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Mayor's Vote Puts Bins On East Side

Mayor Kyle Smith broke a tie vote for the first time in two years Tuesday as City Council split on the site for a recycling center.

After an hour of discussion and after taking two votes by Council to try to determine how Council stood on the issue of moving the site to the Community Center, Smith broke the tie. The motion by Neisler was originally to move the site from Railroad to Cleveland

Avenue but after it drew strong opposition from four members of Council and some citizens living in the Cleveland Avenue area during a public hearing, he expanded the motion to keep the current Parkdale Mills site and add more bins at the Community Center. Favoring the motion were Commissioners Fred Finger, Neisler and Al Moretz. Opposing the motion were Commissioners

Bridges, Jackie Barrett and Elvin Greene.

The city recreation commission also opposed the Community Center site, suggesting on March 22 that if the recycling facility is placed on park property that it be located in the parking lot at the corner of Parker and Chestnut Streets with fencing to shield the center from public view.

Neisler said the Community

Center site is the perfect spot for a new \$14,000 machine to be put up by Alcoa Aluminum of Shelby which will automatically weigh cans and give people 35 cents per pound-an incentive for residents to drop off their recyclable items, such as newspapers, plastic and glass. He said that the Center is open until 9 p.m. each night, the area is paved, well lighted and patrolled by police. The recycling

center will front on three sides of Cleveland Avenue on the curb side between the north side of the building and Jake Early Memorial Park.

Neisler said the recycling committee had received complaints from three or four households in the vicinity of the Community Center but had met with them and pointed out that the recycling center, where it will now be located, won't be visible from the resi-

dences. "I think we have satisfied the property owner on the ordinary site," he said.

"It's a place and play and I'm creating the Community Commissioner B Denice Stallin Cleveland Co

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KM Police Blame Shots On Dispute

Police said an ongoing dispute between two families resulted in the shots fired Thursday on Cansler Street in which two men were hurt and two suspects were arrested.

John Patrick Logan, 21, and Larry Dean Logan, 24, both of 225 N. City Street, were transferred from Kings Mountain Hospital to Charlotte Memorial Hospital. Det. Billy Benton and Sgt. Derek Johnson said John Logan was hit in the face and upper chest area with shots from a .38 caliber handgun and Larry Logan was shot with a sawed off .20 gauge shotgun in the face area and upper chest. Police charged Jack Cole Nichols, 46, of 110 N. Cansler Street, with one count of assault with deadly weapon inflicting serious bodily injury and Larry Dean Logan, 24 of 225 N. City Street, with one count simple assault in connection

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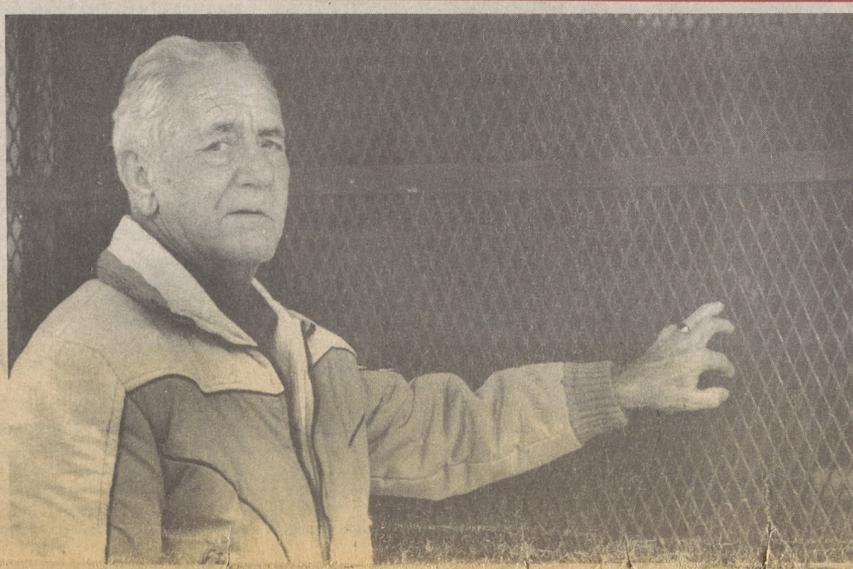


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KEEPING OUT VANDALS-Tommy Barnett, East Kings Mountain merchant, shows how one merchant on North Piedmont Avenue has covered his windows with mesh wire since a rash of vandalism in the area. Two other stores were hit Saturday night.

