



Repaving work on East Gold Street...



...And sidewalk construction on Battleground

Gold Repaving Work Underway

City crews are hard at work this week repaving East Gold Street and constructing new sidewalks up Battleground Avenue.

Public Works Supervisor Ted Huffman said that the project, a continuation of the city's urban

Youths Flee

Three youths escaped Sunday night from Dobbs Training School in Kinston.

Due to their ages, their names cannot be released. One, however, is a diabetic and unless he has his insulin shots he may go into shock.

The three were described as follows:

The first is a white male, 15 years old, stands 5'7" and weighs about 130 pounds;

The second is a black male, 16 years old, stands 4'11" and weighs about 94 pounds;

The third is a black male, 16 years old, stands about 4'8" and weighs about 95 pounds. He is diabetic.

They may be armed and dangerous and may have access to an automobile. Their whereabouts are unknown. Anyone seeing individuals answering these descriptions should report their whereabouts to the nearest police authorities.

beautification program in the downtown area, will culminate in widening of the street all the way from Battleground to York Road with the city work forced expected to complete the work between now and the winter months. Turning lanes at Cherokee and Battleground are also a part of the new street improvements, said Huffman, and planters in the sidewalks and additional lighting are another part of the beautification program.

The board of commissioners restricted parking on East Gold from Battleground to York Road at the recent Monday night meeting. "These streets are too narrow and this is good news to motorists," said a visitor at that meeting. Mayor John Moss and Huffman concurred that the improvements will make the East Gold area into "one of the nicest streets in town."

The Mayor acknowledged that several tenants are looking at sites on East Gold St. in the building formerly occupied by Kings Mountain Farm Center, which moved into a handsome new building across the street.

A local restaurant owner is looking at the corner building which fronts on Battleground and was formerly occupied by B&B Restaurant and an electric firm is expected to open offices in the former Ledford building.

Council Awards Contract

By GARY STEWART
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City commissioners Monday night awarded a \$33,467.50 bid to Spartan Construction Company of Spartanburg, S.C., for construction of a water line to serve the new Commercial Shearing plant being built on Canterbury Road.

Mayor John Henry Moss pointed out that the project is a joint venture with Gaston County and that 200 feet of the line is on the city of Kings Mountain.

The commissioners eliminated a six-inch fire meter assembly and a fire meter vault, totalling \$12,000, from the bid.

In other action during Monday's brief meeting, the board:

- Awarded a contract for instrument maintenance for the water and sewer lines. Several commissioners pointed out that preventing instrument breakdown at the water plants would be "money well spent."

- Approved continuing a contract with W.K. Dickson & Co., Inc., for engineering services for the Community Development project.

- Amended a contract with A.M. Pullen Co. to audit Community Development Block Grant funds for a two-year period ending Sept. 30, 1980, instead of a one-year period.

- Approved the following amendments to the 1977 Community Development Block Grant budget: \$31,042.12 increase to the York Road sewer project; \$10,000 decrease in water improvements; \$19,144.48 decrease in the Program for the Aging; \$1,625.99 decrease in the Home Based Child Care program; \$212.75 decrease in the Kings Mountain Development Office; \$58.90 decrease in sidewalk repair; and \$5,000 decrease in city's contribution to the York Road sewer project. Mayor Moss said the amendments "will complete the York Road sewer project and balance out the water project."

- Approved a slate of rules and regulations for Kings Mountain Fire Department. Commissioner Jim Childers, who said the Fire Chief, Mayor and Personnel Committee recommended the rules, pointed out that they "are not meant to set down strict rules, but is a policy for everyone to follow."

- Approved restricting parking on both sides of East Gold Street from Battleground Avenue to York Road. Ted Huffman, supervisor for the Public Works Department, pointed out that plans are to have turning lanes at Cherokee Street and Battleground Avenue.

PD Taking Applications

The Kings Mountain Police Department is taking applications for the position of patrolmen.

Applicants must be high school or GED graduates, ages 21 and up, at least five feet seven (males) and five-four (females). Male applicants should weigh no less than 140 (110 females) with height and weight proportionate. Uncorrected vision must be 20-100, corrected to 20-20.

