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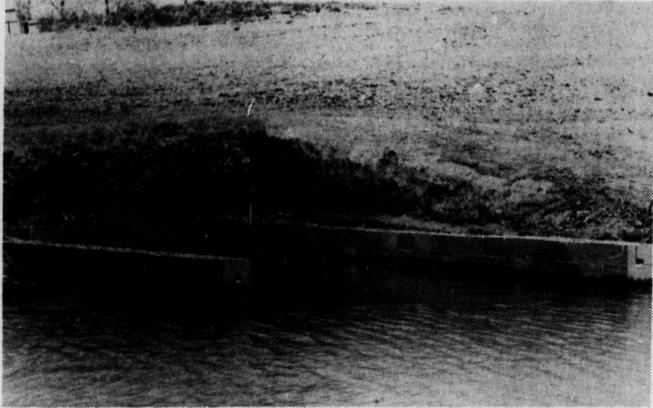
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## Structures Of Illegal Materials

# Violations Seen At Lake



**VIOLATIONS?** - To the left and bottom are photos made at the John Moss Reservoir of apparent violations in pier and dock building. All three structures contain concrete block which is not allowed under Lake Authority guidelines.

By JAY ASHLEY  
Mirror Staff Writer

According to the rules and regulations regarding mooring facilities at the Moss Reservoir, only certain materials can be used in pier construction and there are apparently several violations of these rules, the Mirror discovered.

A check of the lake facility this week turned up several structures that do not conform to the regulations recently adopted by the Kings Mountain Lake Authority and City Commission.

The basic violation is construction of piers or docks out of concrete blocks. Such blocks are not approved under the Lake Authority guidelines.

Section five of the guidelines outline requirements for stationary piers:

"The only materials permitted for use in the construction of stationary piers shall be reinforced concrete, or hot-dipped galvanized steel. This may be either of formed, poured in place construction or of pre-stressed units. Stationary structures may be covered with a roof or galvanized steel supported by steel columns, but no siding or wall surfaces are permitted. Stationary piers constructed of wood, either treated or untreated, will not be permitted."

Some of the structures on the lake appear to be beginnings of boathouses. According to the guidelines, again, boathouses are not permitted "upon the confines of the property owned by the City of Kings Mountain and surrounding the Reservoir."

Boathouses are not restricted however if they are built on private property. If such boathouses are constructed, a permit must be acquired "from the Authority for the installation of a launching ramp or tram rails

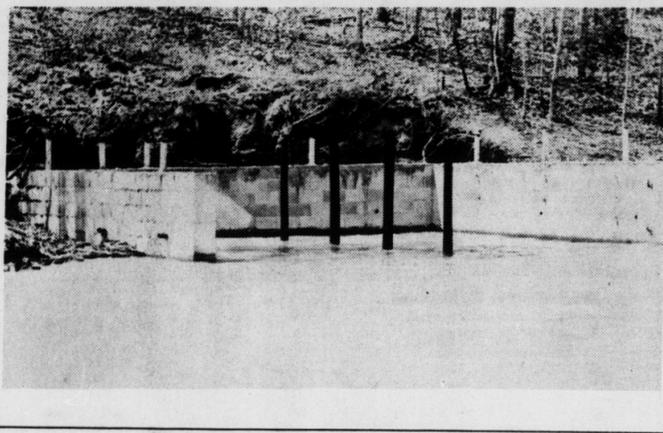
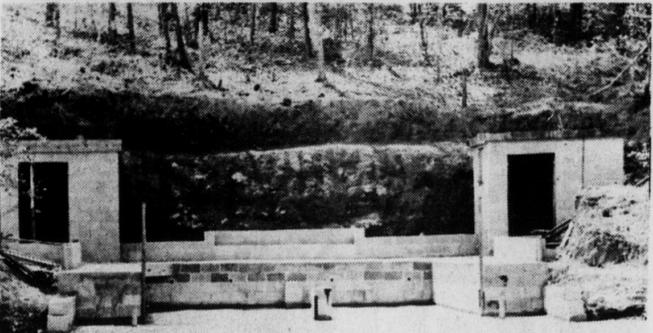
which will facilitate the launching or withdrawing of his boat into and out of the lake."

A check of the permits either approved or disapproved by lake consulting engineer Tom Cox showed no permit approved for the building of any structure containing concrete block. There were some permits disapproved because of such building material.

To further the apparent violations, the Lake Authority guidelines say: "No structure of any kind, whether stationary, floating, or access ramp shall be constructed or installed before having first made application for and obtained from the Authority or its authorized agent, a written permit-to-construct."

