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## Dr. Gelot to open KM office

Dr. Deepak R. Gelot will open Carolina Family Care at 707 W. King Street in mid-April for the general practice of family medicine.

Gelot, 38, has purchased the Mayse-Robinson medical building across from the Kings Mountain Hospital from Dr. Scott Mayse. He will use the eight rooms in the facility for examination and procedure rooms and will offer a modern family practice with the latest diagnostic equipment. He is accepting new patients.

Gelot said the new practice will offer basic lab work in-house with a goal of preventive care for the whole family.

Gelot, a native of India, was recruited by Cleveland Memorial Hospital last summer. He was married in Chapel Hill last July to Tammy Hankins of Martinsville, Va. and they have moved to the Moss Lake area.

"I like Kings Mountain and Cleveland County and I am looking forward to meeting more Kings Mountain people," he said this

week. Gelot said he appreciated the assistance of Gary Whitaker at Kings Mountain Federal Savings Bank for helping him locate a building for his practice.

Gelot has hired Robina McMillan of Dallas as office manager and Rachel Sellers, formerly with Kings Mountain Family Practice, as receptionist. His office will be open five days a week and probably on Saturday morning, depending on patient demand. An open house will be held prior to the official opening of the family prac-

tice. A graduate of Gujarat University in India and Western Carolina University at Cullowhee, he holds a medical degree from UNC at Chapel Hill, class of 1991. He interned in family practice at Roanoke Memorial Hospital, Roanoke, Va. from July 1991-1994. He is board certified by the American Board of Family Practice and is licensed by the Commonwealth of Virginia and North Carolina.

Gelot was employed by Roche

Biomedical Laboratories in Burlington from 1986-91 as a medical technologist in the Virology Department and at St. Joseph's Hospital in Asheville as a medical technologist from 1982-91. He came to this country in 1979, sponsored at Chowan College by his uncle, a Ahoskie surgeon.

Gelot is fluent in three languages, English, Hindi and Gujarati.

A Tar Heel fan, he says he enjoys reading, travel, tennis and spectator sports.



DR. D.R. GELOT

## Retirement Center top goal of Consortium for Progress

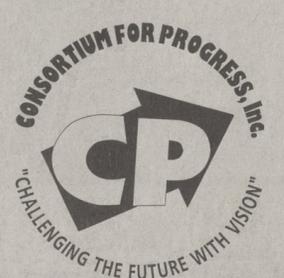
Consortium for Progress Inc. announced Wednesday at a press conference at Mauney Memorial Library that one of its goals will be the development of a retirement center.

"If anyone can do it John Henry Moss can," said former Senator J. Ollie Harris in his opening remarks announcing the formation of the nearly 50-member group of business and civic leaders dedicated to progress.

Harris recalled when Cleveland County people started talking about building a lake in "10 years or so that John Henry said Kings Mountain could build it quicker."

"Moss Lake, named after former Mayor Moss, is the best thing that ever happened for Kings Mountain," said Harris.

"Kings Mountain has had progress in the past 20 years partic-



ularly and outstanding businesses and industries have come to the area," said Harris.

"I'm all for what's good for Kings Mountain and these people are willing to work for progress for all of us."

A second priority of the Consortium will be to attract busi-

ness and industry and help local business stay in town.

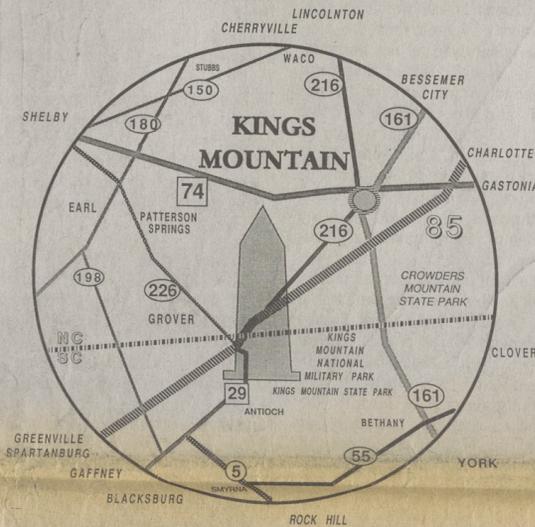
Moss announced the formation of seven committees, two non-profit corporations and three for-profit corporations.

The for-profit corporations are Economic Development Board Inc. 2000 Development Corporation Inc. and The Venture Fund Inc. The non-profits are Citizens Health Delivery Systems and the Citizens Foundation Inc.

