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Development Funds. Mayor Moss read the projects listed in the HUD application, which commissioners approved.

THIRD PUBLIC HEARING - This small group of citizens were present at city hall Tuesday night for the third and final hearing on expenditure of the city's \$4,160,000 in Community

## Projects Outlined Fund Application Approved, to HUD

By TOM MCINTYRE  
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At Tuesday night's third and final hearing on expenditures of the city's \$4,160,000 in community development funds, citizens learned that all, but two of the requests made in prior hearings, have been included in the fund application.

One project, a local airport, is not eligible under the guidelines, but a separate application for a study grant is being submitted on the project. The second request, a skating rink, is still under study by the Department of Housing and Urban Development as to eligibility.

The 13-project, 178-page application contains a breakdown on priority programs and the budgets requested for each during the first year of funding. Most of the projects are projected for three years, but it was indicated the majority can be completed in two years.

The projects are:

(1) Water improvements, doubling treatment capacity at the T. J. Ellison Water Plant - \$532,500 CDP - \$177,500 state; (2) Community Center improvements, acoustical upgrading - \$15,000 CDP; (3) Recreation in low and moderate income areas (Deal St., Davidson Park and Margrace Rd. Park) - \$26,200 CDP - \$26,200 Bureau, Outdoor Recreation (BOR).

(4) Central business district site improvements: (a) electric installation of primary, secondary wiring underground - \$92,000 CDP - \$61,574 city; (b) water distribution replacements and/or relocation of lines - \$16,000 CDP; (c) storm sewers installations - \$3,000 CDP; (d) landscaping - \$5,000 CDP; and (e) purchase of property and site improvements - \$120,000 CDP.

(5) Urban beautification - \$30,000 CDP - \$3,000 private (in-kind); Site improvements, Burlington-Phenix area, Margrace area, BVD area and North School area - \$3,000 city (in-kind); Sidewalk construction - \$9,000 CDP.

(6) Library facility improvements for handicapped and aged, restrooms - \$4,400 CDP; Ramps, paved walkway, other facilities - \$3,500 CDP; (7) Development of program for senior citizens and handicapped - \$25,000 CDP - \$8,000 state; (8) Program administration and coordination - \$40,000 CDP; (9) Home based child care program - \$5,000 CDP; (10) Cultural and educational programs aimed at low and moderate income and youth to include crafts and summer

program - \$5,000 CDP - \$5,000 state.

(11) Site improvements, Cansler St. project (a) sanitary sewer - \$27,000 CDP, (b) storm drainage - \$29,000 CDP, (c) grading - \$8,600, (d) street lighting - \$2,000, and (e) electrical distribution - \$6,000; (12) Kings Mountain Development Office - \$10,000; and (13) Planning and management development - \$25,800.

Appearing at the public hearing Tuesday were Tom Harper, director of KM Housing Authority, Gene White, director, KM Redevelopment Commission, Rev. Kenneth George, program for aged, John Dilling, on bowling lanes project, Mrs. Willie Marable, KM Improvement Association, Wilson Griffin, central businessmen

representative, Roy Pearson, city recreation director, and Tom McIntyre, KM Arts Council.

Each briefly updated citizens and commissioners on individual projects. Harper re-emphasized the importance of constructing the proposed 90 (or 82) public housing units in the Cansler St. area. White pointed out the great need for 895 new housing units in the city and cited the goal for this first year as 165 to be constructed. He reported that KM has 3,148 housing units and of that number 1,634 are rated substandard. At least half of that number are considered economically unfeasible for upgrading. White said in the past five years the KMRC has demolished 500 units and only 225 units have been built to replace them.

McIntyre told the hearing audience that application for up to \$5,000 has been made to the North Carolina Arts Council to finance a summer program for the community and added that plans for ongoing arts projects are now being considered.

