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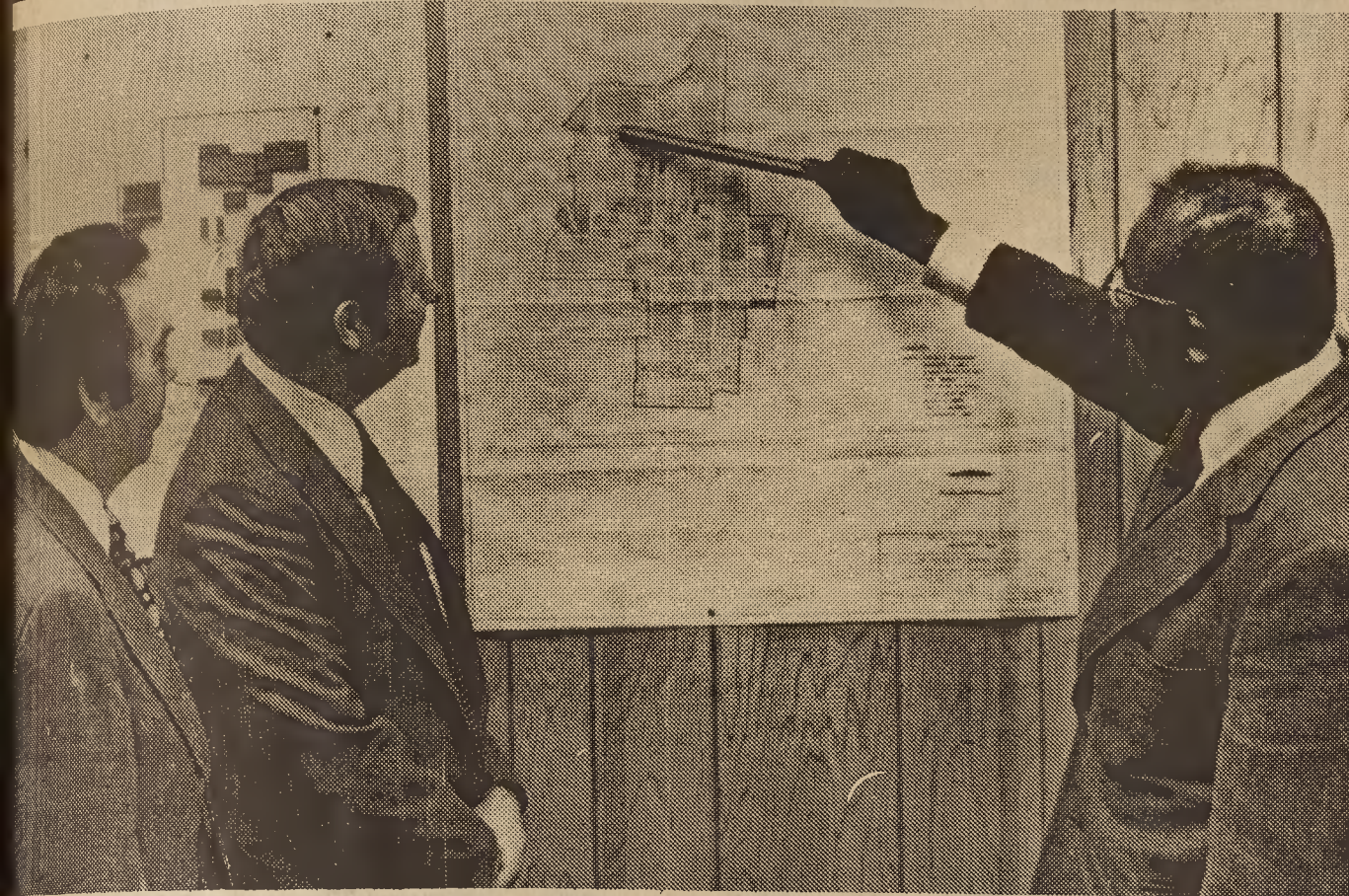


Photo By Tom McIntyre  
hall. Mayor John Moss and KMRC Executive Director Gene White look on.

**CITING REDEVELOPMENT PLANS** - Hazel Brown points to areas under the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission program following last Thursday's public hearing at city

## KMRC Begins Condemnation Proceedings On 3 Parcels

Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission has initiated condemnation proceedings on three of four parcels of 36 acres under the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission program following last Thursday's public hearing at city hall.

Properties involved are owned by Preston McClure, Mrs. Noah Gardner, and Warren Reynolds. Fourth remaining property to be acquired is owned by the Drace Peeler Estate.

Attorney Robert Bradley explained to the board any court proceedings won't hold up the schedule.

Dean McGinnis, Assistant Director, reported the KMRC is in process of assisting Herndon Waste Mill, Cansler St., in moving to KM Industrial Park which involves disassembling equipment and relocation to the new site. He said bids for

the buildings before legal eviction.

