

## Adjoining Property Owner Protests

# KM Commissioners Deny TWK Rezoning Request

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Kings Mountain city commissioners Monday night denied a rezoning request from a representative of a mobile home park after a property owner in the area protested.

TWK Enterprises of Morganton, and Charles E. Clark of Shelby, owner of a nine-acre track on Shelby Road which is located in the mile perimeter of the city limits, requested that two of the nine acres be rezoned from Residential 20 to General Business.

Lloyd Kelso, a Gastonia attorney, represented TWK, which hoped to put a Conner Mobile Home sales franchise there, but he met opposition from Betty Sue Morris, whose home adjoins the property.

Mrs. Morris told the board that the property has changed hands four times in the last nine and one-half years and that it has not been maintained well during that time.

She said six mobile homes as well as some businesses are located in the area illegally, and that Clark is installing a sawmill illegally. She said permits were not issued from the city for the mobile homes and businesses, possibly because the owners did not know the area was in the one



BETTY MORRIS

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## Mary Adams Named Director Of The Aging

Mary Wright Adams has been named director of the Kings Mountain Program for the Aging.

Her appointment was approved Monday night following a one-hour executive session during the City Board of Commissioners meeting.

Nineteen persons applied for the job, which has been vacant since January 19 when Rev. Kenneth George resigned over a disagreement with Mayor John H. Moss over two employees in the program.

Mrs. Adams was last employed by the Cleveland County Chapter of the American Red Cross, where she was executive director.



MARY ADAMS

## Easter Sunrise Service Set At Mountain Rest

Rev. Jerry Smith, pastor of Kings Mountain Church of God on Parker St., will deliver the message at the traditional community-wide Easter Sunrise Service Sunday morning at 6 a.m. in Veterans Park of Mountain Rest Cemetery.

In event of rain, the service will be cancelled.

The service is sponsored by the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association and ministers who will participate in scripture readings and prayers will include Rev. D.H. Edwards, pastor of First Wesleyan Church; Rev. Allen Jolley, minister of music at First Baptist Church; Rev. Leroy Cox, pastor of East Gold St. Wesleyan Church, Rev. Harwood T. Smith, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, and Rev. William Tyson, pastor of Boyce Memorial ARP Church.

A Combined Minister's Choir will present Easter anthems and special music.

"We invite the Kings Mountain community to join us in this meaningful service to honor the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus



REV. JERRY SMITH

Christ", said Rev. D.H. Edwards, spokesman for the association.

### TRAFFIC NOTICE

Citizens attending the Sunday morning Easter Sunrise Service are asked to use the Suber Gate on E. Gold Street. All gates will be open to walking traffic but only the E. Gold Street gate will be open to vehicle traffic. Boy Scouts will distribute programs.

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## Moss Dam Inspected On Tuesday

Officials of Charles T. Main Inc., representing the state of North Carolina, conducted an inspection of the dam area of John H. Moss Lake Tuesday.

The results of the inspection will not be officially announced for about 60 days, but local officials feel confident that the dam is in good shape.

Mayor John Moss, who was at the site along with representatives of the W.K. Dickson Co., the city's consulting engineers, and Ted Huffman, superintendent of the Public Works Department which maintains the dam.

"We feel that the dam is being well-maintained, and is quite stable," Moss said.

The inspection team was concerned about a pipe which maintained the flow of water downstream during the dam construction. It was closed off when the lake was flooded, but a leak was later discovered in it.

"The W.K. Dickson firm feels the pipe is secure," Moss said, "but the state wants to see that it remains secure." Some of the inspectors said Tuesday they felt good about the safety of the area.

"Kings Mountain had plans to construct the dam and the city likewise has plans for maintaining it in a very safe manner and in compliance with the laws governing dam safety."

The state is contracting engineering firms to inspect all large dams in the state.

"We are all very proud of our facility and it has a great economic impact on all of us," Moss said. "We have announced a considerable amount of new industry and our water and sewer capabilities are a big factor in the decision process of potential industry. So it is incumbent upon us to be responsible and maintain our facilities at a high level."

Bill Allen of the Dam Safety Division of the Department of Natural and Economic Resources, also witnessed the inspection.



