

MAYOR KYLE SMITH left, County Commissioner Joe Cabaniss, and former senator Ollie Harris, cut the ribbon at the T.J. Ellison Water Treatment Plant, where major improvements have been made.

Improvements dedicated

City of Kings Mountain officials cut the ribbon formally dedicating the \$2 million improvements at the T.J. Ellison Water Treatment Plant at Moss Lake Tuesday.

"This is an exciting day for Kings Mountain," said Mayor Kyle Smith, pushing the button to cut on the newly completed water purification equipment and sludge processing system paid for by bond money. The new filtering system includes two drying beds, a pump building, two tanks, a 1 million gallon clearwell water storage tank and a 1/2 million gallon sludge holding tank plus electronic controls, sludge holding vacuum system, and crack repairs in the settling basin.

"We're way ahead of the game on the utility improvements," said Smith. "Now the city can say 'yes' to new industry."

Former Senator J. Ollie Harris and Joe Cabaniss, chairman of the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners, assisted in cutting the ribbon opening the pump building which sits on a hill overlooking

11 acres adjoining city-owned Moss Lake in a system which treats 9 million gallons per day of raw water from Moss Lake, treated and pumped seven miles to Kings Mountain. The treatment consists of settling, filtration, fluoridation, chlorination and alum sludge processing. Tests are performed in the plant's state certified laboratory for bacteria, solids, inorganic chemicals, color, taste and alkalinity.

Community Services Director Tom Howard, who presided at the dedication, said water bond improvements included the building of a 5MG water tank in Kings Mountain and dedicated last month. The third phase of the water bonds project will see completion of a spillway.

Other guests at the dedication were City Manager George Wood, City Commissioners Al Moretz, Fred Finger, Norma Bridges, Jerry White; Bessemer City Manager Ralph Mesera; Barbara Danner from the county Economic Development Office; Curt Eckard,

contractor, Hickory Construction Company, and Alex Berkley, designer, W. K. Dickson Co. Other contractors were Anderson Brothers Electrical and Crom Corporation.

The project was completed in 10 months.

Initially the treatment plant was built in 1968 with a capacity of four million gallons per day. In 1978 this was expanded to 8 million gallons per day.

The water distribution system comprises 120 miles. It is composed of various sized water lines from 24 inch to the residential 3/4 inch service lines. The single 24 inch main water line from the water plant was installed in 1968 and extends five miles to the main pump station on N.C. 74. This pump station houses three additional water pumps at 400 HP each. Two large two million gallon water tanks were constructed in Kings Mountain in 1968 and 1981. The third new tank at the Public Works site on N. Piedmont Avenue will store up to 5MG of water per day.

FBLA meeting held at KMHS

Over 600 students from the state's division VI district came to Kings Mountain High School Friday to listen to experts in the field of business.

The students were members of their high school's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and were attending the first of a bi-annual affair for the groups.

The conference was held at KMHS because this year's district vice-president, Stefanie Townsend, is a senior at Kings Mountain.

The morning began with a speech from Cleveland Community College President Dr. Steve Thornburg.

Thornburg challenged the students to live up to their creed, which stresses the importance of education.

"Will we be leaders and creators of new marvels in technology in the 21st century?" Thornburg asked.

He also said that he believed there was a job for everyone who wants to work if they are qualified.

"Seventy to 80 percent of jobs require some type of formal education beyond high school," he said. "Take advantage of educational opportunities. We need commitment to life-long learning."

Workshops with area leaders were scheduled for the remainder of the morning. Twenty-two subjects, ranging from image makeover to business ethics, were to be discussed.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hayes announce the arrival of their first child, a daughter, Lauryn Brooke, October 15, Gaston Memorial Hospital. The baby weighed eight pounds, five ounces and is 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Bob and Judy Herndon and Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Hayes. Maternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Helen Logan.

Mrs. Hayes is the former Melanie Herndon.

