

PILOT CREEK WWTP IMPROVEMENTS-Workmen for Thamer Construction Company install pipe for a washwater pump station at the Pilot Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant where major construction is underway and will continue for sometime. Robbie Payne, left, and William Smith, right, are pictured at the site. Money for the improvements was voted by KM citizens in the recent bond referendum.

HIGHWAY

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feet beyond the Junior High, cross to U. S. 74 and end up at Dick Elam Road 2030, at Royal Motel on Shelby Road.

White was mailing letters this week, which included a fact sheet on Project R-2625 to local Senators and school and community leaders. He was also asking community leadership to contact Ken Younger, of Cherryville, member-at-large on the committee, Division Engineer Ray Spangler and District Highway Engineer Clyde Ledbetter urging DOT to place the project on an accelerated funding status this fiscal year due to the critical need in the west end of the city. He also included a copy of the

map which shows the north-south connector highlighted in yellow.

White said the official request for the project was submitted to the N. C. Department of Transportation May 22 and the feasibility study is scheduled to be completed by Aug. 31.

The priority for funding of the project is set by the D.O.T member and staff of D.O.T in the area with final approval by the full board.

"The city has selected this connector for priority funding primarily due to the fact that we presently have no north-south connector on the west end of the city. Completion of the new Middle School has compounded the traffic problem," said White, who termed the project fairly inexpensive but critical.

"The proposed corridor enjoys excellent topography for construction; traverses virtually all open country and/or primarily uncultivated farmland; there are no industries or major businesses requiring acquisition and relocation; there are no major residential purchases necessary with attendant relocations of individuals and families; there are no major streams or rivers to cross; and there are no major utility relocations needed," the city letter states.

White said the city points out that the need for earlier funding has become a critical matter as a result of the completion by the schools of a major segment of its capital project improvement program. KMSHS and KMJH with combined enrollments of 1,400 are located on Phifer Road approximately 1,500 to 2,000 feet north of the proposed project. Present traffic patterns to the school create daily severe and dangerous conditions. This fall, the new Middle School and addition to the present Senior High School created additional enrollments of 700 students. The combined enrollment of grades 6-12 will be 2,100 students, creating a traffic emergency situation in this area, according to the letter signed by White.

Jaycees To Collect MDA Pledges

Pledges for the nationwide Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon will be collected by Cleveland County Jaycees from Cleveland Mall offices. Local callers are asked to make pledges by calling 484-2001 or 484-2002. Telethon hours for local callers are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sept. 3. Total toteboard figures was \$265,030 last year. Donations are used to provide direct patient services and research for patients with muscular dystrophy in the Southern Piedmont area.

Rezoning Request To Be Heard Thursday

A rezoning request by realtor Warren Reynolds is expected to be under fire again Thursday by petitioners opposing the building of an automobile sound shop in the East School area.

Representatives of Kings Mountain Board of Education, adjacent property owner, and neighbors of the west side of Cleveland Avenue between Lynn Street and the U. S. 74 Bypass are expected to voice their opposition to the Planning and Zoning Board at the 7:30 p.m. meeting at City Hall.

Sixty-one names appear on a petition which was presented at the recent city council meeting when City Council returned the request to the P&Z board, which had earlier recommended the rezoning. City Council has the authority to deny or approve rezoning.

"Reynolds property is now an eyesore and he wants to construct a 3,000 square foot brick building at cost of \$100,000," said developer Mike Brown, who said the building would be sound proof and will comply with the city's noise ordi-

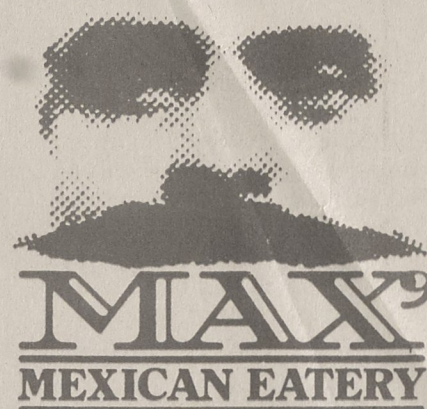
nances. Brown said the new business would bring in more tax revenues and would be a city utility customer.

Board of Education Chairman Doyle Campbell said the school system is not opposed to community growth and progress but that East School classes are held "directly across the street from the proposed building and the possible negative effects and disruption of class bother us."

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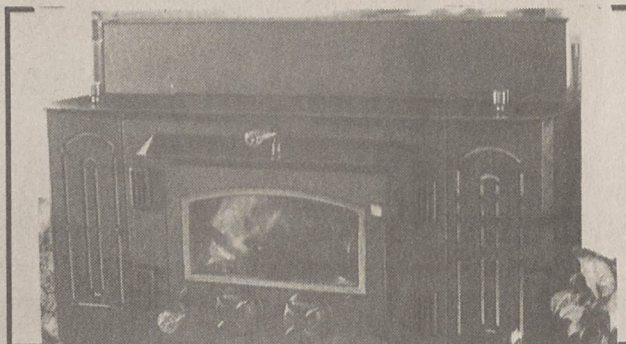
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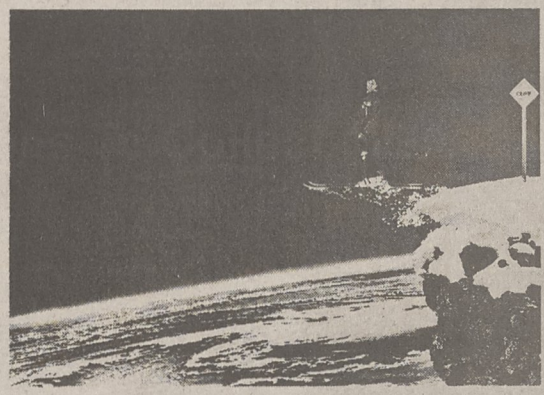
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