A permit-to-construct must be filled out by the applicant and contains locations of the proposed structure, type of proposed installation and material to be used. These permits are then forwarded to engineer Cox who either approves or disapproves of the permit and send them back to the mayor's office.

Photos by Jay Ashley



# Chamber's Future Is Shaky

By GARY STEWART  
Mirror Staff Writer

Kings Mountain's Chamber of Commerce appears on shaky ground after learning at its monthly meeting Tuesday at Kings Mountain Savings and Loan that it is operating with 50 percent less income than last year.

The problem apparently lies in the fact that 32 1973 members have not renewed

their dues and the chamber is allowing members to choose from one of three membership rates.

President Frank Sincox noted that only \$2,750 in dues has been collected, slightly less than half of last year's operating income of \$5,410.

Another problem, the group feels, is lack of attendance at meetings. At Tuesday's scheduled meeting time of 3 p.m., only Sincox and C of C secretary Lucille Williams, plus one newspaper reporter, were in attendance. Members Larry Hamrick, Wade Tyner, Charles Mauney, Bob Bradley and Bob Smith later arrived. "We're not going to last a year," Sincox predicted. "I'm not pointing fingers at anyone but we've either got to go or stop. We can't expect all 12 directors to be present at every meeting but we can't run the organization with three or four."

The membership figures is now 46, compared to 65 last year. If the C of C recruits all 32 of its '73 members who have not renewed it would actually increase the membership as 13 new members recently joined.

"A lot of people felt they weren't getting their money's worth," noted Hamrick, who pledged to personally contact

the old members and try to persuade them to renew their dues. "Also," added Hamrick, "when we allowed them to set their own membership rate, a lot of them cut back a little bit. The thing to do is to get more members."

Mauney suggested that "we call these people who have not renewed" and ask them to pay their dues. "When something comes in the mail it gets pushed aside unless it has a

due date on it," he said. "I think calling them would be effective."

The chamber also showed concern that it hasn't been involved in getting new businesses into town. That task, it seems, has been left up to the Mayor's industrial committee.

"We have a major industry thinking of coming into town," said Sincox, "but I didn't know anything about it until I read it in the paper. But, the manager of the new Pic 'N Pay store contacted us about the procedure for grand opening ceremonies and that's certainly encouraging." Sincox said he planned to be on hand this morning at 8:30 at Pic 'N Pay opening ceremonies to help welcome the new business.

"I think it would be nice if a member of the Chamber of Commerce be a member of the Mayor's industrial committee," said Tyner.

Getting back to the possibility of the C of C disbanding, Hamrick said "if we let it die, it will be twice as hard to start it back up as it would be to keep it going. I think we ought to hold it together."

Tyner added, "I don't believe the situation is as bad as it looks. I think we should make a good strong telephone pitch to the old members and see what kind of results we get. If we don't get results, then I might favor disbanding."

In other business, the C of C: -Heard a report from Bob Bradley on a draft of by-law changes and nominations for new directors. These items will be voted on at the C of C's annual banquet May 23 at 7

p.m. at the country club;

-Heard a report on city maps and the progress of the city's centennial celebration and tabled the chamber's annual golf banquet until a later meeting;

-Was informed by Sincox that he had sent a letter of approval for a city directory but that the C of C is not sponsoring it.

-Set May 14 at 3 p.m. for its May meeting time.

## Lake Authority Held Brief Meeting Friday

In a brief meeting last Friday the Kings Mountain Lake Authority voted to request a representative of the state health department meet with the board to discuss possible problems of health that might arise concerning the lake in the future.

Authority Secretary Glee Bridges said the number of septic tanks near the lake shore might be of concern to the health department. Bridges said he would like to

be sure there would be no contamination problems later.

The board also decided to discuss a possible "package deal" for families using the lake. The idea is to make the fees a bit more enticing through a family unit deal.

At Friday's meeting Mayor John Henry Moss suggested the board meet Wednesday (last night) with lake property owners who have differing viewpoints on the fee schedule outlined two weeks ago by the city commissioners.

(Last night's meeting was set too late to allow coverage in this week's issue of The Mirror.)

It was city attorney Jack White's suggestion that the lake authority be the group these property owners should meet with to discuss grievances, rather than the city commissioners.

"I understand a large number of them are planning to attend Monday's commissioner meeting," White said last Friday.

Consequently the city commissioner meeting was also postponed until tonight at city hall.

## Centennial Stocks Are Going On Sale

The executive committee of the Kings Mountain Centennial Commission will meet Mon., Apr. 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the board room at FUNBank to further complete plans for the coming celebration.

