

# Game Of The Year

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### KM's 1981 Outlook: Over 1,000 New Jobs

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What's on tap for Kings Mountain area citizens in new year 1981?

Mayor John Henry Moss envisions that 1,000 new jobs will be available to area citizens due to industrial expansion, new and improved housing, continuation of many programs and initiation of several new ones.

Elaborating on his predictions for the new year, the Mayor made these announcements:

•Great Dominion Corporation of Kings Mountain has acquired 20-plus acres of property and plans to construct a steel fabricating and heavy machinery manufacturing plant, a first in North Carolina, which will employ 220 people. A formal announcement will be made in early January and employee applications will be taken beginning March 1. The Kings Mountain-based company will employ all local people, will bank locally and intends to be a big contributor to Kings Mountain economy in 1981. President Robert (Bob) Dickens and Vice President Karl Moss said the company will manufacture heavy steel weldments which go into the energy producing field, plus the petroleum chemical, coal gasification, mining and some defense department markets. "There is a growing market for this product which will lead to increased manufacturing and employment in the Kings Mountain area," said Mr. Dickens.

•The Mayor confirmed that he and members of the industry development committee are working very closely with a large major industry which has already acquired property to build in this area. The diversified industry is expected to make a formal announcement in early 1981.

•Century Construction Company of Atlanta, Ga., and

Hunter Real Estate Co. of Greenville, S.C. are proposing to build 75-plus units of luxury apartments in Kings Mountain.

•O.G. Penner Construction Co. of Kings Mountain, in its extension of Southwoods Sub-Division, is planning to construct 50 residences on Southwoods Drive, extension of Pinehurst Dr. and Kingswood Circle.

•Commercial Shearing will begin operations in early 1981 at its new Canterbury Road plant where construction is nearing completion. The plant will manufacture hydraulic machinery casting, gear pumps and gear motors and will house, not only a distribution center here, but operate as a tankhead division and hydraulic components division.

•Clevemont Mills is planning a major expansion at its plant on York Road.

New job opportunities through new and expanded industry will see a top priority for 1981 in more and better housing, and Thomas A. Tate, Home Savings and Loan president, will serve as chairman of a 22-member housing committee.

Mayor Moss said that the Kings Mountain Housing Authority is constructing 10 new units for the elderly on North Carpenter St. and that Mrs. Ruby M. Alexander's project for the elderly at the corner of Gantt and Morris Streets will provide much needed housing in the community.

Mayor Moss sees the newly-created annexation committee as one of the most important in the city's history and "most necessary and timely" in view of the development of the KM Bypass and other land use considerations in connection with the bypass.

Other important committees charged with heavy responsibilities in the brand new year are the hydroelectric committee,

of which Commissioner Jim Dickey is chairman, the downtown revitalization committee, of which W.S. Fulton III is chairman, and the committee to head development of a modern law enforcement center at the old city hall.

"I am hopeful that 1981 will be the year in which significant progress can be made in the development of a hydroelectric plant at Moss Lake, the renovation and improvements of the old City Hall and revitalization of the business district and our older neighborhoods such as the Phenix Neighborhood Strategy Area where the city has applied for a Small Cities Grant to help cover cost of improvements," said the Mayor.

"The Neighborhood Strategy Area is a top priority of city government and calls for improved city services and rehabilitating of existing homes, thereby making the area viable and enhancing livability and commercial activity," he continued.

•A 10 hour-per-day Day Care operation at the KM Community Center for working mothers and added activities for youth and adults.

•Improvements to Deal Street Recreational Park Complex and Davidson Park.

•Firming up of a systematic schedule for street improvements.

The Mayor said he is highly pleased that Kings Mountain Hospital will begin a modernization and renovation project expected to surpass \$5 million in improvements in the new year, a two year project which will boost the KM economy, he said. Construction work is expected to get underway in early 1981.

"The Kings Mountain Bypass has far reaching positive effects on the citizens of Kings Mountain as it relates to our economic growth and convenience of travelers," said the mayor. "My opinion is that economic growth and development of the By-Pass area will accelerate near the completion of that project and land use will set a pattern for a very important segment of the overall development of Kings Mountain. That is why it is necessary for the planning and zoning board and annexation committee to begin making plans for land use and future growth of Kings Mountain in 1981," he added.

The Mayor pledged the city will continue working in various funding programs to enhance utility services in water, sewer, electrical and gas systems as well as establishing a systematic street improvements scheduling program.

He added, "I know these things we've reviewed here today sound ambitious but I believe Kings Mountain is on the threshold of economic opportunity that can be shared by all, recognizing that all the things we aspire and the challenges to achieve them will require dedication to the task. I truly believe citizens of Kings Mountain want progress and are willing to work to achieve worthy goals. I pledge to work to that aim."

