

## Personnel Discussed With Citizen

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City Commissioners went behind closed doors Monday night at the request of a citizen to discuss a personnel matter, and returned to announce that "no action was taken."

Emmett Moss, a Fulton Street resident and former city employee, took the floor as Mayor John Henry Moss asked for a motion to adjourn and requested the private meeting.

After a brief discussion in which Commissioner Norman King was the only board member to voice opposition to holding the executive session, the board went behind closed doors for 30 minutes.

Moss, who had no comment Monday night, phoned *The Herald* Tuesday morning to say that he was acting on his own. "I am a city resident, and I wanted to discuss a personnel matter. That was it," he said.

Commissioner Humes

Houston made the motion to go into executive session and Jim Dickey seconded. Houston, Dickey, Jim Childers, Corbet Nicholson and Bill Grissom voted to go into executive session and King voted against it.

King, although he wouldn't comment on what was discussed, said the executive session was proper "but I've not run into that before." He said it was his first recollection of a private citizen requesting an executive session with the board of commissioners.

"As far as I'm concerned, he had a legitimate gripe," King said. "But there is a possibility it could have been handled in another way."

"We didn't just go back there and shoot the breeze," he went on. "How it could have been handled, I guess, is everyone's interpretation."

King said it was his understanding that the board promised Moss the problem "if it is a problem, will be looked into. It's no

big problem as far as I'm concerned."

Commissioner Houston, who is chairman of the personnel committee, said the executive session "was appropriate for the circumstances."

Most commissioners had mixed feelings on whether or not to hold the executive session. King told Moss flatly, "let's discuss it right here." Houston said, "I don't know the nature of your business, but if it's a personnel matter, I think we should go into executive session." Dickey said "I'll second it if it's a personnel matter."

Houston, questioned later, said "I don't know that it is a good procedure," but "an executive session is the only time you can discuss some things."

Houston said no employee was discussed, but Mayor Moss, when contacted by phone later, said "Emmett wanted to register a complaint against a member of the city personnel." Moss later said "the minutes say a personnel matter was discussed and no action taken."

It was the second meeting in a month's time in which the board was confronted by a citizen or citizens asking to register a complaint.

In April, the board openly fired Recreation Supervisor Mike Nappi after members of the Church Softball League and an employee of the Recreation Department criticized him in open session.

In January, Ted Huffman, Supervisor of the Public Works Department, appeared before the board to register complaints against the Mayor and two commissioners, but his case was heard in executive session.

That night, commissioners King, Grissom and Childers voted to allow Huffman to speak in open session. Dickey, Houston and Nicholson voted for an executive session and Mayor Moss broke the tie vote, sending the matter behind closed doors.

The night Nappi was fired, a motion was put on the floor to dismiss him and seconded, and there was no mention of executive session.

None of the commissioners would say who was discussed, but *The Herald* put a name to three of them.

"No comment," said one. "You're pretty smart," said another one.

"It doesn't take a genius to figure it out," said the third.

## KMPD To Get Face Lift

City commissioners Monday night conducted a brief public hearing and approved the use of \$156,388 in revenue sharing funds for the 1981-82 budget.

The police department will get the biggest slice of the pie, \$69,000, of which \$35,000 will be used for remodeling of the old city hall, which is being renovated into a Law Enforcement Center.

The PD will also receive \$34,000 for four new cars. The fire department will get \$32,000 for a mini-pumper, sanitation \$30,000 for a trash truck-trailer, streets \$10,000 for a dump truck and other activities, and the general department \$15,388 for maintenance.

The renovation of the old city hall is a project which began when the administrative offices and fire department were moved to the new Governmental Services Facilities Center.

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Photo by Lib Stewart

LION OF YEAR—W. Donald Crawford is congratulated by Johnny Reavis as the Kings Mountain Lions' Club's Lion of the Year.

Crawford was honored for his leadership as White Cane chairman during the past year.

## Crawford Named Lion Of The Year

W. Donald Crawford was honored as the Kings Mountain Lions Club Lion of the Year at the civic club's annual ladies night banquet Tuesday night at Holiday Inn.

Mr. Crawford was cited for leadership in project activities during the year and including the successful White Cane drive which raised \$1493.18 for the club's aid to the blind and the biggest collection ever for the Kings Mountain club.

Lion Johnny Reavis made the award presentation after an entertainment program by Sgt. E.T. Van Hoy of the N.C. State

Highway Patrol who delighted the group with "Magic."

Rev. C. George Sherrill served as master of ceremonies for the program. District Lion officer Tim Gladden led the pledge to the flag, Lion Howard Bryant offered the invocation, Lion George Thomasson gave the welcome, Mrs. Thomasson gave the response from the ladies, and Lion Luther Bennett, club president, introduced special guests, including Mayor and Mrs. John Moss and City Commissioners Norman King and Humes Houston and their wives. Mrs. Lela Wellmon, widow of Lion

Wellmon, and Mrs. Betty Vanhoy were recognized as special guests.

Favors were distributed to the ladies following a dinner of roast beef with accessories.

Mr. Crawford, native of Kings Mountain, retired in Kings Mountain last March after a long tenure with the postal system and the National Park Service. He and Mrs. Crawford, the former Joann Blalock, had resided in Manteo for several years where Mr. Crawford was active in the Manteo Lion Club. He has long been active in the scouting program.