Hearing must be normal as determined by an audiometric test.

Acting Chief J.D. Barrett said all applicants will be given a written test by the Employment Security Commission and have a thorough investigation conducted into their backgrounds.

All applicants considered for employment undergo a one year probation during which they may be dismissed at any time for

determined general unsuitability or for cause.

Applications are being received in the Chief's office, in the old City Hall on Piedmont Ave., Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The application forms may be obtained from Secretary Marti Southards.

KMPD is an equal opportunity employer.



IN ONLY 4 HOURS — That's how long it took local sign painter John Mitchell to paint this sign on Highway 74 for the Cleveland County American Red Cross. A Kings Mountain Rotarian donated the billboard space, the Kings Mountain Jaycees cleared the area in front of the sign, Phifer Hardware donated the supplies and Mitchell, his time and talent. The billboard was done entirely by hand from a drawing by Cleveland County American Red Cross Program Director Martha Scruggs.

Pictured are Allan Propst of the Jaycees (far left) presenting a Certificate of Appreciation and a gift certificate to John Mitchell; Najla Nave who is with the Regional Blood Center in Charlotte who also presented Mitchell with a plaque commemorating his outstanding cooperation with the Red Cross Blood Services; Kemp Mauney, past Jaycee president; Martha Scruggs and Jim Cloninger representing the KM Rotary.

Revitalization For Downtown

The atmosphere of downtown Kings Mountain is changing and you're invited to be an important part of this change!

That's the word of the KM Revitalization Committee which is planning a mammoth "Downtown Kings Mountain Comes Alive" promotion to sell shopping and trading at home in the downtown area.

Said Mary Dilling, a member of the publicity committee, "For the past several months owners and managers of the majority of downtown businesses have been meeting in an effort to exchange and implement ideas for improvement of the downtown area. Some of the ideas include renovating building exteriors, recruiting new businesses to our downtown area, and improving traffic flow. The city is currently constructing new sidewalks up Battleground Avenue. There are plans underway by the city to put new walls on the cleared

sides of Myers Printing and Griffin Drug Co. Also, the sidewalk from the Police Station around to Dellinger's is to be replaced."

"Another exciting plan is one which affects anyone interested in saving money," said Mrs. Dilling.

Some 26 businesses will be sponsoring monthly promotions (scheduled for the first Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each month). These promotions will be featured in a double page advertisement which will appear in the Kings Mountain Herald during the week of the downtown sales.

The first of these scheduled sale promotions will be Aug. 7, 8 and 9th. Many participating businesses will be featuring "really good sale items guaranteed to save you money."

"Shop Kings Mountain stores for values and good service and save at home," added Mrs. Dilling.

Bloodmobile Here Monday

Kings Mountain city employees will sponsor a visit by the Red Cross Bloodmobile Monday from 12 noon until 5:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church.

Goal is 125 pints. This is the first Bloodmobile visit to Kings Mountain for year 1980-81. Five others are scheduled for the next year.

Martha Scruggs, Program Director for the Red Cross, said Kings Mountain will have one less visit during the year, but they are spaced out so every citizen can donate blood at each visit.

A donor must wait eight

weeks (56 days) between donations and all six KM visits are spaced at least 56 days apart.

"All Kings Mountain area citizens are encouraged to participate by giving blood or getting friends and neighbors to give," said Mrs. Scruggs.

Other Kings Mountain visits for the year include:

Friday, October 3, 11 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church. The visit will be sponsored by Kings Mountain industries and the goal is 200 pints.

Wednesday, December 3, 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at Kings

Mountain High School. The visit will be sponsored by the KMHS Student Council and the goal is 200 pints.

Monday, February 2, 12 noon until 5:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church. The goal is 125 pints.

Monday, May 4, 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at Kings Mountain High School. The visit will be sponsored by the KMHS Future Homemakers and the goal is 200 pints.

Tuesday, June 30, 12 noon until 5:30 p.m., at First Baptist Church. The visit will be sponsored by Kings Mountain civic clubs and the goal is 125 pints.