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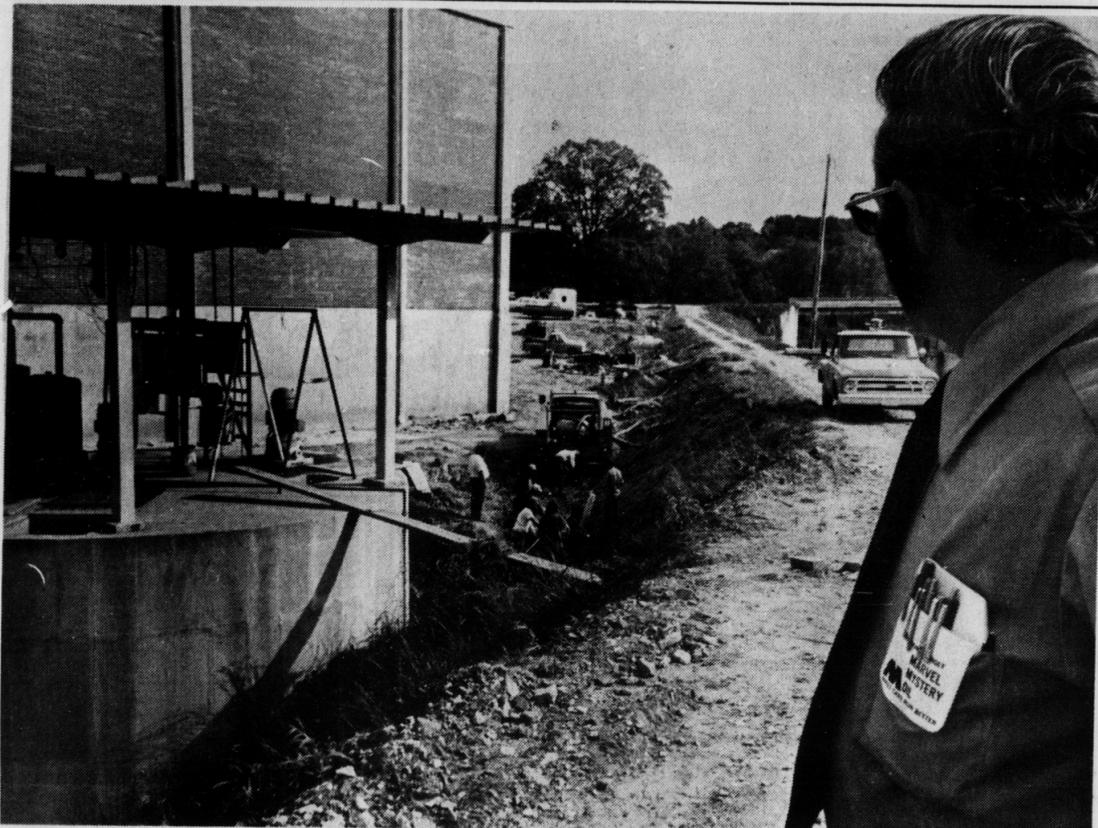


Photo by Jay Ashley

Surveying The Situation

Public Works superintendent Roscoe Wooten (at right) watches his crew of men working in the shadow of Dover Yarn Mill and the city-constructed dyke that has recently caused charges and counter-charges to fly. The workmen are busy

cleaning out the pump house that contained "about four feet of mud", according to Wooten. A small leak-like stream emerges from the ground in the area between the Mill and the lake but Wooten says he "isn't sure the water is coming from the lake."

Dover Vs. City

Charges, Counter Charges In Dyke Matter

By JAY ASHLEY
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A recent letter to the city from Dover Yarn Mills charges Kings Mountain has done nothing to correct deficiencies around the lake area at their NC 150 plant.

To those charges, Superintendent of Public Works, Roscoe Wooten said, "my men have been working there for the past two weeks straight and I resent the statement."

The letter, addressed to Mayor John Moss and the city commissioners from Dover executive vice-president G.J. Vincent, outlines two items Dover feels Kings Mountain has been "deficient" in coping with.

