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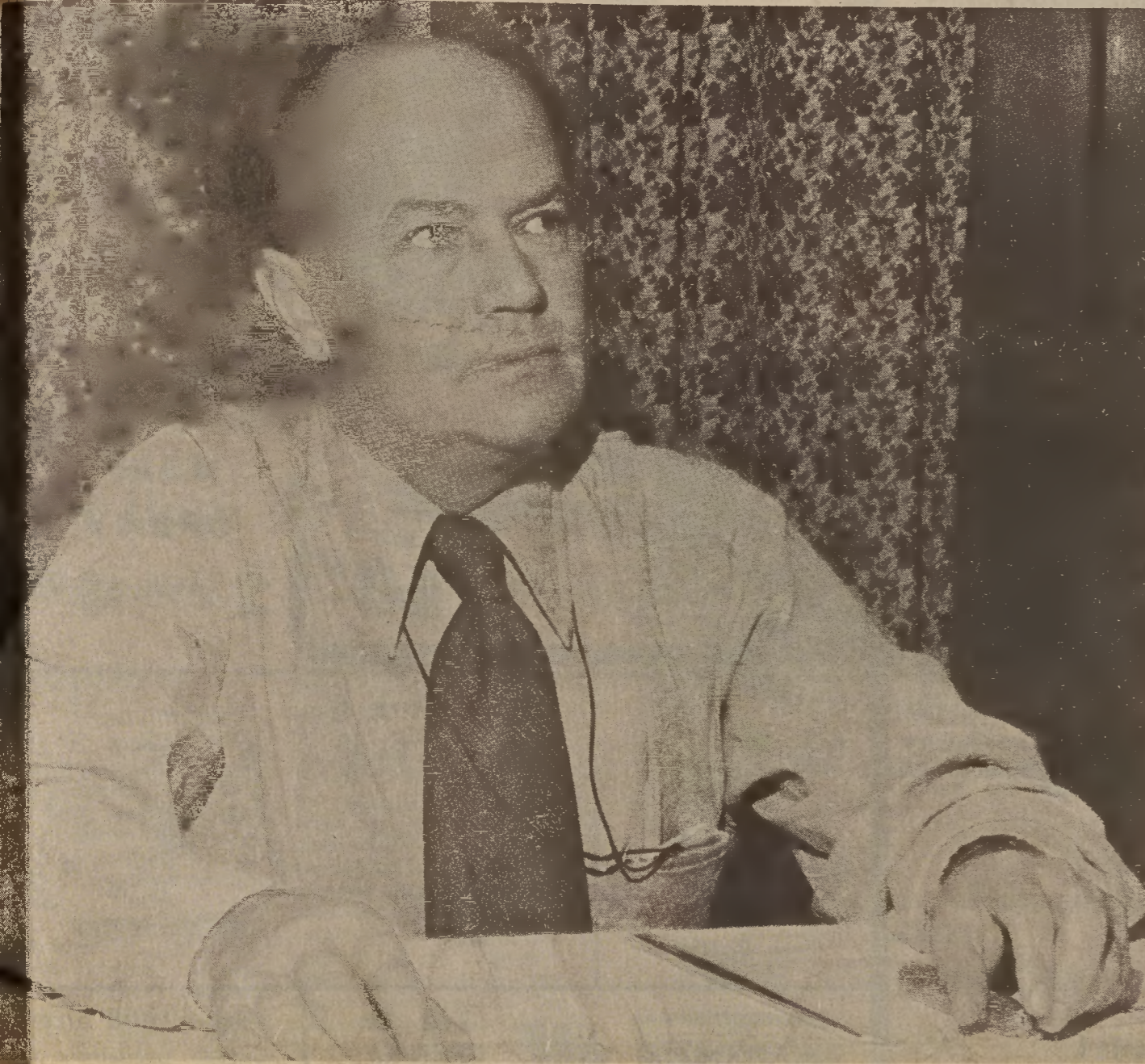


Photo By Gary Stewart

MILEWSKI REMEMBERS - Seated in the comfort of his office at Duplex International in Kings Mountain Andrew Milewski recalls his uncomfortable teen years under Russian

guns in labor camps. "You worked and produced your quota or you didn't get your one meal each day," he said.

Under Russian Guns

By GARY STEWART Staff Writer

With talk of a depression just around the corner, many Americans are speaking of hard times. But times here are not compared to the way Andrew Milewski lived during his teenage years...

forming around the area. When the Polish forces were defeated these small bands went around the countryside harming everyone they had a grudge against. It was like someone here in Kings Mountain that didn't like the chief of police or someone else in authority going out and torturing or murdering he and his family.

