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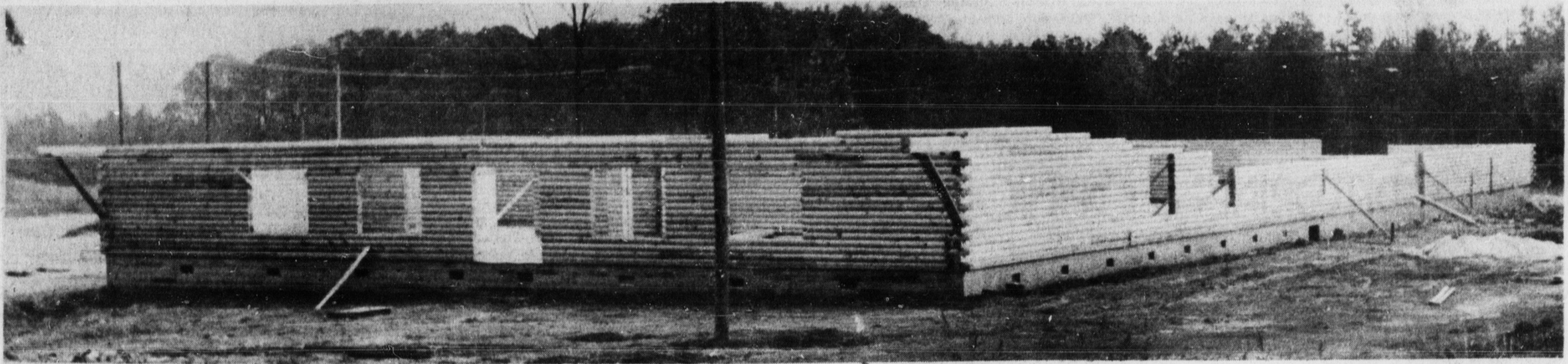


Photo by Katrena McCall

BIG LOG CABIN - Abraham Lincoln would be proud, and so are we. Work is progressing well on the new Herald Publishing Co. plant on Canterbury Road. As you can see, it's made of logs and

upon its completion will be one of the world's largest log buildings with over 20,000 square feet of space. The building was featured last week on WBTB Channel Three. Publisher Garland Atkins

said he anticipates the company being in the new building next spring.

Kings Mountain Christmas Parade



MRS. W.T. WEIR
Parade Grand Marshal

Sponsored by the Kings Mountain Fire Department, Kings Mountain's annual Christmas parade, consisting of 81 units, will move through the downtown area tomorrow (Wednesday) at 4 p.m. The seasonal pageant marks official opening of the Yule shopping season in Kings Mountain. Featuring a "Mountaineer" theme, the parade will form on the corner of Mountain St. and

South Gaston, move from Gaston to East King, to South Piedmont, from Piedmont to Mountain, from Mountain to Cherokee, from Cherokee to South Battleground and to King St. and South Railroad and disband at Mauney Mill Parking lot. Mrs. W.T. Weir, who was co-chairman of the successful Kings Mountain Centennial Celebration, will serve as Grand Marshal of the 1979 event, said

Co-Chairmen Johnnie Caldwell and Pete Peterson. Mrs. Weir is a retired schoolteacher and has long been active in numerous city, civic and church community affairs. According to the parade chairmen, the parade will feature more professionally-built floats, as well as a number of locally-built floats, the appearance of beauty queens, including Miss North Carolina, Monta Maki, of Hickory, who

has accepted invitation by the Kings Mountain Jaycees to participate in the event, high-stepping marching bands, three units of Mountain Men, local and county dignitaries, Carolina Clowns, Carowinds float and characters and many more, with the 81st entry in the parade to feature the appearance of the old gentleman from the North Pole, Santa Claus. Co-Chairmen Caldwell and Peterson said they are ap-

