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Photos By Gary Stewart

Moss has signed warrants against a neighbor, J. C. Pugh, charging him with cruelty to an animal.

## Residential Pickups Cut Once Weekly

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Residential garbage collection will be reduced to once each week beginning Feb. 10 based on data gathered in a recent survey on efficiency and cost.

The commissioners adopted the once a week pickup, reducing pickup crews from four to two recommendations along with others concerning commercial pickups made by Willie Webb, planner with Isothermal Planning and Development Commission. Webb conducted the solid waste study for the city this month.

Webb cited figures tabulated following his study and told the commissioners the four residential pickup crews, based on a 40-hour or less work week, averaged about 5.4 home pickups per minute, which is far above the national average of 1.83 per minute, and that it cost the city 47 cents per pickup per crew.

The cut from twice to once each week for residential pickups will allow the present method of backdoor to backdoor service.

Commissioner M. C. Pruette commented that sanitation work takes a big bite out of the budget every year. "Approximately 39 percent of each tax dollar goes to pay for this service."

Although commissioners indicated they expected criticism from the citizens they voted to institute once each week pickups. "rather than increasing city taxes in the next fiscal year," commented Commissioner Ray Cline.

The board also adopted Webb's recommendations; -- that commercial pickup trucks collect city containers now being handled by residential pickup trucks;

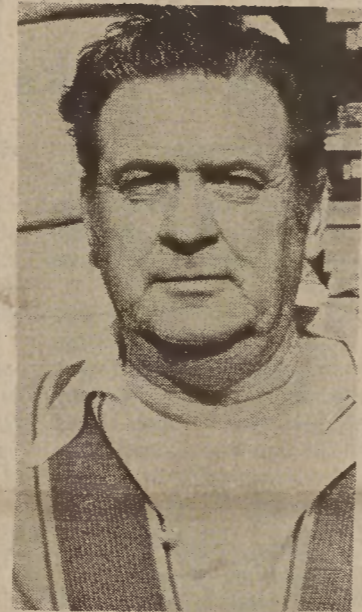
-- that containers be acquired by the Housing Authority and that the Kings Mountain-based Harris-Teeter supermarket be contacted about purchasing a container for more efficient and economic collection (Webb said pickups there at times requires collectors to pickup refuse by hand);

-- that city ordinance updating to encourage commercial establishments purchase containers; and,

-- that, for non-decaying waste, a pickup system be arranged whereby the city be notified by phone when such pickup is desired.

### CLUB NIGHT

Club Night is Saturday at the Kings Mountain Country club with dinner at 8 p. m. and dancing from 9 until midnight. Hosts are Mr. and Mrs. Gene Timms, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Kerns and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fulton.



JACK MOSS... Pony owner charged neighbor with killing his pet...

## Head Was Smashed Charge Made In Pony's Death

The beating death of a pet pony three months ago has resulted in a cruelty to animal charge against J. C. Pugh of 3150 Midpines.

Pugh's across-the-street neighbor, Jack Moss, signed the warrant Wednesday but, according to the sheriff's department, it had not been served late Wednesday afternoon.

Moss, who acquired the pony three months ago, said the animal was beaten between the hours of 5 and 7 p. m. Tuesday afternoon, then killed around 9:30 p. m.

Moss said he was home at the time but was not aware of the beating. However, Tony Whitaker, another neighbor who sold the animal to Moss, said he and seven other young boys witnessed the killing.

Whitaker and Moss said two axes, two fire logs, an automobile tire rim and rocks were used to slay the pony. One of the axes was broken.

The animal was beaten severely in the head and one of its eyes was knocked out. It was tied to a small shed in the back yard of Moss's home.

"It was a neighborhood pet," Moss said of the animal. "All the kids in the neighborhood rode it."

Deputy Wilbur Benton of the sheriff's department investigated the incident late Tuesday night.

Moss said his wife phoned the humane society in Charlotte Wednesday and was told the maximum penalty for cruelty to animals is six months in jail or a fine of \$500.

No trial date has been set for Pugh.



TONY WHITAKER... Neighbor who said he witnessed killing of pony looks over two of the weapons, a piece of firewood and an automobile rim, used in slaying the pet.

**FIRE ALARM**  
City firemen were called to extinguish a blaze in a house trailer Thursday at Dixie Trailer Park. Fire Chief Gene Tignor reported no damages.

**SHAREHOLDERS**  
The annual Kings Mountain Savings and Loan Association shareholders meeting is scheduled Tues., Feb. 11 at 2 p. m. in the association offices, 300 W. Mountain St. Mrs. Ruby H. Baker is KMS&L secretary.

## Title One Funds To Be Increased

Kings Mountain District Schools Supt. Don Jones said the board of education expects Title One funds to be increased here next year.

