



Homecoming Queen '72

Jerome Cash, president of the Kings Mountain High School student body crowns Miss Debbie Page, Homecoming Queen for 1972. The Homecoming Queen is elected by student body vote.

Board Amends Ordinances-Contracts Awarded

Cub Scout pack #294 and their leader Mrs. Shirley Blalock were on hand to watch local government in action at the regular Monday night meeting of the Kings Mountain Board of Commissioners. Mayor Moss welcomed the group and added that with a 17 item agenda, the scouts would see almost every facet of government.

The board voted to approve a motion for the consideration of acceptance of a deed from Timberlake Builders, Inc., for a 15 foot strip of land in the Crescent Hills subdivision for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a sewer line. The action was a transference of Timberlake's deed to the city of Kings Mountain.

Several contracts were also awarded to various companies for paving, re-paving and curbing and guttering. Neal Hawkins was given the contract for paving and re-paving, while Skidmore Construction was awarded contracts for curbing and guttering. Also various chemicals for the water and sewer system for the city had been bid on and those contracts were awarded to Jones Chemical and Burriss Chemical Corporation. Jones bid low on three chemical items and Burriss was low on six.

In other business the board held public hearings on five requests for rezoning. All five had been before the zoning board and had met with their approval. Those approved for rezoning in the city board meeting were a request from B.S. Peeler, Jr., agent, for rezoning a lot at 104 N. Dilling Street from Residential to Neighborhood Business; request from John O. Ross, Jr., for rezoning a lot on 74 east from R-20 to General Business; request from Peter Putnam for rezoning lot on 74 east from R-20 to General Business; request from Carroll G. Ellis for rezoning lot on 74 east from R-20 to General Business; and a request from Mary Ellen Ross for rezoning a lot on 74 east from R-20 to General Business.

Jack White and Woodrow Laughter were on hand at the meeting to explain certain proposed changes in the cities zoning ordinances. Eight various ordinances were discussed and all were changed by the board. They were (1) That accessory structures such as garages be allowed in sections zoned R-20, (2) That nursery schools and kindergartens be allowed in every residential zone provided there be 100 square feet of outdoor play area per child, (3) That in neighborhood business districts, businesses, such as service stations erect a six feet solid fence or six feet densely planted buffer strip around them, (4) That businesses in General

Business zones have six feet fences, (5) That businesses in Light Industrial zones have six feet fences, (6) That business in Heavy Industrial zones have a six feet solid fence or six feet densely planted buffer strip at any boundary bordering a residential zone, (7) and (8) Concerned six feet high fence or six feet densely planted buffer strip for businesses on properties bordering residential zones.

Most of the ordinances were changed in wording from eight to six feet for the height of fences and/or densely planted buffer strips. Laughter and White concurred that his uniformity in ordinance rules would make the area more attractive.

Mayor Moss praised those people who had worked on the ordinance changes and issued a formal appreciation to citizens who had been working with the various committees to bring "Kings Mountain closer to its goal of self government."

In further business the board accepted bids on a wheel loader backhoe from various companies in Charlotte. Those bidding with bids in parentheses were RNA Tractor Company, Ford (\$8,535.40); Allison International Inc., (\$7,995); Case Power and Equipment Company, (\$8,010.55) and Queen City Equipment Corporation, John Deere, (\$9,146.61). The board voted to table the bids for further study.

The board also heard a request from Charles F. Mauney, trustee of MMB Trust for rezoning approximately 30 8/10 acres south of I-85 on N.C. 161 for the purposes of expanding Alcan Aluminum facilities. He also issued a request for a water supply to be made available for fire protection to the industrial site. It was noted that an eight inch line is already available near the site. The land on which the expansion facilities are to be placed is owned by Carl Mauney. The board voted on a motion to send the request to the zoning board for study.

J. Wilson Crawford entered a request for annexation of property located in the southwestern section of the city. This section is near the new shopping center site. His request was also sent to the zoning board.

Two more items of business were taken up after completion of the agenda. The first was a request by the Mayor to place advertising for a new garbage paker for the sanitation department. This was approved.

Norman King then asked the board to revoke the taxi franchise of Wilbur Hamrick and give it to Mrs. S. O. Kirby. This, too, was approved.

Jonas Bridges was absent from the Monday meeting.

City To Study Proposal

Parking Meters May Be Removed From Downtown

By Jay Ashley
Mirror News Editor

The Kings Mountain Board of Commissioners undertook a rather lengthy agenda of business Monday night including a proposal from J.C. Bridges, president of the Chamber of Commerce, to remove parking meters from the downtown area.