Moss is President of the Consortium's Board of Governors which includes 19 members. George A. (Tony) Ruppe is first vice-president, James A. Childers is second vice-president, Murray Pruette is treasurer and Darrell Keller is comptroller. The executive committee is composed of 11 members. Committees will have

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## "CAROLINA'S OPPORTUNITY"



## M.L. Campbell dies Monday

Rev. M. L. Campbell, 78, prominent political leader, Kings Mountain minister and former school teacher, died Monday at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

He was pastor of several churches in Cleveland, Lincoln and Gaston Counties. He taught agriculture at the old Compact High School in Kings Mountain.



CAMPBELL

Campbell was long active in the Democratic Party and was one of the longest-serving presidents of the county chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

A funeral service is planned Friday.

Campbell was honored recently for his lifetime accomplishments for the NAACP at the group's annual banquet in February. He was one of the named plaintiffs in a recent Voting Rights Act lawsuit against the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners.

Former Kings Mountain Senator J. Ollie Harris said Campbell would be remembered for more than just his work in the political area. "M. L. was involved in church and school affairs and was a champion of civil and human rights," said Harris.

A native of Moore County, Campbell moved to Cleveland County in 1939 after graduating from N. C. A&T University with a degree in education.

He studied theology at Livingstone College. His pastorates included Waddell Chapel AME Zion Church in Shelby; Neely's Grove Chapel AME Zion Church in Gastonia, Lincs Chapel AME Zion Church in Lincolnton and Rudisill Chapel AME Zion Church in Cherryville.

## Schools seek \$1.9 million in county funds

### Pool Foundation needs a boost

The co-chairman of the successful community fundraising effort which built Neisler Natatorium compared his request for money to a ball game to the Kings Mountain Board of Education Monday.

"It's the ninth inning and two men are out and we need a pinch hitter," said Grady Howard, who asked for \$44,000, the balance due on a bank note by Kings Mountain Indoor Pool Foundation.

Although board members indicated their support, they put off the vote until the April meeting. Board Chairman B. S. Peeler said it was customary policy to lay such requests on the table for a month prior to taking action.

"The success of the indoor pool and the acceptance from the community met all our expectations,"

said Howard, who said he was making the presentation on behalf of the fundraiser co-chairman and Foundation President Scott Mayse and members of the foundation board of directors.

The Indoor Pool Foundation raised \$817,000, an all time record of giving by Kings Mountain citizens, to build Neisler Natatorium. He said that pledges from citizens are trickling down and the balance on the First Union bank note must be paid.

Howard cited the hard work of Dr. Mayse and his wife, Sarah, and the efforts of the board of directors, four of whom were present, including Larry Hamrick Sr., former Supt. of Schools Bill Davis, Odus Smith and Supt. Dr. Bob McRae.

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School's Supt. Dr. Bob McRae said he will ask Cleveland County commissioners to fund \$1.9 million of a proposed \$4 million current

expense budget, an 8.4 percent increase over 1994-95 of which 6.4 percent of the money is a continuation of programs rather than new programs.

He said the local system received no increase in allocations from the county in 1994-95.

"We are behind a year and I feel this is a reasonable request and a frugal budget," he said.

The proposed \$4 million current expense budget presented to the Kings Mountain Board of Education Monday night includes a request of four percent teacher raises and funding of two new teacher positions.

McRae will also ask the county to continue the 18 cents supplemental school tax.

He said property reevaluation

will produce some extra income for the school system.

Public hearing on the budget will be conducted at the school board's April 10 meeting at 7 p.m. at Central School.

Five percent of the proposed increased revenues will be used for instructional supplies.

McRae said that no across-the-boards raise went to employees last year.

A half-time clerical position at Bethware School would also be funded due to the growing enrollment of students and new programs.

