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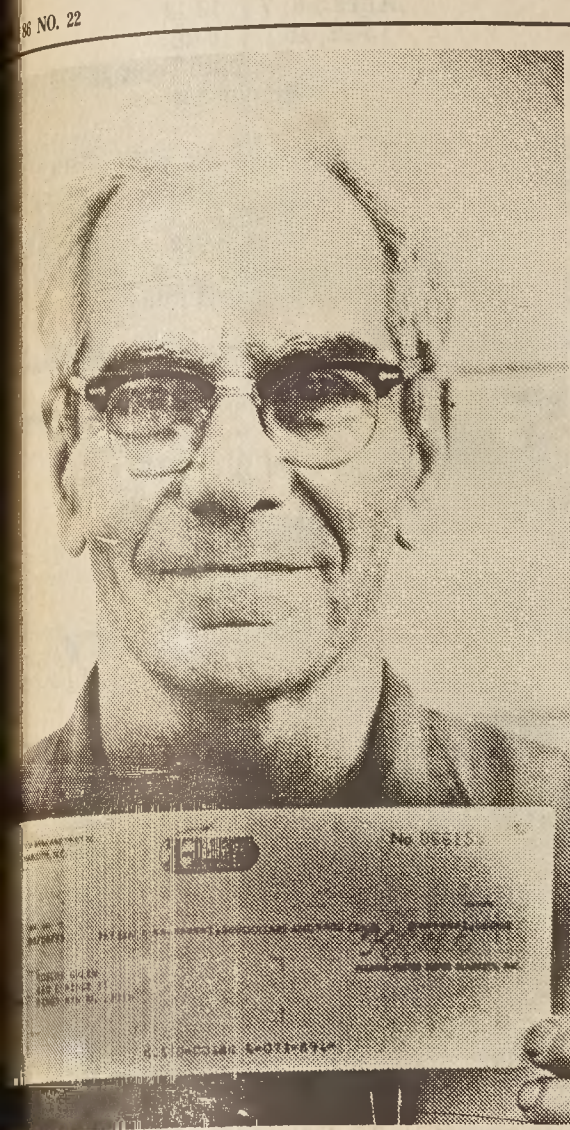


Photo By Tom McIntyre

MONEY WINNER — Roscoe Green, 610 E. Ridge St., Kings Mountain, was the big winner in Harris-Teeter Super Market's Gamorama. Green was presented a check from H-T manager Hal Blanton for \$1,000 Monday. "First thing I ever won in my life," said Green, a 62-year old Duplex International employee. "This money's going into a savings account at Kings Mountain Savings and Loan."

Group Recommendation

Answers Are Sought

By TOM MCINTYRE
Editor, Mirror-Herald

Following a lengthy reading of the proposed city budget (\$55,858.98) for 1975-76 last night, Mayor John H. Moss and commissioners were led by Dr. Frank Sincox in a discussion of recommendations made by a utility study committee.

Sincox chaired the committee composed of commission and private individuals from the community and county, at the request of the mayor. Following a series of public meetings the committee submitted nine specific recommendations to the city for consideration.

Under the proposed budget a surcharge was indicated in only one of the recommendations. At Monday's meeting Dr. Sincox appeared on behalf of the committee to find out if anything, had been done on the other recommendations.

One consideration given in the action was reducing the water customer a reduction in surcharge from 50 percent to 25 percent. This, Sincox, pointed out was a part of that recommendation. The rest pertaining to different fee schedule for sewer usage.

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Bypass Relocation Agents Contacting Area Residents

Relocation agents from the Board of Transportation are contacting Kings Mountain area residents in efforts to acquire property for the US bypass.

Each resident on the north side of the city along the route of the bypass is being contacted and given a brochure outlining eligibilities for payments.

