

## Property Rezoned For Shopping Center

By Rodney Dodson

J. Wilson Crawford, Kings Mountain builder and Bob Neal, with Lat Purser and Associates, shopping center planning specialists of Charlotte, have an option on S. P. Goforth estate property facing on Hwy. 74 and Phifer Road.

The announcement came Monday night at the City Board of Commissioners meeting, during which time 12 lots were rezoned from R-10 to N. B. The rezoning came after a public hearing on request of F. Lloyd Patterson and wife Geneva.

The property, now unused will apparently be the site of a shopping center, although Wilson Crawford, who addressed the board Monday said no leases have been signed at the present time.

"I've been trying to buy the property for about four years," said Crawford, "they finally agreed to sell." Although no leases have been signed, Crawford said he does have company representatives interested in the site.

The purchase price of the land was not revealed by Crawford, he said only that Tuesday "we will give Mr. Patterson quite a check."

Crawford said he did not request that the property be zoned general business because he wanted a small shopping center which would blend better with the community.

The City forwarded to the Zoning Board a request of J. O. Plonk to rezone 9,852 acres of land on East King from L.I. to N.B.



May Be Site Of Future Shopping Center?

This land, approximately 13 acres, facing on Highway 74, west of Kings Mountain has been purchased by Wilson Crawford for future development as a shopping center. The land was re-

zoned Monday night by the city for neighborhood business. Mirror Photo by Lem Lynch.

### Police In Gunbattle

Police Chief Thomas McDevitt, Captain Roper and Sgt. Belk were involved in a shoot-out in Upper Cleveland County Tuesday when they were called to assist the Sheriff's Department when fired upon while trying to serve an eviction notice on a Lawndale man.

An all-out gunbattle resulted, a deputy caught some buckshot, but no one was seriously injured. The man was captured.

### Would You Like To Be The Mirror's "June Bride"?

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The young lady selected as the Kings Mountain Mirror's first "June Bride" will be featured in a special section of the newspaper in June.

She will be the object of a special personal feature and photographic layout, and will be photographed, along with the groom-to-be, on a shopping tour of Kings Mountain businesses, looking for all the good things necessary to begin housekeeping.

To be eligible for the distinction of being "The June Bride", any girl in the Kings Mountain area getting married in June need only come by the Mirror and register. This will not be a drawing, however; the "June Bride" will be selected by the staff of the Kings Mountain Mirror. Remember, to be considered, you must register between now and May 20th.

### Hawkins Attacks "Hypocrisy" In State Government

In a campaign visit to Kings Mountain last Wednesday, black gubernatorial candidate Dr. Reginald Hawkins spoke out against hypocrisy in state government.

"I think we've lied to each other long enough," exclaimed the Charlotte dentist. He called consumer protection a myth, said women are discriminated against worse than blacks, admonished "selling of liquor on every corner, yet we jail blacks," and attacked the limited income restrictions on retired citizens.

Hawkins was a guest at the home of

William Orr during his visit, and discussed the campaign and issues with a dozen or so interested citizens and members of the press.

Hawkins spoke easily on all aspects of the campaign, while seated in an armchair in the living room, stopping only for questions.

"I'm the only true reform candidate," stated Hawkins. He recommended tax reform and a change in the state's fiscal policies. "I know there's enough money now to do what we want as long as our interest is the public interest." He said there's enough potential money in North Carolina to make this one of the leading states. Hawkins wants to elevate the per-capita income in North Carolina, by "bringing in industry, teaching our people, and improving our natural resources. He pointed out that 35 percent of college graduates in North Carolina cannot find jobs.

Hawkins said the first two years of his administration would be devoted to re-evaluating the tax situation. Hawkins was asked a counter question sometimes directed by blacks to his white opponents—"would you appoint whites to positions in state government if elected?" Hawkins answered that he would appoint people who are qualified, emphasizing that there would be more blacks, more young people, plus whites in key positions.

Regarding the state's upcoming Presidential primary, Hawkins predicted that George Wallace will carry the state, with Shirley Chisholm placing second.

Regarding no-fault insurance, the candidate said he hasn't yet seen a plan that protects "you".



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The gubernatorial candidate also charged the news media with failing to use his articles, and not giving him fair coverage.

### KM Water Project Could Be Completed By Oct. 1st.

In a report to the Kings Mountain Board of Commissioners Monday night, engineer W. K. Dickson said work on the Kings Mountain water project could be completed by October 1st, providing the land is available by June 1st so the contractor can begin work.

