

At JHM Reservoir Land For Park May Be Sought

Following a tour of the John Henry Moss Reservoir Saturday by the Kings Mountain Lake Authority, Mayor John H. Moss suggested application be made to the Federal government for grants to purchase additional land for a municipal park at the reservoir.

Moss also suggested the southeast side of the lake where the city already owns some property would be the ideal location for additional acquisitions.

On this property the NC Wildlife Commission has suggested the establishment of a small game preserve and a duck hunting region.

This suggestion came, according to Moss, after the com-

mission discovered the variety of migratory ducks found at the lake each day. The Commission reported finding 300 to 400 mallard, canvas back, pin tail and other varieties.

The mayor suggested to the authority that the two northern tips of the lake could be flooded each fall as shallow water feeding areas to attract the ducks.

Flooding the areas, according to Moss, could be done easily by plugging up culverts where the tips of the lake pass under the roads. Since the city owns eight vertical feet above the normal level of the lake, flooding would take place within city property which, in flat areas, is 200 horizontal feet or more from the normal lake shore.

"Silt is a problem at the lake," Moss told the authority, "most of it coming from the grubbed areas within lake boundaries." Moss suggested the county commissioners adopt an erosion policy around the lake to take care of this problem.

The authority also noted it has received a letter of petition from property owners in the Jean Schenck and Carl Spangler developments objecting to a private, cluster-type marina which they say is proposed for the Schenck development. Such a marina, according to the petition, would cut off access to their property.

Signatories on the petition are Carl M. Spangler, John L. Hawkins, Jack Morgan, Lamar L. Young, Ed Young, Charles

D. Forney Jr., Jack Palmer Jr., Ernest Rogers, Joe C. Grigg and W. Scott Todd.

Consideration was given to making the lakeside A.B. Cline house, owned by the city, the lake manager's residence; and the authority agreed to obtain fee schedules from other lakes to be used as guidelines in establishing lake use fees at the Moss Reservoir.

Tom Cox of Charlotte was hired as consulting engineer to design uniform piers which could be allowed at private lots on the lake. Cox's earlier suggestion was to limit concrete structures to no more than 20 feet and allow no overnight boat storage facilities at the piers.



Photo by Gary Stewart

READ IT AND WEEP - The sign at City Service in Kings Mountain tells the story as the energy crisis continues. While the local Exxon station sells gas for emergency use only, several other stations are limiting purchases.

SPO Passes Resolution

KMHS Students Plan Car Pool Formation

By JOHN MCGILL
Special To The Mirror

The Kings Mountain high Student Participation Organization (SPO) Senate has unanimously passed a resolution calling for the formation of student car pools during the current energy crisis and gasoline shortage.

The Senate's resolution was also passed by the SPO House of Representatives.

SPO President John Plonk opened the discussion on car pools in a meeting last week. He named himself, Nancy Hord, Ken Farias and John McGill to a committee for the job of setting up a street-by-street listing of all KMHS students.

"This directory would inform students of other students living near them so they can ride to school together," President Plonk said.

The plan is expected to be put into effect in the immediate future.

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Planners To Meet Monday

The Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission will hold a meeting next Monday night to map out 1974 plans to downtown merchants.

John Hall, assistant director and manager of the downtown project said the Feb. 3 meeting is designed to let businessmen know exactly what will be transpiring downtown and to start them thinking on how they will renovate their buildings.

Hall said, "renewal of the business district is coming

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Murder Suspects Nabbed By KMPD

Kings Mountain policemen arrested a Gastonia man Saturday night here on a capias and the man was later charged in the murder of Miss Pearl Henderson of Gastonia.

McDevitt, Lt. J.D. Barrett, Ptl. Julius Burton, Ptl. Robert Dodge, Ptl. Bynum Cook and Ptl. Richard Reynolds went to the apartments in unmarked cars.

McDevitt said he knocked on the door of apartment No. 48, where Boyd was supposedly hidden, and it was locked. Ptl. Dodge secured a key from the tenant of the apartment who had left because, as the chief said, "she was afraid of the pair."

