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BICENTENNIAL COIN— Above is photographic reproduction of the Kings Mountain Bicentennial coin commemorating the Battle of Kings Mountain and its role in turning the tide of victory in the Revolutionary War. The coins weigh one ounce and are made of 10 karat gold and are on sale through the Bicentennial Commission here for \$300 each. Minted in a limited

edition, the coin was designed by Howard Jackson, Mrs. Pat Plonk and Tom McIntyre. Commission members in charge of the sale locally are Charles Hamilton and Marvin Teer and the coins are available at First Citizens Bank, First Union National Bank, Kings Mountain Savings and Loan and Home Savings and Loan Associations.

Photos By Butch Vess

'Water System Needs Updating' - Fox

By TOM McINTYRE
Editor, Mirror-Herald

A projection of costs will be presented to city commissioners on Dec. 8 for extending a 12 inch water line from Phifer Rd. east to the city limits to provide updated service to Foote Mineral Co. and private homes and businesses in between.

A lengthy discussion at Monday's board meeting by City Engineer Dennis Fox revealed that there are water problems because of low pressure and small lines in several areas of the city.

The extension from Phifer Rd. down Somerset Dr. to the city limits will cost approximately \$33,000 for material alone. The 12 inch asbestos cement pipe costs an estimated \$6.80 per foot and would run 3,450 feet.

The plan calls for Foote Mineral to pay for extending the line from the city limits on to Foote property, which the company feels will be necessary in the near future due to a large expansion program now underway.

Fox further explained that the lines in the Neisco Mills area are not providing adequate pounds per square inch (psi) pressure nor gallons per minute, according to standards required by fire insurance companies.

"A fireflow test in that area showed the pressure to be about 40 psi, when it should be around 60 psi," Fox said. "The line pumped 520 gallons per minute and the ideal rate would be 3,000 gallons per minute."

Fox said the situation is so bad at Neisco during peak demand periods that the mill draws water from its own well to supplement the city service. He added, however, "that at this time Neisco is not making much request for improvements because the mill is only operating about half a shift a day."

Fox said he is proposing the city consider a three phase program to improve the water service:

- (1) Construction of a .12 inch line from Phifer Rd. down Somerset Dr. to the city limits (the area where Neisco Mills is located). The material cost is estimated to be \$33,500. That line could later be extended by Foote Mineral under the Southern Railroad and on to Foote's property. Total cost then would be about \$140,000.
- (2) Run a 16 inch line on down Grover Rd., which would eventually tie into the line serving Eaton Corporation.
- (3) Run a 16 inch line up Grover Rd. to E. Gold St.

Fox said that water pressure west of the Southern Railroad is adequate, but far below adequacy on the east side of the city, especially in the downtown business district.

He said improvements in the central business district should be started now in relation with the improvements (municipal parking lot) already planned.

The entire water improvement project, according to Fox, would cost about \$320,000.

Fox also recommended the city installing a meter at the city's juncture with the county's line to Eaton Corporation. Fox made the comment following questioning by Commissioner Lloyd Davis.

"The county is reading it's own meter and paying the city accordingly," Davis said. "I feel a meter for us is needed to keep a closer check on the amount of water being used. I'm not suggesting the county would not give us a true read-

ing, but that if we were to have a bursted line it would take some time to locate the break and we would waste an awful lot of water."

Mayor John H. Moss suggested that with improved water line service which would connect with Foote Mineral's line it would be easier for the city to consider annexation of the company into the city limits.

City Attorney Jack White pointed out, "that unless Foote voluntarily comes into the city you will find it next to impossible to annex that property. It has to do with so much property, about five acres, being taken into the city at one time."

White said he has seen this

action fought against when Bessemer City tried to annex Lithium Corporation property into the city limits. The annexation has never taken place, he pointed out.

Commissioners were of the opinion the improvements in the Neisco-Foote areas would be mutually beneficial and should be done.



ROY PEARSON



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DR. SAM ROBINSON

City To Establish Cancer Branch Unit

Sometime in Jan. 1976 Kings Mountain may have its own branch unit of the Cleveland County Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Roy Pearson, vice president, and Mrs. Humes Houston and Dr. Sam L. Robinson, directors of the Cleveland County unit, and Mrs. Jack Hauser, have already agreed to serve the local unit if it is formed.

