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## On Sanitation, Sedimentation

# Lake Authority Names 'Watchdog' Committee

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Glee Bridges, Henry Neisler and M.C. Pruette were named members of the Kings Mountain Lake Authority committee on sanitation and sedimentation at a noon meeting last week.

John H. Moss, authority chairman, charged the members of the committee to study rules and regulations on sanitation and sedimentation and to form stringent regulations concerning the Moss Lake for authority consideration.

Termining the group a "watchdog committee" Moss said, "We have a 60-mile shoreline to patrol and we need stringent guidelines to more effectively protect the lake environment.

"We must guard against sedimentation (erosion, surface water and chemical drainage, etc.) that could affect the city's water supply. The same thing for sanitation. We'll need more stringent rules on open dumping and littering. This authority must make people understand the lake is, first, a source of drinking water, and secondly, a recreation area."

During this discussion Mayor Moss also stated that in the near future he would urge a resolution be passed encouraging citizens in the lake area develop a sanitation district.

It would take a petition to the county commissioners from the citizens to hold a public election to name district commissioners.

Moss said the district would become a tax base and possibly Kings Mountain sewer customers. Moss gave a report on work at the lake which officially opens for another recreational season this weekend. He said renovation work at the lake office - a house acquired by the city during its property acquisition and moved to another location - was under way and would contain office space for the lake supervisor, a concession room, police, rescue squad personnel and wildlife commission officers.

A new road near the office off Road 2033 has been paved, Moss said, and parking areas for cars and boat trailers completed. A 1,000-foot beach has been prepared and underbrush for a picnic area and eventual camping site is being cleared.

The swimming area is not yet complete, he said, because fencing around the children's swim site is not up. "We are going to erect red lights at the spillway so boaters will be warned after daylight that they are in a dangerous area," Moss said.

Patrolling and safety activities will be handled by the Kings Mountain police, rescue squad and state wildlife commission personnel. City fishing permits are required and enforcement by the wildlife commission begins Saturday.

The authority approved using two people in public service positions to handle the job of supervising the lake and to begin accepting applications for a permanent supervisor under the public service job and manpower job programs. Applicants must be residents of Cleveland County and "preferably Kings Mountain," Moss said.

Permits will be sold at the lake and continue to be sold in the codes department. Also, personnel at the city water plant at the lake will be authorized to sell permits.

The authority approved a recommendation from Moss that the wildlife commission be requested to establish a waterfowl and bird sanctuary within the eight-foot perimeter area of the lake the city owns and a greater area if the commission "deems it necessary."

Moss said "we have a good duck and geese population" at the lake but that a "great deal of shooting is going on" and

the unrestricted hunting would make it difficult for the bird population to grow.

Authority member Ray Cline said, "I've often wondered whether it was wise to allow shooting out there at any time, there are so many residents." The resolution regarding the sanctuary, the authority agreed, should include that no firearms of any kind could be fired at the lake.

Moss said brochures and

lake maps - which "try to show some depth" - should be ready around the middle of the month. He said that another city-owned house near the lake and within the eight foot perimeter was being sought by someone who wanted to lease it and asked the authority's feelings. "It would be a revenue producer," Moss noted.

The authority approved appointing a committee to handle the leasing details.

Neisler voted against the motion, saying, "I wonder if that falls into the authority" of the lake authority; Neisler speculated the City Board of Commissioners would have to approve a lease agreement.

"I'm not against it," he said. Moss explained that the lake authority did have the power to lease property within the eight foot perimeter.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, May 13.

## On 'Overmountain Ride' Mayor, Bicentennial Chairman At Meeting

Mayor John H. Moss and Kings Mountain Bicentennial chairmen will attend a meeting in Morganton tonight to participate in coordinating the reenactment of the ride from Tennessee to Kings Mountain during the Revolutionary War.

"Participation in the Overmountain Victory Trail will be one of the projects we will undertake to celebrate the bicentennial next year," Mayor Moss said.

To head a 20-member committee for Kings Mountain, Mayor Moss has appointed Mrs. John O. Plonk and Howard B. Jackson as chairmen. The remainder

of the committee will be announced Thurs., May 15.

Mrs. Plonk, wife of John P. Plonk, president of Foust Textiles, is a native of Shelby. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Neisler of Hilton Head Island, S.C.

She attended Mary Baldwin College, Staunton, Va.

Members of Central United Methodist Church, the Plonks have five children; Anne and Laura, both students at Meredith College, Raleigh, Elizabeth, John Jr. and Carl, all students in Kings Mountain schools.

Howard Jackson is a native Kings Mountain now in retirement. He commuted to New York for 18 years with

J.P. Stevens Co. prior to retiring.