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MEMBER OF THE YEAR—Mrs. W.D. (Gerry) Werner (left) is congratulated by District 4 President Louisa Munn as Outstanding

Member of the Kings Mountain Woman's Club for 1981. Mrs. Werner received an engraved plaque.

## Gerry Werner Member Of Year

Mrs. W. D. Werner was honored as the Outstanding Member of the Kings Mountain Woman's Club at the club's Monday night meeting.

The honor was voted by the membership to the member contributing the most outstanding service to the club during the past year. Mrs. Werner is serving

a second term as club president. Mrs. Louisa Munn, of Gastonia, District IV president of the N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs, presented the club award, an engraved silver tray.

Mrs. Munn also conducted the installation service for new officers for 1981-82. They in-

clude Mrs. W. P. Gibbons, secretary; Mrs. Paul Hendricks, treasurer; Mrs. Charles Blanton, chaplain; Mrs. Milton Fryer, club editor; and Mrs. Jim Potter, federation director.

Mrs. Marshall Heavner was chairman of the hostess committee for the meeting.

## Graduation Friday Night

Commencement exercises for 266 KMSHS seniors will be held Friday night at 8 p.m. in John Gamble Memorial Football Stadium with senior class officers leading the program.

Principal Bob McRae, assisted by Supt. William Davis and Chief Marshal Pam Hatch, will present diplomas to one of the largest classes in the school's history.

Graduating with honors are Theresa Jane Bumgardner, Carol Ann Edwards, Robert James Hagans, Clarence Edward Hammett, Jr., Stephen Douglas Lee, Jeff Lineberger, Robert Howard Lutz, Dartha Leigh Mauney, Jerald Brinson Robinson, Janice Marie Scoggins, and Felicia Diane Williams.

Other members of the Class of 1981 are: Antoinette Adams, Kellie Marie Allman, Kenneth Walter Babb, Mark Shane Baity, Pamela Elise Baity, Anne Ross Ballard, Joan Melanie Ballard, Deborah Janette Barnette, James Richard Barrett, Jr., Carl William Beatty, Jr., Kerry Dean Bell, Regina Diane Bell, Sharese Ann Bell, James Aaron Belt, Jr., Barbara Renee Bess, Marty Lynn Bishop, Jerry Micheal Black, Jr., John Michael Blalock, Todd Lawson Blalock, Barbara Jean Blanton, Gary Richard Blanton, Sharon Irene Bolin, Susan Nanette Bolin, Christopher Scott Bowen, Dawn Bowen, Marcus Antonio Boyce, Elizabeth Anne Bradley, John Andrew Bratcher, Carla Jeanne Bridges, Craig Bridges, Deborah Lynn Bridges, and Trudy Diane Bridges.

Also: Wayne Brown, Anthony Scott Buchanan, Raymond Bullard, Karen Faye Bumgardner, Kevin Shawn

Bumgardner, Sharon Elaine Bumgardner, Robert Lee Burns, Willowdean M. Burris, Kenneth Joe Bush, David Tyrone Byers, Donna Kim Byers, Gerald Byers, Lisa Byers, Roger Dale Camp, Jennifer Campbell, Ronda Canipe, Deborah Carpenter, Jeffrey Scott Cash, Roxanne Causby, Dennis Caveny, Gaye Caveny, Charles Champion, Terry Chapman, Connie Jean Cochran, Lindsay Cole, Terry Lynn Conner, Doris Renee Cook, Kimberly Lynn Cook, Gerald Cooper, Michael Cornwell, Clyde Crawford, Lisa Crawford, Steven Crawford, William Davis, Jr., Jeffrey Dixon, Karen Lynn Dixon, Kim Dixon, Mark Dixon, Michael Donald, Sherry Dover, Melissa Eng, Lewis Fannin, Phillip Fisher, Russell Fleming, Sandra Ford, Chris Fortenberry, Curtis Foster, Jr., Walter K. Frazier, Timothy Gaddy, Tela Rena Gardner, Bridget Glass, Stephen Gnant, Sheryl Goode, Margaret Grant, Calvin Greene, Dale Greene, Sonya Griffin, Timothy Griffin, Johnny Grigg, Linda Gsellman, Sherry Guyton, Markus Hager, Gregory Hambricht, Jane Hambricht, Priscilla Hambricht, James Leon Hamrick, Jay Hamrick, Leslie Hamrick, and Kim Haney.

Also: Dave Hargrove, Jr., Lawrence Henderson, Lisa Hayes, Barbara Hillman, Debra Hipp, Eugene Holmes, Janet Homesley, Earnest Calvin Hood, Deborah Jean Hopper, Anne Hord, Horace Hord, Sandy Horn, Dana Horne, Sheila Houser, Sandi Hovis, Myra Howell, Kristal Huffstetler, Jamie Humphries, Paul Ingram,

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## Mountaineer Club Seeks Members For 1981-82 Year

The Kings Mountain High Mountaineer Club (Booster's Club) will hold an important meeting Monday night at 7:30 p.m. at B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

All members and prospective members are urged to attend. The club will elect officers and discuss important plans for the next school year.

A page ad on the back page of Section A of today's *Herald* explains some of the benefits of being a booster, and some of the benefits the KMHS athletes receive because of the group's interest in their programs.

One of the big benefits of joining the club is preferred parking at the football games.

All KMHS supporters are urged to read the ad, see the club's benefits, and join Monday night.