McDevitt said he knocked on the door again and he "heard some commotion going on inside the apartment and the door began to ease open." He stated Katherine Brown came to the door and he asked her if Boyd was in the apartment. She said no and McDevitt obtained permission from the owner of the apartment to search the premises.

The chief went on to say the officers searched the downstairs area of the apartment

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Miss Henderson, an 84-year old retired school teacher was shot to death in her sleep last week in her home. The home had been ransacked and telephone wire had been severed.

The chain of events began Saturday when the KMPD was alerted by Gaston authorities that a suspect, Johnny H. Boyd, 34, of Union Rd. in Gaston County was in the Kings Mountain area. Boyd also had a capias instant outstanding on him.

Chief Tom McDevitt was called at his home by one of his officers who told him they had received a call from a woman who told them Boyd was at a local apartment complex. The caller said Boyd was with a woman and that both were armed.

Sheriff, Commissioner

Allen, Rucker File To Seek Reelection

Sheriff Haywood Allen and County Commissioner Phil Rucker have filed to seek reelection.

Allen has served as Cleveland County's chief law enforcement officer for the past 23 years, going into office in 1950 as chief deputy. Prior to his county office, Allen was an officer on the Kings Mountain Police Department.

He is married to the former Majel Stewart and has three children. Allen, to date, is unopposed in the May Democratic primary.

Rucker, completing his first four-year term on the county commission, is the second man to file for reelection. The first was C.M. Peeler Jr., a Shelby businessman.

A grading contractor and cattle farmer, Rucker is a native of Cleveland County. He is a Korean War veteran having served in the US Air Force. He is a member of the American Legion, VFW, Elks Lodge and is director of the Virginia-Carolina Carolais Association. He is a member

of Central United Methodist Church.

Married to the former Carolyn Webb, he is the father of four sons.

Following his filing for reelection, Rucker commented, "I felt it a privilege to have served the fine people of Cleveland County in the very important position of county commissioner. I would like to serve for another term and will continue to seek progress in the local county government as long as it can be done on a low, sound tax rate."

On Centennial Planning

Public Meeting Set

By TOM MCINTYRE
Editor, The Mirror

The Kings Mountain Centennial Commission has a public meeting planned for Tues., Feb. 12, one day after the celebration of the city's 100th birthday.

This meeting, to begin at 7:30 p.m. at a to-be-announced location, will spell the difference between whether the first century celebration is to be completely coordinated locally or by The Rodgers Co., a 71-year old firm based in Fostoria, Ohio.

In a special meeting last Thursday night Rogers field representative Robert Howett told members of the commission that his firm is the only business of its type in the country and that the firm's sole efforts are concentrated on developing and managing celebrations of the type planned here.



BOB HOWETT
...of Rogers Co.

Howett asked for the public meeting if he was invited to return with a proposal and budget (and he was asked to return). "This is company policy," Howett said. "If we work with a community we want it to be by majority vote. That way we feel the planned celebration has the potential of being a success."

"We have a reputation and our pride, too," he continued. "If we feel there is no cooperation between the separate factions in a community and that the plans of action we provide are not being followed, then we'll ask to bow out."

Howett spread the table in commissioner chambers at city hall with a briefcase full of data on how the Rodgers Co. handles such celebrations. What the

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Photo by Tom McIntyre

COOKIE SALE BEGINS - East Elementary Principal C.A. Allison gets a preview of the five kinds of Girl Scout Cookies offered this year. Troop 96 Girl Scout Dee Dee Stroupe, 11, and daughter of the Walter Thompsons of Kings Mountain, is sure of a sale here because she is

a sixth grader at East. Orders are being taken now through Feb. 9 and deliveries will be made February 28. The cost is \$1 per box and proceeds finance Girl Scout programs in the Pioneer Council. Mrs. Kenneth Bunkowski is the local cookie sale chairman.

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