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Board Approves Water, Sewer Request

Commercial Shearing To Build Here

KM Election Request Is Turned Down

Cleveland County Board of Commissioners last week denied request by the Kings Mountain Elections Board to change the county's precinct line in District 1 so it would conform with the municipal election line.

Chairman Luther Bennett made the request at the regular commission meeting.

Mr. Bennett said the problem is that when Kings Mountain officials created six districts for municipal elections and then set up two polling places, a portion of West Kings Mountain was placed in District 1. Bennett explained that "everybody in District 1 votes at a polling place in East Kings Mountain. When there are both municipal and non-municipal elections on the same day, those in District 1 who live west of the railroad tracks, which the county uses as the precinct line, must vote in two different locations."

Nelson Conner, chairman of the county board of elections, suggested that instead of changing the county line, District 1 should be split for voting purposes with those in the east voting in the east and those in the west voting in the west or that the city should use only one polling place.

Conner gave the opinion that he does not know if the district can legally be split but promised that he would check with Alex Brock, state elections supervisor, on the question. Conner told the board he felt it may be possible, since voting is at large but candidates are from specific districts.

West Kings Mountain voters vote at the KM Armory and East Kings Mountain voters vote at the KM Community Center.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

The Cleveland County Board of Elections will meet in the Elections Office at Shelby at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 14th, to discuss proposal for voting equipment.



Photo by Lib Stewart

SWEARING-IN CEREMONIES—Moss Administration VII took oaths of office in swearing-in ceremonies Monday night at City Hall. District Court Judge George Hamrick, left, administers the oaths to Mayor John Henry Moss, from left, Comm. Corbet Nicholson, Comm. Jim Childers and Comm. Norman King.

Citizen Involvement Urged

KM Board Is Sworn In

Moss Administration VII took the oaths of office in swearing-in ceremonies Monday night following the regular meeting of the city board of commissioners in the KM Governmental Services Facility.

After the swearing-in ceremonies led by District Court Judge George Hamrick, the six-member board of commissioners elected District 1 Commissioner Jim Childers as mayor tempore. Mr. Childers led the voting in the recent election at which three incumbent commissioners, Norman King, of District Four, Corbet Nicholson, of District Three, and Childers were returned to City Hall positions for four year terms. Voters returned Mayor John Henry Moss to his seventh and second four-year term at the helm of city government.

Other members of the board

are Comm. Bill Grissom, District Five, Comm. Jim Dickey, District Six, and Comm. Humes Houston of District Two.

"As Kings Mountain approaches the decade of the 80's it is a high privilege to serve the citizens of Kings Mountain," said the Mayor in an acceptance speech. "The task of managing city government is a serious business," said the mayor, "and a challenge."

Mayor Moss called for greater and more-involved citizen participation in city programs in the coming year and called for citizens to join in an "attitude of togetherness" to cope with problems of energy and inflation. "Kings Mountain citizens have both the courage and the willingness to share responsibilities in the days ahead," said the mayor.

"Priorities will be developed as our citizens move together for progress in a city that offers

opportunities for quality living for every citizen," said the Mayor.

In a related organizational matter, the board set meeting dates for the second and fourth Mondays of each month and reappointed Joe H. McDaniel, Jr. as city clerk and treasurer and George B. Thomasson as city attorney. Fund deposit institutions were also designated as First Union National Bank, First Citizens Bank and Trust Co., Home Savings & Loan Association, Independence National Bank and First Federal Savings & Loan Association.

The board also approved Christmas bonuses for city personnel to be based on length of last employment date in 12 increments and designated Christmas holidays for city personnel as Dec. 24 and Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 for New Year's.

Rev. Robert Boggan gave the invocation.

Commercial Shearing, Inc. of Youngstown, Ohio will build a machining facility for hydraulic pumps and motors at the east side of Canterbury Road.

The city board of commissioners Monday night paved the way for the new company to build here with approval of agreement with Gaston County to extend water and sewer services to the new industry.

Mayor John Henry Moss told the board of commissioners that the estimated project cost is \$232,481.00. The mayor said that Gaston County covers all costs of the system, not within the city limits, but that the city would be responsible for \$21,341. for the sewer portion and approximately \$8,000 for the water services for the plant which is located just inside Gaston County but within the Kings Mountain city limits.

Replying to question of District One Comm. Jim Childers, the mayor said that the city will operate the line with no restrictions on taps.

In a related action, the board approved the Charlotte firm of Henningson, Durham & Richardson for engineering services to design the water-sewer project under the Gaston agreement.

Comm. Childers asked if there is a time table on the project and the Mayor responded that Gaston County expects to submit application for Clean Water Bonds prior to end of December.

"The city will be operating the line under standard policy," said the mayor.

In other actions, the board: + approved resolution providing for the issuance of \$160,000 water bond anticipation notes for Ellison Water Plant sludge treatment facility which the mayor said was a consolidated package with maturity dates ranging from Dec. 1980 to Dec. 1986.

+ transferred taxi franchise from Fred Cash to Robert E. Beattie.

+ approved request of Howard Welch, of 517 Watterson St., for a variance from the Sept. 24, 1979 action restricting trucks over one and one-half tons on Watterson St. Welch told Acting Police Chief J.D. Barrett that he operates a tractor-trailer rig and only access to his driveway is from Waco Rd. down Watterson St.