preciative of the "huge response of entrants" made possible by the "wholehearted cooperation of Kings Mountain business firms, industrial plants, churches, civic groups and individuals. Barring inclement weather, hundreds of Kings Mountain area spectators are expected to line the parade route. The parade line-up will include, (in the order of their appearance) Kings Mountain Police car; Cleveland County Sheriff (car); Kings Mountain Senior High Color Guard; Kings Mountain Senior High Band; Kings Mountain Senior High Cheerleaders; Kings Mountain Senior High Homecoming Queen and Court Float; Kings Mountain Senior High Funny Car; Senator Ollie Harris (car); Mayor John Henry Moss, City Commissioners, (three cars); Cleveland County Manager and Commissioners (car); Fire Chief car; 1930 Model Fire Truck; Kings Mountain Carrousel Princess, Court and Float; Mountain Men (three units); Grand Marshal, Mrs. W.T. Weir; Convalescent Center; Dimeo's Ice Cream Truck; Girl Scout Troop 155; Boy Scout Troop 199; Joy Theatre; Cleveland Dance (float); Jane's School of Tech (two units); Kings Mountain Rescue Squad (one unit). Also: American Red Cross Van; Twelve Oaks Academy; Carolina Clowns Unit; Girl

Mrs. Weir To Lead KM Parade

Mrs. W.T. Weir, retired Kings Mountain school teacher, has been honored by the Kings Mountain Fire Department as Grand Marshal of the city's 1979 Christmas Parade. Chief Fire Tignor said Mrs. Weir was honored for her "unselfish giving to the community" since she came to Kings Mountain as a public school teacher in 1925, her service to the teaching profession spanning 40 years at KM High School and as English instructor at Flora MacDonald College, as librarian at Grover High School, and as teacher of library science and supervisor in the library at the training school at Winthrop College. Mrs. Weir was 1960 local and District IV Teacher of the Year, served as president of the local NCEA Unit, as District II president of NCEA of Retired School Personnel, as state membership chairman of the NCAE, chairman of the state publications committee of the NCAE and founder and editor of "Panorama," newsletter of the RSP division. Her community activities have been numerous. She was president of the Woman's Club, regent of Colonel Frederick Hambright Chapter, DAR, and served as co-chairman of Kings Mountain's successful KM Centennial Commission in 1975. She is currently chairing the committee on grounds beautification for the new City Hall. At First Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Weir has taught the Young Adult Class for 44 years. An Elder in the church, she has served as circle Bible moderator chairman and as president of the Women of the Church. A native of Darlington, S.C., the former Josephine Ellerbe, is widow of W.T. Weir. She is a graduate of Winthrop College and earned her master's degree from Columbia University.



ALVIN MORETZ

Urban Renewal Project Settled

The Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission, The Department of Housing and Urban Development and the City of Kings Mountain have agreed on a financial settlement in bringing the Urban Renewal Programs to a conclusion. Most of the basic objectives of the two projects have been accomplished with the exception of some property acquisition, relocation and limited site improvements, said Executive Director Gene White. Under terms of the settlement, the City will receive \$422,092.79 in surplus funds to be used in completion of the remaining Urban Renewal Activities and eligible activities in the Community Development Block Grant Programs. The city will also acquire title to all properties now owned by the Redevelopment Commission. Funds realized from the sale of these properties will be used in the Community Development Block Grant Program. Date of formal dissolution of the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission is February 12, 1980. HUD has final approval on how funds may be spent. Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission has one Audit Finding of \$200.00 which the city must pay, selling parcel to Bynum Chapel Church for \$200.00 under the Fair Market Value. The Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission is directed by Gene White, Executive Director, who is responsible to the Board of Commissioners. The Board was appointed originally by the City of Kings Mountain.

Carl Stewart Coming To CC

Carl Stewart, Gastonia lawyer and speaker for the house of Representatives, will bring his political campaign for Lieutenant Governor to Cleveland County when he is guest of honor at "Meet the Candidate Night" at Shelby Park Thursday night. The event, sponsored by Stewart's campaign committee, will feature a free barbecue dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by a speech by Stewart.

