

# City Approves Cansler Renewal Resolution

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The Kings Mountain Board of Commissioners Monday night gave unanimous approval to the Cansler Street urban renewal project by adopting a resolution which constitutes local approval of the \$3,000,000 plan.

The next step will be for Redevelopment Director Joe Laney to turn in a part 2 application to HUD, hopefully by Christmas.

This should take one to two months to approve, after which a contract will be drawn up and then actual financing and purchasing of property can begin. Hopefully in the first quarter of 1972, according to Laney.

The action came Monday directly following a public hearing at city hall attended by City Board members, Mayor Moss,

Laney, and other city officials, and about 30 interested citizens from the project area, including the project officials and neighborhood workers.

This was the final public hearing on the Cansler project. An earlier hearing was held by the Redevelopment Commission on Nov. 2nd, and plans were presented to the Kings Mountain Planning Board which approved them on November 15th.

The overall objective of the 110 acre urban renewal project is, as the mayor outlined, to provide a quality home for every family, a modern subdivision... a place for people.

The plan consists of 75 single homes, 100 apartments, and 100 units of public housing, with the goal of providing housing for every income and family need.

Up to \$200 in moving costs will be paid to a family, and up to \$5,000 available in replacement housing payment available.

Executive Director Joe Laney addressed the hearing, recalling that the survey and plan application was put in back in January of 1967. This was approved in December of 1969 by HUD with \$147,000 for the plan. At that time, the city received a federal grant reservoir of \$1,174,000 for the project. In December, of 1970, the complete plan was submitted to HUD, and at that time the federal grant was increased to \$2,434,000.

In September of 1971, the Part 1 plan was approved.

As Joe Laney pointed out, the people at the hearing were all interested citizens. They asked few questions, but the

questions were pertinent and important.

Mrs. Lallage Falls of 106 North City Street asked Laney, "Why do you keep referring to this as urban renewal? You told me in your office that it was not urban renewal, that it was redevelopment for Kings Mountain."

"We've always stressed that this is a federally funded redevelopment program for Kings Mountain," Laney replied, and stressed that they are one in the same. Another lady asked, "if the entire property on Ellis Street will be required for renewal."

Project manager Hazel Brown pointed out that on Ellis, the three brick houses on the corner and Mrs. Barnes' house are not acquired.

Mrs. Falls, whose house would be moved

under existing plans, expressed again her disapproval.

Laney assured her that if her home is left where it is, it would be in the midst of garden apartments. "We tried to come up with the proper mixture of signal and multi-family homes," he said.

"It is doesn't suit us to be moved will you work with us to find another place?" she asked.

"Yes," answered Laney, "we'll work with you to move you to a home suitable to your needs."

With all the talk, hearings, and submitted plans, the big question seemed to be "How long before it all goes into effect?"

Laney reiterated that although he hopes to begin during the first quarter of next

year, it will take several years - probably 4 to 6 to complete the program. "This sounds like a long time," said Laney, "but we have over 200 families in that 110 acres. You can't just go in and tell people to move out... we will take a step at a time."

Mrs. Falls spoke up again, asking what about the trees and shrubs it has taken 25 years to grow. "You can't move a large tree! You can see why I'm so upset," she protested.

Following the hearing, Mayor John Moss read the entire resolution covering the urban renewal plan, and asked the board's wishes. Commissioner Cline moved that the resolution be adopted. The motion unanimous.



VOICE OF DEMOCRACY WINNERS - Charles Blackburn, Voice of Democracy Chairman; Jackie Metcalf, 1st place winner; (Diane Strickland, 2nd place winner was not present) are shown with B.F. Case, V.F.W. Commander, at Wednesday's

banquet during which the winners were announced. Mrs. Ben Goforth, teacher at Kings Mountain High, assisted the students with their speeches. 9 students, all from Kings Mountain participated in the contest. Jackie Metcalf was presented with a \$50 savings bond. (Mirror Photo by Lem Lynch)

## Improved Garbage Pickup Is Hopeful

The question of garbage, and its collection came up during Monday night's hearing of the Cansler Street project.

Mayor Moss offered some encouragement to those who have had a problem getting their garbage picked up in the past.

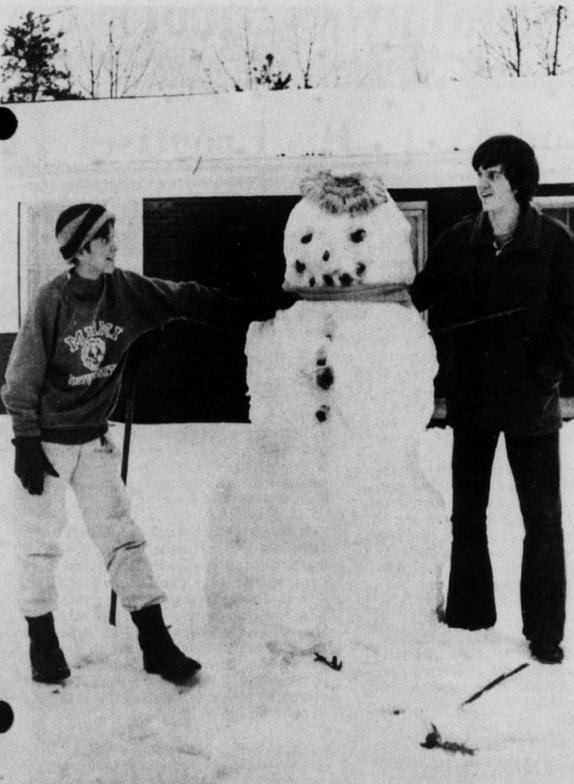
He said the recent employment of Mr. Grady Bridges as head of the sanitation department should improve the situation greatly.