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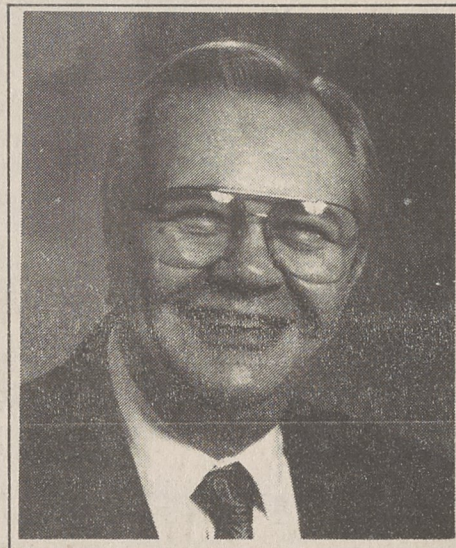


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Council hears complaints

City Council heard complaints from two citizens at Tuesday night's meeting at the Governmental Services Facilities Center.

Carol Roberts of Moss Lake asked the city should take steps to make a contractor repair damages to her property; and Don Guiton asked the board to amend its ordinance to allow him to keep horses at his home on Bennett Street.

Mrs. Roberts said because the city issued a permit for a contractor to dredge an area of Moss Lake behind Dogwood Drive that the city is responsible for seeing that repairs are made. She said a bank was sloped to steep, causing soil erosion and causing her septic tank to be out of compliance with codes.

Mayor Pro Tem Elvin Greene said her request would be forward-

ed to the City Attorney.

After the meeting, City Manager George Wood said the city had met with Mr. and Mrs. Roberts and the contractor to try to help resolve the situation. However, Wood said, the city's position is that it is a legal matter between the other two parties. He said by issuing a permit the city is not responsible if someone else's property is encroached upon.

Guiton said he owns horses which he keeps in a pasture in Grover, but at times has had as many as 10 at his home. He said he usually keeps one or two horses in a 100' x 200' lot at his home on Bennett Street so his children can ride them.

"In my opinion horses keep their minds off all the bad things going on around them," he said. "It is like my own DARE program for my boys."

Guiton said he knows of five other cases where city residents are keeping animals but his is the only case being questioned.

"Mine can be seen from the (Highway 74) bypass, but it looks better to see horses than kudzu vines," he told the Council.

City Manager George Wood said city ordinances prohibit horses within 200 feet of another residence.

The board took Guiton's comments under review.

In other action Tuesday night, the Council:

- Adopted a resolution releasing the city's share of State Economic Development Funds to Isothermal Planning and Development Commission. If funds are not released they are returned to the state.

- Appointed Councilman Fred Finger as a voting delegate and City Manager George Wood as an alternate delegate to the North Carolina League of Municipalities' annual convention and business meeting November 10-12.

- Adopted a resolution declaring surplus property (wire and appurtenances) from electrical improvements and authorizing the property to be sold by sealed bids.

- Approved several resolutions necessary to proceed with the CD-BG housing renovation project in the Second Street area.

Open House is Sunday at studio

An open house featuring a showing of paintings and the unveiling of new 1992 silk screened calendars by Southern Arts Society will be held Sunday afternoon from 1:30-6 p.m. at A. B. Studio, 3600 Margrace Road. The public is invited.

The calendars, on sale to the public for \$15, are 13 original hand screened prints signed and numbered by the artists who belong to the local organization which also offers frames for a minimum price and just in time for holiday gift giving. All proceeds are earmarked for scholarships. Southern Arts Society presented \$4500 in scholarships last school year.

"Enjoy the beauty of these prints by local artists in your home and help students to further their education in the visual art field," said A. B. Snow, who helped organize the group several years ago.

Refreshments will be served and those attending will be invited to view different styles of art by local artists.

Mrs. Snow suggests that citizens may want to come to the open house before or after participation in the annual Crop Walk.



One of the haunted houses up close and personal made by Grover Elementary third graders for a contest on Thursday.

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