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THE NEWS IN BRIEF

BAND CONCERT

The Kings Mountain Senior High Blazer Band and the Kings Mountain Junior High Ninth Grade Band will present a public concert on Thurs., Mar. 18 at 8 p.m. in B.N. Barnes Auditorium. The program will consist of State Contest Music Festival selections. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

SUPERIOR

The Kings Mountain Junior High Ninth Grade Band, under the direction of Christopher H. Cole, received a superior rating at the Junior High State Band Concert Festival Friday at Wingate College. The band performed in the Grade 3 Division and was one of 30 bands participating.

TALENT SHOW

The East School Talent Show will be held Thurs., Mar. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Central School Auditorium. Admission is 50 cents. The winners will advance to the annual Kiwanis Club Talent Show. