



LOADIN' LIQUOR - Commissioners Don McAbee (center), M.C. Pruette, (left) and James Amos (back to camera on porch) supervise the loading of the liquor destroyed Tuesday at the city dump. The destruction of the booze came almost exactly six years after its confiscation.

## Tuesday 'D-Day' For Illegal Booze

A city dump truck laden with liquor made a trip to the landfill just off U.S. 74 Tuesday afternoon and a bulldozer destroyed the controversial load.

The liquor, confiscated in a 1968 arrest, was recently inventoried by the city commissioners and some cases were found missing. The missing liquor in turn caused a furor over the re-appointment of Tom McDevitt to the post of Police Chief. After a public hearing with much citizen support, McDevitt kept his job on a 5 to 1 commissioner vote.

The commissioners, in a special meeting Monday morning, ordered the evidence room at city hall be "cleaned out" and the liquor destroyed Tuesday.

Five commissioners (Ward one representative Ray Cline was not present) and members of the police department helped load the dump truck and sent the liquor to the dump. The "white likker" was poured down a drain and the remainder of beer and liquor crushed under the treads of a bulldozer.

Twenty-four bottles of vodka were retained for use in the police department's breathalyzer and some liquor was distributed to the Kings Mountain Hospital and the Kings Mountain Convalescent Center. A representative of the nursing home said bourbon was used in the treatment of bedsores.

As the controversial liquor was being crushed, Chief McDevitt was asked his thoughts and replied, "I'm glad to see it gone!"

## Hugh Byrd Is Named Controller

Hugh D. Byrd has assumed the position as controller at Kings Mountain Hospital, Inc. The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees approved his appointment to this

position effective February 15. Byrd is a native of Mount Olive, and served in the United States Navy. He attained the rank of Captain and

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Photos by "Goggle-eyed" Ashley

DOWN THE DRAIN - Ward Six Commissioner M.C. Pruette and Mayor John Moss pour some of the confiscated "white lightning" down the drain in the big liquor destruction Tuesday afternoon. The aroma of the booze, contained in the small jail area, prompted a rear door to be opened to cause a draft. Some commented the photographer appeared goggle-eyed!

## Mirror Begins Editorial Page In This Week's Issue

"The Mirror begins in this issue an editorial page to give readers another regular feature in the publication's quest to make it a better, more well-rounded local newspaper," commented Mirror General Manager Darrell Austin.

The Mirror editorial page will feature comment on matters of interest to Kings Mountain. Also the regular columns of Editor Tom McIntyre and newsman-photographer-columnist Jay Ashley. Readers will also find a speaker's platform on the page from which they may air their views on any subject. In fact The Mirror urges you to give us your viewpoint. The page will also feature photos and editorial cartoons of local interest.

"We will not use the canned columns by politicians or editorial services," Austin said. "Look for the editorials on page four-A -- and let us know what you think."

## Washington's Birthday Sale Starts Today

Where can you buy a sport coat for \$3, knit shirts for \$2, dresses for \$5, suits for half price and outstanding discounts on quality furniture?

At home, that's where. Kings Mountain merchants are offering customers some unbelievably good buys Thursday, Friday and Saturday during the George Washington Birthday Sale.

Nationally, the "Father of Our Country" had his birthday celebrated last Monday, but we all know 'ol George was really born February 22.

## Committee To Locate City Property

# Mayor Pro Tempore Wants Investigation

By JAY ASHLEY  
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Ward Five Commissioner James Amos told board members Monday he had "gone over a portion of the city books" and found a few items he felt should be brought to their attention.

Amos made the statement in a special meeting Monday morning and added his going over the books was "part of

my campaign promise to the citizens".

The first item discussed was the Northwoods project, which recently claimed bankruptcy. Amos said there are "41 in-completed homes in the project" (tying up) "about \$50,000-\$75,000 of the city's money." The commissioner noted the city had spent the money in Northwoods in "hopes of producing taxable property."

"I hope in the future", Amos said, "before the city and the council spends this amount of money, a thorough investigation of the developer's financial situation be undertaken."

Amos added no taxes would come from the project unless from the receiver of the bankrupt firm and "even then it will be quite some time".