Also next week, according to J.C. Bridges, the fund raising campaign to underwrite initial costs of the celebration will get underway.

"We must raise \$9,000 to purchase supplies and articles which will be sold the public," Bridges said. "Articles such as the bronze and silver commemorative coins, fashions, hats, plates, etc."

Bridges said the campaign will be in the form of stock certificate sales. The certificates of \$10 or more are redeemable "if the centennial concludes with a profit."

Bridges said. "If the profits are not as anticipated the certificates will be redeemable on a pro rata share basis."

Certificates of less than \$10 are considered donations to the centennial fund.

Industrial and business solicitations will also begin next week. Carl Devane and Bob Suber are in charge of these divisions.

### SPONSORS NEEDED

Sponsors or coaches are needed to help support the Kings Mountain Little League baseball program for this summer. Interested persons are asked to contact Roy Pearson or Elmer Ross at 739-3549.

### BYPASS HEARING

The design public hearing for the proposed Kings Mountain Hwy. 74 bypass will be held at 7:30 p.m., Thurs., May 2 at the Kings Mountain Armory. District highway engineer Ken Mauney will be on hand with maps of the proposed route.



BRUCE McIVER

## Revival Begins Sunday

Russell Fitts, Pastor, and members of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Kings Mountain invite you to attend revival services beginning Sun., Apr. 28 and concluding on Thurs., May 2. The revival speaker will be Bruce McIver, pastor of Wilshire Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex. McIver has served at Wilshire for the past 15 years.

A former North Carolinian, Bruce was born in Siler City and received his education at Mars Hill Junior College. From there he went on to Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Texas.

Along with his pastoral duties, Bruce has served several colleges in Texas as Bible Instructor and is presently serving the Baptist General Convention of Texas as Trustee of the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.



DR. PHILLIP SHORE

## Dr. Shore To Speak On Sunday

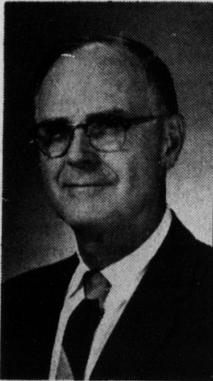
Dr. Philip L. Shore Jr. is the guest speaker at Central United Methodist Church's centennial anniversary services Sun., Apr. 28.

He will speak at the 11 a.m. service.

Dr. Shore is a native of Mocksville and is a graduate of Duke University, AB summa cum laude, Duke Divinity School, BD, and received honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from High Point College.

During Sunday's services the oldest members of Central will be recognized and following the service a covered dish luncheon will be served.

In services scheduled tonight at 7:30 Dr. J.G. Winkler of Hickory is guest speaker. He was pastor here from 1941-48. And Friday night at 7:30 Dr. John R. Church, pastor here from 1928-31, is scheduled to speak.



DR. W.N. LONG

**INTERIM PASTOR** - Dr. Walter N. Long of Belmont is serving as interim pastor at First Baptist Church, Kings Mountain. He began his duties last Sunday. He served as Belmont First Baptist Church's pastor for almost 28 years. He retired in 1972. Dr. Long has three children, W.N. Long Jr., Mrs. Nan Britt and Mrs. Douglas Spencer.

## Kiwanis Show Is Tonight

Preliminary talent winners from the high school and junior high will compete for honors tonight at the Central Junior High Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Entries from the high school will be The Soul Occasions Band, The Jet Blues Band, soloists David Lucas and Brantley Mercier, baton twirler Renee Bradley and pianist Danny Arrowood.

The junior high entries are The Bugle Rock Band, guitarist and singer Bridget White and soloist Sonya McAbee.

The 17th annual Kiwanis Club Talent Show culminates several weeks of work and preliminary talent shows at the local schools. The prizes Thursday will be trophies and there will be two winners from the high school division and one winner from junior high. In the high school division there will be a group and a single entry winner.

The elementary school talent show finals will be held May 2 at Central and all winners will be invited, along with their parents, to dine with the Kiwanis Club May 9.

All proceeds from the shows go to various community projects of the Kiwanians.



Photo by Jay Ashley

**ON THE SQUARE** - WBT-TV personality Doug Mayes was in Kings Mountain Tuesday afternoon to listen to the opinions of KM'ers. Mayes, who is well known for his "On The Square" excursions was swarmed with residents who wanted to air

their views on various issues. Frank Alioto, of the promotion department at WBT-TV said the crowd was "one of the largest we have had for a town this size". Both Alioto and Mayes expressed pleasure with the turnout.