Mayor John H. Moss told the gathering, "I feel we now have the wherewithal (CD funds) to achieve the tasks we've only been able to talk about before. We are about to see the development of our city and I think citizens can now recognize the importance of their continued participation in the planning stages."

The city commissioners voted to submit the application to HUD. Action is expected within 75 to 90 days.

Mayor Moss said "as these projects are funded there will be further meetings to iron out final details to get the work started."

## Citizens Can Now Buy HUD Flood Insurance

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced today that effective Mar. 31, Kings Mountain has been accepted into the National Flood Insurance Program.

Mayor John H. Moss said three to four acres in Kings Mountain have been designated flood areas. "These areas are home for many Kings Mountainians who have suffered property damage through heavy surface water drainage. For this reason the city made application to be included in the HUD National Flood Insurance Program."

The approval of the city to the program, according to the mayor's reports, is another first for Kings Mountain and surrounding area.

"The program means citizens here in flood areas can now buy flood insurance protection at affordable federally-subsidized rates," said Mayor Moss. "And the expanded program now offers more extensive coverage authorized by the 1973 Flood Disaster Protection Act."

In the approval cover letter to the mayor, Acting Federal Insurance Administrator J. Robert Hunter, said this national program is the best way of protecting property owners, while easing the burden on the general public.

"Since flood insurance is now available," he added, "the law requires that it must be purchased by owners of property in areas identified as flood-prone by HUD, in order to be eligible for virtually all forms of Federal or federally-related financial assistance for building purposes in those areas."

"This would include FHA or VA mortgages, loans from the Small Business Administration, or loans from any federally-regulated or supervised banks and savings and loan institutions."

While flood insurance is available to all residents of the

community, Mr. Hunter emphasized that the Federal economic sanctions against building assistance will not apply to property outside the danger zones.

Under the expanded program, broader coverage can be obtained for all buildings and their contents. The limit of insurance for single-family homes is now \$35,000, and \$100,000 for other residential and nonresidential buildings, at the subsidized rate of 25 cents per \$100 of coverage. The rate goes to 40 cents per \$100 for non-residential buildings.

The contents of all residential buildings can be insured up to \$10,000 per unit at 35 cents per \$100 of coverage, and the rate does to 75 cents

per \$100 for the contents of all nonresidential structures up to a maximum of \$100,000 in coverage per unit.

Policies are effective immediately during the first 30 days the insurance becomes available. After the first 30 days, there is a 15-day waiting period.

The policies can be purchased from any licensed local property insurance agent or broker. The Kemper Insurance, 1229 Greenwood Cliff, Charlotte, has been designated as the flood insurance servicing company for this area. Agents and brokers may obtain policy forms, rates, flood insurance manuals, and any other necessary information from this company.

## On Dean's List

GREENVILLE, S. C. - Rebecca Ann Birmingham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Birmingham Jr. of Kings Mountain, was included in the winter term dean's list at Furman University.

Dean's list is comprised of

full-time undergraduate students who earn a grade point average of 3.2 or better on Furman's four-point system. The list is compiled at the end of each of Furman's three terms.



John Griffin

## Shelbian Heads Drive

John D. Griffin has been named chairman of the Cleveland County Unit, American Cancer Society's educational and fund-raising Crusade in April when the theme will be: "We Want to Wipe Out Cancer in Your Lifetime."

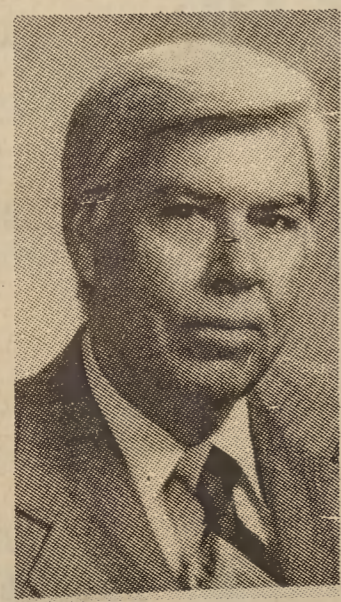
Griffin, whose appointment was announced by Edgar B. Hamilton, ACS President will lead local volunteers in a countywide effort to help teach families how to protect themselves against cancer. Our volunteers will ask for support of the Society's vital programs on behalf of research, public education and professional education and service to the cancer patient.