The brochure states that residents must be living on the property at the time the state offers the offer to buy the property which is in the right of way. To be eligible for replacement housing payments, the owners must have been in occupancy for at least 90 days prior to the offer to buy and tenants must have been in occupancy for at

For First Year Programs

HUD Approves \$1,040,000 CD Applications To City

Kings Mountain's community development grant applications for \$1,040,000 have been approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The announcement came Wednesday afternoon from Cong. James Broyhill's Washington office. "Our citizens, through public hearings, came up with some very pertinent ideas on how these community development funds should be spent for the betterment and growth of Kings Mountain," said Mayor John H. Moss. "We were pretty sure all along our applications would be approved because of the nature of the applications made up from citizen input. The HUD approval proves our people have valuable ideas as far as the future of their city is concerned."

Included in the applications were proposals to double the capacity of the water treatment plant, improvements community center, improvements to Deal and Davidson recreational parks, construct two mini parks, improvements underground wiring, parking, install storm sewer drains in downtown business district.

Also library facility improvements, urban beautification, development of senior citizen and handicapped persons programs, development of cultural and educational programs, improvements in Cansler St. area, development of a home base child care program, a Kings Mountain development program.

The funds are earmarked for use beginning July 1.

This is the first year's grants under a five year, \$4,160,000 overall entitlement to the City of Kings Mountain under the 1974 Community Development Act.

"I look forward to working with our citizens in utilization of these funds in the development of our community in our goal of a program for total development that will provide us with the opportunity for quality living," Mayor Moss said.

Hearing On Board

Term Change Set

City Commissioners will hold a public hearing into the proposed change of mayoral — commissioner terms in office at the next municipal election.

A resolution of intent was passed at Monday's meeting and the public hearing called for Sat., June 21 at 11 a. m. in commissioner chambers at city hall.

The intent of the board is to change the terms of office for the mayor from two to four years and the terms of the three top voting getting commissioners from two to four years. The three low vote getting commissioners would serve two year terms.

City Attorney Jack White explained Monday that the resolution of intent to change the form of government from the procedure established in 1947 must be published and the public hearing set no less than 10 days after publication.

To satisfy the time regulations in the law, White said the public hearing must come before the regular commissioner meeting, at which the resolution is to be voted on. The resolution appeared in Wednesday's Shelby Star.

"This law also states that even if the commissioners adopt the change in office terms effective the next election (which is October 1975) a petition with signatures of 10 percent of the city's qualified voters filed within 30 days of the move can force a public election on the matter," White said.

White also said the procedure could be handled more swiftly, if commissioners desire, by letting it go through the General Assembly, "but in this manner the citizens will not have their chance at a public hearing nor a vote." White said an interesting sidenote to terms of office in