Nelle Sperling, executive

director of the county chapter, said there is enough participation in the county chapter from the Kings Mountain area to warrant establishing the local unit.

"Hopefully, at some time in January, we can establish the Kings Mountain unit," Mrs. Sperling said. "If it is successful, Roy Pearson will serve as president, Dr. Robinson as medical adviser, Mrs. Houston as Reach To Recovery

chairman and Mrs. Hauser as Reach To Recovery visitor at the local hospital. Other directors will also be named."

Of the 70 new cases this year the county unit assisted either financially or with information, a large number were from the Kings Mountain area.

Last Thursday new officers and directors were elected to serve the county unit in the coming year. Bob Kirkendall is the new president; John Griffin, vice president; Roy Pearson, second vice president; Martha Wilson, secretary; Bobby Guffey, treasurer; Dr. A. W. McMurry, medical advisor; Mrs. Sam Houlditch, service chairman; and Susie Goode, youth chairman.

Mrs. Sperling presented a tentative budget of \$11,825 for the coming year, including contributions to the hospital and the mobile unit, funds for educational materials, patient assistance and scholarships.

Trustees Take Oaths At Noon

Mrs. George B. Thomasson and Mrs. Joe Lee will be sworn as new school trustees Wednesday at noon at the KM District Schools Administration Building on Parker St.

Supt. Donald Jones will administer the oaths of office. Voters elected the two Kings Mountain women in the Nov. general election to replace two veteran members of the board who are retiring, Board Chairman George H. Mauney and Jim Herndon, Jr.

Only two other Kings Mountain women have served on the board of education in recent years — Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch and Mrs. John L. McGill.

The two new trustees led the balloting in a field of six, including four men.

Peanut Sale To Aid Youth

A community wide Peanut Sale to raise funds for youth activities in Kings Mountain will be held Dec. 6 by the KM Kiwanis Club, it was announced today by Club President "Scoop" Peeler.

According to Peeler volunteers will become peanut vendors on street corners throughout the community for the day in an attempt to raise \$1,000.

Notice To Readers And Advertisers...

In order to give readers and advertisers full mailing and street sales service during the coming holidays, The Mirror-Herald will publish one day earlier than usual.

For Christmas, Wed., Dec. 24.
For New Years, Wed., Dec. 31.

This will necessitate moving all deadlines back in order to maintain the publishing schedule. The social and women's news items must be by 10 a. m. on the Monday preceding the Wednesday dateline. Regular news items must be in by 10 a. m. on Tuesday before the Wednesday dateline.

The Mirror-Herald advertising staff will call on accounts earlier during these holiday schedules in order to assure service to businessmen and merchants.

The early deadlines are being observed as a service to our readers and advertisers and we appreciate your cooperation.

Warehouse Leasor Ready To Move Within 90 Days

By TOM McINTYRE
Editor, Mirror-Herald

A meeting between Robert Yoder and a potential retail grocery merchant concerning leasing the former Winn-Dixie building on Cherokee St. was scheduled here Tuesday.

This was disclosed Monday night by Mayor John H. Moss during a discussion on the building now being used by Kingsmont as a warehouse.

The warehouse issue was brought to a head Monday night when William S. (Corky) Fulton III read a letter from the Downtown Redevelopment and Revitalization Committee requesting codes enforcement against the W-D building being used as a storage warehouse.

Codes Director Black Leonard told the board Monday that he has talked with Ernest Agan of Kingsmont about the situation and learned that the materials stored in the building could be moved within 90 days.

"The warehouse usage is a clear violation of the zoning code in the downtown area," Leonard said. "Agan told me that use of the building as a warehouse was not originally intended to last this long. He said the textile slowdown created many problems for the local business. He said however, he could have the building cleared within 90 days without causing his company undue expense."

Fulton said he felt the downtown merchants would be satisfied to give Kingsmont the 90 days to move, if a prospective retail grocer did not come in and want the building before the three

months were up. "Until something is firmed up," Fulton said, "there is no need to push for removal any faster than the 90 day period."

The downtown merchants look upon the former retail food location as a means of building traffic in the downtown area and overtures have been made to several independent food chains about the possibilities of locating in the Cherokee St. facility.

