

## Board Okays New Gas Line

By GARY STEWART  
Editor

City Commissioners Tuesday night approved a \$218,248.32 bid from P&M Construction Company of Shelby to build a new gas transmission line from Transco to the city's regulator station.

P&M was the low bidder among five construction companies that bidded on the work. Charles Heath of Heath and Associates, the city's engineers,

said construction should begin within 30 days.

Mayor John Henry Moss said the new line will carry more volume and pressure and equalize pressure throughout the city on the natural gas system. The new line will provide 4,215 lineal feet of service as compared to 9,600 provided by the line that is to be replaced.

The board also approved an increase in natural gas rates. Heath said he looks for a decrease in September and another increase in March.

The increase, Heath said, will be "five or six percent for residential, about five percent for small commercial and a little less than five percent for large commercial."

The city sells natural gas by MCFs. One MCF is equal to 1,000 cubic feet. Mayor Moss said the increase will be about \$1.50 per month for the minimum usage and about \$2.90 per month for the average household.

"We're hoping the decrease in September will be greater than the increase now," Moss said.

In other action Tuesday, the board:

\*Approved a bid of \$4,010 from Dr. James Mason on parcel number 30 of the Community Development project, which is located on the northeast corner of Watterson and King Street. Dr. Mason, an optometrist, plans to construct a 2,000 square foot office building on the property, which contains 33,972 square feet. Mason said the building will be a brick veneer structure and construction will begin within 90 days after conveyance of the deed. He said he will have the ability to expand in the future.

\*Appointed Charles Mauney to the Mauney Memorial Library Board. Mauney replaces Joseph R. Smith, who has moved from the community.



DR. IRWIN BUCHWALD

## Buchwald To Speak On Tuesday

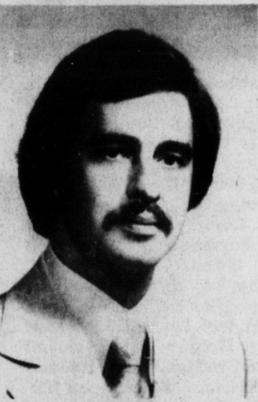
Dr. Irwin A. Buchwald, M.D., will be returning to Kings Mountain Hospital as a guest lecturer Tuesday. He lectured here last July.

Dr. Buchwald's subject will be "New Concepts in the Treatment of Asthma."

Dr. Buchwald is currently chief of Pulmonary Medicine at St. John's Hospital in Lowell, Mass.

The 12:30 lecture is being sponsored by the Respiratory Therapy Department.

## Mauney, Yarbro Elected To Board Of Trustees



DR. JEFF MAUNEY

Dr. Jeff Mauney and Jim Lee Yarbro were elected as two new members of the Kings Mountain Hospital Board of Trustees at the annual meeting on June 30.

They replace John L. McGill and Carl F. Mauney.

L.E. (Josh) Hinnant, Kings Mountain banker and Cleveland County Commissioner, was re-elected as President of the Board. Tom Tate, Home Savings and Loan Executive, was elected vice-president, and J.C. Bridges, local hardware dealer, was elected secretary-treasurer.

Other members of the Board of Trustees are N.F. McGill Jr., Mrs. Margaret Meeks, Joe Lee III, Fain Hambright, Mrs. Euline Hord, Mrs. Marilyn Neisler and William Orr.

## 'Then Conquer We Must' Continues At KMN Park

The cast of the outdoor drama "Then Conquer We Must" will be hoping for better weather as they prepare to present their second weekend of performances Thursday through Saturday night at the amphitheatre at Kings Mountain National Military Park.

Rain cancelled last Thursday's opening performance and the threat of rain held the size of the audience down on Friday and Saturday night.

Only 30 people showed up opening night, and the performance was cancelled 15 minutes into the play. Friday's crowd was estimated at 30 and 60 people were in attendance Saturday.

"It was rough because of the weather, but because the people showed up, we went ahead with it," commented Reb Wiesener of Kings Mountain, who plays Col. John Sevier. "We were fortunate to have as many people as we did."

"We should have a lot bigger audience this week," he continued. "Last week's audience, although small, was very lively and was very happy with the performance."

