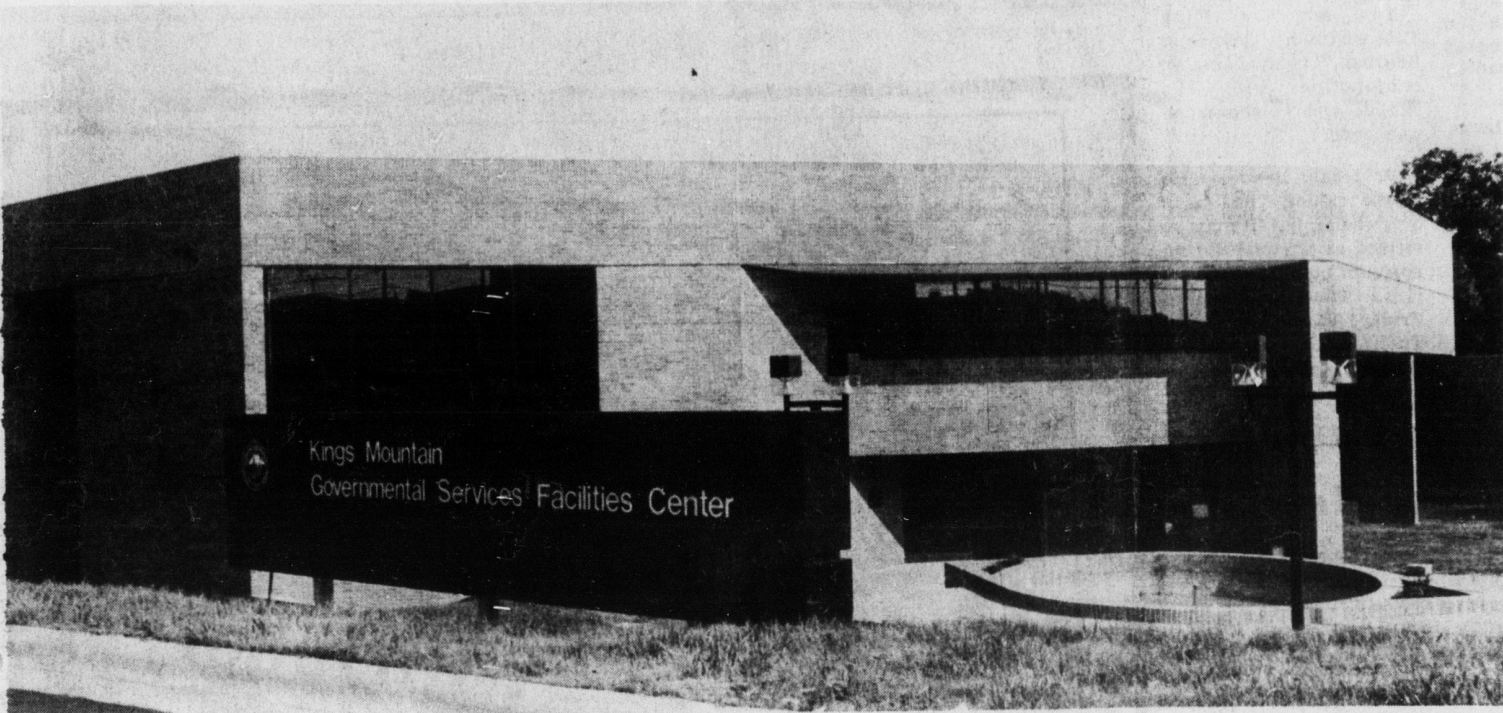


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Sen. Robert Morgan To Speak

City Hall Dedication Saturday



KM's Governmental Services Facilities Center

View From Lobby

Kings Mountain's new three-level city hall and fire department will be dedicated at 11 a.m. Sat., Aug. 4 by U.S. Senator Robert B. Morgan.

The \$1-million-plus facility, known as the Governmental Services Facilities Center, contains approximately 30,000 square feet and will house the administrative and business offices, mayor's office and council chambers, parks and recreation director's offices and the fire department.

The facility is located at the corner of W. Gold and S. Cherokee Sts.

Following Senator Morgan's dedicatory address is an open house, according to Mayor John Moss.

"Kings Mountain's oldest citizen will unlock the building for the open house," the mayor said, "and the city's youngest citizen will unlock the fire department for public inspection."

Sen. Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain is chairman of the committee seeking the oldest citizen and City Commissioner Corbet Nicholson chairs the committee seeking the youngest. Serving on Harris' committee are Com-

missioners James Childers, Norman King and James Dickey. On Nicholson's committee are Commissioners Humes Houston and William Grissom.

Open house guests will be served lemonade and cookies.

The new facility covers one city block and also features a drive-in window for paying utilities bills and a night deposit box for the convenience of citizens who cannot come to town during regular business hours.

The facility will be open fulltime for business Mon., Aug. 6.

The new building was financed by a \$1-million grant from the Economic Development Administration allocated in January 1977.

Clary and Associates of Charlotte is the architect on the project and general contractor was Cecil's, Inc. of Spartanburg, S.C.

