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## Redevelopment Closeout Geared To September 1

The Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission approved a resolution on the closeout of the commission by Sept. 1, subject to the approval and endorsement of board attorney Robert Bradley Tuesday.

Bradley was detained in court Tuesday and couldn't attend the monthly meeting.

The closeout agreement must also be approved by the city commissioners and, finally, by HUD officials in Atlanta before the closeout and transfer of surplus funds and property to the city.

Gene White, executive director of the commission, will present the resolution to the city commissioners at next Monday's regular meeting.

The agreement, in essence, will be that the city will settle all outstanding indebtedness in the

redevelopment projects. And further, the city will complete all land acquisitions, relocations and demolitions necessary to complete the projects to HUD satisfaction.

The two projects are in the Central Business District and in the Candler Street Project area.

White said he believes "the HUD guidelines for the city will not be as rigid as they are for the redevelopment commission, but the city will have definite guidelines to follow. HUD will give the city regulations on where the surplus funding may be expended and for what purpose."

The surplus funds and property, which can be sold for additional money, are to go into the city's community development program. White said the city will have to designate item by item what the funds will be used for in the CD program, subject to HUD approval.

In the meantime the redevelopment commission will continue with land acquisitions and property sales already in the works. White said the commission hopes to have these transactions completed by Aug. 24 and that the closeout and transfer to the city to be done by Sept. 1.

In other action, the redevelopment commission moved to defer any action in a request for additional funds to Anderson, Benton and Holmes of Winston-Salem, the firm assisting in the closeout procedure.

Paul McGinnis made the motion because "I feel this ought to be between the city and the firm. Let the city handle it. If they want Anderson, Benton and Holmes to continue, let them decide."

Commission Chairman Carl Mauney said, "The thing that bothers me about this is they agreed to do a certain job for a certain fee. Now they come back with a whole new list of things to do and ask for more money. They are supposed to know what they are doing. So why didn't they know about these things then?"

The request came up a month ago and the board expressed dissatisfaction with it at that time, referring to the request as "an attempt to gouge the commission for more money."

White also reported to the board that the annual audit submitted to HUD by Barry Jenkins, CPA, had been returned for corrections.

White said the corrections, a bracket about a set of figures to show a decrease instead of an increase in project costs, and adjustment entry to show \$32.50 less than indicated was spent in a relocation case, and a couple of typographical errors, have already been made.

"These corrections will not prohibit the closeout procedure," White said, "unless HUD discovers something else in the audit they will not approve."

### Mayor Moss

### Will Seek

### Gaston Funds

Mayor John Henry Moss will appear before the Gaston County Commissioners Thursday night to seek funding for construction of water and sewer lines to serve a new industry.

The \$5-million industry will be located in Gaston County, but contiguous to the Kings Mountain city limits.

Mayor Moss said Gaston County has a policy to fund such water and sewer projects in connection with industry, based on an investment tax return ratio.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Gaston County Courthouse.

### KM Men To

### Face Trials

Burford Barnette Lovelace and Burman Coley Bryant, both of Kings Mountain, are scheduled for trial on charges of second degree murder in Cleveland County Superior Court.

Lovelace, charged in the shooting death of Thomas Everett Jenkins of Stowe Acres on March 23, is scheduled for trial before Judge Forrest Ferrell Mon., Aug. 20.

Bryant, charged in the shotgun slaying of William (Billy) David Foster, also of Stowe Acres, on May 13, is set for trial Tues., Aug. 21.

Jenkins died of multiple head wounds from a pistol and Foster, Jenkins half-brother, from a shotgun wound in the chest.

Kings Mountain police officers and SBI Agent Jim Woodard will appear against the defendants in each case.

## Battle Celebration

### Planning Meet Held

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

Officials from the Kings Mountain Chapter of the DAR, the Daniel Morgan Chapter of the DAR from Gaffney, S.C., the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, the Overmountain Victory Trail Association and the president of the Cherokee County Historical Society were present to discuss plans for the celebration and elect officers to head the planning committee.

Dr. J. M. Lipscomb of Gaffney was elected to chair the committee and Mrs. E. Earl Moore of Shelby was voted vice-chairperson. Mrs. Moore is a member of the Benjamin Cleveland Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

It was decided that the celebration will be held the afternoon of Sun., August 7. Activities will include a state flag ceremony and a program recognizing the descendants of these who fought and died at the Battle of Kings Mountain. Details of further activities will be discussed at a later

meeting.

The celebration is being coordinated with the march of the Frontiersmen across the Overmountain Victory Trail from Sycamore Shoals, Tenn. to the National Park; the same trail used by the Revolutionary armies in 1780. The Frontiersmen will also evaluate the trail as a national historical scenic trail. The march will begin Sept. 25 in Tenn. and culminate at the Houser House at the KM National Park on the 7th.

### Bloodmobile Is Coming On Monday

First Baptist Church will be the location for the regular American Red Cross Bloodmobile visit on Mon., Aug. 13.

The visit is scheduled for 11 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and 125 pints of blood are needed to meet the KM area quota.



Photo by Katrena McCall

SHRINE DAY PLANS UNDERWAY—Paul Falls, left, Mayor John Henry Moss, and Piedmont Shrine Club President Thomas Tindall, right, discuss plans for

first annual Shrine Day Aug. 18 in Kings Mountain. Mayor Moss signed official proclamation for the event which will begin with a parade at 11 a.m.

## Shrine Day Set Aug. 18

Lt. Governor Jimmy Green of Raleigh will come to Kings Mountain Sat., Aug. 18, to make the principal address during day-long Shrine Day in Kings Mountain.