Sub-Station Hearing Set

The site of what may be a second controversial city project will be decided possibly on April 12 at a 7:30 p.m. public hearing to be conducted by City Council.

Although the public hearing is not a legal requirement, City Manager George Wood said the city utilities committee wants the public to have input into the site of a new 15,000 volt electrical substation the city wants to put on Sims and Parker Street and have their questions answered concerning noise and safety.

The electric substation is part of \$9 million improvements package voted by Kings Mountain citizens for utility improvements. It will be 45 feet high with 80 to 100 foot powerlines.

"There will be a low hum from the electrical equipment, however it should not cause a nuisance," said a question-answer sheet on the location of the new substation and distributed to city council members and the press in a packet of materials at Tuesday night's board meeting. The noise level will be 95 decibels, which is slightly louder than heavy street traffic and slightly less noisy than an elevated train.

According to the memo, the substation isn't supposed to affect neighbors' television or radio reception.

The equipment will be bordered by a 10-foot fence on a two-acre site to guard against children getting near it.

City Council is looking at property owned by the Kings Mountain District Schools and is negotiating with the KM Board of Education for the site. Council met in executive session Tuesday night to consider possible purchase of land.

The substation will receive its electricity over power lines on towers that range from 80 to 100 feet in height.

The EPA has said that no new equipment shall contain PCB in a level high enough to harm the environment, according to the memo which asked the possibilities of

having electrical equipment containing PCB.

At the April 12th meeting, moved up two days to allow three commissioners to attend a seminar for newly-elected officials in Asheville, Council will act on bids for the Pilot Creek WWTP improvements, bids for stump grinding and removal of Hugo debris and a possible sale of land by upset bid.

In another action at Tuesday's meeting, Council set April 17 as date for a public hearing by the Recreation Commission to discuss recommendations for Davidson Park. Recreation Director David Hancock, in a memo to Council, said the commission is ready to present the Davidson park modifications plan. He said their recommendation is to close the pool at Davidson permanently, to make Deal Street the city-wide pool and to move with plans to modify Davidson Park.

In a related action, Council approved the Recreation Commission's request to solicit funds and materials donations for the purpose of constructing a restroom facility for the walking track. The work will be done by all-volunteer labor.

Council authorized Mayor Kyle Smith and City Manager Wood to apply for Title III funds for 1990-91 for the KM Aging Program with the maximum city share of the funds being \$4,995. The city is requesting transportation funding of \$28,661 and Senior Center operations funding of \$16,286.

Council set April 24 at 7:30 p.m. or public hearing on a rezoning request from Sue Ledford McCluney, who owns property near the West Gate Plaza, and accepted bid of \$13,200 from Mount Zion Baptist Church for land adjacent to the church.

Council selected the Public Works facility grounds as the site for the new 5 million gallon water

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Piedmont Looks Like War Zone

Boarded-up windows dot businesses along North Piedmont Avenue since vandals knocked out windows again Saturday at Gaffney's Barber Shop and Mike's Game Room.

Curtis Gaffney, owner of Gaffney's, said he doesn't plan to

replace his windows. "I'm just going to leave them boarded up and hope customers won't think I'm closed."

Property owners at the nine businesses say vandals have targeted their businesses for several years, breaking windows out and doing

extensive damage. They suspect juveniles.

Chief of Police Warren Goforth said he personally talked to seven merchants on North Piedmont Avenue this week about the rash of vandalism, which has included broken windows a number of times

over the past two years. "This is a major thoroughfare of town and it's hard for us to catch the juveniles who the merchants believe are responsible for this disregard of property. We've beefed up our patrol in that area with a walking pa-

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Cancer Crusade Planned For Sunday

The annual Kings Mountain Cancer Crusade will be conducted Sunday afternoon from 2 until 5 p.m. and volunteers will be canvassing the community to solicit funds.

Co-chairmen Nancy Scism and Susie Sellers said that volunteers will be delivering packets of information about cancer and inviting contributions in the Residential Educational and Fund-Raising Crusade. She said more volunteers are needed and they may contact her at Home Federal Bank on West King Street.

