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City Is Bicentennial Community

It Became Fact Monday

Kings Mountain became an official Bicentennial Community Monday — in the rain. Dr. Larry Wheeler, head of the North Carolina Bicentennial Commission, made brief comments on the city's progress, then presented a bicentennial flag to Mayor John H. Moss.

The ceremony took place on the steps of city hall at noon Monday with only a handful of citizens in attendance. The on-lookers stayed across the street under the protection of the trees while a light rain fell during the ceremonies.

Don Deal brought out a full contingent of the Kings Mountain Senior High band, in uniform, to play three numbers during the festivities. Rev. Jerry Bryant and Rev. M. L. Campbell opened and closed the ceremonies with prayers.

During the program Howard Jackson, Kings Mountain Bicentennial Commission chairperson, gave a brief remark on the projects planned by the commission for the coming months. The projects include restoration of the Preston Goforth home and cemetery, a heritage music program at Cross-Country Music Park, showings of three historical films by the National Geographic Society.

Bicentennial themes, an arts and crafts festival, sale of commemorative gold coins, concerts by the community choir, presentation of the musical "1776," a heritage home tour and a "hands across Kings Mountain" program.

Jackson said all of the projects come second to President Gerald Ford's visit here on October 7.

Films Show

At Barnes

Three films on events from the Revolutionary War will be shown at Barnes Auditorium Wednesday afternoon and to the general public next Thursday night at 7 p. m.

A Kings Mountain Bicentennial project, the films will be shown to students Wednesday afternoon and to the general public next Thursday night at 7 p. m.

General admission is \$1.25 for the films, one of which is based on the Battle of Kings Mountain. The three-film package runs approximately 45 minutes. There will be entertainment between the showings.

Tickets for the Thurs., Oct. 2 showings are on sale now through Thursday at all of Kings Mountain's drug stores. The tickets are being handled by the Kings Mountain Senior High annual staff.

Produced by the National Geographic Society, the films are in color and employ professional actors in the roles of historic people. The film on Kings Mountain is being purchased by the KM Bicentennial Commission and will be donated to the local school system.

City Asks No Curbside Littering After Oct. 2

Citizens are being asked to cooperate with city street crews by not placing trash, limbs and grass cuttings on the curbs after Oct. 2.

Mayor John H. Moss said today, "We respectfully request citizens cooperate with us in this matter. If you do not place trash on the curbs after Oct. 2 it will give street crews an opportunity to cover the entire city with pickups."

The mayor asked that the curbside litter be held until after President Ford's visit here on Oct. 7. He said the city will play host to thousands of visitors on Oct. 7 and "we, as citizens, should put our best foot forward in playing host."



PRAISING THE CITY — Dr. Larry Wheeler had words of praise for Kings Mountain's past and expressed his hopes for an even greater future during Bicen ceremonies at City Hall Monday.

'Hands Across City,' Unique Bicen Project

"Hands Across The City" is a unique Bicentennial project because it will involve the participation of almost 4,000 people.

Scheduled for Sun., Oct. 5 at 12:30 p. m., the project calls for Kings Mountians and out of town visitors to link hands to form a human chain stretching some two miles from the east side to the west side of town, from city limits to city limits.

The chain will form on King St. on the south sidewalk.

The project is being urged in all area churches and through the city's civic organizations.

Oct. 5 is World Communion Sunday "and what better way and more fitting day is there to demonstrate our determination to live together in peace" asks the bulletin being sent to churches and clubs.

On Oct. 5 all churches will include services in time to let members go to King St. to form the human chain. All

Sr. Citizens

Phone Number

The telephone number at the Senior Citizens Center at the Community Center is 739-4511.

Rev. Kenneth George, director of the program for the aging in Kings Mountain, reminds that the new number is not yet listed in the telephone directory.

citizens are urged to go to the nearest point from where they happen to be at 12:30 p. m. to take part in the project.

Once the chain is complete a couple of patriotic songs will be offered, then the service will end. It will take about 15 minutes.

The program is being sponsored by the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association.