There has been no definite word on Tuesday's scheduled

meeting between the building owner, Yoder, and the prospective tenant, but "interest is high from the possible future business citizen," the mayor said.

Commissioner James Amos questioned whether it was a city board domain. "This board should not even be involved in this matter," he said. "The question is left to the codes director, then the mayor and then the commissioners."

Amos also asked if the warehouse — use of the build-

ing has done harm to the people of Kings Mountain.

Commissioner Ray Cline said he has discussed the matter with Agan and said he was told that Kingsmont "understands the feelings of the downtown merchants. He said if a deal is made for a retail food store and the merchants want the warehouse removed, then Kingsmont will do so. Agan said the building was originally leased for six months, but that Kingsmont has continued occupancy on a month to month basis.

Thanksgiving Services, Observance Begins Today

Kings Mountain citizens readied for Thanksgiving this week.

Family get-togethers, early church services, hunting and television viewing of parades and football games will be the order of the day Thursday for most Kings Mountain citizens. Virtually all business establishments will close down tight for the holiday. School holidays will be Thursday and Friday. Industrial plants will operate as usual.

Pre-Thanksgiving community-wide religious service will be held Wednesday night at 7:30 p. m. at First Presbyterian Church. Dr. Charles Edwards, pastor of Boyce Memorial ARP Church, will deliver the Thanksgiving message and all churches in

the community are invited to attend. Special Thanksgiving anthems will be featured, and the service is under sponsorship of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association.

At least four Kings Mountain churches plan Thanksgiving Day breakfasts with Men of the Churches preparing and serving the meals to their congregations. Men of KM Baptist Brotherhood will serve the traditional meal at 7 a. m. and the worship service, under direction of Rev. J. C. Goare, will follow. At Boyce Memorial ARP Church Dr. Charles Edwards will lead a service of worship at 7:30 a. m. and the meal will be served at 8 a. m. Men of First Presbyterian Church will serve breakfast from 7 until 9 a. m. and Men of Central United

Methodist Church will serve breakfast from 6 until 8 a. m. St. Matthew's Lutheran Church will have a service of worship Thanksgiving Day at 10 a. m.

The big Carolinas Carrousel Thanksgiving Day Parade in Charlotte begins at 3 p. m. on North Tryon St. at Sears. Karen Robbs, KMSHS senior, daughter of Mrs. Dorothy P. Robbs, will represent the city as Carrousel Princess. Miss Robbs departs for the Queen City today to participate in a Queen's Luncheon, Pageant and Coronation Dance.

Dinner menu at most homes in the community will feature turkey with all the trimmings and most housewives were busy stocking their pantry with Thanksgiving goodies this week.

Set For Dec. 1

'Certain Unalienable Rights' Is Bicentennial Forum Theme

The third in a series of public forums sponsored by the Kings Mountain Bicentennial Commission is set for Mon., Dec. 1 at 8 p. m.

The theme of the forum is "Certain Unalienable Rights" and is tentatively scheduled for the fellowship hall at Central United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Glenn Boland, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church, will serve as moderator and participating on the panel will be Mickey Corry, an attorney with Jack White's office, Rev. Gary Bryant, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, and Tom McIntyre, editor of The Mirror-Herald.

Rev. Boland said one other local person will be asked to participate on the panel. Attorney Corry's discussion subject is "Freedom From Search and Seizure." The question in this subject is when does the right to be left alone cease to be a right? How can we prevent invasions of our privacy?

Rev. Bryant's subject is "Freedom of Speech, Assembly and Religion." These "unalienable" rights have sometimes been abrogated in our country. Is freedom so fragile it must ever be defended by denying it to others?

McIntyre's subject is "Freedom of the Press." A free press helped create America, but sometimes it has divided

the country. Can the media in America help preserve personal freedom?

The final subject is "Equal Protection Under The Law." Due process and equal protection are the two standards which if compromised, compromise the law itself.

The entire discussion of this American Issues Forum program comment that basic freedom and rights are the stuff of America and pose the questions — are they being eroded or diluted in today's society, or are they being extended and strengthened? How are our freedoms limited by our responsibilities?

The public forums programs is chaired by Mrs. Aubrey Mauney.