

New look just around corner

Kings Mountain have been hearing for years there was going to be wholesale demolition someday under the redevelopment commission auspices.

Bless Pete, if it isn't just around the corner.

Contracts were awarded Bradley-Jenkins of Gastonia last week and now HUD of Atlanta is smoking over the contracts. All it takes for the 30 structures in the downtown business district to come down is final approval from HUD.

In actuality the downtown redevelopment began as a private venture among businessmen prior to the arrival of the city's redevelopment commission. It is not known whether the plans would have been implemented any swifter under the businessmen than it has under

the commission, but at this point it is a moot question.

No one appears to be any handier with the latest turn of events than commission director Gene White. For years now White and his staff have been taking a ribbing, good-natured and otherwise, about the hold up in removals and rebuilding. But, for the most part, it is felt the majority of people realized the bureaucratic red tape involved in any federal program. That coupled with the problems of actual acquisitions of properties and structures in some cases has made the job very difficult.

Hopefully, the major portion of redevelopment problems are behind us and at long last the city will begin to take a new look in place of "the-London-after-the-blitz" picture we've looked at for so long.



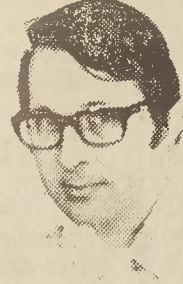
A new look will have to be around the corner, 'cause I just tore the corner down.....

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Wade's gonna be a star

journal

by tom mcintyre



It's been there for months, but most people are still not fully aware of it.

I'm talking about the public parking area off Cherokee St. behind the pinball palace, Central Barber Shop, Griffin Drug and Grayson's Jewelry.

If you find the public parking spaces on W. Mountain all filled up, then whip down Cherokee and, voila, you will find 'beaucoup space.

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Did you know Wade Tyler is gonna be in the movies?

He surely is. EO Productions (Challenge and Frank Challenge: Manhunter) is currently filming a thrill show movie and that, naturally, involves a few autos. That's where Wade comes in.

The Ford man donated a '70 model job to the production and will be in a scene in the film (now titled The Death Driver) where he presents the car to the Hero.

When I asked Wade about becoming a movie star, he said, "I just hope I don't have any lines to say."

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During the past year our dear readers have been flattering to the point of embarrassment about the Mirror-Herald editorial page cartoons.

We kinda like 'em, too. It's something different. It gives us a chance to interject a bit of levity into the proceedings. For the benefit of you college graduates that means we get to make fun of local situations.

Jim Dickey, the ex-commissioner, told me once that he loves the cartoons, but even more than that he loves the fact he got off the city board before the cartoons started appearing in the paper.

He said, "With my physique I'm sure you fellas at the paper would have a field

day with a cartoon."

Take today's cartoon of Gene White, director of the KM Redevelopment Commission. Not so much Gene, but the situation of the process of redeveloping the downtown area taking so dad-burn long, is what lent itself to cartoonery.

Well, since folks seem to like the cartoons so much, the powers that be here at the Mirror-Herald have held a discussion and seem to think that it might be a good idea to once each year run a contest of sorts to ask the public to vote on their favorite cartoon of the year. The one receiving the most accolades would be emblazoned on a plaque and ceremoniously presented to the cartoon subject.

We have taken the liberty of personally contacting people around town for their reaction, rather than blast the idea in the news columns this time. The thinking there is we might think it's important, but readers might not necessarily find it so.

One cartoon in particular from the past seems to be the odds on favorite so far and I wouldn't be surprised if that person isn't presented the first annual Her-Mi award (that's short and reversed for Mirror-Herald) in the near future.

Possibly during the activities at the Community Center on May 29, which is being set aside as Kings Mountain Senior Citizens Day.

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Of course I'm not going to divulge the identity of the cartoon subject. It wouldn't be a surprise if I did.

How about Monday's "We Love You, West School Day?"

I don't know about anyone else, but things like that impress me. I think it's great.

In a time when just about everything held sacred is put down by one faction or another, it's refreshing to see enough adults with enough grit to unashamedly create and sponsor something like this.

We ought to give Hallie Blanton and her Parent-Teachers Association at West School three gold stars for that day of fun and good old-fashioned outspoken feelings of pride in their school students, administration and faculty.

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By the way, if you feel this week's Mirror-Herald is one of the more outstanding issues, tell Lib Stewart and her brother, Gary 'cause they've been in charge all week while your's truly has been slapping paint in his livingroom.

