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Blood Donors Needed

Blood donors are badly needed. That's the plea from area Red Cross officials who are holding out an S.O.S. for blood donors to report to the Community Center Monday, 10:30 a. m. to 4 p. m., for processing by the regional blood center.

Lyn Cheshire, chairman of the KM area visit which seeks 750 pints of blood, said 750 pints of blood per day are needed to supply the patients at the 100 hospitals in the Piedmont regional area.

Ray Johnson, official with the Charlotte Red Cross Office, said there is a definite shortage in blood collection because of donors on vacation but that the need for blood is much greater in the summer months because of the high incidence of accidents.

Mrs. Charles Hamilton, local Red Cross officer, said that three hospitals in the county—Kings Mountain, Cleveland Memorial and Royster Memorial, require 360 pints each month and that 328 were collected during the busy month of June where only 122 were collected at bloodmobile visits.

"This time of the year more emergency operations are performed," said Mr. Johnson, citing hospital statistics. "With only 50 Red Cross centers in the Piedmont region we have lots of work to do," added Johnson, who had volunteers present for a luncheon meeting at KM Country Club Tuesday to make an all-out effort to acquaint the public with the need for blood.

Telephone solicitors are doing 600 previous blood donors, said Cheshire, and volunteers are being recruited from schools, churches and clubs as blood donors for Monday's one-day collection. "All types of blood are needed," said Cheshire.

Also present for Tuesday's planning session with Cheshire, Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Hamilton were Bill Grissom, chairman of the visit; Supt. Don Jones, Assistant Supt. Bill Jones; W. S. Fulton, 111, president of the Chamber of Commerce; and Mrs. John Simble and Mrs. Charles Hamilton of the KMSHS faculty.

School Budget Discussed

Kings Mountain school board members discussed the School Budget and Fiscal Control Act at Monday's regular monthly meeting at Central School.

Supt. Don Jones said the act requires that the budget message be posted for public review before adoption and that a finance officer be hired to keep accounts, sign and issue checks and prepare financial statements.

Jones said he expected the act to be approved by Jan. 1. In other action during Monday's brief meeting, the board: Approved scaled wage increases for cafeteria and custodial workers, aides and secretaries and setting the minimum at \$2.20 by Jan. 1. Most workers will receive a 10 percent hike at the beginning of the school year and the other 5 percent Jan. 1.

Approved numerous student transfers. Accepted the following teacher resignations: Janice Gail Jeter, Terry Phil Darrrell Whetstone,

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GOING DOWN, PLEASE — The 94-foot high Bonnie Mill smokestack fell to rubble Tuesday morning during demolition of the property by Bradley-Jenkins Enterprises employees. The mill is one of 30 structures coming down under a \$53,000 demolition contract from the city's redevelopment commission.

Old Bonnie Mill

Landmark Now Gone

By TOM McINTYRE
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Another landmark is gone. One man said the structure had been there since "like about 1897 or so."

Carl Maoney said, "My dad told me how he helped haul brick to build it."

Joe Falls had made the brick.

And in two seconds it was nothing but dusty rubble. Round two of the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission demolition contract with Bradley-Jenkins Enterprises for the removal of 30 buildings in the city got underway Tuesday when the wreckers moved in on the old Bonnie Mill structures.

The mill, which was built near the turn of this century, was the largest of the structures to be demolished, but there seemed to be more citizen interest in bringing down the 94-foot high smokestack.

Preparations to bring down the crumbling structure were more elaborate and according to John Jenkins, executive vice president of the contract firm, this was so because of the unknown factors concerning the brick tower. Jenkins said blasting was ruled out because the brick and mortar was too much of an unknown quantity and there was fear the wreckers would not have control over which way the structure would

tumble.

It was almost that way anyway Tuesday. The plans called for bulldozing dirt and debris high on the backside of the smokestack, chipping away the base on the front side, then giving the column a nudge to drop it forward.

To weaken the base a dozer operator ever so gently scooped away brick and dirt. Three times he did so and as the dozer backed away the top of the tower moved a bit, then the tower base began to crumble, twisting a few degrees and down it came in so much sooty dust.

Carl Maoney was there to watch it fall.