Mrs. Scism said statistics show that the research program of the American Cancer Society is paying off in that nearly three million Americans, alive today, are considered cured and American Cancer Society research can take its share of the credit. She cited as one example: ACS supported the development of the PAP test which is used to diagnose cervical cancer. This test has already saved the lives of thousands of women because it can detect cancer of the uterine cervix at its earliest and most curable stage. Other research

progress is the link established by the ACS between smoking and lung cancer.

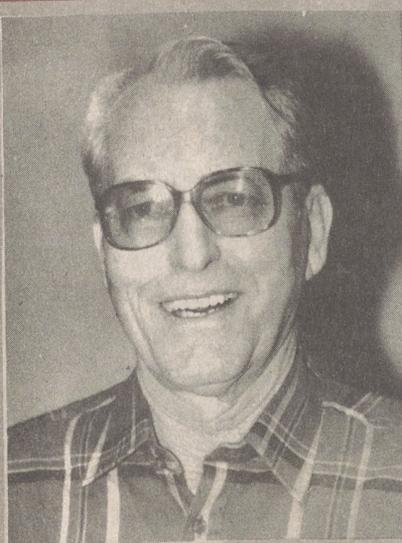
The local Cancer Society office in Shelby, she says, provides an information center. For the cancer patient, it may make available such services as transportation to places of treatment; dressings; sickroom supplies and other special equipment.

Some of the materials that volunteers will hand out to residents includes answers about cancer, ba-

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Kings Mountain People

Jack Hughes, The Chronicler



JACK HUGHES

Retired poultry and cattle farmer Jack Hughes has earned the reputation as a busy, enthusiastic chronicler of family trees, family histories, and Grover School.

When he retired 12 years ago from poultry and cattle farming in the Dixon Community, he found he could stay busy 24 hours a day compiling histories and matching names with the pictures of Grover School alumni dating back to the 20's.

"History has always fascinated me even when I was a kid at Grover School but I took up this hobby purely by accident," said Jack, who said his son, Mark, got him started one day 12 years ago when he asked Jack to find him information about his Civil War great-grandfather for a history project in school. Jack made his first of many visits to the Cleveland County Historical Museum which resulted in more than 500 sheets of material tracing his Hughes, Dunlap, and Wells ancestors to cemeteries all over the Carolinas, some as close by as the Wells cemetery near the Hughes home, the Antioch Baptist Church cemetery where Hughes is an active member, and the old Jeremiah Ballock cemetery at Kings Creek Station. His Wells ancestors are buried in the old Wells cemetery.

His big project was organization of a reunion of his service buddies who served aboard the USS Christopher DE 100 during World War II. Jack, in the U.S. Navy from 1942-45, is so proud of that group that he bought a personalized automobile tag for his truck with the lettering DE100. Jack recalled that the group's first reunion was in 1985 and it took months of work to locate the former crew members and officers for the reunion in Charlotte which saw 133 people in attendance, their first reunion in 45 years. Each year the reunion group has grown in attendance but last year's reunion, scheduled for Charleston, S.C., was canceled by Hurricane Hugo which forced the reunion crowd to give up their motel rooms to Hurricane victims. This year, however, the reunion is on again in Charleston on Oct. 21-22. Jack recalled that the USS Christopher DE 100 was commissioned in the Philadelphia Naval Yards on October 23, 1943. Thirty-five percent of the crew is deceased. Jack recalled that searching for addresses of crew members was a job but no one was more pleased than he when he welcomed crew members and their families for the first reunion.

Jack's interest in Grover School began as a student. A member of the Class of 1942, Jack started his photo

album by clippings from The Herald and pictures he had accumulated through the years. His friends will recall that he was one of three school bus drivers at Grover School (1937-41) and some days he didn't make it to class because two of the other school buses invariably broke down and Jack had to transport all the Dixon and Bethlehem students to elementary schools in the two communities and then take the other students to Grover. Clyde McDaniel and Warren Goforth drove the other two busses but the wintertime was hard on the old busses and they refused to start up many cold mornings. The busses had double seats and a strip down the middle. "Now you boys sit on one side, you girls sit on the other and you little ones sit in the middle," Ms. Livingstone, the teacher, always instructed the little ones who climbed on Jack's bus. "Sometimes I wouldn't make it to class because I spent all the time driving the bus," recalled Jack who said he earned \$9 a month.

His friends will also recall that Grover's unbeaten baseball champs of 1941 won the Cleveland County championship with a perfect 13-0 record and is be-

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