Title One is a Federally funded program which aids programs designed to bring up to an acceptable level the disadvantaged students.

"This year we received \$96,000 to use in the program here," Jones said. "We expect that amount to be increased to \$150,000 next school year."

Jones said the Title One funds have been used here in reading programs in the elementary and kindergarten grades. The funds finance teacher's aid in bringing up those students who are at least one year behind in reading and understanding capabilities.

## Barnes Auditorium Dedication Mar. 14

On Mar. 14 the B. N. Barnes Auditorium will be dedicated. The new professional-style theater is located on Kings Mountain Senior High property and is engineered to be a central point for community entertainment.

With 1,000 seat capacity, a lighting booth with intricate and sophisticated lighting and sound system and a 35 by 70 foot stage, the auditorium rivals many professional theaters in the Tar Heel state.

On the main floor there are almost 800 seats. Then there are two rear sections with almost 100 seating capacity each that can be sealed off when not in use. There are rest rooms off the lobby and restrooms, dressing rooms and storage rooms off the stage level. A paved parking lot is located at the rear of the auditorium.

The first stage production, now being prepared within the school system, will be presented as part of the dedicatory services on Mar. 14. Other productions are also being planned within the next few months geared to the public.

James Hall, director of the cultural arts, State Department of Education, was in Kings Mountain Tuesday to help plan the dedication program.

## Drys Stepping Up Vote-No Campaign

Kings Mountain "Drys" stepped up their offensive this week with a third mass meeting to encourage voter registration.

Meeting Tuesday night at Central Methodist church, the

enlarged committees of about 200 heard reports of house-to-house visits and publicity campaigns including showing of films on "dangers of alcohol" before youth groups in churches throughout the city. "Drys," who are conducting "block" visits, are offering free transportation to the polls, not only for registration, but on Mar. 18, date of the referendum on question of legalizing sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption and establishing ABC stores.

Rev. Reg Alexander, Kings Mountain native who is on the faculty of Gardner Webb college, opened the meeting with a devotional using the story of Gideon and stressing the duties of carrying out responsibilities, trusting in the Lord for results.

## \$300 Reward Offered For Home Vandal

Someone practically destroyed a house at 215 N. City St. this month and the owner is posting a reward for information leading to arrest and conviction of the culprit.

Warren Reynolds, Reynolds Realty Co., said the house is under the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission program and was standing empty at the time, estimated to have been Jan. 12, of the break-in and destruction.

"I am posting a \$300 reward to anyone who has information that will bring the person or persons responsible to justice," Reynolds said.

Damages, which are estimated at over \$1,000, included destruction of all windows, all doors and kitchen cabinets. Anyone with information in this case is asked to call the KMPD, 739-3636.

## Redevelopment Moves Into Another Phase

The Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission in cooperation with the city of Kings Mountain Codes Department has begun to institute another part of the redevelopment program in the central business district.

The portion of the redevelopment program now being instituted will deal with code updating of all central business district buildings.

The commission, said Gene White, executive director, has hired the architectural firm of C. Crawford Murphy to inspect each building and provide the owner with a written summary of all code deficiencies suggestions for improvements and preliminary drawings showing suggested improvements to the exterior of the building.

In addition, the Redevelopment Commission will be working with downtown merchants to remove all signs which do not comply with the city of Kings Mountain sign control ordinance.

"Signs which the ordinance prohibits include signs which hang over the sidewalk, blinking or moving signs, signs painted on buildings and billboards, White said. "The city of Gastonia has recently enforced its sign ordinance and has dramatically improved the appearance of downtown Gastonia."

The Redevelopment Commission has received very good cooperation from the downtown merchants in helping to improve the downtown area. However, the senior citizens park and the new section of the pedestrian walk have suffered extensive damage from vandalism.

The fountain in the Senior Citizens Park had to be removed because the great amount of trash thrown into the water which damaged the pump and within the last two weeks vandals did extensive damage to the brick work which surrounded the fountain.

In addition, vandals have killed one tree, damaged another tree and destroyed ten bushes in the park. The park benches have been taken apart several times and the wood has been damaged by knife and other types of cuts. The new section of the pedestrian walk has already had four bricks removed from the planters along the walk.

"If the present rate of vandalism continues, in approximately three years the park and pedestrian walk will stand as sad monuments to the ignorant viciousness of several citizens of this area," White said.

## Eaton's Food Bank Opens Home Is Here Tomorrow Rising

Eaton Corporation is interviewing applicants for the 600 new jobs the plant will provide on completion by summer, Ron Tompkins, plant manager, said this week.