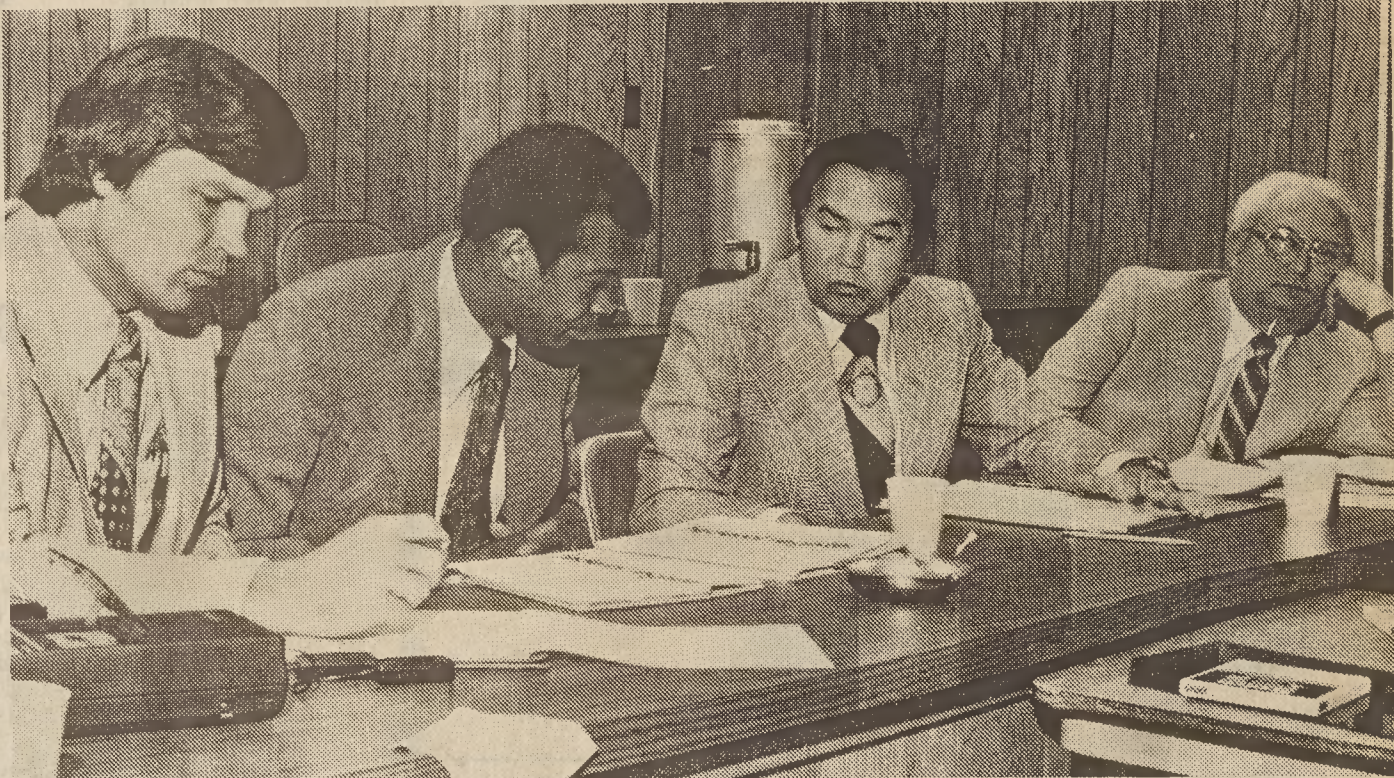


Photo By Gary Stewart

DISCUSS PROJECT FUNDING — Pictured are officials of the Environmental Protection Agency at Wednesday's meeting with city, county and state officials at City Hall. From left, Dave Olsen, Harold B. Duhart, Mayor John Henry Moss and Fred Armstrong.

For Eaton Sewer Line

It Looks Like 1976

By ELIZABETH STEWART
Staff Writer

A dozen state and federal officials Wednesday set a target date of June 1976 for completion of sewer facilities to the multi-million-dollar Eaton Corporation on Grover Rd.

The timetable calls for a public hearing in Kings Mountain on the "mini-201 Feasibility Plan" in 30-45 days, depending upon completion of resolution by the Town of Grover and County of Gaston on feasibility of including the Southeastern portion of Cleveland and Greater Gaston.

After drawing up of plans and specifications and a second public hearing, the formal application for a \$1,300,000 grant is to be submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency, Atlanta, for anticipated state and federal approval, said Mayor John Moss.

David Olsen, North Area Abatement Branch Manager who covers four states for EPA Region IV, Harold B. Du-

hart, projects manager, of EPA, and Fred Armstrong, 201 Coordinator, detailed several alternatives which were discussed at length, including: construction of a new facility to serve the Grover area; pumping flow of sewage from Grover industry to Kings Mountain for treatment at KM sewage treatment facility; cost-effectiveness, land use and population, all criteria for grant approval, they explained.

Duhart said "we also have to consider existing streams for possible discharge of sewage and pumping to alternate streams as well as possible land application. All these factors have to be documented in the final application", he said.

Duhart summarized many points discussed at a meeting in Raleigh called by Senator Robert Morgan recently to iron-out some of the problems of the new industry's sewerage problems.

EPA officials recommended a preliminary public hearing

be held as soon as possible to "flush out any problems."

To a question Duhart said EPA's final consideration would be "the proposal most cost-effective but said he frankly could foresee no problem as long as all alternatives are considered and criteria is followed, we have to look at all aspects, he said.

Mayor Moss termed the Eaton problem a "now project" and pointed to the fact that the Grover area is a highly developed area.

Olsen said "We have all intentions of moving this project" but our job is to consider all alternatives before projects can be funded.