"I started to work in that old mill in 1931," he said as he watched the workmen attack the smokestack and buildings. "There's a lot of memories connected with this place." Jenkins said it would take three or four days to bring down all the structures and haul the debris away then they would be ready to move on to the next project.

Dean McGinnis, assistant director of the city's redevelopment commission, said "originally, the old Sterchi's warehouse was due to come down before the mill, but we discovered Southern Bell has umpteen phone lines wrapped around the warehouse. As soon as Bell has taken care of its equipment the warehouse will come down."

Corporation To Be Formed

Downtown Rebuilding Project Is Underway

By TOM McINTYRE
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The man on the street is concerned. And a bit shookup as he watches building after

building fall beneath the wrecking crew. He wants to know what is going to happen? All of the buildings are falling, but will they be replaced?

According to Mayor John H. Moss the answer is "yes, there

will be new buildings in the downtown business community."

The mayor announced today that he is going to take the lead in interesting the citizens of Kings Mountain in forming a corporation to purchase land from the city's redevelopment commission for the purpose of developing new buildings in the downtown area.

"I have worked with a group of downtown merchants and the redevelopment commission in researching methods of getting the revitalization program into effect," Mayor Moss said. "And within the next three to four days I intend

to appoint a committee of citizens interested in forming the corporation."

According to the Small Business Administration rules and regulations covering such a proposal forming a corporation with individual citizens as shareholders to buy land and develop business houses for lease or purchase meets the criteria and SBA funding would be available.

"The time has come when we must seriously begin to erect new buildings to replace the ones being demolished," Mayor Moss said.

The mayor said there is interest by potential business-

men in locating in Kings Mountain's downtown area.

The local corporation can be formed either as a profit making, limited profit making or non-profit organization. The local citizens who become shareholders, buying a limited number of shares at a set fee, would become the owners and developers of the downtown business properties working with redevelopment commission recommendations and plans to develop buildings to suit tenants. Tenants would have the choice of leasing the facilities or buying them outright.

The corporation plan is being worked in conjunction with traffic and off-street parking and existing business structure renovation.

"It is my intention to get a construction program going early," Mayor Moss said. "Some worthwhile projects to revitalize the downtown business community."

Elections Board Urges Wards Become Districts

Luther Bennett, chairman of the Kings Mountain Board of Elections, has notified city commissioners that consideration of precinct name changes is needed.

In his letter Bennett said, "the six wards or precincts must be renamed or designated as districts if the city plans to continue on with six commissioners."

Bennett said changing wards to districts is necessary since the city board approved of only two polling places for the city in the next election. "According to the election

laws wards or precincts, by either of those names, must have a polling place in each ward or precinct," he said.

The city elections board suggests the commissioner name the polling places as East and West Kings Mountain Precincts (community center and armory). The East KM Precinct would consist of districts one, two and three. West KM Precinct would consist of districts four, five and six.

Bennett said this recommendation is also suggested by the state elections board.

Promise Eaton Action

Eaton Corp. officials Joe Robillard, Ron Tompkins and Jim Smith met with Cleveland County Commissioners this week, but still are no closer to an answer to the no sewer situation than before.

The industry representatives were told that funds are being sought to construct the line for the plant located near Grover. County Manager Joe Hendrick indicated help might come from the Farmers Home Administration in the form of a combination grant-loan.

Hendrick said sewer requirements for Grover and Minette Mills will also have to be determined before any decision of the type of sewer service required can be reached.

The Eaton representatives were also told that the commissioners would attempt to meet prior to the Aug. 4 board meeting with some more definite answers on the situation.

Cleanup Chiefs Are Appointed

Mrs. Charles (Hallie) Blanton and the Rev. Robert Allen have been named co-chairpersons for the city's cleanup, paintup, fixup program.

A full committee is expected to be named within the next week.

Atkinson Takes Duplin High Job

J. C. Atkinson, former Kings Mountain Senior High principal, has assumed the job of principal at North Duplin High.

The Atkinsons will reside in the Town of Warsaw, also in Duplin County. Atkinson took over his new duties on July 1.

GUEST SPEAKER

Avery Upchurch, executive director of the N. C. Service Stations Association, will be guest speaker at a dinner meeting Tuesday night at 7:30 at Gastonia's Holiday Inn of the NCSA.



