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## Small Cities Grant Sought

Mayor John Henry Moss and Gene White, Community Development Coordinator, met with HUD officials in Greensboro on March 2 in regard to the pending Small Cities Grant pre-application of \$917,000 and amendment to the present Community Development Block Grant Program.

The Kings Mountain Small City application is one of 300 under consideration for funding by the Department of HUD in Greensboro. HUD will fund approximately 40 to 50 applicants based on criteria established by HUD.

The Kings Mountain application covers a neighborhood strategy area which encompasses the Fairview Street area including Third Street, Fourth Street, Fairview Street, Cranford Drive, Ellison Street, Phillips Drive and portions of Linwood Road.

Proposed activities cover a total of revitalization concept and include rehabilitation, improvement of water and street lines, street improvements and

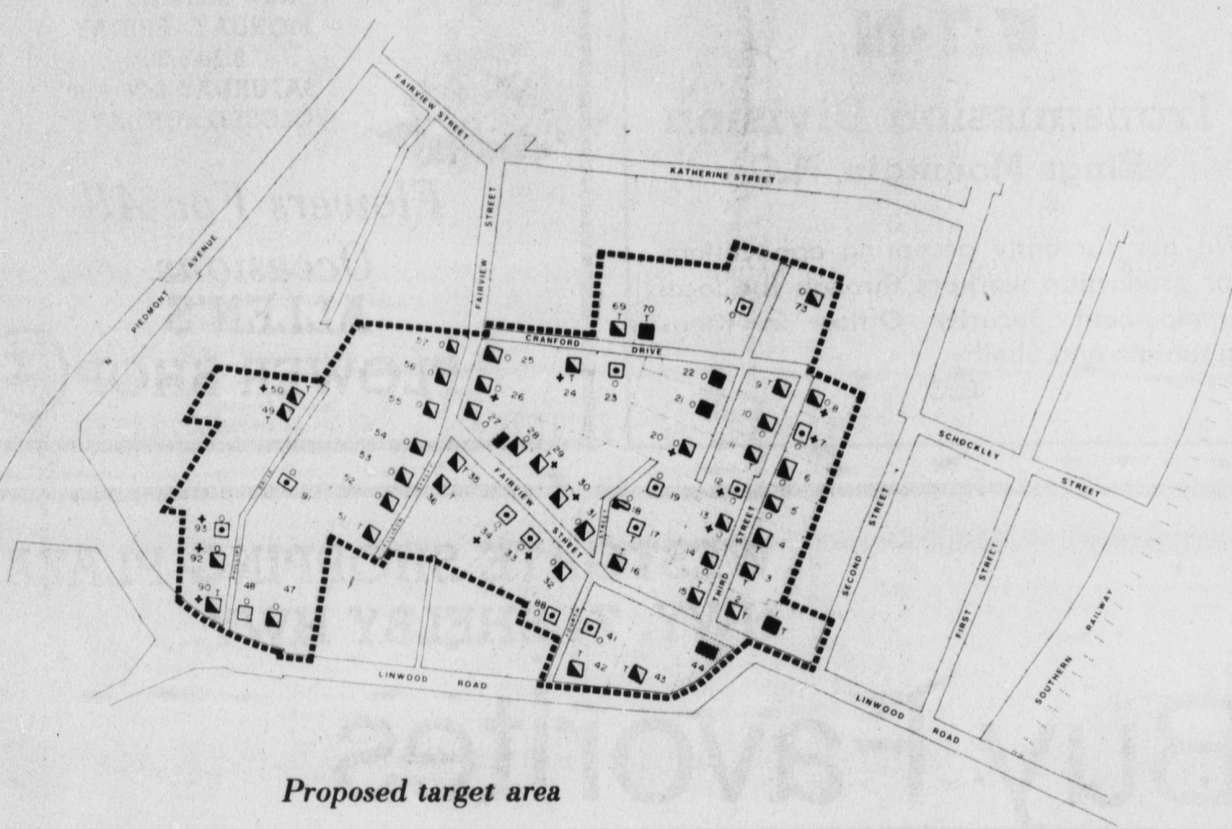
beautification of the area. Blighted structures which cannot be rehabilitated will be removed under the proposed program.

The Department of HUD is expected to render a decision on the Small Cities pre-application within 30 days. The city would be invited to submit a full application for funding of the proposed activities. Work on the proposed activities would begin in October, 1981.

The city will conduct public hearings on March 9 and 23 for the purpose of amending the present Community Development Block Grant Program to include surplus Urban Renewal funds for completion of eligible activities.

Citizens are invited to attend the hearings and offer suggestions on proposed programs and activities.

Mayor Moss stated he believes these activities are particularly important now "when new housing costs and improvements to existing housing are beyond the means of a great many citizens."



Proposed target area

## Engineer Is Hired

By ELIZABETH STEWART  
Co-Editor

GROVER — Town commissioners Monday night executed contract for engineering services with John Edwards Co. for construction of water lines estimated to cost \$34,800 and authorized Water Commissioner Edward Philbeck to work with the engineers in drawing up proposals and also in submitting applications for grants to help cover the cost.