To a question from County Commissioner Jack Palmer, Olsen said if the county and-or city go-ahead with construction of sewer lines to Eaton before the grant is awarded there would be no reimbursement by EPA for construction.

Mayor Moss interjected, "We're here to resolve to move forward at the earliest possible date."

George S. Rawlings, J. N. Pease Associates, planners, said minimum time table for construction is 12 months, "likely longer", he estimated. He estimated planning would take four months, reviewing

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Attention! Senior Citizens

Attention senior citizens! Anyone wishing to attend Beaunit Corporation's open house at its new Kings Mountain operation Sun., June 15 is asked to contact Rev. Kenneth George at 739-4511.

Rev. George, coordinator of the city's committee on aging and senior citizens, will arrange special transportation for those senior citizens to the open house festivities.

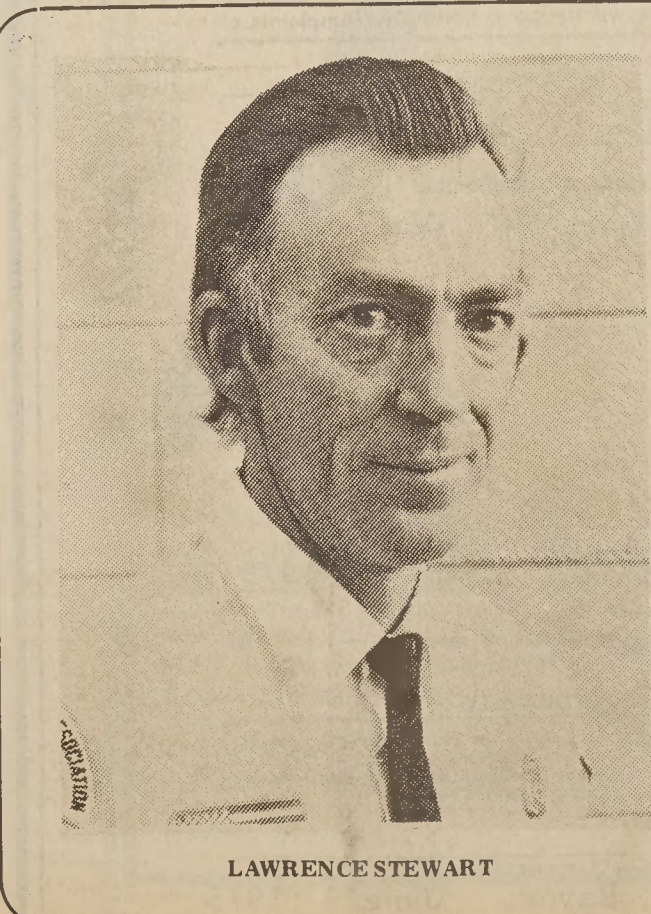
Transco Employee Honored

Employee of Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Compressor Station 145, Grover, will be honored for their past year's safety record today.

The Transco Safety Achievement Award presentation will be held at the Moore (N. C.) Compressor Station 140 at 6 p. m. Employees at the Moore station and of the communications and measurement departments will also be honored.

Guests will be taken on a tour of the Moore station facilities at 5 p. m. And immediately following the awards presentations at 6 p. m., employees, officials and guests will be treated to a Texas style barbecue served from the prairie schooner type chuck wagon by the safety engineers.

One Day He Could Save Your Life....



LAWRENCE STEWART

Lawrence Stewart said, "I was helped by the life saving crew once and the best way I could think of to repay them was to offer my services as a volunteer."

Stewart is a Kings Mountain native and is employed by Spectrum Textured Fibers. He and his wife, the former Judy Cronan of KM, and their daughter, Elizabeth Ann, age 7, reside at Rt. 3.

Stewart has been a member of the rescue squad since October 1974. "It means a lot to me," he said. "It's a great organization. Very good for the community."

Most of the time the rescue work is smooth sailing, according to Stewart, "but there are times when it isn't so smooth. That's when we get those crank calls. Someone's idea of a joke."

"If those callers would realize what serious trouble they might be placing someone in who is really in need of emergency service, they wouldn't consider doing it," he said.

To sum up, Stewart said it's hard work and the pay is nothing, "but I like it."