



IS HE COMING HERE? - Mayor John H. Moss extended an official invitation to Vice President Gerald Ford during a March 14 visit to Washington to participate in the ceremonies commemorating the 133rd anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain. Ceremonies are to be held in conjunction with the

city's centennial celebration the first week in October. Ford's answer is expected within a month. Pictured with the two are Charles Mauney, co-chairman of the centennial commission, and Rep. James T. Broyhill, who arranged the meeting with Ford.

Cline Blasts Board

Cox Defends Collections

By JAY ASHLEY
Mirror Staff Writer

Cline Says:

Buford Cline, a property owner at the John H. Moss Reservoir, lashed out at the City Monday night and told the council members he "wouldn't back down from any man."

Cline's remark stemmed from provisions granted him under a 1971 consent judgement made with the city over his property taken by condemnation.

Under the consent judgement Cline was allowed access to the waters of the reservoir, right of way on ingress and egress, granted a provision whereby the city would move his well and

septic tank to conform to State rules and other similar concessions.

Cline said he was "a firm believer in the right to own and keep property" and said his biggest mistake was "being a patient man."

The dairy farmer said he had been "cussed and criticized" during the condemnation hearings on his land and partnerships.

Cline said the provisions covering his septic tank had not yet been honored by the city even though the consent judgement was signed April 9, 1971.

"Gentlemen," Cline said, "it's time you started getting

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Cox Says:

In Monday's city council meeting Tom Cox, consulting engineer at the J.H. Moss Reservoir, was discussed and his collections from lake property owners for advice was questioned.

His employment status, salary, position with the Lake Authority and collections made from property owners at the lake were discussed in a Mirror interview Tuesday.

"Let me start," he said, "by reading a letter I received from the Mayor following a Lake Authority meeting:

"In our Saturday meeting, the Lake Authority members approved employing you for the purpose of recommending design for piers and docks at the John Moss Reservoir."

Cox continued, "my answer to the letter was: 'We are pleased to be commissioned by the City of Kings Mountain to assist the reservoir

authority in establishing a program of water quality management and regulation governing the installation of fixed and-or floating structures for recreational use. The type of professional services we will be rendering in this instance can best be accounted for on the basis of time involved and expenses incurred.' Then I listed my standard fees."

Cox stated, "after we got the regulations in shape and approved, the Authority said they would need to have someone to review and approve applications and they asked me if I would do it. I told them I would and they asked about how much time would be involved."

"I told them we could do the applications by mail and it would require a small amount of time."

The matter of collections at the lake came when Cox was asked to make his services

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Bloodmobile Visit Here Fri., Mar. 29

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit Kings Mountain Fri., Mar. 29 from 11 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. in the Mountaineer Room at the Community Center.

Bill Grissom, local chairman of the Bloodmobile, said the goal for this visit is 125 pints and urges citizens and businessmen to stress the importance of donating to the Bloodmobile.

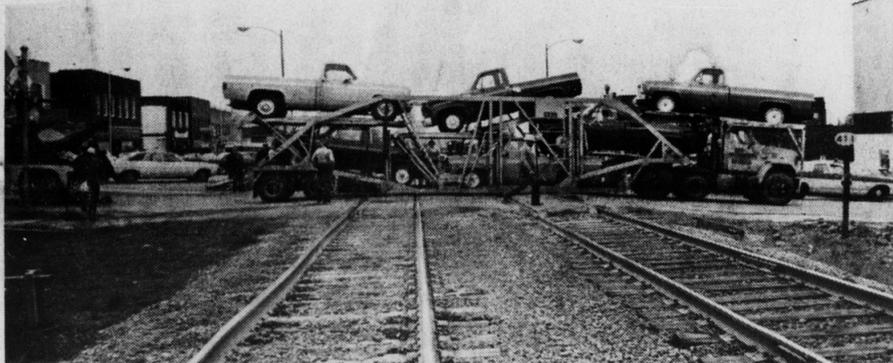


Photo by Jay Ashley

NOT THE HANDIEST POSITION! - A transport rig, loaded to the gills with shiny new Chevys found there are better places to be than stranded on a railroad track with a train coming Tuesday. The big rig attempted to go over the Mountain St. crossing about 12:30 p.m. when the chassis "bottomed out" on the tracks. Then the driver couldn't go forward or backward. That wouldn't have been so bad in itself until the bells began to ring and the lights began to flash in-

