



Photo By Tom McIntyre

Rocket Builders

This trio of 11-12 year old Bethware sixth graders have taken a bit more interest in their science class model rocketry course than usual.

Duane Brown, Andrew McKee and Bobby Davis sent off to Estes Industries, Penrose, Colo. for additional info, bought themselves some kits

and built their own rockets. Last Friday the Kings Mountain youngsters fired off five rockets for their teacher, Mrs. Barbara Lovelace, and their fellow students. Tuesday the boys agreed to hold another demonstration and this time they made sure there was a photographer in the neighborhood.

Recycling

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to land owners in this area and would cause property values to go down. The attorney noted several large land owners surrounding the proposed "junkyard" also opposed the zoning change. He added, "if you re-zone this property, you will be ruining the town". Thomasson said the city had lots of room to grow residentially in this section.

Also speaking in opposition to the change was Henry Whitesides, who represented Bill Stinnett and another large land owner in the area. He noted over "three-quarters of a million dollars" had been spent on property in this southern portion and felt the change would be detrimental. Several residents of the area also voiced their opposition during a question and answer session following the public hearing.

Commissioner Corbett Nicholson made a motion the request be denied and it was seconded by Lloyd Davis. Ward Five Commissioner James Amos made a substitute motion saying, "I'm in no position to act on this matter until I can see the area in question." Amos' substitute motion died for a lack of a second. The original motion was put to vote with five commissioners voting to deny the request and Amos abstaining.

The city commissioners also changed city consulting engineers in their regular meeting Monday night.

Ward Two Commissioner Lloyd Davis made the motion the city retain the services of D.L. Fox of Gastonia. The motion was seconded by Corbett Nicholson. The W.K. Dickson firm has been consulting engineer for the city for the past several years.

In making the motion, Davis said all existing contracts with Dickson should be honored but "any new jobs will go to Fox." Dickson is currently in agreement to do work on the sewer and water treatment projects and laying plots for the city cemetery. The board voted unanimously to retain D.L. Fox.

As it turned out, the commissioners also gave Fox his first job when they received a request from Riddle Fabrics to tie onto the city sewer line. J.P. Malcom asked the board for permission to tie into the line currently running on the north end of Second St. Public Works Superintendent Roscoe Wooten said "we might get into some problem with this since that line is a force line instead of a gravity line". The commissioners voted to have D.L. Fox get together with Malcom on the problem.

In other business the board: - voted to annex a portion of land located on the north side of US 74 east into the city. The request was made by George B. Nalley and wife, Anita L. Nalley.

- appointed Ward Three Commissioner Corbett Nicholson as a member of the Fireman's Relief Fund, and appointed Charles Peterson to the board to trustees of the Fireman's Relief Fund to take the place of Gene Tignor.

- appointed William Herndon Fire Prevention Officer.

- appointed city clerk Joe McDaniel to the post of purchasing agent for the city.

- asked about a matter of splitting tire buying between Plonk's and Connor's Recapping, Commissioner of Ward Four, Don McAbee said he had seen a letter to the effect that the buying be made equally between the two firms. Mayor Moss said the bids had been so close that he had signed the order "to keep business in the town".

Rates

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"It has been proposed that if gas rationing is put into effect," Hamrick said, "there should be an immediate auto insurance rate reduction like those during World War Two."

At that time rates were reduced 30-40 percent.

Pennsylvania National suggests several points be considered before conclusions are drawn here:

(1) Rates were at a much more adequate level prior to the arbitrary reductions during World War Two; (2) rationing would probably be far less severe than it was during the war; (3) there are now approximately 100 million passenger cars in the US, compared to 26 million in 1943; (4) highway speeds now are being reduced to 50-55 mph. In '43 speeds were reduced to 35 mph; (5) there are many more young drivers today than during the war, when millions of young men were in service. In 1972 drivers under 30 were involved in 48.9 percent of all accidents, 47.2 percent of fatal accidents, yet they comprised only 32.4 percent of nation's drivers; (6) there was a severe shortage of new autos and tires during the war and motorists were thus prompted to drive carefully because an accident could leave them without transportation; (7) a greater percentage of the public used mass transportation in the 1940s than now; and (8) auto restrictions may not be as effective because we are not in an emergency wartime situation.

Aetna Insurance is another company handled by the Warlick agency in Kings Mountain and, according to Hamrick, "Aetna is in the process of filing a premium reduction plan in North Carolina that would grant credits up to 18 percent to commuters participating in a car pool."

"In the past the NC Insurance Commissioner has not been prone to approve this type of reduction plan," Hamrick said, "but, since this relates to the energy crisis, the plan may be approved."

Under the Aetna plan those insureds driving more than 10 miles to work or school, one way, will receive an 18 percent credit and 13 percent if they drive between three and 10 miles, one way. Vehicle usage must be two days or less per week, or two weeks or less in a five week period.

Birthday Celebration Successful

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Kings Mountain did more than just build a town. They created a legacy which has continued and is very much in evidence today.

"...I am honored to serve as the (city's) 31st mayor," he said.

In his brief remarks US Senatorial Candidate Henry Hall Wilson commented, "I feel a peculiar affinity for the people of Kings Mountain since my forebearers were heavily involved in the battle and the victory in the battle of Kings Mountain."

"I can also recall the

'Battle' celebration of 1930," he said. "I was a boy of eight and President Herbert Hoover was the keynote speaker. That's when the radio announcer made that big nationally broadcast booboo by calling the President 'Hoobert Heever.'"

In his opening statement, Congressman Broyhill said, "Out the outset, seeing all of these elected officials here, I don't know whether I was invited to a Democratic rally or to make this a bi-partisan occasion."

Combining his praise for the

progress Kings Mountain had made in its century of life with a plea to citizens to become more involved in their communities, Broyhill said, "We need more than just local elected officials. There is a need to rekindle in the system a greater sense of citizen participation."

"There have always been doom-preachers," he continued, "but I think they are underestimating the people. We had our doubters in the Revolutionary War, the War Between The States. They said

we would never be able to come out of the conflicts a better people. We have them today and I think they are wrong again."

Broyhill said he thinks he sees a revival in the interest of people in the political system. We see there are changes to be made... politics is not something to be avoided. We must master its ways or be mastered by those who do. Citizen participation is the only sound way.

"The lifeline of any community depends on you and your energies for success," he continued. "This is a chance to

reaffirm our faith in God, country and the individual worth."

Also on the program were the Kings Mountain High Band and Senior High Choir. Rev. M.L. Campbell led the invocation; John W. Gladden, past commander of American Legion Post 155, led Pledge of Allegiance; B.S. Peeler Jr. sang the "Star Spangled Banner," and Rev. Paschal Waugh gave the benediction.

The audience sang special lyrics written by Katherine Shenk Mauney and Frances Carroll Goforth to the tune of "America."

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