N. C. Arts Council and the Kings Mountain community.

Tickets are available at the door for Thursday night's concert which has sold in excess of 500 tickets.

More than 1,000 students from grades 3, 4, and 5 in the Kings Mountain school system will participate in "Hello, Orchestra" on Friday morning and will be playing kazoos along with the orchestra in a special program arranged for the children who will be bused from the various schools to the auditorium. Public school music teachers Lynn Echols and Judy Whisnant have been directing the students in learning special music for the program.



DARYL ONE

After Thursday night's concert a reception honoring One and the 75-member orchestra will be held in the Courtyard of Kings Mountain Senior High School and hosted by Kings Mountain Woman's Club.

This is the second appearance of the Charlotte Symphony to Kings Mountain. The Charlotte Symphony Orchestra is considered one of the nation's finest regional symphony orchestras. Having celebrated its 50th anniversary in the 1981-82 season, the symphony has grown and greatly expanded both its schedule of performances and its wealth of talent. The orchestra provided the region with international attention as it toured many of Europe's music capitals the summer of 1987. The Charlotte Symphony Orchestra was the only regional orchestra to be invited to participate in the 1987 Summer European Music Festival. Performing in West Germany, Poland and Holland, the orchestra carried the pride of every Metrolina citizen from one record-setting concert to the next.

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Schools Will Probably Conduct Radon Tests

Kings Mountain school officials say they are looking into possibilities of testing the schools for radon since the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency issued a report that over half the schools tested in 16 states tested above acceptable levels of gas.

"We are working with out maintenance department now and are also working with officials of Cleveland County Health Department but are unaware that such a problem exists in our schools," said Associate Supt. Larry Allen.

"With the latest information that's come out, there's certainly every reason to take the report seriously," said Dr. Allen.

"We have been in touch with the Division of School Planning in Raleigh and also the Cleveland County Health Department and at present we are holding sessions with our maintenance people to take necessary

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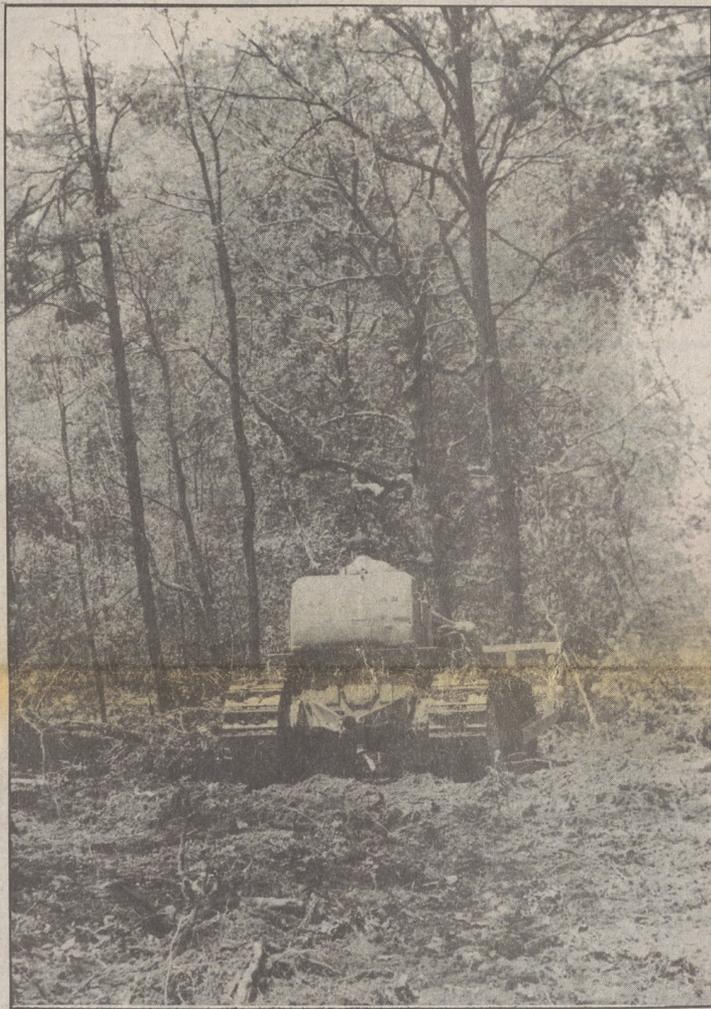
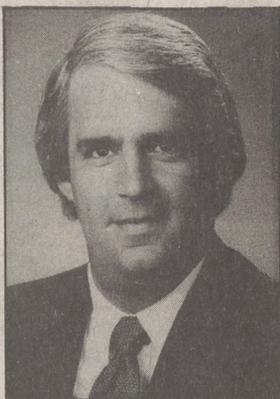