"Then the Russian troops came in and stopped all of this and we were sort of left alone until Feb. 10, 1940. It was about 6 a. m. when we heard a knock on the door and three soldiers with frosted bayonets and red stars, and two secret service police with their pistols came in and scared us up from our beds and lined us up against the wall. They searched the house and premises and told us to pack up.

"They said we could only take what we could carry," he went on, "so we packed little suitcases. In about half an hour we were outside and there was a horse there, and sleigh and a military driver. When we looked down the hill toward the other houses in the

village, the same was happening to everybody."

Milewski, his family and neighbors were taken about 50 miles away and there they were locked in cattle trucks which had benches on each side, a stove in the middle and a hole drilled in one end of the floor for bathroom purposes.

"The farce about the whole thing," he said, "was that there wasn't any fuel for the stove. The first day was very cold but we didn't light the stove. But the next day we had to start chopping up the benches that were supposed to be for sleeping quarters to make a fire.

"We stayed there for about three days," he recalled, "and no food was provided. Then the truck took us away and you got to think 'where are they taking us'. The only thing the Russian police told us was 'forget the past. There's a future ahead of you somewhere in Siberia. And if you work there, we will feed you but if you don't you will die.'"

Milewski said in each truck were old people, women and children, and young boys. The adult men had been taken prisoner of war.

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UF Raises \$6,728

The 1975 Kings Mountain United Fund campaign reports totals to date of \$6,728.82 from five of the 10 divisions. The 1975 goal is \$35,100.

Mrs. Becky Scism, UF secretary-treasurer, said the divisions donating thus far include: Advance Gifts (\$190), Commercial (\$80), Correspondence (\$135), Industrial (\$4,443.82) and Schools (\$2,180).

Marvin Teer and Bill Bates are co-chairman for the campaign.

Estimated Cost \$200,000

FHA Grants City \$90,000 For Plant

By TOM McINTYRE Editor, Mirror-Herald

A grant of \$90,000 has been approved by the Farmers Home Administration toward construction of a natural gas peak shaving plant in Kings Mountain.

The announcement was made by Rep. James Broyhill to Mayor John Henry Moss this week.

The approximate cost of the plant, to be located on Deal St., is \$200,000, which leaves \$110,000 for the city to muster through revenue bonds. Commissioners approved the sale of bonds for up to that amount for the plant during a meeting last August.

"We expect to advertise for construction bids on Jan. 30," Mayor Moss told The Mirror-Herald this week. "We should receive those bids by Feb. 19. Construction should take no more than 90 days, but should it take longer the city will include in its contract a penalty clause of \$50 per day."

The peak shaving plant, which will be augmented during the peak periods according to demand, is expected to produce about 25 percent more natural gas for interruptible customers. With the increase those customers will not be "interrupted in gas service" quite as much as before, according to the mayor.

Propane gas will actually be manufactured at the plant for inclusion in the natural gas system.

In Monday night's commissioners meeting approval of an amendment to the city's ordinance governing mobile homes in Kings Mountain. The amendment, introduced by Public Works Director Black Leonard, calls for all new mobile homes being situated within the city limits and the one-mile perimeter to be installed with hurricane straps.

The straps, metal bands, would anchor the mobile home to the ground to prevent damage and possibly loss of life in uncommonly high velocity winds. Kings Mountain is not considered to be geographically situated in a hurricane area, but high

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TALKS ABOUT DOGS - George W. Moore of the Cleveland County Health Department appeared before city commissioners Monday to explain about the county-wide dog quarantine which went into effect Wednesday and runs through Feb. 13.

Through Feb. 13

Dog Quarantine Now Underway

Cleveland County's month-long dog quarantine began Wednesday.

Any dog found running loose, with or without tags, will be subject to being picked up and possibly destroyed,

county health Richard Steeves announces.

The four dog wardens in the county will be increasing their work day to 12 hours during the quarantine and law enforcement officers county-wide will be participating, said Steeves.

The unleashed dogs will be deposited in the county animal shelter and if he bears an identifying tag, the owner will be contacted and can reclaim his mutt by paying a \$2 fee and \$1 per day for each day the dog remains at the shelter.

Pets will be kept at the shelter for five days, and after five days will be destroyed.

The dog's owner can also be charged with a misdemeanor and upon conviction may be fined from \$10 to \$50 and/or a jail sentence from 10 to 30 days.

Steeves said the quarantine is a necessity. "The health department doesn't want to destroy any one's pet if the owner will take care of the animal."

Following the quarantine, a rabies vaccination program will begin and a real tightening of dog control laws will be in effect.