A "great year for Kings Mountain in '81" is the mayor's prediction.



Photo by Gary Stewart

**NEW YEAR BABY** - Christina May Kever, pictured here with her proud mother, was the first baby born in 1981 at Kings Mountain Hospital. She arrived at 7:45 p.m. New Year's

Day. She weighed 11 pounds, eight and one-half ounces. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lester Stephen Kever of Bessemer City.

### Dickenson Guest Speaker

CHESNEE, S.C. — Russell E. Dickenson, director of the National Park Service (NPS), will be the feature speaker Jan. 17 at the dedication of new visitor and service facilities at Cowpens National Battlefield.

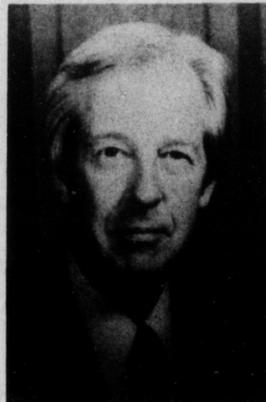
Dickenson, who has been with the NPS 33 years, will join other platform guests at 2:30 p.m. in an area in front of the new visitor center at the National Battlefield, which is located off South Carolina 11 just north of its intersection with South Carolina 110.

The program will begin at 2:30 p.m., with P. Bradley Morrah, chairman of the South Carolina American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, serving as master of ceremonies.

New facilities at Cowpens include the visitor center, maintenance area, paved battlefield tour road, park entrance and exhibits. One of the features of the visitor center is a fiber-optic display that progressively shows movement of the troops in the battle.

Established as a national battlefield site under the War Department, Cowpens National Battlefield, renamed in 1971, has been under the administration of the NPS since 1933.

Dickenson, a native of



RUSSELL DICKENSON

### Rev. Boggan To Charlotte, Rev. Stephens Coming Here

Rev. Robert E. Boggan, Jr., pastor of Central United Methodist Church for four and one-half years, will assume new pastorate duties Feb. 1 as pastor of the 800-member St. Andrew's United Methodist Church of Charlotte.

Coming to Kings Mountain as the new minister of Central Church of 550 members will be Rev. Ivan A. Stephens, 56, former pastor of Glenwood United Methodist Church in Greensboro.

The appointments were made recently by the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church and the changes were due to the death of Dr. Charles White, administrative assistant to the Bishop of the Methodist Church Conference.

Rev. Boggan came to Kings Mountain from Winston-Salem and been active in the Kings Mountain community, serving as president of the successful Kings Mountain United Fund, as chairman of the Helping Hand committee of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association, on the board of directors of KM Rotary Club and the Cleveland County Chapter of American Red Cross and as

Melissa, Tex., joined the NPS in 1947 as a ranger at Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona. The World War II Marine Corps veteran since has served in a number of Park Service areas and offices.

Prior to becoming the agency's director last May, Dickenson was director of the NPS's Pacific Northwest Region, covering Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

He has received the Distinguished Service Award, highest honor for a Department of the Interior employee, and the Cornelius Amory Pugsley Award from the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society.



REV. BOB BOGGAN

chairman of the mayor's emergency needs and resources study committee. Boggan and his wife, Pat, are parents of three sons, Jeffrey and Stephen Boggan, both students at Wofford College, and Patrick Boggan, a fifth grader at West School.

Rev. and Mrs. Stephens are parents of two married children and will be moving into the Central manse at the end of this month.

### Bethware School Section Of 74 To Be Completed

Grading and structural work on the Bethware section of the U.S. 74 By-Pass of Kings Mountain is expected to be completed in October 1981.

Mayor John Henry Moss said a timetable for completion of the project will cover a two one half year period.

### Blair To Speak To Baptist Men

Dr. William Blair, retired ARP pastor, will be guest speaker at Wednesday night's meeting of Baptist Brotherhood of Kings Mountain Baptist Church.

President Tommy Tindall said that Baptist Men will meet in the Church Fellowship Hall at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

"We invite interested citizens to join us in the special program," said Mr. Tindall.

A "turn key" job, the 74 and I-85 interchange is expected to be completed in October 1983 and the Mayor said he is presuming that all work will be completed by October 1981 and the road will be "ready for travel."

"Right now it looks like road crews have got Kings Mountain pretty torn up but two and one half years from now it's going to be a beautiful bypass," said the Mayor.

Champion's of Kings Mountain and Crowder Construction Co. of Charlotte share the \$15,572,377 contract for Phase Three construction where work is slated to be finished in October 1983. Six new bridges, several ramps, a King St. "flyover" will be added, eliminating all areas where 74 and I-85 traffic currently merge.

The tie-in at 85 in Gaston County is the major step in the long-awaited Kings Mountain Bypass. Work has been underway all year in stages one and two which include areas from Highway 161 and 74 West near Bethware School.