HUGH LOGAN



CORBET NICHOLSON

Logan, Nicholson File For Commission

By ELIZABETH STEWART
Staff Writer

The biennial city election is Oct. 7.

The pace of city political activity quickened this week as Former Sheriff Hugh A. Logan, Jr. and Incumbent Ward 111 Comm. Corbet Nicholson announced they are in the running for city offices.

Logan seeks the Ward 1 seat held by veteran incumbent Ray Cline. Mr. Nicholson is completing his first term at City Hall.

Comm. Nicholson is owner of City Heating Co. and is a former superintendent of the city natural gas system. He is a deacon in Temple Baptist Church, a World War 11 Marine veteran and a Legionnaire. Mrs. Nicholson is the former Eva Holden. They have two daughters and reside on Henry St.

Nicholson defeated T. J. Ellison, the dean of elected city officials who served twenty years on the city board in the 1973 run-off after eliminating former policeman Jim Belt, also a challenger in the primary.

Mr. Logan was a Ward 1 write-in candidate in 1973.

"I feel that my experience with the state in operating on tight budgets qualifies me for service on the city board", said Logan. "I am not obligated to anyone", he continued, and pledge, if elected, to serve all citizens to the best of ability, voting my own convictions."

Born and reared in Cleveland County, son of Former Sheriff Hugh A. Logan, Sr. and Mrs. Logan, Mr. Logan was Cleveland County Sheriff from 1946-50, subsequently joined the Kings Mountain Police Department as Chief of Police and served for seven years before joining the State Department of Corrections as Complex Commander of Mecklenburg Prison Complex which includes Mecklenburg, Gaston, Lincoln, Catawba, Cleveland, Union and Anson Counties.

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KM Schools Get Headstart Grant

It's official. Kings Mountain District Schools have received a Head Start from the HEW office of Child Development for \$136,949 for 1975-76.

U. S. Senator Robert Morgan made the announcement Tuesday by telephone to the Mirror-Herald from his office in Washington, D. C.

The grant will serve 126 children in six schools in Cleveland County for one year beginning Aug. 1, said KM Supt. Donald Jones, Head Start Program Director.

Mrs. Haywood Holmsley, Head Start director for the second year, said she was elated by the news.

Operation Head Start began in Kings Mountain schools in a summer program in 1965 and starts next month its third full year of operation for four and five year olds. Cleveland

County is in its second year of operation with Kings Mountain District Schools as sponsor.

Mrs. Holmsley said the 14 member staff as well as full enrollment is complete. There are seven teachers and seven assistants.

The grant stipulates \$3200 for handicapped children which compose 10 percent of the Head Start enrollment.

Classes will be conducted at North and Grover Schools in the KM system and at Piedmont, Lattimore, Washington, and Cleveland Schools in the county system.

Classes begin Aug. 18.

Cleveland County Head Start Director Haywood holds a B.S. in health and education from N. C. Central University at Durham and was a member of the Shelby schools faculty for two years before joining Head Start last year. She and her family reside in Shelby.



SGT. JIM ANDERSON

One Day He Could Save Your Life....

In 1972 Jim Anderson was in a car accident. His leg was broken, chest bruised, arms and portions of his body were badly cut. He was pinned in the wrecked car for 45 minutes before rescue workers could free him.

"I had time to think about what those men did for me," Anderson said. "I was in the hospital for a month and a half, two weeks in traction, then underwent an operation. It gave me plenty of time to think about things. And that's the reason I joined the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad."

The young Kings Mountain native has been on the squad for about two years and holds the rank of sergeant.

"I've seen a lot of bad things in this work," Anderson said, "and there are things I thought I wouldn't be able to take. But the job grows on you when you realize it is a much needed community service. I really like it."

Anderson and his wife, the former Cynthia Clark of Grover, reside at 605 Princeton Dr. Anderson is a graduate of Kings Mountain High and Cleveland Tech. He is employed by Warner & Swasey in Bessemer City. He is the son of the J. B. Andersons of Kings Mountain and he has an older brother, Larry, who is a member of the Agriculture Center Volunteer Fire Department, Dallas.

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