Photo by Gary Stewart

MOVING EARTH - A heavy equipment operator with the City of Kings Mountain moves some big trees and dirt away from the dam at Davidson Lake Tuesday afternoon. The city is removing big trees near the dam to try to prevent roots from growing in the earthen structure. The dam will undergo state inspection this summer.



REV. BOB COLLINS

Project Graduation Gets Boost

By Marty Hohmann
Of the Herald Staff

Cleveland County's first annual Project Graduation is well on its way to becoming a reality thanks to two generous donations received recently. According to steering committee Chairman Phil Reid, M.A.D.D. has presented him with a total donation of \$1,100 and the Cleveland County Medical Center has donated \$1,500 to help make the party a reality.

"It's really going good," said Reid. "We have to date received \$3,850 in donations."

That figure did not take into consideration \$600 presented at the

executive meeting on Tuesday by Kings Mountain High School Senior J.J. Warlick. She collected the money from local merchants and businesses to purchase prizes to give away at the drug and alcohol free party slated for May 30.

But there is still a long way to go, noted Reid. "We have to get \$16,200 to pull off Project Graduation. We need to raise that money," he said.

With the contributions received thusfar, that leaves a balance of about \$12,000.

"That is not to paint a dark picture," noted Reid. "I am very positive.

Donations and prizes tend to come in during the last month. We are now one month and five days from Project Graduation."

Up to this point, the steering committee, which is comprised of students from Burns, Crest, Kings Mountain and Shelby High Schools, has concentrated its efforts on planning the event. The focus will now shift to fundraising.

"We are working together. We are one now and we will raise the \$12,000 that is left to do," Reid told the committee.

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'Wise' Purchase

Chinese Buy Machinery From KM Plant

Wise Industries Inc. of Kings Mountain is shipping a \$17,430 van to Tianjin, China, a town about 80 miles from Beijing with 10 other trailer loads of machinery and supplies on a 5 1/2 week sea voyage via the Panama Canal.

The company, founded in 1969 by President Dan Wise, will welcome Chinese visitors to town for the second time this weekend and close a second deal with the Chinese. Previously, the company shipped \$2.5 million worth of non-woven carpet-making equipment to China in 1985.

Max Clark, a company spokesman, said the van and machinery will be used by a Chinese mill scheduled to open by the end of the year. The van will take workers

to the factory, which will make non-woven fabric for use in winter jackets and comforters.

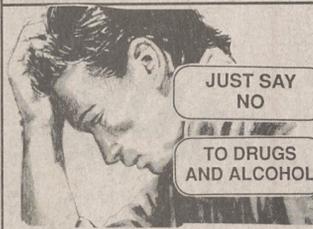
The van came off a lot of Cherryville auto dealer Mac McCutcheon. It's a basic, 15-passenger van and was loaded in a tractor trailer at the Wise Industries plant in Kings Mountain Industrial Park Thursday.

Most of the textile machinery being shipped with the van was made at Wise Industries which employs about 35.

Mayor Kyle Smith said he looks forward to welcoming the Chinese delegation to the city for another visit.

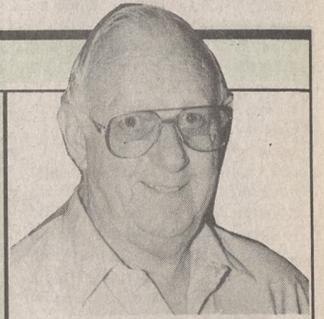
Wise Industries has also shipped machinery to Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, England and Australia.

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Variable cloudiness Thursday through Saturday, chance of Thunderstorms. Highs in the 80's. Lows in the 60's.