Dover pointed out, "a leak has developed in the dyke (built by city) itself which we believe was caused by the erosion in the dyke which was pointed out to you (Mayor Moss) and the engineer for the city of Kings Mountain on several occasions. We also believe quite strongly that the dyke was constructed upon a bed of sand instead of solid clay as it was supposed to have been done. We feel quite strongly that the level of the lake must be lowered to the point where the leak can be completely stopped and the dyke either replaced or repaired, whichever proves to be necessary."

The mill also contends some pumping equipment placed by the city has "never operated properly and on one occasion these pumps were damaged when flooding occurred and were repaired at the expense of Dover Yarn Mill in the amount of \$500. The mill has also paid to have a gas line installed in order that the pumps would operate and further flooding be avoided. This problem arises because the outside portion of the dyke is lower than the surrounding terrain and surface water collects behind the dyke and must be pumped out."

The Dover executive stated the city had assured the mill the problems would be corrected and "yet nothing

has been done". He continued, "Almost twelve months have passed and still nothing has been done by the City of Kings Mountain to correct these deficiencies which are the responsibility as outlined above."

Vincent said he was leaving the country and would return May 15 and if the repairs have not been made to the satisfaction of Dover Mills engineers, "the mill will send a copy of the invoice and charges for repairs to the pumps and for installation of the gas line in the total amount of approximately \$1,300 to the City of Kings Mountain."

In closing, Vincent said he regretted taking such "strong action" but that if the city had such "an investment the size of ours that was endangered through the faulty construction of a dyke, plus the fault of the City of Kings Mountain to put into operation the equipment that it should install and due to the fault of the City of Kings Mountain to take corrective action, we feel that you, too, would take the same action."

On a tour of the situation with Public Works director Wooten he stated, "the pumps are designed to take care of all drainage problems, including storm drainage on the mill side of the dyke and the discharge from Dover's industrial waste treatment plant."

The pumping station, located on the mill side of the dyke, contains four pumps. Two pumps take care of waste treatment and storm drainage and the other two pumps are all electric except for one, which is electric with a gasoline auxiliary in cases of prolonged power failure.

Wooten said he had men from the city's water and sewer, gas and street departments at the Dover site for "the past two weeks straight just cleaning out the pump house." He noted, "the letter didn't mention the fact that the drainage from the mill's cooling tower contains an abundance of lint. The lint comes through the drain pipe and into the pump house and

has stopped up the screens on the pumps. When we started working here, one side of the pump house had about four feet of mud and sand in it and the other side contained mud waist deep. We've cleaned one side and now are working on the other side." He pointed to several five gallon buckets lying in the area and said, "we are even dipping the mess out by hand now." Wooten said, "The mill here needs to make some effort to filter this lint coming from the cooling tower because pumps cannot pump lint."

He continued, "we started working here in January and

then we brought out 26 dump-truck loads of broken concrete and cement to put around the drain pipe in the dyke to prevent erosion. We also poured 22 yards of concrete around the pipe and it was done to keep the dyke from weakening."

"As far as the leak in the dyke goes, we are still not sure that the dyke is leaking. The little stream of water coming from the ground is producing water that is crystal clear," with that Wooten made a gesture towards the lake and asked, "does that water look clear?" He added, "there is a rule in engineering that you

don't work on a problem until you find out what the problem really is. Now I'm not saying that the water doesn't come from the lake, but I am saying before we spend a lot of money that won't be doing any good." Wooten said the contention the dyke was built on sand "is not exactly accurate. We built the dyke with a clay core. There may be some sand under it, but how far can you dig for a solid clay base? A mile? We dug enough to get the clay core. It's entirely possible that water is coming

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Bypass Hearing Tonight

The design public hearing for the proposed Kings Mountain Hwy. 74 bypass is on tap tonight at 7:30 in the Kings Mountain Armory, Phifer Rd.

Plans for the 7.3 mile stretch of highway, estimated to cost \$14-million, have been approved by the planning board, division of highways, department of transportation.

According to the highway rights of way department in Shelby there are roughly 200 claims to be considered along the proposed bypass route and the department will not have an accurate picture of exactly who owns what until after tonight's public hearing.