Photo by Gary Stewart

SPRING SCENE - If there's anything that comes close to matching the beauty of spring, it's a beautiful girl. Leigh Anne Baliles, junior at Kings Mountain High School, and a North Carolina dogwood tree form an unbeatable combination. Leigh Anne is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Baliles of Kings Mountain.

## Great Dominion

# New Industry To Build

The Grover-Kings Mountain area landed its second new industry in less than a year Wednesday afternoon when the Great Dominion Corporation announced plans to construct a 4,500square foot plant and 3,500 square foot office near Archdale Farms.

Robert Dickens, president of the corporation, made the announcement at a 2 p.m. news conference in the council room of the Kings Mountain Governmental Services Facilities Center.

The company plans to begin grounds preparation today and

construction is to begin immediately.

The company will be located on the old Neisler property south of Archdale and will face both I-85 and Highway 229.

Dickens said the initial investment will be over \$2 million and the eventual total will be over \$5 million. The company will have an opening work force of 40 and will gradually increase to 220.

The plant will manufacture heavy steel, do welding, machining and fabricating for heavy mining equipment, electrical utilities and various items for the U.S. Department of Defense.

Officers of the corporation, in addition to Dickens, are Ed Proctor, business manager; Karl Moss, purchasing manager; and O.T. Williams, plant manager.

Dickens said the plant will begin taking applications and conducting interviews in May.

The construction is expected to be completed by July 1.

Dickens said the 22-acre site will be used for phase one of the construction, and that the plant will double in size in the near future.

The site, he said, was chosen over one in Rock Hill, S.C., because of the cooperation and assistance the firm was given by local, state and national officials.

"We acknowledge Mayor Moss's efforts over the past year," he said, "and the cooperation of other governing officials. Without his efforts, we probably would have located in Rock Hill."

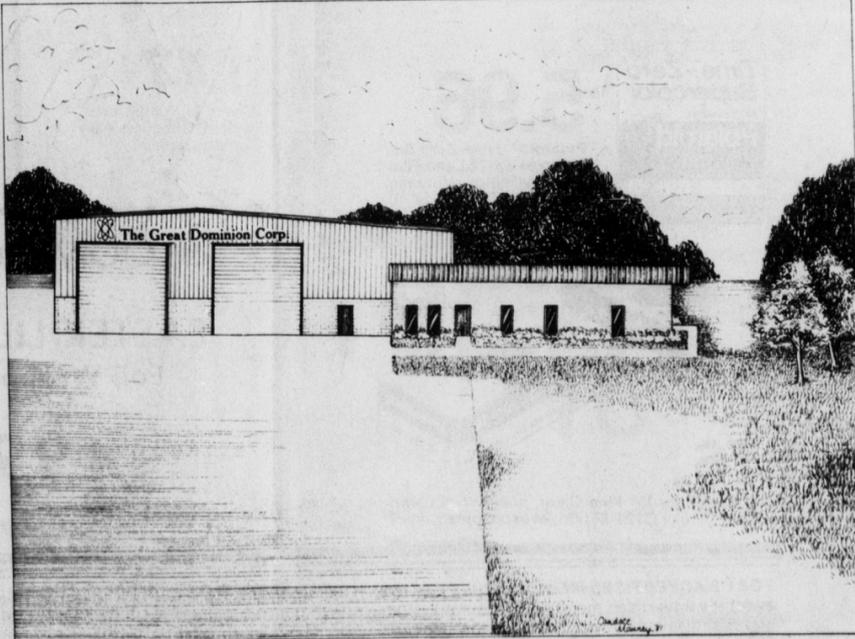
"We're pleased with the Kings Mountain area and will make every effort to see that local firms are given contracts for plumbing and other work. We intend to employ Carolinians and not bring in people from out of state."

Dickens said his firm will utilize area trade schools and community colleges in training of personnel.

"We intend to have the heaviest machinery capabilities in the southeast," he said, "and we will have the capability of machining individual pieces weighing up to 30 tons."

The groundbreaking ceremony will be held within 10 days, Dickens said.

Great Dominion joins Sulzer Brothers as the second new industry on the Grover Road, and Great Dominion is the third major industry to announce in the



Drawing Of Great Dominion Corporation

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