The present city hall will be renovated into the Kings Mountain Law Enforcement Center and the adjacent property, S. Piedmont Ave. and W. Mountain St., will be developed into a mini-park to be known as Citizens Plaza.

Mayor Moss has issued a blanket invitation to the citizens urging them to attend Saturday's dedication and open house activities.

City Granted \$20,000 For Airport Planning

The N.C. Aeronautics Council has approved Kings Mountain a grant for \$20,000 for site selection and master planning for an airport.

Mayor John Henry Moss received notification Wednesday that the proposed Kings Mountain Airport was approved for inclusion in the N.C. Department of Transportation Improvement Program for 1980-86.

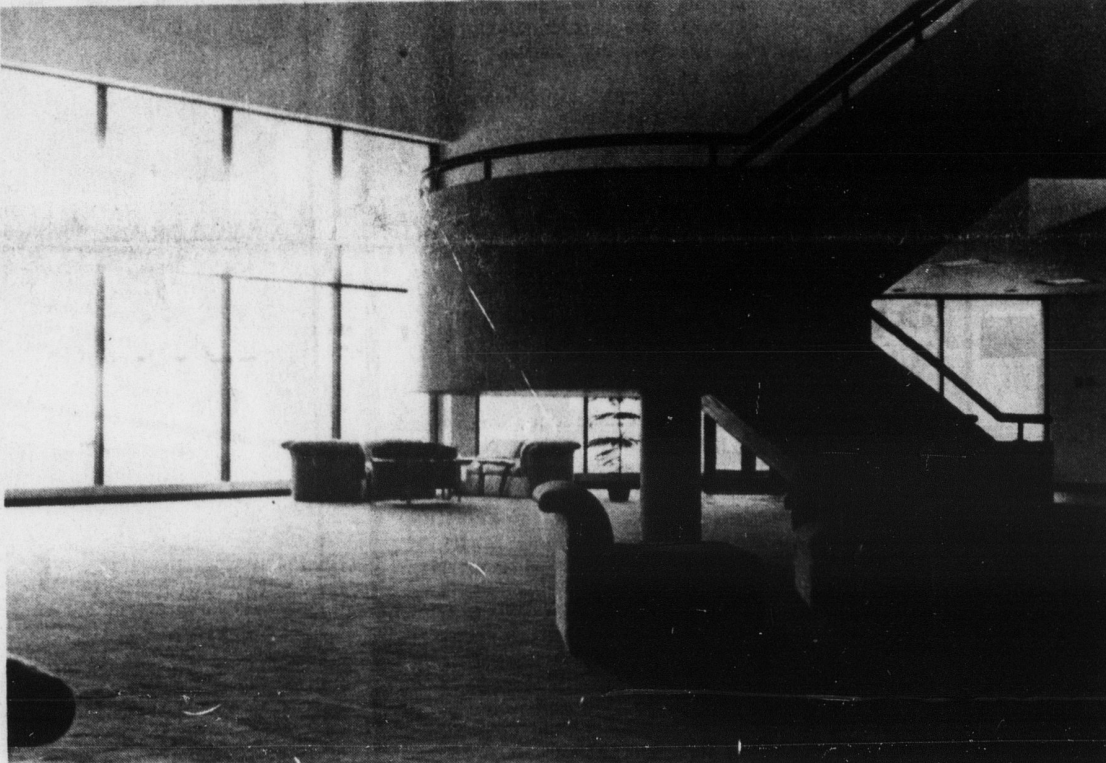
"My personal opinion," the mayor said, "is that an airport be located between Kings Mountain and Gastonia, close to I-85. A site such as this for an airport would be of service to a very large area."

The mayor said he would "hope that Gaston, York and other neighboring counties" would become vitally interested in an airport in Kings Mountain.

"The type of facility we have talked about in the past would serve the small aircraft and industrial aircraft," Mayor Moss said. "Of course I recognize the fact that creating a development plan, finding a site and developing the airport itself will take several years."

The mayor said he feels an airport here would be a great service to the industry and businessmen already located in Kings Mountain "and at the same time would enhance this area's chances for even greater economic growth."

Mayor Moss said he plans to call a meeting of the standing airport committee and draw up recommendations for site selection for the facility to the group for consideration.



Policy Group Adds 2

Membership on the KM Schools Policy Council will include two certificated faculty members from K-5, three certificated faculty members from Grades 6-12, one school principal and Supt. William Davis with the Council to serve staggered two-year terms and be elected by vote of all certificated employees.

This is the major revision in the Operational Policy Manual, which has been under study by the Board of Education for several months.

Members of the Board of Education unanimously adopted all policy revisions Monday night.

Previously, there was no provision in the policy for election, which had been conducted by the NCAE and ACT organizations and included membership from these groups who had served on the board for life.

"In recommending this change in Policy, we feel that this will give more representation of the membership, where heretofore there was an imbalance," said Supt. Davis, in reviewing all the proposed changes, including some restatements and deletions of portions already covered by state policy.

Added to the policy on promotion of school personnel was the stipulation that "these and other factors being equal, seniority shall carry preference."