A veteran of World War Two, Jackson served four years in the 7th Division in the Pacific and Japan. He was a captain.

Jackson was one of the charter members of the Kings Mountain Lions Club and helped found and served as vice president at Carolina THrowing.

"In addition to the Overmountain Victory Trail participation," Jackson said, "we are planning a full commemorative program of events for the city in 1976."

Mrs. Plonk said, "Our bicentennial committee will work with area DAR chapters, historical societies and the Kings Mountain Arts Council in planning the events."

On participation in the Overmountain project, Mayor Moss said, "The Battle of Kings Mountain, according to Thomas Jefferson, was the turning point for the colonies during the Revolutionary War. This area's citizens played a vital role in that historic event and it is only natural that we should have a part in this five-state bicentennial event."

## Building Permits On The Rise In City

Busiest spot in town this week may have been the city codes office where numerous building permits were issued as homeowners tackled spring repairing.

Eddie Leftwich, 404 E. Parker St., bought permit to rick his home, estimated cost \$3,500, with Aud Tignor, contractor.

James Rayfield, 902 First St., Z.W. Sullivan, 100 S. Sims St., Franklin Bell, 115 Owens St. and Lithia Lankford, 106 Owens St., bought permits to build utility buildings.

Ray Ross, 801 Boyce St., was issued permit to construct a top to his porch, John Gant, contractor.

Willis Bell, 811 W. Mountain St., bought permit for a driveway, estimated cost \$1,000, Spangler's Concrete, contractors.

George H. Mauney Jr., 404 Maner Rd., bought permit to add one room to his residence, estimated cost \$2,000.

Jerry White, 206 Fulton Rd., was issued permit for a patio, estimated cost \$400.

Jean Holden, 812 Rhodes Ave., bought permit for a driveway, estimated cost, \$500.

## Stag Day

At today's luncheon meeting of the Kings Mountain Rotary Club Hugh Byrd has arranged for a program on the Duke Endowment.

An endowment staff member will present a film, "The First 50 Years," which reflects the growth and contributions of the endowment to North and South Carolina.

The meeting begins at 12:15 p.m. On Tues., May 13 the annual Rotary Stag Summer Outing will again be held at the home of Charles Hamilton in the Woodbridge Country Club area. Golfing and tennis as well as grilled steaks are on the menu.

## Under Special Grant Hospital Is Looking For An ER Physician

Kings Mountain Hospital Administrator Grady Howard said today "We have until July 30 to find and employ a full time emergency room physician to take advantage of financial grants that would pay up to one half that physician's annual salary."

Three private foundations interested in the health care field have agreed to use some of their resources to develop experimental projects to improve access to health care in underserved rural communities.

The three are The Duke Endowment, Kate B. Reynolds Health Care Trust and the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation.

Kings Mountain Hospital is one of 21 participating hospitals that made grant applications for assistance in the Emergency Room Project and grants of up to \$60,000 have been pledged, for a six month period, to these hospitals to secure the services of a fulltime emergency room physician.

The grant funds were actually made available in January.

## Proclamation

Whereas, while the City of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, is indebted to all of its citizens, we are especially indebted to those citizens over sixty years of age for their significant contribution to the development and progress of our City; and Whereas, they continue to be a valuable resource of knowledge, skills, experiences and leadership; and

Whereas, as a progressive City, we must be forever conscious of its most valued resource - its people; yet constantly aware and appreciative of those citizens of the City over sixty whose contributions have and shall remain the foundation of solidarity and ensuing growth; and

Whereas, we urge the people of Kings Mountain to seek to expand opportunities for active participation of older adults through paid or voluntary endeavors that assure continued usefulness and nondiscriminatory involvement in helping to assess and meet both the growing needs of our older citizens and the needs of our City as a whole through all public and private organizations planning together to meet these needs effectively;

Therefore, I proclaim the Month of May, 1975 "Older American Month In Kings Mountain" and commend this observance to our citizens.

By the Mayor:  
John Henry Moss

## Governor Aids City On Lines

"On behalf of the people of Kings Mountain and Cleveland County," Governor Jim Holshouser has asked the Environmental Protection Agency for approval of a grant for construction of a sewer line to the new Easton plant on Grover Rd.

The Governor, in a letter dated May 1, urged the grant be approved "as soon as possible," outlining the history of the multi-purpose line and the scope of the Kings Mountain waste-water treatment project. Eaton Corporation will employ approximately 600 people.

The grant request for 75 per cent of the funds in the \$500,000 project has been circulating through various channels in Washington, D.C. and Atlanta, Ga. for 30 days, with no decision as yet made, said Mayor John Moss Wednesday. Bonds are expected to provide another 12.5 per cent of the funds if the EPA grant is approved. Cleveland County has agreed to pay the remaining 12.5 per cent.

Harold Duhart of the regional EPA office in Atlanta said two weeks ago that the city applied for the grant under a law which is no longer effective and that the EPA office, Washington, would have to approve the exception to place that request under a new law and to accept it.

The Mayor had not received any other communications from either agency this week.

Eaton Corporation is moving into its new building next week and will hold their employment down until such time as permanent sewer is extended to the building, said the Mayor.

## Committee Will Meet

The KM District Schools Advisory Committee has called a public hearing for Friday night at 7:30 in the Administrative Offices Board Room to obtain "citizen input" for an ESAA Grant to provide a readiness and guidance program in the elementary schools.

Chairman J.C. Bridges said the public is "cordially invited to attend."

Other members of the Advisory Committee are Mrs. Bob Morris, Mrs. Judy F. Curry, Rev. Howard Shipp, Mrs. R.A. Wilson, Mrs. C.H. Edwards, Mrs. John C. McGill, Mrs. Carolyn Sherrer, R.C. White, Barry Poston, David Bell, Mrs. C.A. Allison and Miss Patsy Smith.

## Activities For City's Senior Citizens Planned

Next Monday Mayor John H. Moss and the Rev. Kenneth George, coordinator of the city's program for the aging and senior citizens, meets with the Ministerial Association to discuss program goals.

Rev. George said, "At that 10 a.m. meeting ministers will be given the opportunity to offer suggestions and advise on running the program."

Earlier, Rev. George stated the program would not interfere with any projects the ministers and vice organizations may have for the elderly.

Mayor Moss and Rev. George are pushing action

within the program now to take advantage of the statewide publicity and public focus on the senior citizens through Gov. Holshouser's Older Americans Month in North Carolina proclamation.

"The mayor and commissioners have given our program the go signal," Rev. George said. "The city has provided office space (room 10) at the community center and the health care center, kitchen and Mountaineer Room for our activities."

Under the public employment funds and manpower act R.E.V. George is being salaried on a temporary basis at the moment and the

city is providing phone service for the office (739-4511). The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Since the program was announced Rev. George said he feels headway is being made rapidly. Citizen reaction has been very gratifying, according to George.

Roy Pearson, city recreation director, has offered to plan and promote a benefit senior citizen softball tournament May 22-24.

"The elderly will not play in the tournament, of course," Rev. George said. "But the proceeds will go into the program. During the tournament our elderly citizens will be the guests of honor."

Rev. George said May 29 is being planned as Senior Citizens Day in Kings Mountain and all persons 60 and over will be welcomed at the community center.

The program is planned for 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Registration will begin at 10 s.m. For the first hour a "get acquainted" period is planned and from 11 a.m. - noon an entertainment program is scheduled.

"Tom McIntyre, editor of The Mirror-Herald, will arrange for performers from within the community and will emcee that portion of the program," Rev. George said. A light luncheon is being planned at noon.

"As we get the program completed," Rev. George said, we will announce it to the public."

The objective of the program for the aging and senior citizens is to help the ones in special need with shelter, food, health care, emergency transportation and recreation or hobbies. This is a pilot program also for the elderly who remain active. Rev. George said all types of programs are in the works to bring together the community's senior citizens for times of relaxation, fellowship and care.



CLIFFORD LOVELACE

## One Day He Could Save Your Life...

A Kings Mountain native, Clifford Lovelace is one of the newer members of the all volunteer KM Rescue Squad.

Besides devoting fulltime to his own business, Lovelace Gulf Station, Clifford spends about 13 hours each week in service with the rescue unit.

"I've had my own wrecker service for about 12 years," Lovelace said. "And that's dealing with the public in emergency situations. I guess it was just natural for me to get involved with the rescue squad."

Capt. Bob Hope was instrumental in getting Lovelace to join the volunteer team almost one year ago. "I really enjoy the work," Lovelace said. "There's a lot of exciting things happen in this job. It kind of rounds out your life a little better."

Lovelace is married to a KMer, the former Faye Dover, and they have two daughters, Trina, 11, and Janet, 10. Both are students at East School. The Lovelaces reside at 501 Cleveland Ave.

## Bethlehem VFD April Report

During the month of April the Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department answered a total of 13 calls and spent 103 manhours on the job.

Manhours breakdown to 58 on training, 45 on call.

The calls included four house fires, two mobile home fires, two grass and two woods fires. The volunteers also stood by at one auto wreck and at two controlled burnings.