

## CITY HALL BEAT

# KM gets \$52,500 to renovate homes

The City of Kings Mountain has received \$52,500 to renovate seven substandard owner-occupied homes. The funds are part of \$2.25 million in loans and grants that the N. C. Housing Finance Agency has approved for 1991 from the N. C. Housing Trust Fund.

The \$2.25 million will help 27 local governments and nonprofit organizations renovate 338 substandard homes and rental units statewide.

"Because of the limited amount of money available, only housing in non-metropolitan areas of the state was eligible during this funding cycle," said Willard Gourley of Charlotte, chairman of the N. C. Housing Partnership. Forty housing sponsors submitted proposals for the funds.

The money is part of the state's settlement under oil overcharge litigation and other funds appropriated by the General Assembly in 1989 and 1990 for low-income housing. It is distributed by the 13-member Housing Partnership with staff management by the N. C. Housing Finance Agency.

Governor Jim Martin said, "The Housing Trust Fund is an excellent example of what can be accomplished when the state and local groups work together in partnership."

## Water break

A construction worker accidentally hit a water valve Monday while working on the 5 million gallon water tank at Public Works and for nearly an hour the northern section of the city had water problems.

Some residents were upset when the clothes they were washing at that time became red-colored, said Tom Howard, Community Services Director.

Howard said the city didn't lose a large quantity of water due to the break and it was fixed in a short time.

The water outage affected about 1/3 of the city's water customers.

"We had a lot of calls from citizens and were sorry it happened," said Howard.

Workmen are installing two big 30" pipe lines between the new 5 million gallon water tank and the existing 2 million gallon tank and installing pipes now to tie in to the existing system. In about three weeks, Howard said water will be put in the 5 million gallon tank for testing and cleaning.

## To review plans

A preliminary design review of architectural plans for the new Kings Mountain Law Enforcement Center will be presented to members of the committee next Wednesday.

Commissioner Jackie Barrett heads the committee.

The former Kings Mountain Post Office is the site of the new Center but will be renovated extensively over several years to house the police department.

The city withheld \$90,000 for the renovation from next year's budget due to a tight budget and the recession.

## Drainage bids

The city will let bids Thursday morning at 10 a.m. at City Hall for major drainage projects on Woodside Drive and Monroe Avenue.

The project cost is \$50,000.

The bid-opening will be in council chambers.

## Beach blast

Business has been brisk at Moss Lake since April 1, according to Lake Officer Phil Witherspoon.

Reporting to the Kings Mountain Lake Authority Monday, Witherspoon said that total collections since April 1 amount to \$102,000.

The board approved the proposed budget for 1991-92 of

\$87,642.00 and authorized a letter to each occupant of the Lake Side Trailer Park that fees to use the waterfront will be \$125 per trailer.

Recreation Director David Hancock presented a proposal to have an individual rent the paddle boats on a percentage basis but no action was taken.

Police Chief Warren Goforth presented a drawing showing a plan to grass a good portion of the beach area this fall to cut down on maintenance of the beach each summer.

## Groundbreaking

Groundbreaking ceremonies for Kings Mountain's first Habitat for Humanity project will be held Saturday morning at 11 a.m. at the site on Tracy Street.

Members of the Cleveland County Habitat for Humanity board, of which city councilman Scott Neisler is a member, will break ground for the \$20,000 three-bedroom dwelling to be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Curry and family.

The public is invited.

## Top of Day in KM

'Top of the Day' crews from WBTB Channel 3 will be at Kings Mountain city hall Thursday to tape a special show.

C.J. Underwood will conduct the interviews which will start in mid-morning and continue until noon.

## Request denied

A request from Kamphone Sonvichit, of 403 Fulton Drive, for variance of 6 1/2 feet from the rear of his property line to add on to an existing structure which now encroaches the rear property line was unanimously denied by the Kings Mountain Board of Adjustments at a called meeting Tuesday.

Ken George, of 402 Scotland Drive, spoke in opposition to the

request. Sonvichit was not present at the meeting to speak on behalf of his application.

No record of a building permit was produced for the earlier structure and building codes officer Chris Rossi indicated the existing building would remain but the additional improvements would need to be removed.

No one appeared in opposition to the city's appeal that design standards outlined in Section 73 of the Kings Mountain Zoning Ordinance which permit parking in residential zones be met. The city purchased property at 201 S. Gaston Street for parking, beautification and for better ingress and egress and David Hancock, City Parks and Recreation Director, presented a plan for improvement of the property as a parking lot.