The lines are to serve two residences to be built by Bob Hambright and Hoover Herndon in Spring Acres, a six inch water main 1,448 feet around Timberlake and Briarcliff Roads, and to extend Commissioner Ronald Queen's two inch line (322 feet).

Preliminary sketches of the proposed project were displayed by Mayor W.W. McCarter.

The board also heard a report from Police Chief Mike Brown that plans are underway to organize a Community Watch program in the community. Chief Brown said that plans are not finalized but that the crime prevention program is needed in the community.

Lengthy discussion developed when commissioners gave reports and resulted in a controversy over office procedures when Office Manager Ronald Queen said that a policy should

be established as to whom should "handle the mail." He said Town Clerk Gloria Horton had been sorting the mail on a daily basis but that Mayor McCarter had directed her to place all incoming mail in a basket in her office so that he could see it. Mrs. Horton said that she had given the mayor all correspondence addressed to him but that she handled all billing transactions and made copies for him of all checks coming into the office. Mayor McCarter agreed with Commissioner Quay Moss that the matter is "petty" and should not have come before the board. Comm. Queen said he had to bring the matter to the full board's attention because he disagreed with the Mayor on how it should be handled. Mrs. Faye Tesseneer interjected the question, "Is Gloria running the town or the commissioners and mayor?" and added, "Why can't the mayor see all the mail? Gloria is a town employee. Bill (Mayor McCarter) is an elected official."

Mayor McCarter agreed that his personal correspondence was turned over to him but "she (Gloria) gives me what she wants me to see. I don't want to open the mail but I do want to know what's going on."

Mrs. Horton said that she doesn't like to "leave checks and mail lying around for any length

of time because it could be misplaced" but the board seemed to have general agreement, although no vote was taken, that it was the mayor's duty to see all correspondence regarding city matters.

Comm. Martha Byers reported that Eva Mullinax has been hired as a second school crossing guard and Comm. Juanita Pruette asked the board to enforce a town ordinance which prohibits cars parking on the sidewalk. The ordinance, in effect since 1973, is not enforced but provides a \$50 fine or 30 day jail sentence for violation. Mrs. Pruette said that at dangerous intersections in town it is hard to see oncoming traffic because of cars parked on sidewalks. She asked that citizens ask church members to also refrain from parking on sidewalks.

Mrs. Martha Turner called attention to the fact that a pedestrian was injured by a bicycle rider last week. The accident occurred while the pedestrian was walking on a sidewalk, said Mrs. Turner. Chief Brown suggested that a safety program be initiated in the schools.

The Council gave approval for the Grover Fire Department to build a barbecue grill adjacent to the fire department, for new carpeting for the business office, expected to cost \$270, for a new typewriter, estimated to cost \$150, and repairs for a typewriter, estimated to cost \$48, for the business office.

Members heard plans for local observance of Energy Conservation Week Mar. 15-21 and Spring Pick-Up Litter Week Apr. 13-18 and Sept. 14-18.

## Production Is Planned

Tryouts for the next production of Kings Mountain Little Theatre will be held on Monday, March 9 and Tuesday, March 10 at 7 p.m. at Park Grace Auditorium.

Plaza Suite, the popular comedy by Neil Simon, is set in the Plaza Hotel in New York City. The play is in three acts, each portraying an event that happened to three couples whilst staying in "Suite 719."

The play is to be directed by Ray Holmes and there are parts for 4 to 5 men and 4 to 6 women. Anyone who would like to be in the play or assist with the production is asked to attend the tryouts or contact Ray Holmes.

