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To Control Future Growth

Board Considers Perimeter Move

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At the May 12 commissioners meeting the board will jointly consider with Bessemer City councilmen the resolution establishing both city's new extraterritorial jurisdiction boundaries.

Final adoption of the ordinance setting the lines is expected at the May 27 meeting.

At last Monday's meeting community assistance planners Martha Ramsey and Mike Goode showed commissioners and citizens the proposed new boundaries recommended for adoption. Goode explained in general such adoption means the city is exercising its right to determine and control growth in the one-mile perimeter. He said it doesn't mean the city must immediately begin servicing those areas.

The latter was in answer to a question by Commissioner James Amos about the city's financial and personnel status at present to handle jurisdiction in the increased territory.

"Each individual action the city plans to take in the one mile perimeter will have to go through a public hearing," Goode said. "You have the right to say what will or won't occur in the extraterritorial boundaries. It doesn't mean you have to do something immediately."

The discussions with Bessemer City came as a result of overlapping territorial boundaries in both Kings Mountain's and BCs one mile perimeter. But, according to BCs planner Mike Brunner, there will be no difficulties in making a final decision as far as that Gaston County community is concerned.

Ms. Ramsey pointed out Monday night that on the

city's northeast boundaries the lines intersect, and overlap, with Bessemer City's lines; on the eastern borders the new lines are congruent with the lines established in 1968. Only on the southwestern portion of the city do the proposed lines actually extend the full one mile from the present city limits.

In other action, commissioners voted to move a proposal by M. C. Pruette on naming Fred Watson foreman within the street department into a closed personnel discussion.

This decision came after the first motion and second were rescinded by Pruette and Corbet Nicholson.

Pruette made the motion after explaining that it was his understanding the street department had no foreman. He said Watson has 13 years experience with the city and can operate all types of heavy equipment.

"We have 66 miles of paved streets in the city," Pruette said. "and it's an enormous job to maintain those streets and drain areas. I feel we need a foreman, a man of experience, who can teach the other men to operate the heavy equipment and to see that the job is done."

Pruette's suggestion opened up a bit of argument between several commissioners and public works supt. Black Leonard.

To Commissioner Amos' question on whether or not the street department has a foreman, Pruette said, "No foreman, but a man who is over a group. He does not get a foreman's pay."

Leonard said, "We have a man, Bobby Moore, who I would say is a foreman. He's in charge when the supervisor is not there."

Amos said he felt the public works superintendent should

have the right to decide promotions for his employees. "I don't know whether we have the authority to do this."

Commissioner Nicholson said, "We have the authority." He also stated he felt, in essence, that a better job could be done by the street department.

Amos said he felt Black Leonard should have the responsibility of promoting his men. He said he didn't think "the chain of command should be broken by the board. The general doesn't tell the sergeant what to do. The lieutenant tells the sergeant . . ."

Leonard said the idea of promoting Watson as foreman had not been discussed with him. "I thought the men were doing a pretty good job. Of course they are limited by personnel numbers and equipment, but they do the best they can with what they've got." Leonard also said Watson was one of the best employees he had and he wouldn't hesitate to promote him if a position were available. But to make him foreman over Moore, "I don't know what kind of effect that would have on the rest of the men."

Again, Pruette said the street department does not have a foreman per se and the man who takes charge when the supervisor is not there does not receive a foreman's salary. "But, I'll discuss it in personnel meetings if that's what you want," he said. "But I just want to say that if a city this size can't spend a few dollars more in order to have a street department like should, then I think it's a poor out!"

In other action, the board approved zoning board recommendations for rezoning several lots within the city; a vacant lot at 309 E. Ridge St. from R-8 to R-6, requested by the Kings Mountain Housing Authority to construct one four-apartment building for the elderly; 402 and 406 N. Candler St. from R-6 to neighborhood business, requested by owners Brown, Eleanor, Donald and Bobbie Ware; corner of W. Mountain and S. Goforth Sts. from R-8 to R-0, residential-office, requested by owners Bruce Summey and Michael Trammell.

Approved advertisement of unpaid taxes for four weeks and unpaid tax public auction on June 9, 1975.

Authorized Mayor John H. Moss to appoint a committee from the board of commissioners to study and recommend privilege license schedule for Fiscal 1975-76.

Presented C. D. "Red" Ware with a merit award for 32 years as a fireman for the city. Mayor Moss presented Ware with the framed award at Monday's meeting. Ware retired last Saturday.

Authorized Codes Director Black Leonard to proceed with demolition of houses on 817 Third, 804 Fourth, 110 Morris Sts. and 115 Fulton Rd.