Mr. McGinnis also reported that demolition contracts had been let for the Bonnie Mill project and other buildings in the area and that the Commission is cooperating with the city in enforcing codes on billboards and sign removal to conform with city ordinances, reporting specifically on improvements in the Mountain St. area of the city. He said contract had been let for painting and cleaning the wall against B & B Food Store, (cost \$500), and commended the city crews for their assistance in the refurbishing efforts.

He explained an architect is available at no cost to downtown merchants to give preliminary layouts for improvements to properties and noted Foust, Plonk Brothers, Carolina Mill Outlet, and owners of the Webb Building and Fuller McGill Building downtown have utilized his services. "Before and after drawings are giving the owners new ideas on improvements," he said.

Director White said the KMRC has the responsibility to present a housing assistance plan as a key part of the city's long-term Community Development application to be "in" by March 15 and that his staff will "look at every house in town" to evaluate as to standard, substandard, etc. His staff will update the 1970 housing census and "determine realistic annual goals to assist the needs of lower-income people living in the Kings Mountain area."

Reporting more on Central Business District improvements, White pointed to an up-to-date map which illustrated 70 percent of the properties required in the CBD for downtown renewal have been acquired, compared to 18 percent two years ago.

The Commission voted unanimously to pay an additional compensation for acquisition of property to Bridges Hardware Co. (\$2,100) and to Phifer Hardware Co. (\$5,500) as result of updated appraisal and passed resolution authorizing four staff members - Dean McGinnis, Mikie Baity, Hazel Brown and Annie Thombs, to attend the annual meeting of CCHRCO in Myrtle Beach, S. C. Apr. 27-30.

Rev. L. D. Scruggs, fire department chaplain, said, "By Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Sprouse had 75 gallons of heating fuel and groceries for her and her son."

Mrs. Greene said she wanted it publicly known what the firemen, rescuers and policemen had done for Kay Sprouse and her son.

"I can't say enough in praise about these men," she said. "I think we all should feel very proud of the type of men we have doing these jobs. They showed this young girl that people in Kings Mountain won't slam doors against other people in need."

**TO SING SUNDAY**

J. C. Power & Light Co., a musical group of 18 college young people, will sing at morning and evening services Sunday at Boyce Memorial ARP Church.

## More Jobs Open For Unemployed

By TOM McINTYRE  
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### Registrars, Judges For ABC Vote

Registrars and judges have been selected for the Kings Mountain ABC referendum Tues., Mar. 18.

Ward one (City Hall): Nell Cranford, registrar - Margaret White and John White, judges; ward two (American Legion Post): James Adams, registrar - Mrs. Fred Dixon and Mrs. Humes Houston, judges; ward three (East School): Mrs. Dick Ware, registrar - Peggy Hord and Mrs. Roy Pearson, judges.

Ward four (North School): Francis White, registrar - Annie Murphy and Clyde Blackwell, judges; ward five

(Armory): Becky Cook, registrar - Matoka Campbell and Katherine Wilson, judges; and ward six (KM Senior High): Betty Spears, registrar - Alma Sellers and Audrey Dickey, judges.

In March 18th special city election, over 4,000 voters will have the opportunity of marking two ballots; one for or against an ABC package store, and two, for or against sale of off-premises beer and unfortified wine.

The Mirror-Herald plans to publish sample ballots of each in the Mar. 13 issue.

Polls will be open from 6:30 a. m. until 7:30 p. m.

The City of Kings Mountain has been allotted more funds to provide at least 15 public service jobs.

Applications are now being taken at the mayor's office.

"Today and Friday we are making this first priority of business," Mayor John H. Moss told The Mirror-Herald. "We're here for business until 5 p. m. today and from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m. Friday. If it warrants, we will keep the office open longer both today and Friday."

All applications taken today and Friday will be turned over to the Employment Security Commission office for certification, according to Mayor Moss.

"Hopefully we can put these 15 people to work next Monday," the mayor said. "The jobs are scheduled to run through July 15."

Under the city's first unemployed assistance funds three persons were hired. The total funding to date for public service jobs here is \$55,910.45.

This week the Democrat leadership in Congress proposed to President Ford an additional \$5 billion-plus be approved to aid the unemployed on the local level. If this proposal is accepted and approved it could mean even more jobs available in Kings Mountain, and perhaps for longer periods of time.

"The new employes will be utilized in improvement work on sidewalks, drainage and urban beautification," Mayor Moss said.

Under separate programs there is a possibility of at least 60 more public service jobs being available by mid-April.

Mayor Moss made this comment today, referring to the city's applications for funding under urban beautification, flood control, mini parks and a park at Moss Lake.

Applications for \$150,000, \$75,000, \$125,000 and \$250,000, respectively, have been made to the U. S. Commerce Department's Economic Development Assistance Program.

"We will continue trying to create as many jobs as possible to bring assistance to Kings Mountain's unemployed," Mayor Moss said.

## Program On Drugs At Grover

Kings Mountain Det. Sgt. Richard Reynolds will present a program on drugs Fri., Mar. 7 at Grover School auditorium.

