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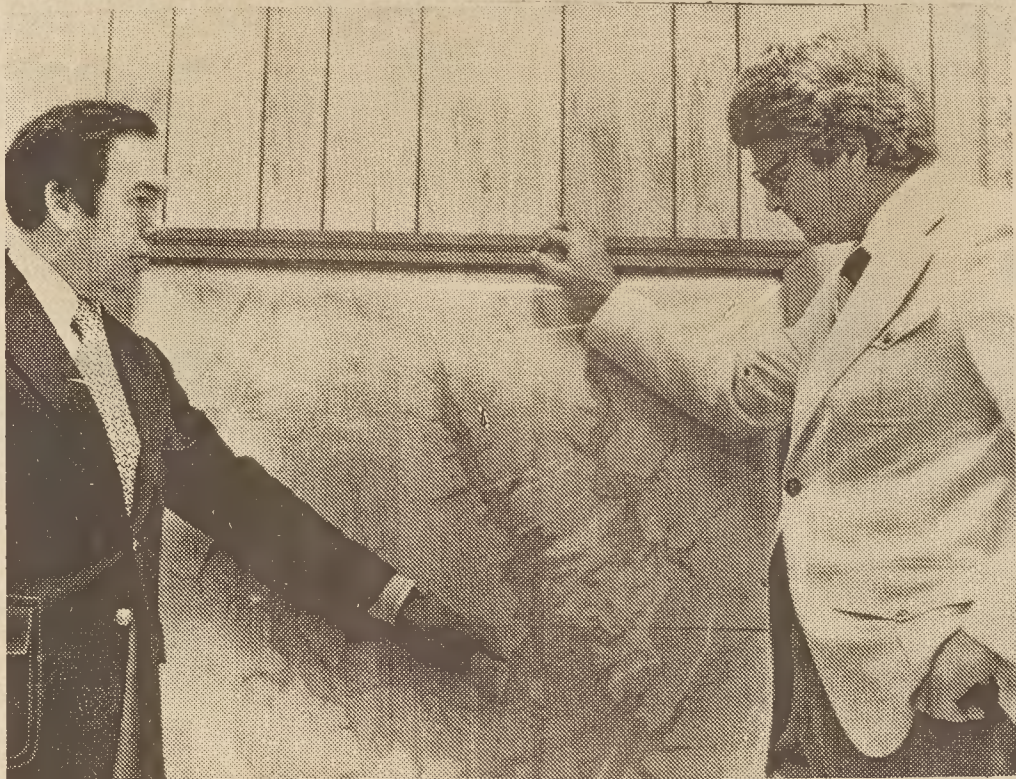
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By Redevelopment Commission

Demolition Contract Awarded



PLANNING RECREATION - Mayor John H. Moss and Gardner Gidley, a recreational planner from Winston-Salem, discuss the areas around Moss Lake where outdoor recreation and camp sites may be located. Gidley was hired by the KM Lake Authority to do the planning.

Lake Recreation Planner Hired By Board Tuesday

By TOM McINTYRE
Editor, Mirror-Herald

Gardner Gidley and Associates of Winston-Salem will serve as recreation facility planner at John H. Moss Lake.

Hired at a Kings Mountain Lake Authority meeting Tuesday, Gidley said he "anticipates actually getting to the job within two to three weeks."

In 1969 Gidley was the initial planner for the area where the lake now exists. In his proposal Tuesday he said, "I want to upgrade the master plan for use of the existing land owned by the authority and I will probably have to write an environmental impact report to satisfy the federal guidelines."

Planning will include inventory of existing facilities and studies of the most feasible areas for access roads, beach and swim areas, a marina site, concession and toilet facility areas. Also areas best suited for camp sites, picnic and hiking trails.

Gidley's fee is \$3,880 and half of that can be obtained in matching funds available in the state through the federal government. Matching funds

are applicable to site improvements, too. "Our main concern should be developing the recreational facilities for the local people," Gidley said, "but bearing in mind that the facilities will draw people from a 20-25 mile

radius in large numbers and even further away in smaller numbers."

The planner suggested the authority consider taking measures to limit the numbers

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Property Condemned For Sewer Lines

By TOM McINTYRE
Editor, Mirror-Herald

In a brief meeting Monday night commissioners voted to begin condemnation proceedings on six parcels of land along the proposed sewer line route to Eaton Corporation.

Commissioners also voted to appoint Larry Hamrick, local real estate and insurance agent, as the city's member of a three-man appraisal board on the condemned property.

City Attorney Jack White told the board "There may be possibly two or three more parcels that might have to be condemned before the city can gain an easement for the sewer line installation to Eaton."

He said negotiations are underway with these property owners and he hopes for a financial settlement without having to again resort to condemnation proceedings.

