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## Councilwoman threatens to take manager to court

### Mayor to propose budget changes

Mayor Scott Neisler will outline an alternative budget proposal to City Council Tuesday to fix the money flow problem and get the city's books back in the black by June 30.

He will also propose, in the presence of two representatives of the Local Government Commission, that the Local Government Commission and Institute of Government review it.

Neisler said citizens who want to speak at the meeting should place their names on the

agenda which will be prepared Friday by City Manager Chuck Nance.

Neisler, who has criticized Finance Director Maxine Parson's handling of the 1994-95 budget, said recent tax and water rate increases were unnecessary and that the 1993-94 audit reveals that when you underspend the budget by \$541,000, you have had a good year.

Neisler's budget is different

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NORMA BRIDGES

### Sara Lee to build distribution plant

Sara Lee Foundations, one of the country's best known manufacturers of women's intimate apparel, announced Tuesday it will begin construction in the spring of a \$10 million distribution center near the Firestone plant a short distance from the city.

David Livesay, Director of Distribution, said the massive building, the first phase of a \$36 million construction project, will be built on 35 acres on a hill facing I-85 from Canterbury Road.

Initial plans call for the 220,000 square foot building to be completed by the fall of 1995 with expansion to 700,000 square feet by the year 2000. He said in three years an office complex will be added and by year 2000 the work force should double.

"This is exciting news for

Gaston County and the Kings Mountain area," said Ray Cloninger, chairman of the Gaston County Economic Development Commission who participated in the announcement meeting in Gastonia with David Cline, vice-chairman; Donnie Hicks, executive director; Senator David Hoyle, member of the North Carolina Economic Development Board and Ed Church of the N.C. Department of Commerce.

"This is good news for the Kings Mountain area," said Mayor Scott Neisler who also attended the breakfast meeting.

Neisler said the company will be a water and natural gas customer of Kings Mountain.

"The tremendous success we are seeing with our Wonderbra line of products coupled with

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Mayor Scott Neisler, left, and David Livesay, Director of Distribution for Sara Lee Foundations, look at an architect's drawing of a new \$10 million distribution center the manufacturer will build near the city.

### Citizens to council: Change or resign

A citizen's group blaming the city's problems on political and management errors will demand changes Tuesday night from a City Council divided on their opinions on how to run the city and cure its financial ills.

M. Eugene White, former city planning director, said if the political leadership is unwilling to make the necessary changes they should resign.

White paid for an advertisement in today's Herald which states that he is on the agenda for the 7:30 p.m. meeting at City Hall "to address subdivision administration and the audit report as it relates to fundamental political and management errors."

White said that petitions will be distributed which will out-

line demands.

"The city administration, including political and the highest administrative leadership, have become a laughingstock/joke to the people who pay their salaries," said White.

"Credibility is gone."

White said citizens don't have to wait one year or three years to vote some Council members out of office.

"With citizen involvement we don't have to put up with incompetence, lack of leadership and cooperation, special treatment and conflict of interests, lack of integrity, continued embarrassment to the city and violating of the public trust," he said.

"Kings Mountain can't afford three more years of this circus."

### Kids' van fund still short of goal

The prayers and support of a fund drive which to date reaches \$10,000 give Billy and Patricia Byers hope that Battens Disease, a rare genetic illness, can one day be cured.

Billy Dean Byers Jr., 9, and his sister, Tabitha Rashaed Byers, 5, are battling the illness that struck the boy when he was three and the girl when she was four.

Byers says he's confident that prayer kept colds away from his only children this winter but he says that Tabitha, who is affectionately called Peanut, may soon have to be fed through a tube.

"Tabitha is on my mind constantly," said Mrs. Byers.

The Byers are hoping to raise \$50,000, part of which they want to use to buy a handicapped-equipped van to trans-

port their children to Duke Hospital for regular checkups. After the vehicle is purchased, the family plans to donate the rest of the money to families of children who need wheelchairs and lifts.

Recently, generous donations were made by Bethlehem Baptist Church, East Shelby Church of God, Dixon Presbyterian Church and Bethware Progressive Club.

Bethware Progressive Club will host a hot dog supper benefit on February 11 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Bethware School. The public is invited.

A fund for the children has been set up at First National Bank, Shelby. Tax-deductible donations may be forwarded directly to the bank or to the Byers family at 108 Plantation Drive in Kings Mountain.