In another major action, the board adopted salary schedules for non-certificated personnel, aides, custodians, secretaries, and food service workers with the state employe schedule. The new schedule, said Supt. Davis, places them on a salaried basis, "off the time clock" and includes a minimum 5 percent raise.

Larry Allen, Federal Programs Director, explained that the level placement is determined by the salary attained last year, noting that an aide's salary will go up, from a minimum of \$380 a month to \$449.10 for the new school year beginning this Fall. Replying to question from a school secretary, Mr. Allen said that "step increments" are anticipated every two years, as a local option.

In a related matter, the board unanimously agreed to give all qualified locally-paid employes the same \$200 bonus expected to be given to state employes this Fall.

School Lunch Price Going Up In Fall

School lunches are going up 10 cents and the free milk program in the school system will be eliminated, effective with the new term beginning this Fall.

By action of the KM Board of Education Monday night, a ten cents "across the boards" increase was approved in what Food Service Director Martha Wright said is an attempt to "break even" in view of the increasingly high cost of food.

The new price of meals will include breakfast for Kindergarten through Grade 5 at 30 cents, breakfast for Grades 6-12 at 35 cents, lunch for Grades K-5 at 60 cents and lunch for Grades 6-12 at 65 cents. Adult meals will be priced on a per item basis rather than as a unit price as in the past. The per item price will be determined by the cost of producing and serving the item. Mrs. Wright said this will allow adults to determine to some extent the price of their meals. "This will also allow the school system to operate within the regulations concerning the price of adult meals," said Mrs. Wright.

In recommending that the "milk break" be eliminated, Mrs. Wright pointed out that students who are in

need of food early in the day will be encouraged to participate in the expanded breakfast program. "After discussing this recommendation with Principals we concluded that elimination of milk break would save instructional time for the teacher and help to reduce plate waste at meal time," she added, noting that officials feel strongly that needy children will receive adequate nutrition through the breakfast and lunch programs without participating in the free milk program. She said that the price of milk is yet to be determined, noting that milk bids will be opened in late August.

Mrs. Wright told the board that the department will be monitoring the school lunch program very carefully during the coming school year.

"We regret this increase," said Mrs. Wright, "because we know parents have to stretch food dollars too but because of the unstable market conditions in the food service industry today it is imperative that we raise prices to attempt to break even."

Canisler Fever Victim

Luther Canisler was a victim of a tick.

The Nelsco Industries credit union manager died Saturday from Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, apparently more than a month after being bitten by a disease-carrying tick.

Canisler, of 704 Canterbury Rd., according to his widow, had been ill two weeks before being admitted to the hospital. He remained ill for two weeks more before his death.

Defined as an "outdoors person," Canisler was reportedly in good health before his illness of a month ago. Mrs. Canisler said the illness, at first, was believed to have been from sunstroke. She said her husband "did not have the usual symptoms of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever" and that his illness had been "difficult to diagnose."

The Kings Mountain man is the third North Carolinian to die from Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever this year out of more than 110 cases reported. The other two were in Rowan and Gaston counties.

A health department spokesman said the fatality rate from the fever usually runs about five percent of reported cases. The symptoms of the disease include headache, muscle pains and a rash, usually on the hands and feet.

Services for Luther Canisler were held Monday.

Kay Wright Arrested, Connected To Killer

Kay Wright of Kings Mountain visited Danny Parton at the McDowell County Jail Sunday - and was arrested as an accessory in two murders Parton has confessed to committing.

The 21-year old daughter of Mary Frances Wright, 904 Henry St., was arrested by sheriff's deputies in Marion.

Parton is charged with murder in the deaths of Cathy Roxanne Mosley

of Bessemer City and Mary Kathryn Carnes Dye of Gastonia. Parton led police to two shallow graves in McDowell County containing the bodies after confessing to the murders.

The 29-year old Bessemer Citian reportedly told police six more bodies were buried near Marion, but later denied there were other bodies. McDowell County authorities are continuing to search for those other six.

Parton is being held in the McDowell County Jail without bond.

Gaston County Police were in Kings Mountain last Friday investigating alleged connections to Parton and the murders. Ms. Wright was questioned on Friday. She reportedly went to Marion Friday to see Parton, but she was refused admittance.

An additional charge of accessory to kidnapping may be brought by Gaston County Police in connection with the kidnapping of Miss Mosley, one of the murder victims. Gaston County Police indicated Ms. Wright may have been present when Parton abducted Miss Mosley on May 24.

Ms. Wright has been placed under a \$50,000 bond and a preliminary hearing has been set for Aug. 16. Fred Coates of Marion has been appointed as counsel for the accused.

KM Battle Anniversary

A planning meeting for the 199th anniversary of The Battle of Kings Mountain will be held at the Kings Mountain National Military Park headquarters Tues., Aug. 7.

Andrew Loveless, supt. of the park, said the 1:30 p.m. meeting will be used to discuss ceremonies and programs to be held in connection with the Sun., Oct. 7, 1979 anniversary date.

"We anticipate that the National Park Service, South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism and The Overmountain Victory Trail Association will have officials present for Tuesday's meeting," Loveless said.