The six parcels voted on Monday night are owned by Gillie Falls, G. W. Moore, D. N. Evans, A. E. Yarbro, John P. Connery and Marvin Hamrick.

White said a seventh parcel was being considered, but the owner, George Peeler, came to a financial agreement with the city during a second negotiation period.

The rights of way the city requires include an easement

for the actual sewer line and easement for an access road into the line.

White said under new legislation that the city, following full condemnation, can take immediate possession of the condemned property, even while the property might be appealing the decision.

"The appraisal board, one member of which the city will appoint and one member which the property owner will appoint and a third member, appointed by the first two, will have 30 days after appointment to present the city with a report of damages, benefits and suggested compensa-

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Mayor's Summer Youth Job Program Underway

Franklin Ware is serving as chairman for the sixth annual Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program in Kings Mountain.

The program is designed to place rising and current college students in summer jobs. The peak employment year during this program saw 380 job placements. To date more than 600 area young people have applied for and obtained jobs under the program.

"This summer will not be a peak year because of the economic crunch we've experienced," Ware said, "but we do have hopes that a number of jobs will be made available."

"We are hopeful some positions and support jobs from the National Youth Corp and Concentrated Employment Training Act programs will be available this summer," Ware continued.

Mrs. Jo Ann McDaniel will take applications beginning May 19 at the mayor's office,

Ward Meet Tonight

The mayor's committee on ward equalization will meet tonight to make recommendations to the next meeting of city council, said Carl DeVane, a member of the study group, during Tuesday's meeting of the Merchants and Chamber of Commerce.

Using the 4,500 names of registered voters from the recent ABC referendum, the committee has had a mammoth task, said DeVane, in dividing equally the voters in the six wards of the city.

DeVane said this project has been hampered by fact that many residents have their incorrect addresses on the books.

Mr. DeVane said he didn't know if the full committee would recommend a complete all-new city registration but that he is in favor of a new registration. "If not, a lot of people are going to need to change their addresses", he added.

DeVane said that Ward 1, which now numbers only 200 plus voters, could include all the area across the railroad tracks and Crescent Hill with Wards 5 and 6 composed of all the western area of the city.

"As this committee has broken the wards now and transferred to city maps it looks like each of the six wards will have the same number of voters", he added.

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THE CITY OF KINGS MOUNTAIN
NORTH CAROLINA
The Historical City
May 12, 1975

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Compassion for and service to one's fellowman is a most commendable attribute, and
WHEREAS, Martin Luther Harmon devoted much time and effort to helping young men develop their writing talents through his unselfish training methods, and
WHEREAS, Martin Luther Harmon demonstrated his love of his people through his return from a potentially lucrative career to promote a local newspaper, The Kings Mountain Herald, and
WHEREAS, For many years, Martin Luther Harmon dedicated his time and talents to keeping his fellow citizens well informed on local and national issues, and
WHEREAS, The Kings Mountain Herald and its staff were devoted to the interest of Kings Mountain citizens and their welfare,
NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Kings Mountain being aware of and desiring to recognize the unselfish and dedicated service of Martin Luther Harmon, do hereby adopt this Resolution of Remembrance for the untimely passing of one who had an abiding love and devotion to his friends and his community.

John Henry Clouse
Mayor

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ELIZABETH STEWART
Staff Writer

Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission Tuesday morning awarded contract to the low bidder, Bradley-Jensen Grading & Paving of Gastonia, at \$53,825, for demolition of 30 structures or 150,000 square feet in the Central Business Urban Renewal area.

After approval by HUD, which is anticipated very soon, contract will be executed, said Director Gene White, demolition will begin on 10 pieces of property with the old Bonnie Mill of five buildings, one brick smoke stack and one concrete pool as an underground water system heading the list and the most in the schedule of work at \$16,500. Written into these specifications are that the contractor slope the W. Gold area for grass.

Other parcels on the immediate demolition schedule are the one-story brick Cherokee St. building formerly occupied by Sterchi ware; the two-story brick building at 144 W. Mountain (once was Dellinger's); the two-story brick building formerly occupied by Warlick insurance at 142 W. Mountain; the two-story building at 140 Mountain; one-story brick buildings at 218 S. Cherokee, Corner of W. Gold and Cherokee and No. 8-3 Block on W. Gold.

KMRC holds options on at least two other large pieces of property in the downtown area.

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Planning Continues On SC Day

Kings Mountain Senior Citizens Week (May 22-29) will begin with a benefit softball tournament and end with a program of activities at the community center.

Complete details on the tournament are on today's sports pages.

"The purpose of our program," said Rev. Kenneth George, "is to assist citizens over 60 to continue a useful life."

George is coordinator of the city's program for the aging and senior citizens.

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Arts Council Funds Approved By NCAC

Kings Mountain now has an arts council.