"We've got seven acres under roof now and some of our production equipment in," said Tompkins, who said hiring hasn't begun yet for Eaton's multi-million dollar truck transmission manufacturing and assembly plant on Grover Rd.

Tompkins said the plant will open as soon as utilities to the building are complete, which may be before summer.

He said that, so far, the truck transmission market has not been affected by the recession.

A "Food Bank" will ring up groceries and not cash for the area needy, opening Friday morning at 10 at the Community Center.

The project is an expansion of the Ministerial Association's "Helping Hand" program and is necessitated, said a spokesman, because many families are out-of-work.

Ministers had bought enough groceries this week at wholesale prices to feed 96 families for a week, said Rev. Gary Bryant, First Presbyterian pastor, who is a member of the committee with Rev. Frank Shirley, chairman, and Rev. Guy Cabaniss.

Needy families will be given "menu slips" from their pastors, not "slips" to take to the market to do their own

shopping, many of whom had chosen "frills" instead of staple food items, explained Bryant.

"The menu" a needy family takes to the Center Bank will give the "sales clerk" there information on whether the family has two members, four members or six members and the "clerk" will fill their bags with enough staple food items, not "frills", to feed the whole family for a week.

"We are concerned," said Bryant, "that many children are not getting the proper diets because their parents use the cash they are receiving to buy other items, not food."

The Food Bank will be in operation Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 until 12 noon and 2 until 4 p. m. with civic clubs, including the Woman's, Senior Citizens, Kiwanis, Lions, and Rotary clubs, manning the store. In addition, many of the clubs will support the effort with contributions from special money-raising projects.

### NO WRECKS

The city police department reported no wrecks within the city limits during the period ending Tuesday at noon, Chief of Police William Roper reported.

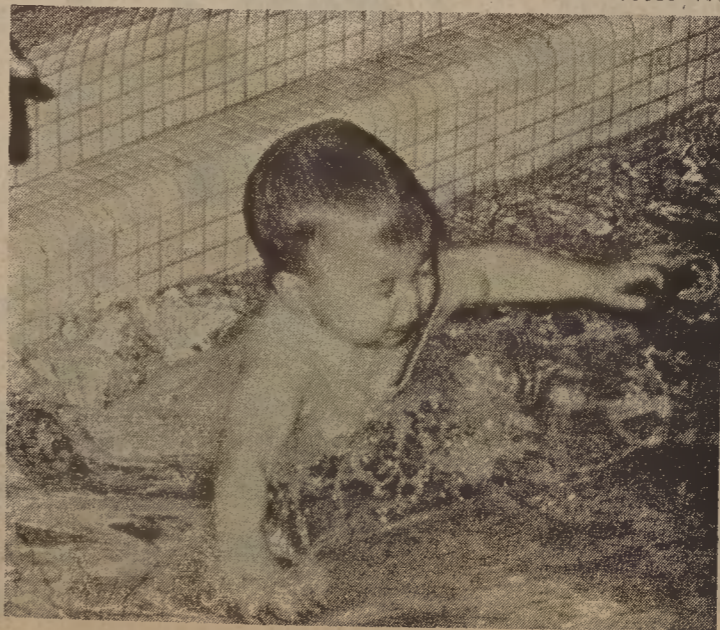
## No-Penalty Listing Deadline Is Monday

Monday is the last day you can list your taxes without penalty.

Taxlisters will be on duty at City Hall today, Friday, Saturday morning, and Monday until 5 p. m.

Business was brisk, as usual, taxlisters Edwin Moore, Mrs. Jacob Hauser and Mrs. Charlie Ballard reported this week.

They remind citizens that all properties must be listed for taxes. Dog owners should also list dogs.



## A Water Sprite

EGAD! - There seems to be a small baby falling into the pool.

But, be assured there is nothing tragic in the making. This is eight-month-old Julie Spencer and she has been swimming since she was four-months-old. Her dad is Ed Spencer, of Kings Mountain, and while working at the Gastonia YMCA he has taught his daughter to swim.

There are more photos on Page 6A.

## 13 Days Left To Register

Only 13 days remain for non-stressed voters to place their names on polling books for the Mar. 18 referendum on question of legalizing sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption and establishing ABC stores.

Elections Board Chairman Bennett reminds that voters must be 18 years of age and have resided within city limits 30 days.

Two registrars are Mrs. Betty Rayfield, West Mountain registrar who lives on Waco Rd. near Kings Mountain just outside the city and Mrs. Ruth Hord, Kings Mountain registrar, who lives at 529 Pine St.

Books are open at their respective offices five days a week or may register at the Kings Mountain County Board of Elections Office in Shelby five days a week from 9 until 5.

It reminds voters to check their addresses are correct and listed by the registrars and that they are registered in the ward in which they reside.