Chief's Job Not Easy One Oct. 7

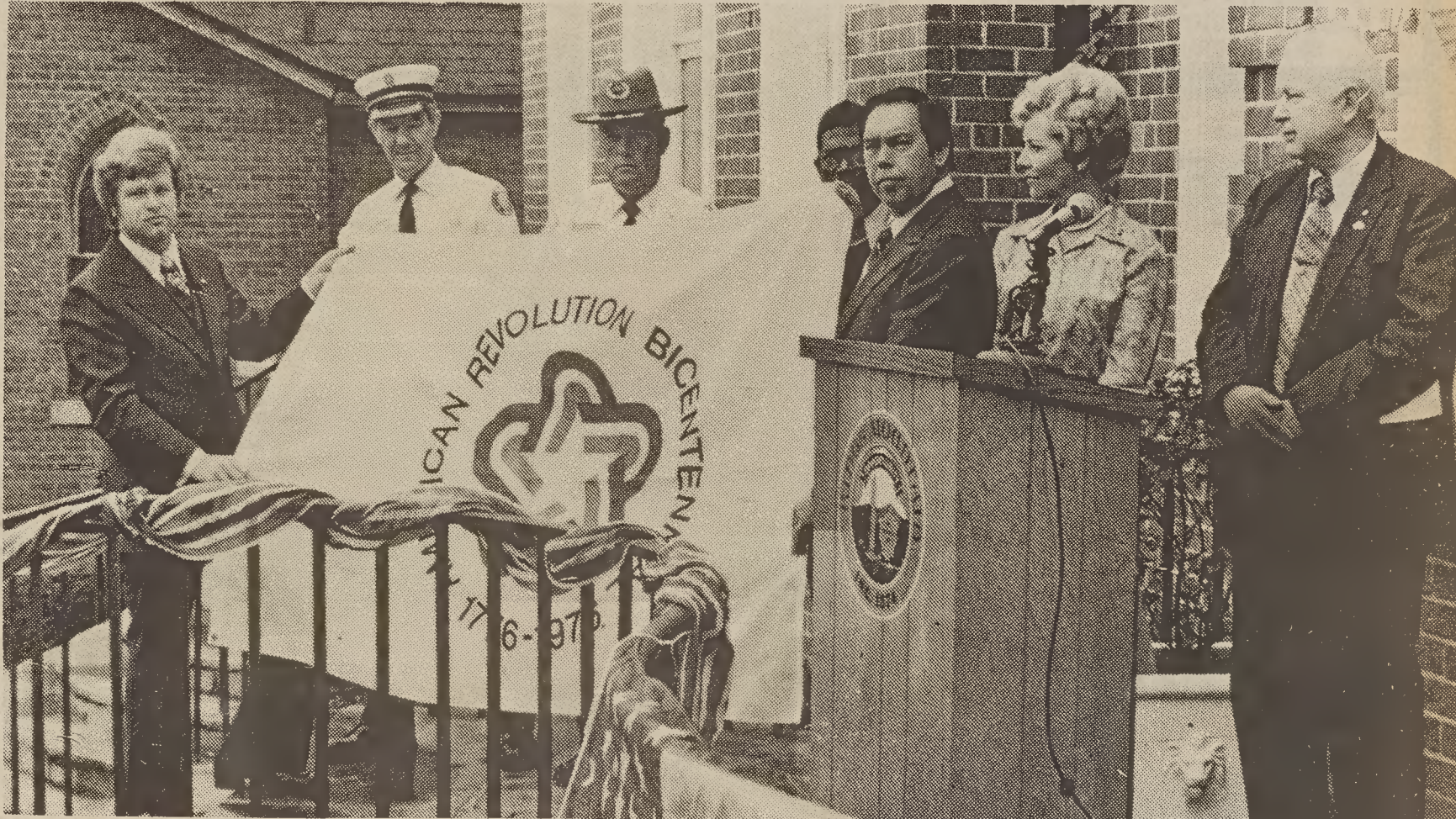
Chief William Roper has the chore of coordinating the activities of about 100 police officers here Oct. 7 — the day President Gerald Ford is scheduled to visit.

"On that day we will have numerous men working traffic detail, not only for the scheduled parade for the President, but to make sure our citizens have clear access to the two polling places," Chief Roper said. "We can't forget that Oct. 7 is also election day in Kings Mountain."

Roper said the parade is expected to be around noon and will be on Mountain St. to Phifer Rd., then straight on to Gamble Stadium where President Ford is expected to make a major address.