Rev. M.L. Campbell gave the invocation and pronounced the benediction.

Marvins To Fill Shiloh Pulpit

Ben and Phyllis Marvin, Presbyterian missionaries to Brazil, will be guest speakers this weekend at Shiloh Presbyterian Church in Grover.

The Marvins and two daughters, Janette Elaine and Jeannie Beth, will come to Grover Saturday evening for a spaghetti supper to be hosted by youth of the church at 6 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. They will give a report of their

GOSPEL SING

Holiness Christian Mission at 215 Blanton St. will sponsor a gospel sing Saturday night at 7 p.m. featuring the "Singing Epps Family" of Belton, S.C. The public is invited to attend.

mission work in Brazil at the Sunday School hour at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship hour at 11 on Sunday morning. Circles of the church will serve a light luncheon at noon in the fellowship hall.

Shiloh Church has supported the missionary family for about 20 years.

Rev. and Mrs. Marvin are now on furlough in the U.S. and Mr. Marvin is completing work on his Doctorate in Ministry at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga.

Mrs. Joe Rountree is Ecumenical chairman in charge of arrangements for the weekend witness-season event.

At Harper's Pharmacy

Blood Pressure Machine Serves The Community...

By GARY STEWART
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Automatic Electronic Sphygmomanometer...a fancy name and one hard to learn, but something Harper's Pharmacy on West Mountain Street has invested thousands of dollars in to serve the community.

The A.E.S. is better described as a self-operated blood pressure checking machine on which most persons can check their own blood pressure in less than a minute.

Ragan Harper, owner of the pharmacy, had the machine installed at noon Tuesday and by closing time over 80 persons had already checked their blood pressure. One man found his to be too high and sought medical help.

The A.E.S. marketed by Southeastern Micro Computers Inc. of Midland, N.C., is the only one in this area. All persons are urged by Harper to come in and use it free of charge.

The operation is simple. One needs only to place his arm in the machine, push one button and wait about 50 seconds. The blood pressure reading appears on a screen.

"If the pressure checks out 140 over 90 or higher, we recommend that they see a doctor," said Harper. "Each person is given a card to keep record of his blood pressure readings and everyone is welcome to come by as often as they wish and use the machine."

Harper said over 15 million people in the United States have high blood pressure but don't know it. "If we can protect some

of them, we'll be doing a service to the community," he said.

The program is new but has already been endorsed by The National Institute of Health, Federal Drug Administration, National High Blood Pressure Education Program, Health Services Administration, American Heart Association and the Pharmaceutical Industry. It has been written up in Parade Magazine, Newsweek and the Carolina Pharmacy Journal.

"It's a good program," said Harper. "There's probably a lot of people out there who want their blood pressure checked but either can't afford to go to the doctor or don't want to because they think they'll be bothering the people at the doctor's office. They could be helped by this machine."

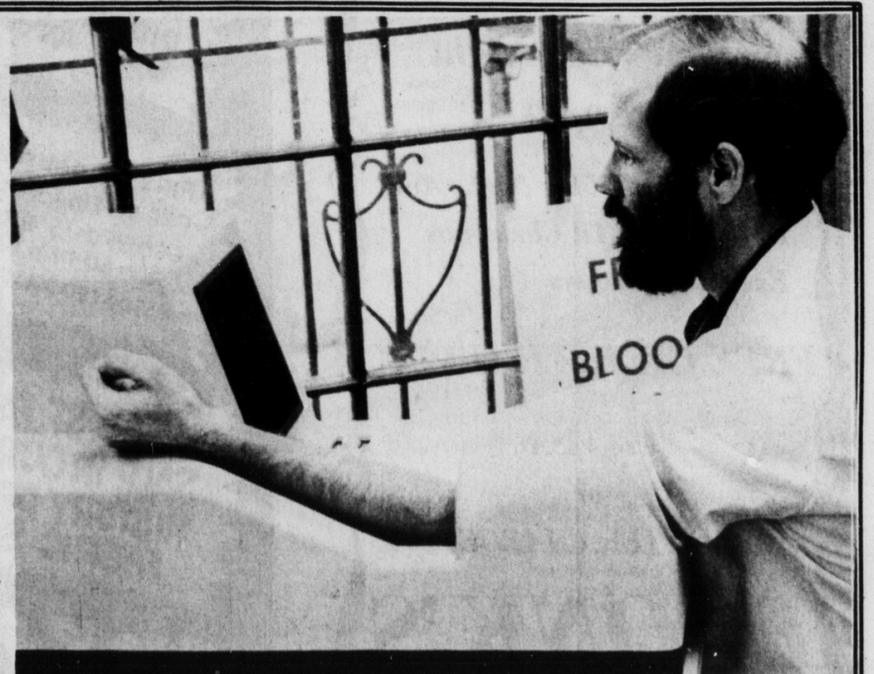


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CHECKING BP—Ragan Harper, owner of machine he installed Tuesday. Area citizens may Harper's Pharmacy on West Mountain Street, keep tab on their BP by using the free service. checks his blood pressure on a new checking