City Attorney Jack White said, "We're primarily waiting on the Supreme Court decision. The land can be acquired if the legal decision is in our favor." White said the decision is expected definitely some time this month.

### City Adopts Emergency Electrical Plan

The City of Kings Mountain has adopted an emergency plan for electrical system operation.

Approval of the plans came during Monday night's lengthy meeting of the City Board of Commissioners.

The plan states: "In the event it becomes apparent that demand for energy will exceed the bulk power supply available to Duke Power Company, the City's sole supplier of electricity, the City in concert with other Duke customers will sequentially implement the following emergency plan in order to avoid a total system shutdown.

reduce the City's total load approximately twenty percent. In connection with this plan, service to critical loads such as hospitals, water pumping stations and communication facilities will be maintained with alternate feeds and transfer switching where practical."

### New Policeman Appointed

Garland W. Edwards, 22, has been appointed as a member of the Kings Mountain Police Department, filling the position left vacant by the resignation of officer Jim Belt.

Edwards, a resident of Kings Mountain, has just completed a four-year tour with the Marine Corps, serving 19 months in Vietnam. He is married and has one child. He attended Compact School and Kings Mountain High School, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Edwards.

### Stop! On Cansler

The intersection of West Mountain and Cansler Streets now has a full operating stop light. The light was previously only a caution light on the Cansler side, but at the request of some citizens and upon recommendation of city commissioner Bid-dix, who is chairman of the safety committee, the light was put on full stop and go for a trial period.

### Kind Response To Toney Family

The Kings Mountain Fire Department, Police Department, and Rescue Squad expressed their appreciation to everyone who helped in supplying needed articles to the family of Michael Toney, whose home was burned last week. A spokesman for the departments says the home the family relocated to in Midpines is completely furnished and no more articles are needed.

### Pageant Set For August

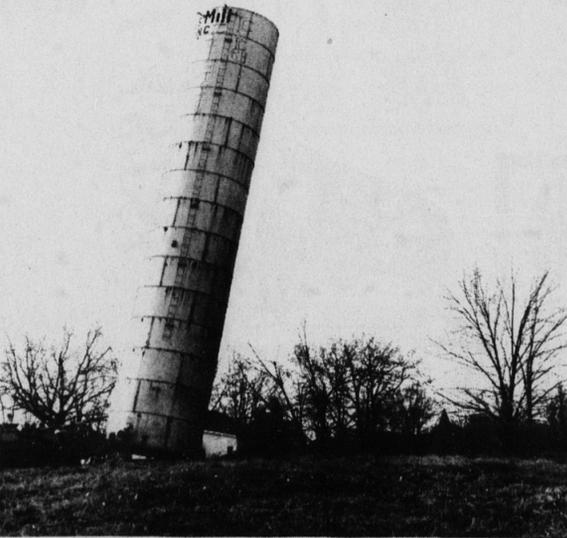
The Kings Mountain Jaycees have postponed the Miss Kings Mountain pageant until August 26th this year. Pageant Chairman Richard McKee says more details, included committee chairman will be forthcoming.

Debbie Timms, the current Miss Kings Mountain will be a contestant in the Miss North Carolina Pageant this Summer.

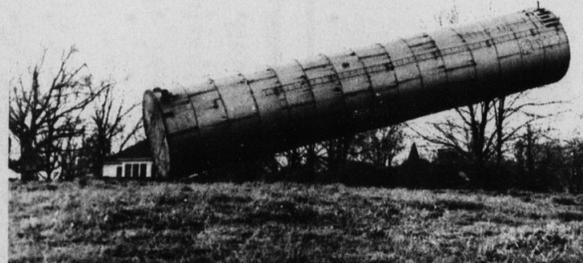
### East Talent Show Thursday Night

Thursday is the night of the big East School talent show to be held at 7 p.m. in the Central School auditorium.

Emcee will be Gerald Thomasson. All proceeds will go to the East athletic equipment fund. Come out and enjoy the local talent.



Old Landmark Topples...



This series of photographs made by Lem Lynch show the downfall of one of Kings Mountain's landmarks. It's the Kings Mill water tower, standing since 1920 on the crest of a hill off North Piedmont. It took two bulldozers to topple the old tank Tuesday.



It had recently been used as a sprinkler system. Now that it's down, it will be torn apart and removed.