"That will be the tough part because the parade route comes so close to the East Kings Mountain polling place — the National Guard Armory on Phifer Rd.," Roper said. "There shouldn't be any problem at the East Kings Mountain precinct — the community center. That area will be well away from the center of activity."

Chief Roper said the police will enforce a no parking rule for the entire length of Mountain St., from Gaston to Phifer from 11 a. m. until after The President has left the city on Oct. 7.



DISPLAY BICEN FLAG — Dr. Larry Wheeler, N. C. Bicentennial Commission director, and Mayor John H. Moss display the official National Bicentennial Flag at city hall following ceremonies designating the city as an official Bicen Com-

munity. Also seen are Fire Chief Gene Tignor, Police Chief William Roper, Rev. M. L. Campbell and co-chairpersons Pat Plonk and Howard Jackson of the local commission.

Photo By Tom McIntyre

Gas Plant Contract Awarded

By GARY STEWART
Staff Writer

The city board of commissioners Monday night awarded a contract to Kincaid Engineering Co. of Gastonia for construction of a Gas Peak Shaving Plant at a cost of \$146,735.

The Kincaid bid was the highest of three received. However, W. D. Edwards, city gas consultant, recommended the bid be accepted for several reasons.

Edwards said Kincaid guarantees completion within 60 days and will accept a \$50-per-day penalty for every day over 60.

Another reason, and one of the most important, he said, is that Kincaid will install a \$4,000 control "that tells you what kind of gas you're making."

A 10 by 12 feet control building will also be included, he said, along with bathroom facilities should anyone ever

be required to spend the night there.

The low bid of \$138,655 was by Associated Mechanical Contractors of Greensboro. However, Edwards said that company would not guarantee a completion date and had estimated it would be at least 330 days before it could complete the job.

The third bid of \$142,000 turned in by McCrary Automotive Sprinkler Co. of Greenville, S. C., was termed "defective" by Edwards.

In other action Monday, the board:

—Received one sealed bid for a mini-computer for the administrative office and voted to re-advertise for additional bids.

—Received eight bids for curb-gutter and paving of various streets and authorized city clerk Joe McDaniel and city engineer Dennis Fox to view the accuracy of the tabulations and report to the board at its next meeting.

—Received two sealed bids for a chipper for the electrical department and voted to re-advertise for additional bids.

Parade, Stadium Entertainment Planned For City On October 7

Tentative plans for festivities here Oct. 7 include a lengthy parade featuring dignitaries, floats and at least 20 bands.

Parade time is scheduled at noon on Mountain St. from Gaston to Phifer. The first contingent will contain seven entries — the police escort, the

grand marshal, Kings Mountain Senior High Band, Secret Service vehicles flanking President Gerald Ford's vehicle and the 82nd Airborne Band from Fort Bragg.

"The first element of the parade will proceed on to the stadium to get ready for the President's address," said

Pat Plonk, Bicen commission co-chairperson. "The main body of the parade will come a few minutes later along Mountain St."

She said, "Of course these plans are tentative because we have not been given a con-

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Town Hall Meeting Set Monday At Auditorium

Interest is growing among candidates and the public in the "Town Hall Meeting" scheduled at Barnes Auditorium Mon., Sept. 29 at 7:30 p. m.

Many of the 39 candidates have already replied they will be on hand for the public meeting and a number of private citizens have echoed that plan.

The meeting will provide a forum for the 35 commissioner and four mayoral candidates to make comments on any

issue each deems important in the coming municipal election. Because of the number of candidates, commentary will be limited to two minutes.

Following the commentary by each candidate, the floor will be opened for questions of any or all of the candidates by the audience.

The Town Hall Meeting is being sponsored by The Mirror-Herald in the public interest because of the growing interest

in the local elections. The city has an unprecedented number of candidates for office and each is entitled to have a forum, just as the voters are entitled to hear each candidate out and ask questions about issues concerning the community at large.

This is an important meeting concerning future government in Kings Mountain and The Mirror-Herald urges the public to attend.



SENIOR CITIZENS ARE GREETED — Rev. Kenneth George and Dan Hostler, right, greet senior citizens attending the first program in Operation Congregate at the Community Center Tuesday morning. Hot lunch of country fried chicken

with a accessories was served to 37 citizens in the Center Mountaineer Room while eight home-bound citizens received their meals in their own homes. Opening Day of the program was a "huge success", say co-ordinators.

Photo By Gary Stewart

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