P. S. Don't tell me if you think it's outstanding, not unless you dig seeing a grown man cry.

Authority takes a positive step

Last week the Kings Mountain Lake Authority took a positive step, which the city commissioners we trust will complete.

The positive step was hiring the firm of Gardner Gidley and Associates to plan the recreational areas around John Moss Lake. Gidley was the original planner on that area west of the city before it became the mammoth reservoir it is today.

First and most important is that citizen attitude always regard the lake as a source of water for personal and commercial consumption. Secondly, but also important, is solid planning for lake recreation usage and the development of guidelines that will insure the first consideration is never forgotten.

KMer's poured a ton of money initially into the project and with

the return of their taxes through federal and state grants the lake has become a reality. The lake authority's opinion that the facility should never become a further drain on the taxpayer is sound. And that's where proper and professional recreational planning comes in.

Water-based recreation is America's number one choice of all relaxation offerings and in the seasons to come the JHM Lake will prove to be a strong magnet drawing boaters, skiers, swimmers, fishermen and campers from long distances. Through a fair fee system and top-notch recreational facilities at the lake a break-even (and possibly profitable) operation is assured. And that will further assure local residents their city government will not tap them at regular intervals for a few more tax dollars to pour into the lake.

Let's hope for action

Another promise is coming true.

Several months ago citizens were promised all efforts would be made to organize an arts council for Kings Mountain to give the myriad talents residing here a shot at development.

Last week, with the kind consideration of the North Carolina Arts Council through a \$5,000 grant (and earlier demonstration of the city to match those funds), the wheels were set in motion.

Although there have been a few pockets of artistic and

cultural development in the city, the big picture nestled inside KMs borders than anyone could imagine.

During the investigative period prior to applying for the state funds and receiving them it was determined there is a great deal of interest at all age, educational and social levels.

Well, the interest is here and the cash to sponsor projects to fit those interests is promised. Let's hope KMers can see some positive results in the coming weeks.

Good news

Newspapers are accused at times of paramounting only the bad news rather than the good.

Sometimes that's the way events break.

But last week's Mirror-Herald detailed a good dose of good news events, including:

Announcement that applications are being received at City Hall for the Mayor's Job Corps, the sixth year that young people can receive summer employment via this program.

Report that a recreation facility planner has been hired for Moss Lake.

Beginning of Senior Citizens Week, first in a long-range program designed to benefit KM Senior citizens.

Announcement that Kings Mountain now has an arts council.

Dr. Jerry E. Patterson received his Doctor of Medicine Degree and a large number of area young people are graduating from high schools and schools for post high school training.

A long list of Good Citizens of the Year.

It's an imposing list and the kind the Mirror-Herald likes and prefers to report.

Our congratulations.

Other Editors Speak

"That we will have another wave of inflation by 1977 is the most common of forecasts."

This sobering statement was twinned by economist Herbert Stein with the provocative proposal that the country hold another Summit Conference on Inflation this September.

Last September's inflation summit, Mr. Stein points out, came when the 1973-74 inflation cycle had already peaked. There is still time to head off a new inflationary cycle. But if the opportunity is not seized, he warns, then "government policy, responding to the recession... is going to become strongly expansive — sufficiently expansive... to speed up price and wage increases."

Another summit might not be the right vehicle for reaching a fundamental agreement between White House, Congress, business, and labor on a moderate growth pace for the country. But there does have to be some alternative to the habitual pattern of responding to immediate crises. The risk must be reduced "that we will respond to the next wave of inflation by another spasm of controls or another spasm of recession."

Sen. Edmund Muskie, chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, has openly accepted the need for Congress and the President to agree on a "clear, overall view" of spending priorities to avoid an inflation-generating deficit. Such an opening could be seized by the White

House to start a realistic dialogue with Congress and to lessen the economic dangers of maneuvering for next year's elections.

The common forecast for another wave of inflation in 1977 is based on the assumption that government will not have learned the lessons of the recent past, but will accept a November, 1976, deadline for getting the economy humming. Mr. Stein is right. Now is the time to stop keying the business cycle to the political cycle and to look ahead to 1977.

Christian Science Monitor

FADS & PAPA'S WALLET — Parents of college students must have suffered a case of the shudders — or mixed emotions at the least — upon learning that the newest fad on campus is dressing up.