The board unanimously approved the city's request, noting that no adverse impact would occur to adjacent property owners.

## Grover budget

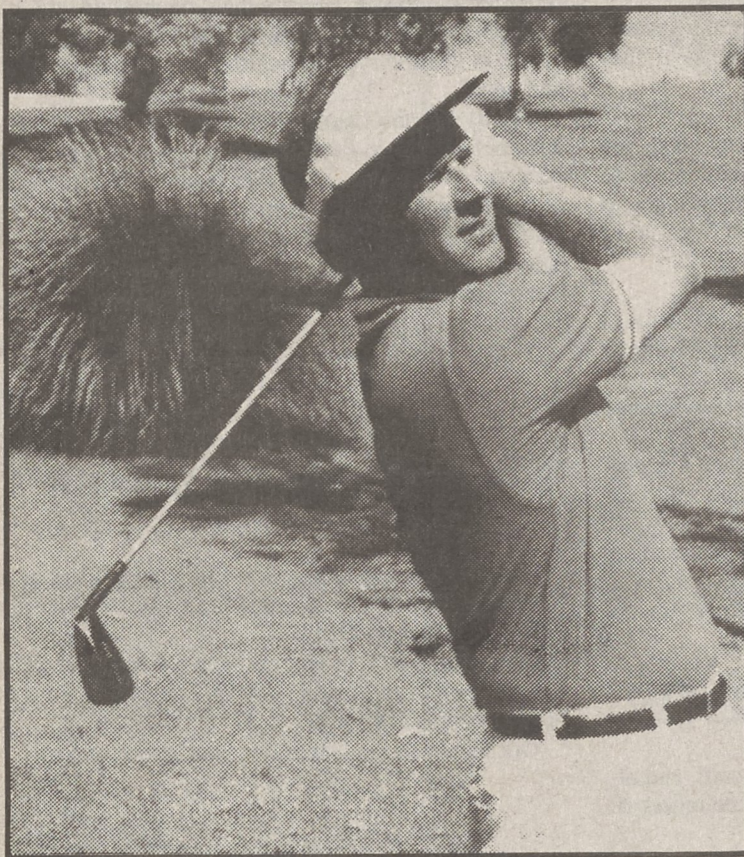
GROVER-Town Board has adopted a \$397,634.30 budget for 1991-92 which holds the tax rate at 29 cents per \$100 valuation and is little changed from last year except for a 10 cents hike in water rates to cover increases from the supplier, city of Kings Mountain.

The budget provides for general operations, general maintenance on water and sewer lines and operation of town hall.

The new water rate will go from \$1 per 1,000 gallons to \$1.10.

In other business of the June meeting, the board made plans for the July 4th celebration to be held on Saturday, June 29, from 12 noon until 4 p.m. Crafts, foods, and games for children will be featured downtown. A street dance from 8 p.m. to 12 p.m. will climax the event and will be held in front of Grover Industries. Lynn Rowland is chairman of the festivities.

# What Is Your Banker Doing On Saturday?



Other Banker



Brenda Cobb, Elaine Clemmer, Kings Mountain Office

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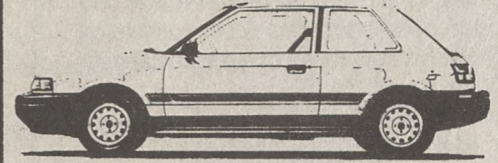
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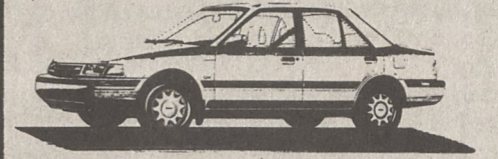
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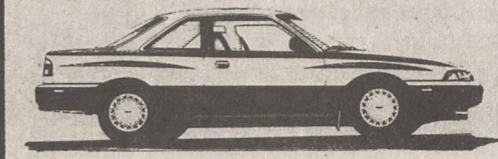
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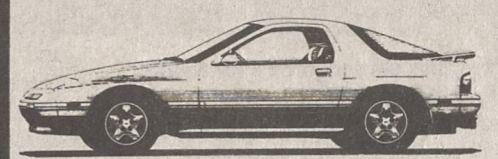
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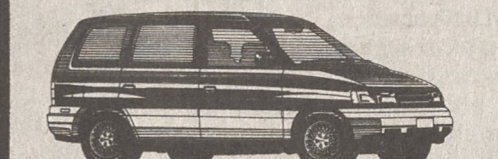
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