The lecture, demonstration and film will be presented at 8 p. m., sponsored by the Grover Junior Deputies, according to Mrs. Annette Hardin, director.

"We cannot hide from the fact drugs and drug abuse exists, even in our small community," Mrs. Hardin said. "We hope people in Grover will attend this meeting Friday and make themselves aware of the situation and possible ways to cope with the situation."

The program is free and the public is invited.

## Kiwanis Birthday Is Tonight

The Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club is 35 years old.

To celebrate the club's birthday Kiwanis Lt. Gov. Oscar Aylor of Boone will speak at tonight's meeting at the Kings Mountain Woman's Club.

Marvin Teer, president of the KM club, said Harold Coggins, past president, will talk about charter night and give a history of the local club.

All members are urged to attend the 6:30 p. m. meeting, Teer said.

## Students To Hear Red Cross Officer

Jay Johnson with American Red Cross, Charlotte, will speak to a student assembly at Kings Mountain Senior High Tues., Mar. 11 at 10:15 a. m.

Johnson will explain the purpose of Red Cross Bloodmobile visits and how the students may participate in the give-in planned at the senior high Tues., Mar. 18.

IN WHO'S WHO

Frankie Thompson, nephew of Mrs. Thelma Monroe of Kings Mountain, has been named to Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities. An honor student at Morristown (Tenn.) College, Thompson is vice president of the Student Government Association, Noblemen's Club and Natural Science Club, is a member of the college choir and Christian Student Movement and is on "The Red Knight" (college publication) staff.

## After Bad Beginning Tuesday Brighter For Young Mother

Kay Sprouse and her 18-month old son huddled together under the covers in their trailer bedroom Monday night to keep warm.

The only source of heat in the closed off room radiated from a hot plate.

At 8 a. m. Tuesday the hot plate set fire to the bed covers. Fifteen minutes later Kings Mountain firefighters and rescue squad members arrived to the flames doused, one man suffering from smoke inhalation and a shivering young mother and her son.

After awhile under an oxygen mask in the back of the Rescue Squad ambulance Mrs. Greene, manager of the Trailer Park and other mobile Realty properties, told the story.

Kay Sprouse moved to Kings Mountain from Gaffney, S. C. Monday. She rented a trailer late Monday and moved in. The following day utilities were to be turned on. So she and her infant son got a cold, waterless Monday night.

About eight Tuesday morning Mrs. Sprouse was at door hanging, yelling for help. Mrs. Greene said, "She was hysterical. I saw the smoke coming from her trailer and called my son, Kay, to grab a bucket of water. They ran to the trailer and Mrs. Greene doused the burn-mattress and boxsprings. Kay boiled out in thick smoke. The next thing I remember Kay was being given oxygen in the rescue ambulance," Mrs. Greene said.



OPERATION ID - Chief William Roper, Kiwanis and Civitan Clubs representatives Bob Suber and O. C. Kiser, pose with one of the large signs explaining Operation Identification to be erected in Kings Mountain. The two clubs are working with local police to promote the program.

## Operation Identification Pushed By KMPD And Clubs

Kings Mountain Police, Kiwanis and Civitan Clubs are sponsoring Operation Identification.

The program was organized to promote citizen participation in stopping home and office burglaries. The program is exactly what it says, a method of individuals marking possessions for identification by police in the case of robberies.

"But more than that," Chief William Roper said, "the program is an attempt to deter criminals from breaking into your homes and businesses and stealing your possessions."

A number of electric markers have been purchased and will be available to citizens for loan on request. Citizens will also be supplied with window decals that warn "all valuable items on these premises are marked for ready identification by law enforcement agencies."

With the electric marker, which will work on metal, plastic and wood, you inscribe the valuable with "N. C." and

your drivers license number. If you have no license, then inscribe Social Security number after the N. C.

A number of Kings Mountain businesses will assist citizens with markers, instructing in its use. Participating are: First Union National Bank, First Citizens Bank, Home Savings and Loan, Kings Mountain Savings and Loan, Bridges Hardware and B. F. Maner Insurance.

Beginning Mon., Mar. 10 members of the Civitan Club will assist citizens in marking valuables from 6:30 until 9:30 p. m. at Central Barber Shop, O. C. Kiser, Civitan spokesman, said the club will continue this aid Mondays, Mar. 17 and 25.

## Upton Bell Will Speak

Upton Bell, president and General Manager of The Charlotte Hornets football team, will speak to the Kings Mountain Rotary Club Thurs., Mar. 13.

Older citizens who cannot get out may call the Kings Mountain police and request a representative be sent to their homes to mark valuables. Civitans and Kiwanians will volunteer and show up at your home with a letter of introduction and authorization from the police.

"We will also issue a booklet in which you may catalog each item you have marked for identification," Chief Roper said. "This service is provided free."

To remind citizens of the program, large signs with Operation Identification information will be placed in conspicuous sites about the city.

Mayor John Henry Moss, who arranged the program, said Bell indicated he would bring a couple of his outstanding players with him to the luncheon.