

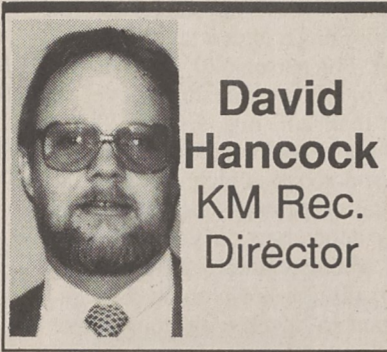
Master Plan Progressing

Work on the county-wide Parks and Recreation Master Plan is progressing and, with the completion of all facility inventories, plans will soon be finalized. At the last meeting of the Project Planning Committee on Tues., March 12, discussion centered on recreation facility standards, community needs assessments, and various scenarios for accomplishing the most effective delivery system for recreation services throughout the county. I will detail standards and assessment topics in this column and will plan to include the various scenarios and other pertinent items over the next several weeks.

First, it is necessary to understand the importance of standards and how the recreation and park providers use them. According to the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) in their publication "Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines," recreation and park standards are defined as:

"...the means by which an agency can express recreation and park goals and objectives in quantitative terms, which, in turn, can be translated into spatial requirements for land and water resources. Through the budget, municipal ordinances, cooperative or joint public/private efforts, these standards are translated into a system for acquisition, development and management of recreation and park resources."

This is to say that standards are a guide in determining land requirements for various type of park and recreation areas or facilities and



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that, as standards, are a minimum for acceptable facilities for citizens of a community. The importance of standards is to provide for communities, both government and citizens, a method of measuring how well they "fit" into the overall picture in terms of space and types of facilities, and to evaluate their distribution throughout a community.

Basing development and improvements on these standards allows communities to take a comprehensive planning approach on a long term basis. This comprehensive planning can then be used not only as a guide to assist in facility development, but also as a tool to help justify recreational needs within communities.

Nationally accepted standards are used to determine maximum facility needs, however these standards must be adapted to correspond to our county's and city's needs from an economic and maintenance capability standpoint. For these reasons, I must again stress the importance of citizen input in the development of this Master

Plan and in other items which affect the quality of our leisure time.

In terms of needs assessment, the following items are the most obvious:

*Swimming pools - The city has a surplus of pools and Deal Street Pool should be repaired to provide uninterrupted public use not always available at Neisler Natatorium, according to the consultants.

*Basketball courts - There are six available to the public, however, most are at school sites with limited availability. The standards show no additional need, but the consultants recommend that outdoor courts should be a component of existing park sites.

*Trails - The city does not currently provide any trails, natural or active although a walking track is being developed adjacent to the Community Center and the high school track is supplied with auxiliary lighting for after school use. The consultants also recommend development of natural trails or a greenway system which, in the future, should be tied in with a county-wide greenway system along floodway areas.

*Play areas - Four areas are currently available at school and city recreation sites but there is a need for six additional areas over the next 20 years. It is also stressed that all existing sites are in need of repair, replacement and/or relocation to make them more accessible.

*Public areas/shelters - The city currently provides a picnic shelter and Davidson Park and at Moss Lake, however, there are no "picnic area developments" provided. Standards indicate that there is a current need for one additional acre of picnic development--a total of 10 tables and two picnic shelters. Over the next 20 years an additional 1 1/2 acres will be needed along with six more picnic tables and one additional shelter.

As you can see, this has been an educational process, so far, for the members of our Project Planning Committee as we have begun to evaluate our existing facilities and, by projecting population trends, determine our needs 10 and 20 years from now. To my knowledge, this is the first time such an extensive project has been undertaken for Parks and Recreation in Kings Mountain. We need this objective approach to evaluate our recreational opportunities and can greatly benefit from the long range planning this project will provide.