Traffic Accident Report

The State Highway Patrol reports for the week of Apr. 21-27 a total of 17 accidents in Cleveland County resulting in nine injuries and no fatalities. Highway deaths thus far in 1975 are two. The past week's accidents were caused by drivers failing to yield right of way.

DID YOU KNOW: "No person shall operate a motor vehicle on the highway at such a slow speed as to impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic." GS. 20-141(h)

Moss Lake Opens

Moss Lake officially opens today the summer season recreation.

The Permits Office at the permitting and landing area at the dam site just off Road 2033 will be open Saturday and Sunday for citizens to buy daily and annual permits for boating and fishing, said Mayor John Moss.

Members of the Kings Mountain Lake Authority met today (Thursday) at City Hall to name a city officer, said Chairman Moss who said he would recommend that the lake including the eight foot perimeter, be designated as a preserve for duck and

Moss Lake will be patrolled by the Kings Mountain Police Department and N. C. Department of Wildlife and adequate fishing is available to the public plus a 1,000 foot beach area for swimming. Channel buoys to be erected soon for gas is available for

Kings Mountain residents on a reduced schedule of lake use and seniors may obtain fishing permits without charge. Men are required to obtain a C. state fishing permit. Kings Mountain Rescue will also be active on lake in safety management and assisting in the program.

Historical Ride May Be Recreated

Monday's meeting of the Cleveland County Historical Association at the Kings Mountain Community Center, suggested that local reenactors duplicate the Revolutionary War unit ride from Flint Hill to Cowpens, S.

Bobby Moss, history instructor at Limestone College came up with the idea of his address to association members. He said this would connect with the Mountain Victory Trail duplicated this fall.

The ride from Flint Hill, N.C. near Boiling Springs, retraces the actual route of Colonel Lacy's men, who fought the Battle of Kings Mountain.

Moss noted that the original ride came from Tennessee to



Photo By Lem Lynch

ROCK N ROLL THEME - Guests dance in a Rock N Roll Fifties setting Saturday at a party honoring Kings Mountain Debutantes. They donned bobby sox, saddle shoes, narrow

ties, and sliced their hair in keeping with the theme. Parents of Kings Mountain's five debutantes hosted the affair. See the story today on Page 1B.

At Eaton Plant

Sewer Line Is Hangup

Waste disposal and treatment have become stumbling blocks in the path of Eaton Corporation's plans for opening its plant outside Kings Mountain.

The water lines were given a preliminary check last Friday and tentatively approved. Now the attention is turned to sewage.

When the Eaton plant construction was announced Kings Mountain agreed to provide sewer service as well as sell water to the county (to be resold to Eaton). The city applied for state and federal grants to finance a large portion of the project and the county agreed to fund the remainder of costs.

A grant from the Environmental Protection Agency for 75 percent of the \$500,000 project and a grant from the State Clean Water Funds for 12.5 percent are expected, but to date neither application has been approved.

Harold Duhart, EPA official in Atlanta, said Kings Mountain made application under a law that no longer exists, but the elements of which have been carried over to a new law. Duhart said the city's application does deviate from the new regulations and approval from the EPA in Washington must be given before the Atlanta office can give approval.

Some action is expected on the matter by the end of this week.

Because of the hangup it is not expected that Eaton can begin full operations. However, plans are being considered to provide the industry with a temporary sewer system.

One system being considered is a package treatment plant, which could be rented from an Atlanta firm. This system would need a regular

collection of waste in trucks to be transported to the Pilot Creek Plant for treatment, disposal.

Mayor John H. Moss said various auxiliary systems are being considered and no holdups are anticipated in starting some operations at

Eaton. Moss and Bill Teague of the N. C. Department of Natural and Economic Resources are working with Eaton officials from Cleveland, Ohio to determine the type of temporary system to be used at the Kings Mountain plant.

Aged Program Office Open Today At Center

Kings Mountain's pilot program for the aging and senior citizens under the KM Community Development Funding Project opens today (Thursday) at 8 a. m. at the Community Center.

Rev. Kenneth George of Lincolnton, Kings Mountain native who will head the program, will be in his office at the Center Monday through Friday from 8 a. m. until 5 p. m., said Mayor John Henry Moss.

Establishing needs through a survey of senior citizens in the community, Mr. George will work with members of the Ministerial Association and volunteers to develop the program, said the mayor.

The "indepth" survey will determine the needs of aging and senior citizens, said the Mayor, and the program will not replace any projects now underway by the Ministerial Association and civic clubs.