Bridges came before the board with three proposals from the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants Association. The first, concerning parking meters, was, according to Bridges, "A most important step in preserving the downtown business area." He cited Gaffney, S.C. as one nearby city that has tried parking without meters downtown. "I have talked with their Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association as well as other citizens and almost everyone has praised the action." The parking downtown should not be without limits however as Bridges continued, "The merchants downtown have accepted a proposal to limit downtown parking to one hour. We feel this to be a sufficient limit, but hope the board will be flexible for any further action."

Bridges offered the idea of chalking tires as a means to keep the cars from staying over the limit and also suggested that a \$1 fine be placed on vehicles in violation.

"Such action as removing meters will encourage more use of the downtown area. Many people use shopping centers because there are no parking limits," said Bridges.

Commissioner Cline questioned Bridges and the board if parking on Mountain Street should be banned entirely. He told the board, "I'm not sure if this idea is good or bad but is one we should take into consideration. That street looks mig-

hty narrow when cars are parked on both sides of the street."

Bridges told Cline that the Merchants and Chamber of Commerce had looked into this problem and had come to the conclusion that no parking on downtown Mountain Street would be detrimental to those businesses involved.

Bridges also made a proposal that the commission take some action to help speed traffic from downtown during the peak hours. He suggested that the meter policeman keep an eye on the traffic and call for assistance in clearing traffic jams during hours when traffic has become a problem.

The third proposal brought to the board was one concerning sanitation in the business district of Kings Mountain. Bridges told the board, "The main streets are not so bad but the back lots of many of

the businesses are very messy and unsanitary. Often times the garbage is allowed to pile up in the containers and when the wind blows it carries trash all over the lots. It really looks terrible."

In this vein, Bridges proposed the city employ a full time clean up man for the downtown area. This man would work in conjunction with the regular sanitation crew in keeping back lots, etc., in order.

Commissioner T. J. Ellison made the motion that the mayor appoint a committee to study these proposals and Commissioner Cline requested that such a committee be made up of a member of the Merchants Association, The Chamber of Commerce, the Police Department and the Sanitation Department. The motion carried unanimously.

School Land Purchases Reach \$28,000 Mark

The Kings Mountain School Board purchased two parcels of land last week for a total figure of approximately \$28,000.

The first property was bought Thursday from Ray Plonk, Carl Beam, of Cherryville and a McGinnis group. The parcel contained 10.98 acres and adjoins the Kings Mountain High School. According to school superintendent Donald Jones, the land was purchased for \$2,133 per acre. The purchase of the land is primarily for the construction of a new junior high school if the December bond election proves favorable.

The second parcel was bought Friday in Shelby by the board for \$7000. This plot

fronts on West Mountain at West School. It was a part of the property owned by the late Mrs. George Canster. Action to settle the estate was brought by Mrs. Diana Canster Wohlford and Miss Karen Canster, petitioners-versus Mr. and Mrs. Luther Canster and Anthony Canster, respondents. The school board's land is 90 feet and 350 and 350.5 feet deep and is to be used for playground expansion at the school. The board's initial bid of \$2000 had been raised by C. M. Sheffield. The other Canster tract was purchased by Robert Cox. This land fronts on West King Street.

Trailer Break-In Reported

A trailer in transit to Virginia was broken into at the Kings Mountain Truck stop over the weekend and the thieves made off with a couch and chair. Deputy Palmer Cannon investigated the break in and said that he received a call after lunch Monday from a driver that had gone to the truck stop to pick up the trailer to take it to Virginia. The trailer, owned by the Whitten Mobile Home Company of Gastonia had been parked at the truck stop over the weekend for a Monday delivery.

Cannon further reported that someone had pried the door of the trailer open and stole a couch and chair. Value of the property has not yet been determined. The deputy speculated the break in occurred sometime Sunday night.

Homecoming Marked By Big Events

Every homecoming is a festive occasion but this year's celebration was a little bit more special. This year marked the fiftieth year that Kings Mountain folks have enjoyed a game that is now the most watched and followed game of all... football.

The homecoming parade was still a special event for the towns people. They lined the streets in anticipation of the beauties and floats that came by. Float winners for the homecoming parade were designed by first place, auto mechanics, second place Bible Club and third place, bricklaying class.

At the football game, members of the school board received the keys to the field house from contractors Jim and Dewitt Guyton in a dedication ceremony. Put with all the festivity involved the most interesting and inspiring sight was that first Kings Mountain Football team. Those men who played for KMHS in 1922 were: Fred Plonk, Kings Mountain; Howard Pursley, Kings Mountain; Plato Goforth, Kings Mountain; Jake Hord, Kings Mountain; Joe Lee Woodward, Kings Mountain; Odell McGinnis, Gastonia; Tom Fulton, Chapel Hill, Tennessee; J. M. McGinnis, Kings Mountain; Herman Hayes, Florida; Hoyt Matthews, Charlotte; Tom Saunders, Brookneal, Virginia; Clemmonsee Boone, Radford, Virginia; Hoyle McDaniel, Kings Mountain and Hugh Ormand, Kings Mountain. Those players who are now deceased were: Lloyd Ormand, Kings Mountain; Lawrence Lovell, Kings Mountain; Charles Saunders, Texas; and Forest Houser, Charlotte. Unaccounted for were: Royce Green, Freddie Lee Watson, Jr. Fred Ormand.