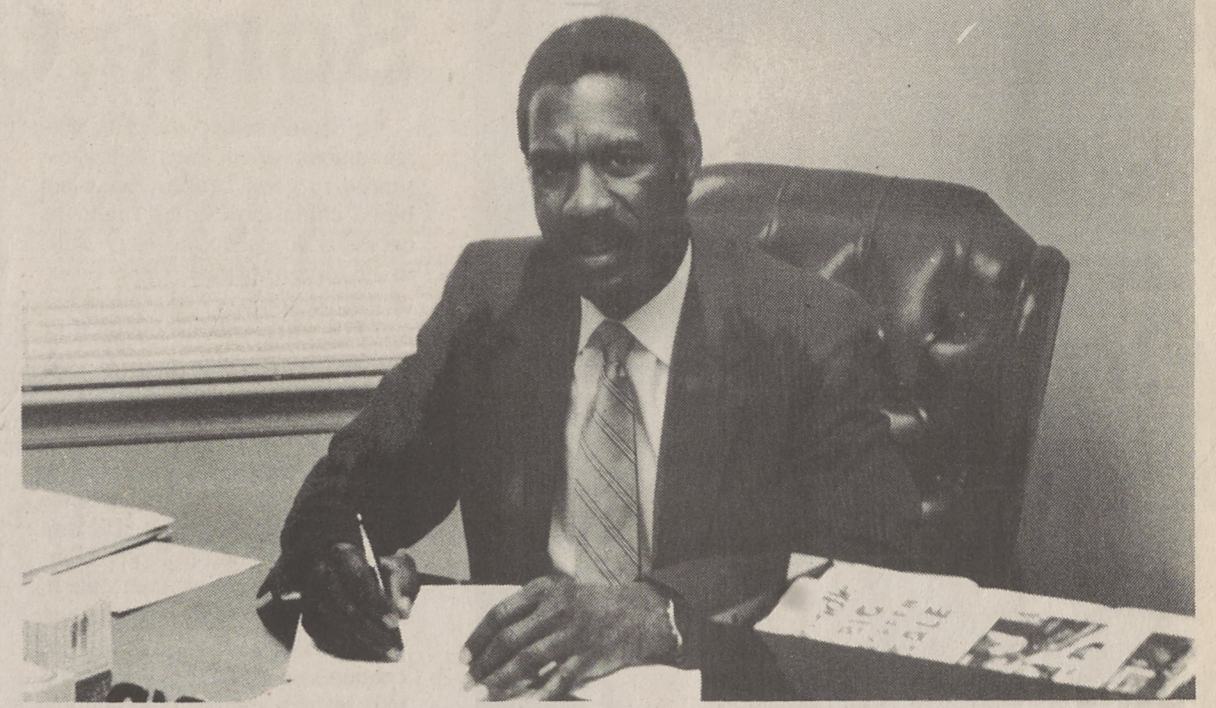
I will detail the various scenarios which are being considered for county-wide Parks and Recreation in my next column. However, please note that this group will be holding a public hearing in late April and we need, encourage and welcome your attendance. In the meantime, feel free to let us know your concerns.

GOLF MEETING

The Woodbridge Ladies Golf Association will meet March 28 at 6 p.m. at Woodbridge Country Club to discuss formation of golf leagues for the summer.

CARD SHOW

There will be a baseball card show Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Kings Mountain Holiday Inn. Admission is one dollar.



KM PHYSICIAN-Dr. Staley Jackson, seated, is an orthopedic surgeon and staff physician at Kings Mountain Hospital.

Dr. Jackson's Office Holds Open House

Staley T. Jackson, M.D., and his office staff recently held an open house to announce the completion of renovations to his office at 608

West King Street.

Dr. Jackson, an orthopedic surgeon and staff physician at Kings Mountain Hospital, is available as

a speaker for talks on bone and joint diseases and injury prevention in sports and industrial settings.

Withrow To Speak At Rotary Meeting

Commander W. H. (Bill) Withrow, U. S. Navy (retired), Democratic candidate for the N. C. House of Representatives from Cleveland, Rutherford and Polk Counties, will speak on "The Budget, Deficit and Future" at Thursday's Rotary Club meeting at noon at the Country Club.

Rotarian Larry Hamrick Sr. is program chairman.

A native of Hollis, population 38, in Rutherford County, Withrow retired there after an absence of 32 years. He retired from the Navy in 1966 with the rank of Commander. From 1969 through December 1983, he taught Political Science and Geography at Gardner Webb College. He attended Wake Forest College, graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy, Class of 1941, and attended UNC Chapel Hill. After graduation from the Naval Academy, he served on board the aircraft carrier USS Wasp until that ship was sunk during the Guadalcanal campaign in 1942. He then entered flight training and, after completion, spent the remainder of World War II in patrol bombing squadrons in the Pacific area. He served 7 1/2 years overseas with his family in quasi-diplomatic duty in Ecuador, Spain and New Zealand. Withrow Glacier in Antarctica is so named "in recognition of his outstanding performance of duty in support of scientific research in Antarctica and in promotion of international cooperation and good will."