Curtain time Thursday, Friday and Saturday is 8:30 p.m. The drama will continue each Thursday, Friday and Saturday through August 8.

Tickets are \$3.50 for bleacher seats and \$4.50 for orchestra seats.



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## Senator Harris Had Triumphs, Defeats During 1981 GA Session

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Kings Mountain's Ollie Harris returns home this week from his fifth session in the North Carolina General Assembly, and the break before another special session in October will be welcomed.

Harris feels the current session is the most frustrating he's been through, but many good things have been accomplished.

Personally, he had some triumphs and defeats. He sponsored some budget projects—such as air conditioning for Broughton Hospital—which were successful and he sponsored some bills—such as Parental Permission on Abortions—which were defeated.

He calls this session the most frustrating because of the uncertainty of how federal grants will be given to the individual states. The federal government operates

on an October 1-September 30 year and the state government on a July 1-June 30 year, thus, North Carolina will not know for sure how much federal money it will receive until October.

"That could cause a hardship on the state in seeing that each county and city receives its due part," says Harris, "and it creates an undue burden on the General Assembly as being an in-between between the bureaucracy and the people needing services."

The General Assembly appropriated almost \$12 billion over the next two years, including Harris's personal victory of \$3,200,000 for air conditioning Broughton Hospital in Morganton.

Harris has been working on that project for six years.

The veteran Senator noted that he had visited Broughton on several occasions when the temperature was over 100

degrees. "Here we are air-conditioning prisons and these poor people are sitting up there with no air conditioning. I was particularly proud that we got that because I worked on it and as chairman of Human Resources, it came under my jurisdiction."

This General Assembly will be long-remembered as the one which imposed a three-cent per gallon tax increase on gasoline, and that action, along with increased license fees, will generate over \$90 million a year for road improvements. Governor Jim Hunt is seeking over \$200 million more from other sources.

But Harris, along with eight of the other nine Senate and House representatives from this area, was against the gasoline tax from the beginning. The Senate later killed tax on alcohol, so Harris said he was "proud of our delegation" for sticking to its guns on gas tax.

The only representative from this area voting for the tax was David Bumgardner of Belmont, who is a member of the Transportation Board.

Harris said he opposed the gas tax because it is a necessity and will "hurt the little man. Gas is a deduction for the businessman," he said. "Look at me. I drive a Harris Funeral Home car. My men don't get that. They come to work in their own cars."

Harris added that he "realizes the need" for maintaining good roads "but we should have waited a year and let the Department of Transportation cut out its fat. The Department of Transportation spent over \$40 million in consultant fees over the past four years, and that kind of spending is completely out of line."

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## Mayor Threatens To Sue

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Grover Mayor Bill McCarter threatened town council members with a "friendly suit" Monday night at the board's regular monthly meeting at Town Hall after the council voted unanimously not to reimburse McCarter for some seeding work he had done on Carolina Avenue.

McCarter had earlier presented finance officer Ronald Queen with a bill requesting \$289.29 for reimbursement of expenses. Of that amount, the board approved reimbursing McCarter \$63.41 for expenses for a trip to Raleigh and \$41.80 for the cost of envelopes. But the remaining \$184.08, which included the hauling of dirt, seed and fertilizer for a re-seeding project on Carolina Avenue, was denied.

The board members claimed the work was not authorized, and McCarter took it upon himself to do the work. McCarter claimed the work was authorized by a previous town board, and told the council "if you were not on the council (when the action was passed), you inherited what they were obligated for."

The project traces back several years to when the council approved curb and guttering for the street, but the re-seeding of yards along the street, in most cases, was done by the property owners.

The question of whether the property owners were to re-seed the lawns, or if it was to be done by the town, has been up in air ever since.

According to McCarter, it was the town's responsibility, but according to Commissioner Juanita Pruette, who was not on

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Photo by Gary Stewart

UMMM, UMMM - The youngsters weren't the only ones having fun during the city's Fourth of July celebration Saturday at Deal Street Park. Mrs. Robert Peterson, 82, was one of the

contestants in the watermelon eating contest. "I'm having a ball," she noted. For more pictures on the event, turn to page 1-B.