"I feel", said the Mayor, "that our elderly residents have made great contributions to the community and we should now make every effort to serve them and get them involved in meaningful programs." Said Rev. George, Wesleyan minister, "Most of our elderly have no one to turn to in adverse circumstances. The aim of this program is to give them help and let them know we care."

Building Permits Issued

Six permits to build were issued by the city building inspector during the week.

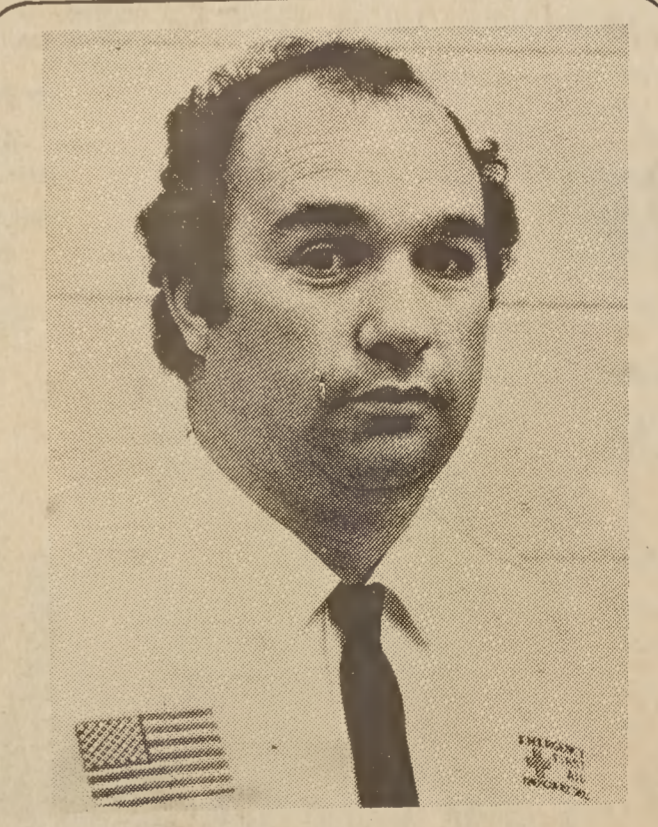
George Hamrick, 207 N. Sims St., bought permit for a patio estimated to cost \$1,000 with Kelly Dixon as contractor.

Jean Holden, 812 Rhodes Ave., bought permit for a utility building estimated to cost \$500, Nolen Concrete Co., contractor.

L. P. Stowe, 300 E. King St., bought permit for a utility building estimated to cost \$500.

B. P. Cook, 600 Temple St., bought permit for a utility building estimated to cost \$400.

Eddie Leftwich, 404 E. Parker St., bought permit for a new porch and Pearl Thomas, 906 Church St., bought permit for a utility building expected to cost \$700.



SGT. RALPH CHAMPION

One Day He Could Save Your Life...

"If it hadn't been for the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad, I guess I'd still be drifting from town to town," said Ralph Champion.

Champion got involved with rescue work three years ago and that was the beginning of the end of his former lifestyle of staying about a year everywhere he moved.

"I guess that was because I never really got involved in any of the other communities I lived in," Champion said. "But now I am involved and I just love it."

Champion's regular employment is nursing assistant on the third shift at Kings Mountain Hospital. He is married to a former Waynesville native. He and Blanche have two children, Lisa, 4, and Parry Lee, seven months. The Champions reside at 507 Broad St.

Grover Looking For Doctors

GROVER - This small community southwest of Kings Mountain is campaigning for a number of doctors to replace Joseph H. Talley and Dr. Denny.

Talley has been in Grover almost six years and is leaving Sept. 1 for Charlotte in a teaching position in a fully practice residency program. Dr. Denny has been in Grover since last July and will leave about July 1 for a posi-

tion at Cleveland Memorial Hospital in Shelby.

C. F. Harry 111, secretary of Grover Industries, is heading the campaign, which is being underwritten by his firm along with Minette Mills, Fiber Industries and Monsanto Corp.

Harry said an incentive for new doctors a rent-free clinic is being offered. There are also two rent-free homes available.

The campaign includes mailing out 9,000 brochures on the available medical facilities and the good features of the general area. The brochures, according to Harry, will be sent all over the country, including some military doctors.

Dr. Talley has said he doesn't look for the community to obtain a doctor this year, but is optimistic that more doctors will be available by 1976. He also noted that 1976

may see the beginning of the end for the family doctor shortage.

Together, Drs. Talley and Denny handle about 10,000 patients ranging from Charlotte to Gaffney, S. C. to Forest City. All of these patients are being advised to seek another doctor. After the two resident physicians leave a secretary will remain at the clinic here to assist patients with moving their charts to other doctors.