To those men who made football in Kings Mountain a very special event we thank you. It really means a lot.

Commission Sets Price On Bonnie Mill Parcel Plot

The Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission met Tuesday morning to set the price on the Bonnie Mill property. This parcel of land is located on West gold Street and is bordered by Cherokee and Piedmont.

The commission approved a price of 75 cents per square foot for the parcel containing 36,643.64 square feet. Minimum bids on the land will be approximately \$27,500. The person or company that makes the highest bid on the land will have to conform to certain redevelopment standards before he is sold the land. The first requirement is that the bid be above the minimum acceptable bid. Other requirements to be met include purposes for land, type of business to be erected and appearance of proposed building. Other similar criteria must be met for the redevelopment.

Gene White, director of the Redevelopment Commission stated that the figure for the Bonnie Mill property was determined from two reuse appraisers and finally by a review appraiser. Review appraiser for the Bonnie Mill land was Frank Hoyle.

The commission also approved a contract with Frank Hoyle to do review ap-

praisals for the redevelopment program at a cost of \$1320. Mr. Hoyle is a professional appraiser from Cherryville.

White also reported that he and commission attorney Bob Bradley will be attending the 1972 Legal Seminar for Housing, Renewal and Codes Agencies in Greensboro October 27. The pair will attend seminars in the areas of acquisition of lands by purchase, title examinations, acquisition of land by condemnation and disposition of land.

SBA Working With Local Merchants

Ed Smith, a member of the district advisory council for the Small Business Administration, will attend the SBA's annual meeting in Winston-Salem Thursday and Friday of this week.

The Council acts as a liaison between business in our area and the S.B.A. Smith says he is most interested in the meeting this year due to Kings Mountain's Redevelopment, and the expected interest in S.B.A. loans to assist those businesses in the process of relocating.

Sipe Selects Game Winners

Once again our glorious guessers of gridiron gutsiness have come through with another successful football contest. We had no perfect entry forms, sad to say, but we did have a lot of sevens and eights. Most of the folks were thrown by the Bessemer City and R-S Central victories. So were the players for Gaston Day and Kings Mountain!! So to those who managed to win, we offer a congratulations. Here is the breakdown,

1. Judy Sipe-eight correct. Total points 34.
2. Foley Cobb-eight correct. Total points 36.
3. Larry Roark-eight correct. Total points 40.

Now see there. All you folks sitting out there are saying, "I could do better than that!" can prove it by sending your entry blank to Contest, P.O. Box 345, Kings Mountain. Eight cents could win \$10. Just ask Judy Sipe. See you next week!

Clerk Rules In Tuesday Hearing

Ruth Dedmon, clerk of Superior Court confirmed the commissioners report in the case of John D. Cline Tuesday morning in Shelby.

Cline had filed exception to the report of the commissioners last week in which he had been awarded \$72,800 by Kings Mountain for his land at the Buffalo Water project.

The Tuesday "confirmation" hearing was a requisite to any further appeal action on the part of John D. Cline. According to law, a hearing to confirm any commission action in such a case is mandatory before an appeal may be entered. In the event Cline decides to appeal, the case will go on the Civil Issue Docket of Superior Court to be tried before a jury.

Two commissioners in the Ambrose Cline case have been named by the parties involved but the third party had not, at press time, offered their choice. Clerk Dedmon did not have the two names available Tuesday afternoon.

Putnam Charged With Assault

Hugh Putnam, a resident of Cherryville and a teacher at Kings Mountain High was arrested Monday night by Cherryville Police at his home on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

The Cherryville Police Department stated that Putnam was arrested Monday night after a warrant had been sworn out charging him with assault on Penny Welch by pointing a pistol at her and firing a shot.

Putnam was taken to the Cherryville jail but was soon released on \$100 bond. The trial is set for the October 30th session of Gaston District Court.

Putnam had been a special unpaid deputy with the Gaston County Sheriff's Department until mid September when Sheriff Dwight Beam revoked his deputization. Prior to this action Putnam had complained to the Cherryville City Council that officers on the Cherryville Police Force had been interfering with his making arrests.



School Board chairman George Mauney receives the keys to the new field house at Gamble Stadium from Dewitt and Jim Guyton, contractors of the building. The dedication ceremonies

were held at the Homecoming football game Friday night. Member of the school board and other patrons of the school were present for the game and dedication ceremonies.