dicating a train was on the way. As quickly as possible police came to the scene and managed to contact Southern Railway narrowly averting disaster. According to police on the scene, the train was just beyond Mauney Mills when they got the word and put on the brakes. Finally with the aid of another rig, the transport was pushed off the tracks and the northbound train was allowed to go on its way.

Who Hired W.T. Cox?

An item concerning consulting engineers at the John H. Moss Reservoir led the city commissioners down the path of "what powers do the Lake Authority have" again, and questioned collection procedures of W. Tom Cox.

Cox is consulting engineer retained by the Kings Mountain Lake Authority. The discussion began with the agenda item calling for the "use of Engineer Dennis L. Fox for studies and regulations pertaining to the J.H. Moss Reservoir."

Ward Two Commissioner Lloyd Davis, said he had the item placed on the agenda because "I wonder if we're justified in having three engineers in the city."

Davis referred to W.K. Dickson, W. Tom Cox and D.L. Fox. "I wonder," Davis said, "if Dennis (Fox) couldn't handle engineering problems at the lake. It looks to me like we have too many."

Ward One's Ray Cline responded that the "Lake Authority approved Tom Cox as consulting engineer before Dennis Fox was hired". Cline, a member also of the Lake Authority, added, "we needed help establishing rules and regulations and we needed it in a hurry," speaking of Cox. Davis then said he had "checked with members of the Lake Authority and I can't find out if anyone ever hired Cox."

Corbett Nicholson, of Ward Three and a member of the Lake Authority, said he was under the impression "Cox

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BILL HERNDON

Mirror Begins Feature

In keeping with the Mirror's policy of informing the citizens of Kings Mountain of all facets of the community, we will begin a regular feature concerning Fire Prevention next week.

The author of the column will be Bill Herndon, Fire Prevention Officer of the Kings Mountain Fire Department.

Formerly with the N.C. Forestry Service, Bill joined the KMFD as Fire Prevention Officer in February.

Herndon's duties will be every facet of fire prevention in the home, in industry, and in our environment. He is also qualified to inspect homes for fire hazards. That service is free to anyone who desires it. Bill currently lives on the Grover Rd. with his wife Norma and son Brad.

Watch for Bill's column starting in next week's edition.

FUN! That's Centennial Promise

By TOM McINTYRE
Editor, The Mirror

Plans are rapidly falling into place for the Kings Mountain centennial celebration, according to information given at a public meeting at the community center Tuesday night.

A large crowd of citizens gathered in the center's Mountaineer Room to hear Phil Frable, another representative of The Rogers Co., the professional firm managing the local celebration.

Although Frable's schedule of planned events was sketchy the gathering did form a mental picture of what will be happening to entertain the public as celebration dates draw nearer.

"This celebration is for everyone," Frable emphasized. "There will be activities of interest to everyone beginning several weeks before the celebration."

The first order of business, however, is raising operating capital and that falls to J.C. Bridges' revenue division. Several methods of fund raising are being worked out and details will be explained shortly, according to Bridges. The initial outlay calls for \$9,000.

To coordinate all of the

activities the centennial commission has incorporated as a non-profit organization and headquarters have been established at the old First Union National Bank building on the corner of W. Mountain St. and Battleground Ave. About 10 weeks prior to the October 1-6 celebration the headquarters will be open parttime and begins a full day operation about seven weeks before the celebration.

From this central point revenue earning projects will be carried out; such items as souvenir booklets, coins, plates, ties, hats, buttons and period fashions will be sold.