"The promise of research is so great," the new Crusade Chairman said. "The 1975 Crusade will be one of the most important ever. The dedicated people in the laboratories, the men, women and children suffering from cancer today, and our hopes for the future all depend on our willingness to support the cancer fight."

Under his leadership approximately 1,000 volunteers

will visit friends and neighbors and businesses in Cleveland County. They will distribute this year's Crusade leaflet, a cancer quiz, testing the public's awareness of ways to protect themselves against cancer.

"Our local volunteers are part of an army of 2,300,000 American Cancer Society



JOHN GRIFFIN

A native of Monroe, Griffin has lived in Shelby 13 years. He is a partner of Shelby Supply Company. Griffin and two of his sons, David and Scot reside at 714 Ridgeview Dr. a third son, Mike, is a senior at UNC-Chapel Hill. They are members of Shelby Presbyterian Church, where Griffin is presently serving as Elder.

Griffin is Past Director and Member of Shelby Rotary Club, Past Director and currently serving as President, of the Cleveland County Boys Club. He is a member of Shelby Elks Club and VFW. He served four years in the U. S. Navy and was discharged as a Chief Petty Officer.

In 1968, Griffin was selected to serve on the Presidents Council of American Institute of Management and still is a member of this council.

## Officers Will Be Elected Tuesday

Directors of Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association will meet Tues., Apr. 8 for a luncheon at the country club to install new directors and elect offices for the new year.

Membership of the merged organizations will hold an annual meeting at the country club Mon., Apr. 21 at 7:30 p. m. for reports on the past year and projects for next year. Under the new by-laws the general membership is not called on to approve directors.

"This was done when members of the chamber and merchants group returned ballots mailed out in recent weeks," said Chamber President Carl DeVane. "The mailout also included a breakdown of the

new bylaws governing the merged organizations."

Directors recommended to the memberships included Lynn Cheshire, Ragan Harper, Charles Mauney, Max Mayhue, Glee Bridges, Jim Dickey, W. S. (Corky) Fulton 111, Euliss Freeman, Charles Alexander, Bob Kingery, Bill Grissom and Ronnie Plummer.

Immediate past presidents will be Devane and Mickey Bell.

From these directors the new officers will be elected in next Tuesday's meeting. New bylaws call for the election of a president, president-elect and second vice president prior to the annual meeting.

## Park Review Planned

A public review of the master plan for Crowder's Mountain State Park will be held on Apr. 8, at 7:30 p. m. in the library of Gaston College, Gastonia.

Park planners from the North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources will present the proposed master plan.

The 1,062 acre State Park is undeveloped and located seven miles southwest of Gastonia.

The proposed master plan calls for development of a wilderness theme based on the interpretation of the area's physical features, cultural and natural history, and local ecology.

As an alternative to the more highly developed parks in the area, the Crowder's Mountain plan calls for low intensity recreation development providing for hike-in camping, boating, picnicking, and an emphasis on the establishment of an environmental interpretation program.

## REVIVAL PLANNED

Second Baptist Church is planning a revival for Apr. 21-27 with Jerome Cash, minister of the gospel and student at Gardner-Webb College, will be the evangelist. Rev. Eugene Land is pastor of Second Baptist Church.



CAN IT BE? - Gary Stewart happened to be on hand the other day with his trusty camera when he spotted this unusual sight over the treetops in Kings Mountain. He quickly

whipped up the camera and recorded it for posterity. To discover what the UFO actually is, turn to the sports pages in today's Mirror-Herald.

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