A new cycling of hours and routes is being put into effect, and the Mayor says he is hoping within 30 days to have a good sanitation department, and is hopeful that everyone will be pleased with the service in the next few weeks.

Commissioner Cline said he knows the city has had a problem, and is trying to work it out.

The Mayor also pointed out that while many citizens do a nice job of packaging their garbage, many do not.

Shortly, the city will sent out a list of rules to every homeowner pertaining to garbage collection.



The inevitable snowman! The snow was perfect, and kids and adults alike found the urge to create with the snow irresistible. Scott and Sam Brodnax of 310 Scotland Drive came up with this beauty on a day off from school Friday. (Mirror Photo by Lem Lynch)

## K.M. Calendar

### Little Theatre

Little Theatre General Meeting on Dec. 9th, Thursday, at 7:30 p.m. at the Kings Mountain Savings and Loan Association conference room. All members and interested persons are urged to attend by Theatre President Gene Austin.

### Kiwanis

Rance Henderson, formerly of Kings Mountain, and Superintendent of the N.C. School of the Deaf in Morganton, will be in charge of the program at Thursday's Kiwanis meeting.

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See Mirror Sports for results and photos of K.M. Invitational Basketball Tournament!

## KM Recovers From An Early Winter Snowstorm

Kings Mountain residents are thawing this week from the effects of an early-winter blizzard which dumped an estimated 10 inches of snow on our area over the weekend.

We awoke Friday morning to the sight of a snow-covered landscape, and before the day was over, one of the biggest early snowfalls in recent history had blanketed the area, leaving many people virtually snowbound.

Streets and roads were impassable to many cars not equipped with snowtires and chains.

Driving was extremely tricky and hazardous. Motorists who braved the driving snow Friday found the going rough. Cars would slide and wheels would spin. The slightest incline was difficult to climb. Tire tracks seemed to fill with fresh snow as soon as they were made. By afternoon, there were few cars or pedestrians on the streets uptown. Parking spaces were adrift with snow, and some cars were parked temporarily in the streets.

## Yule Parade Reset For Friday

The Merchants Association's Christmas Parade will be held this Friday at 4:00. The parade was canceled last Friday due to the unexpected accumulation of snow.

According to Jim Downey, parade chairman, the parade should go ahead as previously planned. The Biltmore float was lost in the shuffling of schedules, and there may be some revision in the band entries, but overall, the lineup will be practically the same.

Although the police department reported no serious accidents, some cars were stranded on the streets. One auto supply company reported that they sold over 100 sets of tire chains Friday afternoon.

The Christmas parade which had been set for 4:00 Friday failed to materialize, but is rescheduled for this Friday at the same time.

By nightfall Friday, most of the snow had stopped falling. By 12 p.m., all the streets had been scraped - approximately 60 miles - and were given the finishing

touches Saturday morning, reported Mayor Moss.

The city has 6 snow removing units, four at work in the residential areas and two downtown. The sanitation crew takes care of the sidewalks downtown and church areas.

The crew was out Friday and Saturday clearing off the sidewalks, with the Mayor wielding a shovel along with them.

No major electrical or gas problems were reported due to the snowstorm.

## K.M.H.S. Band To Give Concert

The Kings Mountain High School band will play in concert Thursday, Dec. 16th at 7:45 p.m. at Central Junior High School.

The 7th & 8th grade band will also play at the concert.

Traditional Band Literature and seasonal music will be performed. No admission will be charged.

The following students have been selected by personal audition to appear in the Southwestern District All-State Band in January at Ashbrook High in Gastonia.

Ireolu Easley; Debbie Lee; Joe Deal; Meredith McGill; David Stone; John Deal; Diane Bolin; Glen Harmon; Thomas Hinton; Lou Bryant; Vicki Husky; Jane Talbert; Jene McClain; Glen Stalls; and Doug Bell.

## Horton Initiated

Reid Horton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Horton of 11 Dixie Trailer Park, Kings Mountain, a junior majoring in biology, has been initiated into Kappa Delta Pi, national honor society in education, at Western Carolina University.

Mu Eta Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi was installed at WCU May 1, 1969. The society is open to both undergraduate and graduate students in education. To be eligible for membership, a student must rank scholastically in the top 20 percent of the student body, have a quality point ratio of 3.00 or better, exhibit commendable personal qualities and intend to make education a lifetime profession.

Horton is a member of the Biology Club and is a resident assistant in Albright Residence Hall. He is a 1969 graduate of Kings Mountain High School.



## Snow Job!

Digging out of all the Weekend snow and ice was the worst part. Some let their cars sit till the thaw, but those who had to

go got the melting treatment Saturday morning at city Hall. (Mirror Photo)