City Board Meets Friday

Al Moretz CD Director

Alvin B. Moretz, city engineer, was appointed to fill the position of Interim Community Development Director by the city board of commissioners at a special meeting Friday afternoon. Moretz succeeds Arnold Gordon-Wright, who resigned as co-ordinator of the program in September. After making the motion to appoint Moretz, Comm. Jim Childers noted that the city is endeavoring to provide the necessary documentation to clear up the findings in a recent audit of the community development program conducted by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and said that Moretz's "help will be in-

valuable." Childers said the city has been "getting some flak about the audit and I just want to publicly comment that we are doing everything we can do to comply." Mayor John Henry Moss said after the meeting that he is expecting to receive soon a list of corrective actions from the HUD office in Greensboro and that the city is collecting evidence that will support the projects in question. In other actions relating to the CD program, the board: +Awarded contract for rehabilitation work on the property of James Cable, 23 Bennett Dr., to the low bidder, Jim Guyton, at cost of \$7,660.90; to Guyton, at cost of \$5,379.50 for work on the home of Steve Rath-

bone, 28 Bennett Dr., and to Jerry Barnette, low bidder, at \$7,500 for work on the residence of Collie Cook, 25 Bennett Dr. +Adopted resolution of policy to provide relocation payments and assistance to families, individuals, and businesses displaced from areas within the city of Kings Mountain by code enforcement activity in designated housing rehabilitation areas or designated concentrated code enforcement areas. The board also approved the purchase of a 1980 Plymouth Volare at cost of \$5,160.85 plus tax. The car is to be used as the fire chief's car and delivery date is January 1980. The board

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Card Game To Benefit GF Project

It's "in the cards" that citizens will turn out for tonight's benefit bridge game at the new City Hall where Town and Country Garden Clubbers are sponsoring a benefit for the new Governmental Facilities beautification project. Mrs. W.T. Weir, project chairman, said that players are invited to bring their cards and make up their own tables for the event, for which cost of \$3 per players includes light refreshments. Proceeds from the benefit, which begins at 7:30 p.m., are earmarked for the city beautification project and for North Carolina Zoo, said Mrs. Weir.

TICKETS ON SALE

Advanced tickets for the Little Theatre's production of "Cinderella" are on sale at Sample Yardage. Prices are \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for students at the door or 50 cents off if purchased in advance. Groups of 10 or more may purchase tickets for one dollar each. The show is set for Dec. 6, 7 and 8 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 9 at 2:15 p.m.

KMHS Band Director Nominated For Award

Donald J. Deal, of Kings Mountain, has been nominated by the South Central District of North Carolina Bandmasters Association to receive the "Award of Excellence" for outstanding contribution in the field of instrumental music. He was recognized and presented a certificate for this award at the recent NCBA Convention in Winston Salem. Deal has been teaching music and directing bands since 1950. He began teaching at Kings Mountain Senior High School in 1968. He is an active member of the National Education Association, N.C. Association of Education, N.C. Association of Classroom Teachers, N.C. Music Educators Association and American School Band Directors Association. He has served as an officer in the latter two organizations. Mr. Deal has participated in Instrumental Music Workshops and Marching Band Workshops at Appalachian State University, Boone, and Wake Forest University, Winston Salem. He has served as Adjudicator and instructor for various contests in North Carolina and Tennessee. His bands have won 22 "Superior" ratings in district, regional and state contests. In



DONALD J. DEAL

1977 Mr. Deal was selected Teacher of the Year at Kings Mountain Senior High School. He is married to Betty Ann, also a musician, and is the father of two sons, Joe and John. Both sons are graduates of University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and were first chair players in their father's band. In addition to directing and singing in the Resurrection Lutheran Church Choir, he enjoys bridge and playing local dance and combo dates.