A 6.4 percent increase is projected in the capital outlay budget which totals \$300,000, including renovation projects and contingencies. A roof at East School, improvements to the high school mechanical system, lighting, carpets, Bethware Cafeteria furniture, computers for the finance office and

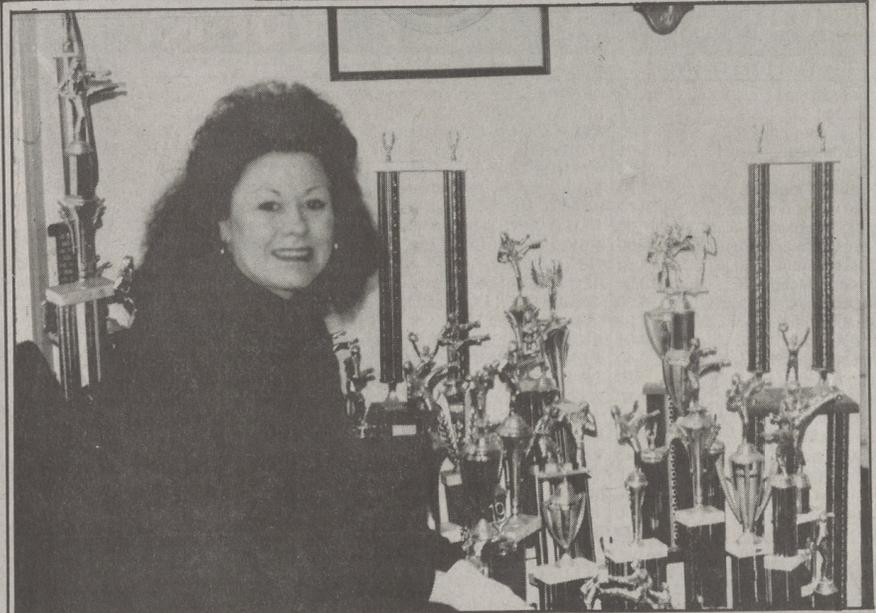
school grants of \$5,000 for each of the seven schools and the district office are projected.

Aside from teacher pay and school supplies, the largest new operating expenses were in the principals administration category, which includes \$16,790 for new salary money for assistant principals and clerical workers and \$10,000 for teacher workshops.

Anticipated revenues would include, in addition to the \$1.9 county appropriation and the \$1.4 supplemental tax, inventory tax of \$80,634; ABC board share, \$5,000; Gaston County tax, \$127,020; tuition, \$14,000; contributions, \$30,000; fines, \$91,377; local rental, \$8,000; interest, \$20,000; indirect costs, \$5,000; county rental, \$1,000; and community schools, \$121,508 plus a fund balance allocation of \$10,000.

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## Kings Mountain People



Besides karate, writing poetry is Kathy Tallmage's special love. Tallmage, who has been fighting lupus, finds relaxation in writing and in karate. Her hobbies have won her awards.

## Poetry a gift to conquer fear

The poetry that Kathy Tallmage writes is all about life, love and suffering and how the gift of writing God gave her nearly three years ago helped her to conquer her fear of lupus.

In 1992 the Kings Mountain woman's doctor diagnosed a disease that had bothered her for years and confirmed her worst fears that she would have to stay out of the bright sunshine and could not fight in karate tournaments.

The trophies in her living room in the Northwoods community prove her excellence in the sport she has enjoyed with her husband, Terry, and their three teenage daughters.

"I was devastated when my doctor told me to quit karate and then the Lord told me to write and I did," said Kathy, an attractive, slender young homemaker who married her childhood sweetheart 20 years ago at the age of 15 and who has worked for six years as a production operator in the final as-

sembly department of Stablis in Gastonia.

Kathy's illness took 10 years to diagnose. She was glad to finally find what was causing her loss of energy, mood swings and the change in her personality and appearance when she stayed out in the sun.

An outdoor person, Kathy loved the pool at her home and the beach but often she would come indoors after a morning in the sun to find her body swollen and bruising at a touch of the fingers.

"It was weird and I thought I was going crazy for awhile," said Kathy who noticed a rash and ached all over after being out in the sun.

"I finally decided to test myself to see if my problem was coming from being out in the sun and I soaked myself in carrot juice and olive oil and laid out in the sun and it was awful."

She started taking steroids in 1992 after she started having

seizures and was told not to exert, stay out of the sun and quit karate.

"That year was terrible and at times I wanted to die and wrote such morbid poetry but then I got God's help and changed my attitude and "A Memory of Me" was my best work which will be published this fall by the National Library of Poetry," she said.

Life is good now for the Tallmage family who got good news that her illness is in remission.

"I take care of myself and write and paint and I am a third degree brown belt," said Kathy.

She crossstitched a love poem for her husband on Valentine's Day and encourages their daughters, Karen, 14, Rayven, almost 16, and Stephanie, 11, to enjoy poetry, painting and writing.

The family is selling its Kings Mountain home and building a new house on a farm on 35 acres of land in Sharon, S.C., where Kathy

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