### SBI to probe vehicle deal

#### Manager to release material

Records of vehicle transactions between the City of Kings Mountain and Fantastic Auto Sales of Shelby were to be released today to area media by City Manager Chuck Nance.

Nance told The Herald that it had taken some time to assemble all the information.

The city has done business with the Shelby dealer for several years.

The city's vehicle transactions came under scrutiny in November when former Chief Warren Goforth resigned after he was criticized for purchasing one of the drug cars he traded in with another vehicle for an undercover vehicle for the Detective Division.

In a written statement former Police Chief Warren Goforth gave the media Nov. 11, he said he and Sgt. Billy Benton traded a Dodge Daytona and a Suburban truck and received a 1990 Chevrolet Geo Prism in return. Goforth returned later to the car dealer and bought the truck, a 1987 GMC Suburban that had been seized in a federal drug investigation, for \$1,095.

Goforth said he was able to purchase the truck inexpensively because it needed extensive repairs.

Goforth said that the controversy over the vehicle trade was "the straw that broke the camel's back" and he resigned from the Police Department after seven years on the job.

"I have never withheld information but it takes awhile to get it all together," said Nance.

### KM to host band clinic

Kings Mountain will be the host school for over 300 bandmen and directors January 27-28 at Kings Mountain Middle and High School.

The two-day clinic will be held at the KMMS band room, the KMHS band room and the stage of B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

Donna Tucker from Roanoke, Va. will conduct the Middle School Honors Band, Christine Sneed from Cherryville will conduct the High School Honors Band and Thomas Dvorak from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee will conduct the Senior High Honors Band.

The two-day clinic will include a directors luncheon at Dini's Harbour House on Friday

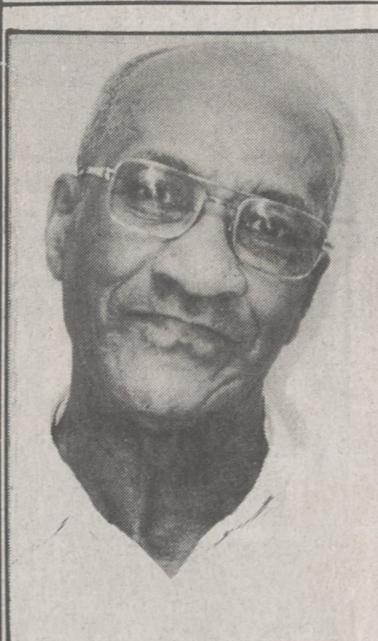
and a catered barbecue dinner for all participants and directors at KMHS on Friday evening. The South Central District Directors Jazz Band will perform for the students at the barbecue dinner.

The clinic will culminate on Saturday with a concert by all three district bands at 3 p.m. in Barnes Auditorium. The concert will be professionally recorded and is free and open to the public. An early arrival is recommended due to the large crowd expected.

Clinic chairpersons Chris Cole and Gil Doggett will have 19 students participating in the clinic.

Middle School participants are Clark Poole, Cecelia See Clinic, 9-A

### Kings Mountain People



LAWYER QUINN

### Lawyer keeps God's House spotless

By ELIZABETH STEWART  
of The Herald staff

Lawyer Quinn sings while he works and perhaps that's his secret of long life.

Quinn, 84, the custodian at Central United Methodist Church for nearly 40 years, reports to work early and organizes his cleaning duties by first cleaning the rooms that will be used each day.

The congregation will honor him and his family on "Lawyer Quinn Day" Sunday with gifts and a covered dish luncheon.

Quinn's daughters will join him in the celebration. They learned to be good housekeepers at an early age by helping

their father in the church.

A native of York County, SC. Quinn was born July 9, 1910. He has outlived his four sisters, three brothers his parents, a son and his wife, Lessie Bell Quinn whom he married in 1935. His five children, Yvonne Quinn of Arlington, Va., Lawyer Quinn Jr. of Kings Mountain, Robert Pressley Quinn of Gastonia and twins Darlene Quinn of Charlotte and Marlene Spencer of Clover, SC. 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren have all been invited to his appreciation day.

Lawyer plans to labor the rest of his life. God willing. The church is home to him and

he counts his blessings for many friends, black and white.

"Now I love these members here and I live in Kings Mountain but I joined St. James United Methodist Church in York at age 12 and that's where I belong," he said this week. Quinn was chairman of the trustee board and finance chairman for years for the 175-member church.

Although he never misses a church service in his home church, he will be on the front pew at Central Methodist Sunday. He turned down choir director Linda Dixon's invitation.

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