The commissioner also said "in checking the books, I ran

into another item". He referred to several pieces of property owned by the city.

"Did you know," Amos said to the commissioners, "the city owns 24 Honda motorcycles, 38 scanners, 41 .38 caliber pistols, 19 12-gauge shotguns, and nine operational police cars of which only two were on duty Friday a week ago?"

Amos noted that "budget time is fast approaching" and some committee should be formed to find out "exactly where all this property is."

The commissioner said he brought the item up "because I am a taxpayer in this city and want to get my money's worth".

On a motion by Commissioner Corbett Nicholson, ward three, and second by Amos, a committee was

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# Mauney Seeks Senate Reelection

W.K. (Billy) Mauney will seek a fifth term in N.C. Senate. The Kings Mountain native paid his filing fee in Shelby Monday.

The Senator's filing statement reads: "Several weeks ago I announced to several members of the news media that I would seek re-election to one of the three seats in the N.C. Senate from the 25th Senatorial District which includes Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln and Rutherford counties.

"In seeking re-election for a fifth term in the N.C. General Assembly I feel I am well qualified and experienced in the procedures of the General Assembly to represent the people of this district.

"During my past four terms in the General Assembly I have served three terms in the N.C. House of Representatives and one term in the Senate. I have come to know most all government department heads, Legislators, and

members of the executive office and judicial branch on a first name calling basis. I feel that my close association with everyone in state government makes it much easier for me to get the job done for the people I represent. If re-elected to the Senate I will be

among the top ten Senators in seniority, which would mean a lot to the citizens of my district in having influential representation.

"There is quite a bit of legislation in the General Assembly at the present time that is going to be put over until the next session because there is just not enough time in this session to get the job done and because there is more information needed on the proposed legislation than is available at this time. Some of these subjects are environmental legislation affecting our water and air, land use planning for the coastal, mountain and piedmont area. The energy crisis and what to do about it to help the people of North Carolina. There is much work to be done in the next General Assembly having to do with labor laws, including revision of the employment security and workman's compensation laws. I predict that the agency shop will be carried over to the next session.



W.K. MAUNEY



REP. BROYHILL

## Broyhill Going For Seventh

Representative James T. Broyhill, the incumbent Congressman from North Carolina's 10th Congressional District, today filed with the North Carolina State Board of Elections for re-election to the United States House of Representatives. The Lenoir legislator is seeking his 7th term in the U.S. Congress.

Broyhill was first elected to Congress in 1962 in the old 9th District. After redistricting in 1967, his home county of Caldwell was placed in the 10th District. The 10th District now includes seven counties: Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston, and Watauga. Over the past twelve years, Congressman Broyhill has served eighteen North Carolina counties in Washington.

At the time of filing, Representative Broyhill noted, "A Congressman's influence, knowledge and responsibilities are all strengthened through continued service. I feel that my experience adds to my ability to represent effectively the interests of the district. And it has certainly added to my leadership in pressing for such new legislation as the Budget Control Act and in reducing Federal spending and waste."

Broyhill said, "But beyond the Congressman's legislative duties is the responsibility he has to serve the people. That's why I have always tried to make myself available to individuals to aid them with their problems in any way I can. This practice will continue."

## Bobby Hull's Philosophy

# '...you just can't give up'

By JAY ASHLEY  
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Time - January, 1951  
Place - Ichon, Korea  
Setting - The 24th Medical Battalion at dawn, during the Korean "conflict"

Bobby Hull was dead tired. He and a buddy were just getting off guard duty and the thermometer hovered around the 48 degrees below zero mark.

Bobby's friend had already gotten into his sleeping bag awaiting blissful sleep to overtake him.

Bobby had taken off his boots and socks, rolled up his pants legs and was preparing to hit the sack when the hum of an aircraft hit his ears. He lifted his eyes upward and saw a low-flying craft silhouetted against the dawn sky over the Korean hamlet.

As it neared the site of the 24th Medical Battalion, Bobby could see it was a U.S. Navy craft.

"It looks like the Navy is going to drop us a message or something", Bobby remarked to his friend who was already asleep.

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Bobby Hull on the job