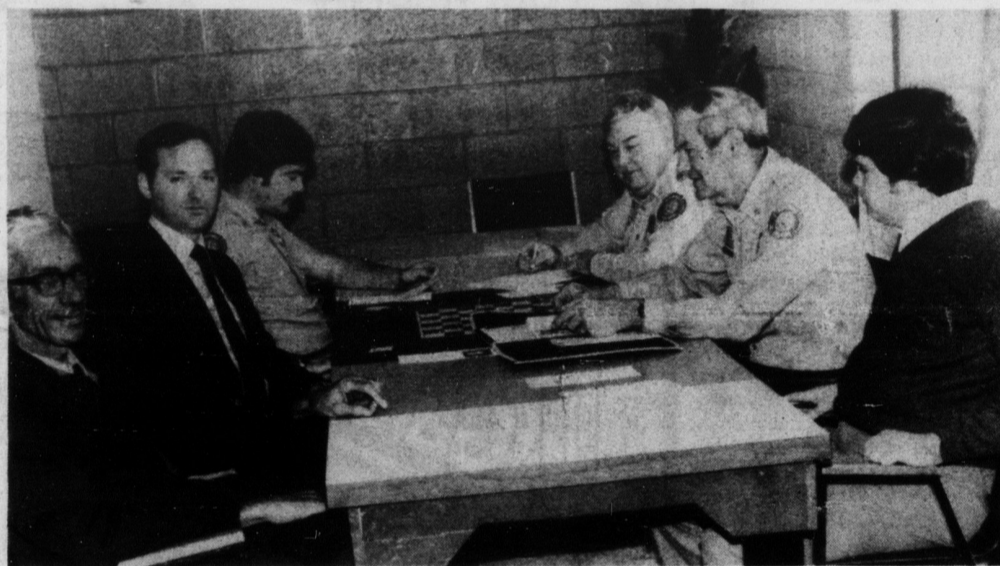


Photo by Lib Stewart

**FIREMEN PLAN ST. JUDE'S BENEFIT** — Kings Mountain Fire Department will sponsor a Bike-A-Thon for benefit of St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital this spring and making arrangements for the event are from left to right Bud Ware, food and supplies chairman; Chief Gene Tignor, overall chairman, Rodney Gor-

don and Rick Witherspoon, co-chairmen of recruitment and follow-up, Ronnie Hawkins, publicity chairman, and Pete Peterson, chairman of prizes. All businesses will be invited to sponsor participants in the big race and registration date will be announced soon.

## Bike-A-Thon Is Slated

"Wheels For Life," a benefit bike-a-thon for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, will be sponsored Sat., Mar. 28, by the Kings Mountain Fire Department.

Riders will begin the event at 9:30 a.m. at Kings Mountain High School parking lot and compete for valuable prizes and a free lunch.

All businesses are invited to sponsor volunteer riders in the competition and entry forms may be picked up at the Fire Department, at KM Junior High School, KM Senior High School and Mauney Memorial Library.

Riders age nine and under must be accompanied by an adult. A small riding course will be set up for small children.

According to Fire Chief Gene

Tignor, general chairman of the benefit, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital is the largest childhood cancer research hospital in the world.

Chairmen of various committees are Robert Dodge, route chairman; Rick Witherspoon and Rodney Gordon, recruitment and follow-up co-chairmen; Ronnie Hawkins, publicity and promotion chair-

man; Charles Peterson, prizes; Charles Ware, food supplies; Joe Leftwich, bike repairs, and Bruce Canipe, bike repairs.

Further information can be obtained by calling Chief Tignor at the Fire Department, 739-2552.

Chief Tignor said the full route for the bike-a-thon will be announced, as well as other details of the big benefit.

## Jim Davis Is Selected Spectrum Vice President

Jim Davis, the new vice president of manufacturing for Spectrum Fibers, Inc., is a native of Elco, Pa., who comes to Kings Mountain from Greensboro where he served five years as manager of the Dyeing and

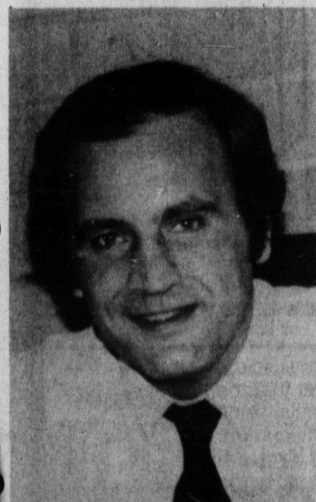
Finishing Department of Guilford Mills.

Davis assumed his new duties Feb. 23.

The Davis family includes his wife, Betty Elks Davis, and their two children, Mike, age 18, a freshman at N.C. State University, and Christi, 14, a junior high student and a cheerleader for the Aycock Junior High Lions. The Davises expect to move to Kings Mountain soon.

Davis served as manager of Yarn Dyeing Operations for National Spinning Co. of Washington, N.C. for 12 years and completed a five year tour of duty in the USAF. He is a 1960 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he started as offensive center on the varsity football team and completed graduate work at Boston University. He is a member of Greensboro's First Presbyterian Church.

At Spectrum, Inc. Davis succeeds the late Buford DeFore.



JIM DAVIS

## Jerry King Selected To Industry Who's Who

Kings Mountain's Jerry King has been named Who's Who in Finance and Industry. His pro-

file will appear in the 22nd edition to be published in August.

Who's Who in Finance and Industry focuses on persons who have contributed to the growth and development of the business world. An individual's desire, wealth, or social standing is not adequate reason for inclusion. Only occupational stature or achievement can influence selection.

King has served as director of the Kings Mountain Office of Economic Development for the past three years and has been active in a number of community affairs.

He is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School and Western Carolina University, and is a member of First Presbyterian Church.



JERRY KING

## World Prayer Day Services Friday

A service of prayer and meditation will be held Friday at noon at Central United Methodist Church on World Day of Prayer.

Four Kings Mountain churches, Central Methodist, First Presbyterian, St. Matthew's and Resurrection Lutheran Churches, are sponsoring the service, which is open to the public.

The Choir of Central United Methodist Church will present special music during the service.