Withrow has visited all 50 states,

63 foreign countries and all seven continents.

KM Netters Win Opener

Kings Mountain High's tennis team defeated East Gaston 7-2 in their opening tennis match Thursday at the KMHS courts.

The Mountaineers host Ashbrook next Tuesday afternoon.

Singles winners for KM were Scott Layton, Kevin Bess, Jimbo Thompson, and Brad Benton. Doubles winners were Jay Hendricks-Scott Layton, Kevin Bess-Jimbo Thompson and Brad Benton-Eric Hanks.

KM 7, E. GASTON 2

(Singles)
Robbie Jenson (EG) def. Jay

Hendricks 1-6, 6-2, 7-5; Scott Layton (KM) def. Paul Combs 6-4, 6-4; Kevin Bess (KM) def. Charlie Rose 6-2, 6-2; Brad Benton (KM) def. Eddie Barrett 6-1, 6-1; Jimbo Thompson (KM) def. Derrick Martin 2-6, 6-4, 6-1; Jeremy McKeever (EG) def. Eric Hanks 6-4, 2-6, 7-5.

(Doubles)

Jay Hendricks-Scott Layton (KM) def. Jenson-Rose 6-3, 7-5; Kevin Bess-Jimbo Thompson (KM) def. Martin-Keever 6-4, 6-3; Brad Benton-Eric Hanks (KM) def. Heffner-Barrett 7-5, 6-1.

Baseball

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he added. "We had to come from a 4-1 deficit in the sixth inning and when they play good quality teams that's going to catch up with you sooner or later."

The Mounties fell behind again Tuesday at Shelby as the Lions took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the second. But KM scored three in the top of the third to take the lead and then added a pair of insurance runs in the top of the seventh.

Chad Plonk pitched the first four innings and got the win. Tommy Payne pitched the final three innings.

Kings Mountain collected 11 hits with Chip Cash leading the way with 3-for-4 and two runs batted in. Chris Plonk was 2-for-3.

Jon Reid's single sparked the three-run third inning rally. After a walk to Eric Peppard, Chris Henson sacrificed and Brannon was walked to load the bases. Singles by Cash and Allen plated the runs.

Shelby got a sacrifice fly from Kenny Pauley to cut the margin to 3-2 in the bottom of the third and that score stood until the top of the seventh. Brannon doubled off the left field fence and scored on a single by Cash to give KM a 4-2 lead and Cash closed out the scoring on Chad Plonk's single.

"I felt like the weather was a big

factor," Clark said. "It was cold and I felt like Chad never really got loose. He didn't have a lot of control but Tommy Payne came in and did an excellent job in relief."

"We're still not playing the type of ball we're going to have to play this year," he went on. "Everybody's going to be coming after us. We hope that the intensity will get better and, to be honest, that's the coaching staff's responsibility. We're going to get better at it."

"It's good to get a conference win, but when you have to start coming back every game it's going to creep up and bite you one of these days."

KM 23, CREST 5

By innings: R H E
Cr 200 003 x 5-6-2
KM 595 04x x 23-20-1

Huntley, King (2), Johnson (3) and Ledbetter; Allen, Jenkins (5) and Brannon, Couch (5).

KM 7, HUSS 4

By innings: R H E
KM 000 106 0 7-10-6
HH 003 100 0 4-6-2

Jenkins, Allen (5) and Brannon; Morris and Fox.

KM 5, SHELBY 2

By innings: R H E
KM 003 000 2 5-11-1
Sh 011 000 0 2-8-0

Chad Plonk, Payne (5) and Brannon; Pauley, McSwain (3) and Blanton.

DO YOU KNOW...

- 1) How many miles of ocean separate the state of Alaska from the Soviet Union? a) 500 b) 350 c) 200 d) 50
- 2) In 1899, Appalachian State University was founded under what name? a) Boone Academy b) Appalachian State Teachers College c) Watauga Academy d) Blue Ridge University

"Do You Know" is a weekly quiz by U.S. Congressman Cass Ballenger to encourage interest in U.S. and North Carolina history and geography.

Answers: 1-d, 2-c

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