Around the end of June the Brothers of The Brush and the Belles Chapters will be formed. The first is formed to give men an opportunity to "forget about shaving for awhile, until the beard judging takes place," Frable said.

"And we have no trouble forming the Belles chapter," he continued. "Any woman who doesn't join will be 'arrested' if caught wearing cosmetics and will have to be tried in the Kangaroo Court....and ladies. Deodorant is considered a cosmetic."

The Kangaroo Courts will be held once a week starting about five weeks prior to October. And there will be promenades where men and

women dress up in their celebration costumes and walk with their neighbors, usually to the Kangaroo Court. Caravans are planned also. In this activity representatives from the city will wear celebration attire and visit the outlying areas to invite citizens to join in the fun in Kings Mountain.

About the last week in August Rogers Company's resident director will begin casting about 300 roles for the historical spectacle planned for four nights at John Gamble Stadium. There will be four weeks of rehearsals, twice each week for the show. The spectacle will tell the story of Kings Mountain from its beginning until now through scenes and music.

There are also many special days planned for the public. Bill Brown, manager of Belks, will have charge of setting a motif for decorating the businesses downtown for the celebration.

There are 65 committees involved in the centennial commission and Tuesday night the plea was made for volunteers to help in all of them.

Charles Mauney, centennial co-chairman, urged public involvement and added, "We'll get out this celebration what we put into it."

Conman Prays As He Preys

Saturday afternoon a clean-cut man of medium height and weight walked into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cobb of 104 Cloniger St.

He just walked in, without knocking, and announced to the couple, "I've been sent to pray for you."

The man asked if the couple had a Bible and "if you would please get it."

The Bible was brought out and he prayed with them.

Following the prayer, the man asked Mrs. Cobb if she could get him a glass of water to cool his throat. She left for the kitchen and brought the "preacher" his water.

The man left saying "I'll see you folks just after Easter."

After making his exit, Mr. and Mrs. Cobb discovered they had been relieved of \$90 by the kindly "preacher" who turned out to be a self-styled "Elmer Gantry-Bennie the Dip".

Cobb was missing \$9 from his coat pocket and his wife discovered \$81 in cash gone from her pocketbook.

Det. Richard Reynolds and Det. Johnny Belk investigated the flim-flam robbery Saturday around 3 p.m. Upon further investigation it was revealed the "clerical faker" had also tried the same stunt on one of the Cobbs' neighbors, but had failed.

The police are looking for a man five feet seven, weighing around 150 pounds with dark hair and brown eyes.

Coupons Save You

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The Mirror welcomes A&P to its pages this week.

The old established food store joins Harris-Teeter and Winn-Dixie in the second section to give Kings Mountain a complete selection of this week's specials in food items.

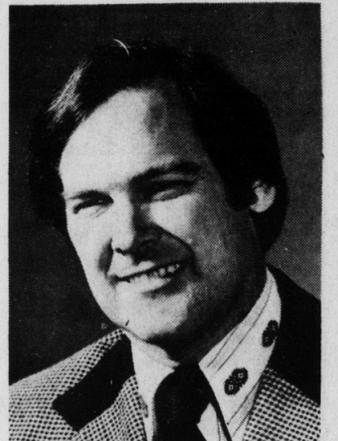
And to save even more cash at the checkout counter use the special coupons you will find within the A&P, Winn-Dixie and Harris-Teeter ads in this week's Mirror.

Commissioner Ingram Rotary Speaker Today

Insurance Commissioner John Ingram is special guest speaker at the Kings Mountain Rotary Club luncheon today at the KM Country Club.

Rotarian Tom Trott arranged the program. Discrimination in automobile insurance rates is the subject the commissioner will talk on at the meeting.

Ingram was scheduled to fly to the Shelby Airport this morning and be the special guest at a coffee hour in his honor at the Hotel Charles. The public is invited to this 10-11 a.m. event.



JOHN R. INGRAM