At tonight's hearing there will be huge blowups of maps showing the bypass route and persons who think they might be on the route may check these maps for information.

City Has Headaches

Superintendent of Public Works, Roscoe Wooten approached the Kings Mountain City Council with four recommendations he termed "very pressing" for the city's operation.

The first recommendation Wooten offered concerned the commercial and industrial trash containers owned by the city. "They are giving us quite a headache", Wooten said pointing out maintenance and time is being spent in excess in caring for the containers.

According to Wooten the containers are in poor condition and new ones run in the neighborhood of \$670 apiece. In this vein Wooten recommended the board establish a policy of discontinuing furnishing and maintaining the containers. Wooten said if the store and industrial owners have to buy their own containers, "we would see an improvement in the appearance of the containers." Wooten said the city-owned containers are being abused and it is costing too much to keep them up.

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Authority Sets Family Fee

After hearing complaints from John Henry Moss Reservoir property owners last Wednesday over what they term "excessive lake use fees," the Kings Mountain Lake Authority approved a set fee for a family unit plan amounting to \$175 annually.

This fee will cover the head of a household and those dependents declared on tax form 1040 and the rate applies to all families, not just lake front property owners.

The plan, on Henry Neisler's motion, is an amendment to the proposed fee schedule recommended by the authority to city commissioners. The city board, as yet, has not acted on the schedule adoption or rejection.

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Change Name?

Yes, No, Maybe - Forget It Forever

By JAY ASHLEY
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A move to change the name of the John H. Moss Reservoir to the Kings Mountain City Lake met with chaos and votes of 4 to 2, 3 to 3 and finally 4 to 3, in Thursday's city board meeting. And after speaking with commissioners later, the vote was apparently 4 to 2 to change the name.

The motion to change the name after Ward Three Commissioner Corbett Nicholson told the board, "I received a letter from three businessmen and have had several calls about changing the name of the lake." With that announcement, Nicholson produced a typewritten letter and handed it to Ward Five Commissioner James Amos asking Amos to read the letter aloud.

The letter stated that the lake is nine miles from Kings Mountain, "in Shelby's backyard" and the writers felt the name should be changed to Kings Mountain so the city would get "proper credit" for the lake.

The letter continued noting there was "a city of Kings Mountain, a mountain named Kings Mountain and a battleground named Kings Mountain and the name of the lake should be changed."

The letter was unsigned. Following the reading of the letter, Nicholson said, "With that letter and other people I have talked with, I move we change the name of the lake from the John Moss Reservoir to Kings Mountain City Lake."

Mayor John Moss, for whom the lake is named, said, "the only comment I can make and feel I should make, is the previous board named the lake after me unanimously and I

had no part in that. I am honored the lake is named after me and I respect the feeling that some people want it changed. I also feel the citizens have a right to name it what they want and I'll abide by the citizen's wishes."

Commissioner Amos spoke up and noted, "I do not wish to change the name of the lake personally. However, since this is the second time the matter has arisen, maybe we should put the matter to the people by way of a ballot."

John Dilling, a spectator in the audience remarked, "if the people can't sign a letter, I don't think it should be read." Another spectator Buron Blanton said, "whatever the name it won't change the taste of the water."

At that point, Commissioner Amos moved "the meeting be adjourned" but Ward Four Commissioner Don McAbee said, "wait a minute, there's a motion on the floor already and it needs a second."

There was a momentary lull and McAbee spoke up, "I'll second the motion."

During discussion Commissioner Lloyd Davis said, "I brought this matter up once before and it was beat and I promised I wouldn't bring it up again." He looked at the mayor and added, "but I never promised I wouldn't vote to change the name if someone else brought it up." He continued, "if we are going to change the lake name, I also think we ought to change the name of the filter plant. Now it's the Tommy Ellison plant."

Mayor Moss remarked, "you are putting me in an awkward situation. I have always risen to any challenge and have worked hard for the lake."

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Tuesday's Primary Very Unexciting

Tuesday's primary election in Cleveland County is shaping up with all the luster of faded denims.