Through a \$5,000 grant from the North Carolina Arts Council and the city's community development matching grant, the local arts program has a first year budget of \$10,000.

Planning will begin immediately for a summer program for all age groups in the city. The programs will consist of workshops to give interested residents opportunities to develop their talents.

"Arts" in this case is a catchall phrase covering all forms of artistic endeavor; music, poetry, drama, painting, sculpting, writing, and crafts.

Preliminary work on creating a local arts council began several months ago when the N.C. Arts Council announced special funding for the creation of such functioning organizations.

At that time Mayor John H. Moss named Mirror-Herald Editor Tom McIntyre as acting chairman. During the pre-application period McIntyre

made inquiries into all areas of the community to measure the interest in creating an arts council.

"The interest was very gratifying and gave us enough steam to pursue the creation of an arts council," McIntyre said. "In initial planning a rather broad scale was discussed, but with the understanding programs would be limited because of citizen interest, physical locations for workshops and shows and the amount of money available to sponsor programs."

"We now have the money and it becomes a matter of narrowing the field in planning programs to those generating the majority of interest within the community," the council chairman said.

State funds have been granted to counties and cities and Kings Mountain was one of only two cities granted a full \$5,000.

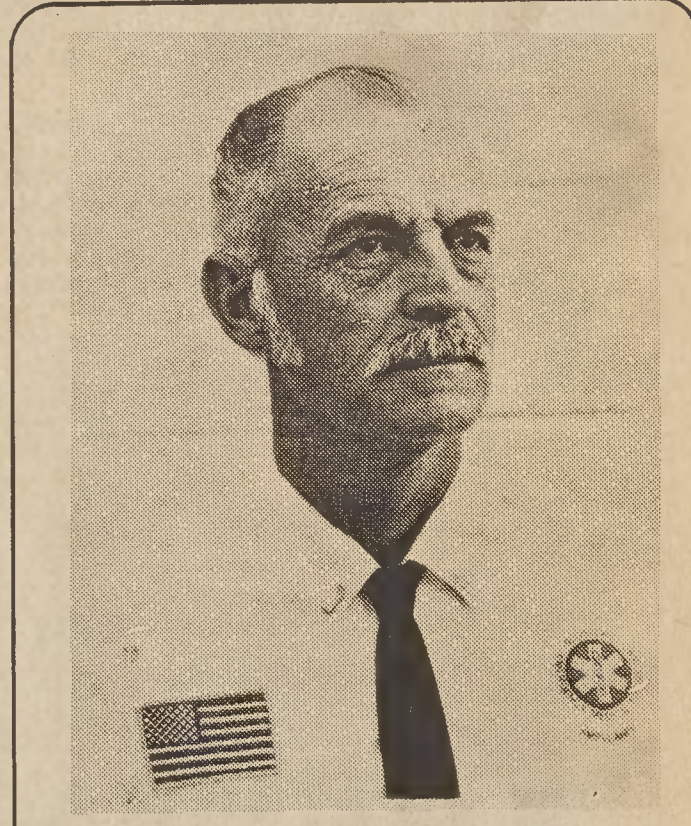
Within the near future a local council will be named and concrete plans made for programming.



Photo By Gary Stewart

MAKING A DONATION - Homer Sizemore, member of a band that played at "The Butch Jamboree" at the community center last weekend, is shown here purchasing a donation ticket from the guest of honor, Butch Morrison of Kings Mountain. The jamboree was sponsored by Alert CBers of The Piedmont to raise

money to send Butch and his mother, Mrs. Christine Morrison, to see an Atlanta Falcons-Washington Redskins football game next December 7. The picture bulletin board in the background was erected by KM Postmaster Charles Alexander to show a part of the life story of young Morrison.



DELBERT DIXON

One Day He Could Save Your Life...

Delbert Dixon is the only charter member of the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad still active in its service.

"There's a world of difference between then (16 years ago) and now," Dixon said. "At first we only transported patients no matter what the injuries or how severe. Speeding them to hospitals for emergency treatment was the all important thing then."

"Now we render first aid at the scene before we even think about moving the patient," Dixon said.

When the squad began 16 years ago there were only 16 members, but several of the volunteers took the National Registry examinations before such a system was ever thought of in North Carolina. Since that time Dixon has proudly worn his Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Patch. To pass the national registry test Dixon completed 81 hours of class work and 10 hours of emergency room training.

During his tenure, Dixon has held the rank of captain (for seven years), first and second lieutenant. He has also assisted mothers in giving birth five times.

Dixon is a Kings Mountain native and resides at 201 N. Sims St. with his wife, former Sue Baker of Gastonia, and son, Gregory. The other Dixon children are Mrs. Teresa Williams and David Dixon of Kings Mountain and Daniel Dixon of Dallas, Tex. Dixon is employed as a supervisor at Lithium Corp.