He said dog traps will be used in areas where dogs running loose are a problem. The traps do not injure the dogs and will be used only as a last resort, he explained.

Citizens Urged To Give Blood

Give a pint of blood to the blood bank Monday and help save a life.

That's the plea of Red Cross volunteers who remind citizens that January is National Blood Month and this time of year our blood usage exceeds the number of pints of blood collected.

Blood Program Chairmen Bill Grissom and Lyn Cheshire also point out that blood is free to patients but that "we are morally obliged to replace the blood that we use."

The Charlotte regional Red Cross bloodmobile will return to the Community Center for a one-day visit Monday and donors will be processed from 11 a. m. until 4:30 p. m.

Free transportation will be provided by placing a telephone call to the Com-

munity Center, 739-3549 and free baby-sitting service will also be available at the Center.

Processing of a donor requires about 30 minutes and includes an examination period.

Persons 18 years to 65 may donate blood and civic clubs, industrial plants and churches are invited to provide donors.

"Cleveland County's blood program is operating now at a deficit", reminded the co-chairmen, meaning "we're using much more blood than we're collecting."

"We are able to receive blood when we need it because we are members of the Red Cross Blood Program", said Grissom, "and encourage everyone to come out in record numbers Monday to support the blood give-in."

Prepare Economy Policy

By TOM McINTYRE Editor, Mirror-Herald

City Commissioners are studying and evaluating the current economic crunch in regards to developing a policy in order to cope with the decline.

During an executive session of the board Tuesday afternoon, commissioners reviewed reports on each city department and its personnel. A directive from the mayor's office was issued several weeks ago to all department heads to prepare reports indicating where expenses could be trimmed.

Mayor John H. Moss said today "We do not have a policy as yet and we have no idea what form of economic cutback the policy will indicate, whether it is paring the departmental budgets to the bone or trimming employe rolls."

Moss said the board wishes to keep the city budget in balance with the general economy of the community. He cited cutbacks by utility customers slowing down the projected revenue and a slight slowdown in tax receipts as the reason for the policy study at this time.

Tax receipts to date are running about 80 percent, or four percent less than last year for this same period.

Two weeks ago the city electrical department laid off one employe and transferred another to the public works department. Those have been the only actions by the commissioners as far as "trimming employe rolls is concerned," according to the mayor. He added that if there are further employe layoffs it will probably be of a temporary nature.

In conjunction with the policy studies a series of supervisor seminars are being held here this month and next. The workshops run from 9-10:30 a. m. and are used to instruct department heads on methods of obtaining maximum efficiency. Workshops are planned Jan. 16, 21, 23, 28 and 30; Feb. 4, 6, 11, 13, 18 and 20.

Employment SC

Representative

Here Four Days

A representative of the Employment Security Commission will be available at Kings Mountain Community Center four days each week.

Franklin Ware, manager of the Shelby office, said his representative will spend all day Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and until noon Fridays assisting Kings Mountians in obtaining benefits.

'Drys' Committees Meeting Tonight At First Baptist

'Drys' stepped up the tempo of their drive this week against "wets" with appointment of two more members to the organization's steering committee and appointment of seven chairmen of major committees.

Charles L. Alexander, Ex-Mayor and contractor, and Dr. John C. McGill, medical doctor, have joined Dr. Charles Edwards, Rev. Gene Land, Supt. Gene Bearden, Rev. Gene Land, Supt. Donald Jones and J. C. Bridges on the steering committee which has called a meeting of all committees, and all other interested citizens, for Thursday night at 8 p. m. at First Baptist Church.

Committee chairmen are Rev. Russell Fitts, program; Charles L. Alexander, finance; Hall Goforth, transportation; Scott Moss, youth; Rev. Kelly Dixon and M. L. Campbell, voter; and Donald Parker, publicity.

Public activity on the part of the committee favoring legal control of alcoholic beverages was negligible, if any. There were no pronouncements from leaders of the group.

Registrars Margaret Rayfield and Ruth Hord remind voters that final registration day is Feb. 17th. Mrs. Rayfield, West Kings Mountain Precinct registrar, is continuing to open the

pollbooks at her home on Waco Rd. near Spectrum Plant while pollbooks are open to East Kings Mountain Precinct voters at Mrs. Hord's home at 527 Katherine St.

To vote in the Mar. 18 referendum on question of legalizing sale of wine and beer for off-premises consumption and establishing ABC stores, a citizen must be 18 years old and have resided in the city for 30 days.

Kings Mountain voted "dry" in two previous referendums: 13-0 in 1874 only a few months after the town was chartered and on June 13, 1967 by 1,411 to 1,091 as a record-breaking 2,511 went to the polls.