And according to Paul Vogel, chairman of the county elections board, "there doesn't appear to be a great deal of interest in the May 7 primary election although there are some very important offices to be considered."

Voters who go to the polls next Tuesday, open from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m., will have four Democratic ballots and two Republican ballots to consider.

The important national primary election is between N.C. Senator Jack L. Rhyne and Billy E. Pope who are vying for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. House representatives race. The winner in this category will face incumbent James Broyhill for the 10th Congressional District seat.

Top contenders for the Democratic nomination in the U.S. Senate seat race (the one currently held by Sam Ervin) are Robert Morgan, Henry Hall Wilson and Bill Hare.

In state races incumbents W.K. (Billy) Mauney of Kings Mountain and Marshall Rauch of Gastonia are seeking nomination from Democrats for the N.C. Senate race. Also on the ballot for this nomination are J. Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain, J. Rodney Sherrill of Lincolnton, James Ramsey of Bessemer City and John Eaker of Cherryville.

Three seats are available in the 25th Senatorial District. John C. Hodge Sr. of Lincolnton is the lone Republican candidate.

The 40th District, N.C. House, has three seats available and only three Democratic contenders, incumbents Bob Falls of Shelby, Jack Hunt of Lattimore and Robert Jones of Forest City, and their names will not be on Tuesday's ballot.

The Clerk of Superior Court candidate, Incumbent Ruth Dedmon, and Cleveland

Coroner candidate, incumbent M.D. (Bub) Walker, also will not appear on the primary ballot.

In the county race for sheriff, incumbent Haywood Allen faces Charles Peeler in the primary. In the 27th District Solicitor primary race incumbent Hamp Childs faces Joe Brown of Belmont.

In the 27th District Superior Court Judgeship race, a new office with one seat, Lewis Bulwinkle of Dallas, Robert Kirby and Ralph Phillips of Gastonia are the contenders. All three are currently serving terms as district court judges. Incumbents B.E. (Pop) Simmons and Phil Rucker face Ed Nolan and C.M. Peeler Jr. for the two Cleveland County Commissioner seats up for grabs.

In the Cleveland County Board of Education race, two

seats are open, are incumbents Mary Lou Barrier and Robert Stone and newcomer Richard Lowery.

Kings Mountain area precinct officials for Tuesday's primary are: Bethware - Hazel McNeilly, registrar, Aillen Herndon and Carolyn Hicks, judges; Grover - Geraldine Myers, registrar, Mary C. Rollins and Jerome S. Spangler, judges; E. Kings Mountain - Mrs. Ruth N. Hord, registrar, Janice Glass and Nell Cranford, judges; W. Kings Mountain - Margaret Rayfield, registrar, Kelly Dixon and Mrs. J.H. Arthur, judges; Waco - Maxine Moore, registrar, Paul Shull and G.M. Murray, judges.

Primary winners are subject to the November 5, 1974 general election.

At FUNBank 10-5

Mirror Photographer Here Today & Friday

The photographer is here.

C.W. Robinson has his camera set up in the conference room at First Union National Bank, Battleground Ave., today from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The photo sessions, which continue Friday and again Thursday and Friday, May 9 and 10 at the same times, are sponsored by The Mirror.

"We are concerned about the lack of file photos of women in the community," said Mirror General Manager Darrell Austin, "and that's the reason we have contracted Robinson for photo sessions."

The photos are being made for The Mirror files at no cost to the citizens. Several poses will be made and proofs mailed to subjects for a selection. All proofs must be returned with the pose selection clearly marked. That photo will go into The Mirror files.

"We want photos of members of all the ladies clubs and organizations, plus photos of women active in business politics, etc.," Austin said.

"At the same time we want to urge men in the community who were unable to attend the photo sessions of a year ago to make every effort to take advantage of the photo sessions now underway," Austin continued.

All photos will be portrait-type quality. Robinson is now in his 56th year as a commercial photographer. The Mirror is fortunate to have a photographer of Robinson's stature available for this special promotion.

"We urge you to take advantage of this feature," Austin said.