Students at Montreat-Anderson Junior College in the North Carolina hills were reported pleased with themselves and each other after observing a one-day dress-up that included suits, neckties, dresses, high heels and hose.

In these days of soaring tuition and campus subsistence costs, the one bright spot has been the clothing budget. A couple of pairs of jeans, sneakers, work-shirts and something to keep warm has been the extent of most undergrad wardrobes in recent years.

While we may have recoiled from the

sight, the expense was no mean item.

So, is this just a passing fancy or might somebody decide that this unisex business is passe?

—The High Point Enterprise

Because of lack of interest, an industry association recently called off a seminar it had planned on "What Specific Actions Need to be Taken to Promote and Utilize Effective Competition to Improve Government Procurement."

We think they meant "How to Get More Government Business." But who knows?

At least they speak the language of the people in Washington.

The Charlotte Observer

JOURNALISTIC PROSE — These days, our writers have forsaken exact English and gone in for such things as ordeurs for hors d'oeuvres, jarneers for jardineres conscious for conscience, fonction for function, convolutions for convulsions, and scores of other examples of bad English...

Question is whether English is to be language or "slanguage."

The Sanford (N. C.) Herald

For Policemen

(Ed. Note - Mrs. Bill Moss brought the following devotional from "Our Daily Bread" to be used in the Letter to Editor Columns this week.)

Dear Editor:

"In talking with Christians, I have come to the conclusion that only a small percentage of God's children faithfully pray for our national leaders. Even a fewer number intercede for those who are lower on the ladder of authority, and almost no one upholds policemen before the Lord. It seems that the only law officers remembered in prayer are those who have Christian relatives and friends. This should not be. The Bible instructs us to give thanks for "all that are in authority." This includes our President, the members of Congress, governors, judges, mayors, and city commissioners. And don't forget policemen. They occupy a very important position, for they must apprehend and arrest wrongdoers.

The law officer needs our prayers. In many cases, his salary is relatively low, and his job is dangerous. He is especially open to the temptation of accepting bribes. Often he must make split-second decisions about giving chase to someone or using force. If he shoots a suspect who appears to be armed, he is quickly condemned by people who sit in soft chairs and have plenty of time to think over the situation. If he lets a man get away from the scene of a crime, he is considered incompetent; but if he tackles and subdues the offender, he is charged with police brutality.

"God's Word admonishes us not only to pray for these public servants but also to give thanks for them. The next time you see a policeman doing his job, breathe a prayer of gratitude. Yes, even when you are driving, and he points his radar detector to you.

Betty Moss
Kings Mountain

Thank You

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Catawba Valley Lung Association, I would like to thank you and the staff of the Kings Mountain Mirror for the publicity you have given our association. We appreciate your contributions of time, interest, and space.

Enclosed is a Certificate of Appreciation for your services to our association this year.

Again, I wish to express our sincere appreciation for your support of our association and our goal "Prevention and Control of Lung Diseases." If at any time we can be of service to you or your school please feel free to contact your local Christmas Seal agency.

Thank you. We are looking forward to working with you.

DONNA CORNELIUS
Executive Director
Newton, N. C.

LOOKING BACK

(From the 1965 files of Kings Mountain Herald)

Kings Mountain citizens return to the polls next Tuesday to complete selection of the board of city commissioners. The contests are between Gene Goforth, for the past four years Ward 11 Commissioner, and W. S. Biddix, the challenger, the two finishing in a dead heat at 863 votes each in the May 11 voting, while Thomas B. Eubanks trailed at 107.

The other race finds J. E. Rhea, also a four year commissioner, from Ward 9, challenged by O. O. Walker, his uncle by marriage. Mr. Rhea led the May 11 balloting by 172 votes as Benjamin Brown polled 295 votes.

Kings Mountain citizens began making toll free calls to Gastonia and Dallas at 12:01 Wednesday, dialing their desired numbers and without the necessity of calling the long distance operator or using direct distance dialing.

George H. Mauney, Jr. is the new Chairman of the Board of Education. He succeeds J. E. Herndon. H. O. Williams is vice-chairman.

Social and Personal

Linda Diane Oliver and Larry Grant Moss were married Saturday at 4 p. m. in the Piedmont Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey E. Grigg of Grover Road announce the arrival of a son, Jeffrey Dale, May 18, Kings Mountain hospital.

Bible Verse

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord. Romans 8:28.

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