Tommy Tindall, of Kings Mountain, president of Piedmont Shrine Club, said that the day's events will begin with an 11 a.m. parade which will wind through city streets and culminate at the Civic Center where barbecue with all the trimmings, watermelon, and ice cream will be served, all proceeds earmarked for crippled children.

Paul Falls of Kings Mountain, chairman of the event, said that all Kings Mountain citizens are invited to participate in all events. Disco dancing is also planned at the Civic Center during the afternoon and bands were being booked this week to provide music for a Saturday

evening dance for which tickets will be available at \$5 per couple.

Piedmont Shrine Club, which numbers over 300 members, has a goal of \$33,000 this year to raise for Shrine Hospitals which specialize in orthopedics and restoration of the burned child, said Falls, who noted that a recent Piedmont-sponsored 12th annual crippled children's golf championship game at Riverbend Golf Club in Shelby raised over \$16,000 toward the project for crippled and burned children.

President Tindall pointed out that the average cost for an orthopedic patient is about \$2,500 and for a burn patient is \$22,000, excluding physicians fees. "Not one cent has ever been charged for treatment at the Shriners Hospitals," said Tindall. Children from North Carolina are sent to the Shriners Hospital for

Crippled Children in Greenville, S.C. or the Shriners Burns Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio. Tindall said that applications for admission to the Shriners Hospitals may be obtained from any Shriner or Oasis Temple, 321 S. Tryon St., Charlotte, N.C. 28202.

Kings Mountain Mayor John Moss has proclaimed Sat., Aug. 18th, as Shrine Day in Kings Mountain. "Within our community are men who with nearly a million others throughout North America have become living symbol of hope for crippled and severely burned children," said the Mayor. "They are the Shriners, the men who wear the Red Fez. They give of their time and talents supporting their chain of hospitals and we should support generously to their cause," he added.

By Grover Commissioners

## Walker Hired As Chief

GROVER — Town commissioners at a special called meeting Tuesday at 4 p.m. hired Steve Walker, 30-year-old Boiling Springs man, as the new Chief of Police.

Walker, who has served as a policeman in Boiling Springs for two years, will replace Lionel Barnes, who resigned July 9th "for business and personal reasons." Barnes' resignation was formally accepted by the board at the regular Monday night meeting in Town Hall.

The new Chief is married and father of two children. The family expects to move to Grover as soon as suitable housing is available.

Chief Walker, a native of Boiling Springs, served four years in the U.S. Navy before joining the Boiling Springs Police Department. He is married to the former Dennis Turner.

Chief Turner will be paid the same salary as former Chief Lionel Barnes, \$8800 annually plus housing allowance of \$1800.

Voting 2-1, with Comm. Martha Byers voting against motions by Comm. Harold Herndon and Tommy Keeter, the board Monday night agreed to rebate Minette Mills a total of \$1,362.86 for trash collection, based on tax payments which this industry makes annually and using the same formula that applies to the other large industry, Grover Industries, which is rebated \$821 annually. Both firms handle their own trash and garbage collections and are the town's largest taxpayers, Grover Industries and Har-Ray Mills contributing \$9,360.11 in ad valorem taxes and Minette's tax bill approximating \$15,504.67 an-

nually. Grover receives an estimated tax collection annually of \$41,104.00.

Mrs. Byers voted "against" the proposal because she said the action "will set a precedent" and "open up a whole new can of worms". Both Herndon and Keeter said that past policy has been to compensate Grover Industries and that all should be treated fairly and based percentage-wise on tax payments made by the two large industrial citizens. Mayor W.W. McCarter said he concurs with Mrs. Byers that the board will be opening the door to requests for more garbage collection rebates and suggested the rebate policy be confined to large industry.

In a related motion, by vote of 2-1, Mrs. Byers voting against, the board transferred \$541.86 in the budget to make the rebate of \$1362.86 to Minette Mills. Minette had asked rebate in the amount of \$3,000.

Upon recommendation of Mayor McCarter, the board unanimously elected Clyde Randall as municipal elections board chairman to succeed Mrs. Juanita Pruette who resigned the position "because of business and personal reasons."

Comm. Herndon reported that sidewalk construction is underway and Spangler's Concrete Co. holds the contract at \$7,460.00. He told the board that he is negotiating price on curb and guttering of Walnut, from Main to Cleveland, and Chestnut St.

### Park Mini-Trip Is Scheduled

Conserve fuel and energy again this weekend by taking a mini-trip to the Kings Mountain National Military Park this Friday and Saturday evenings, Aug. 10 and 11, at 9 p.m. for the Park's evening programs.

Friday's program, "Another Night With the Howsers", will be a repeat of a popular summer evening program. Ken Addington, seasonal interpreter at Kings Mountain National Military Park, invites citizens to view the 1803 Houser House, by star and candlelight and to learn some of the history behind this locally famous rock structure. "If you were unable to attend this program when it was presented in June, we urge you to come along with us this weekend," said a spokesman. All who are interested

should meet on the Visitor Center Parking lot at 8:45 p.m. Transportation to and from the Houser House will be provided by park employes.

Saturday evening's program, "\$1.98 Backyard Safari", will be presented by Bob Gentry, Park Technician at Cowpens National Battlefield. The program will be interesting for the novice photographer and will begin at 9 p.m.

Weather permitting, the Living History program will also continue on Saturday and Sunday afternoon. A small Revolutionary War campsite will be set up near the Visitor Center, tended by park employes in Revolutionary period dress, with 18th century rifle and musket firing demonstrations at 1, 2, 3 and 4 p.m.



Photo by Ronald Hawkins

FLAG PRESENTATION—Sen. Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain presents a N.C. State flag to Patrick Hamrick and Gerald Gladden, members of Boy Scout Troop 91 of

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. The troop will display the flag at the 11-state camporee in Augusta, Ga. Aug. 17-19.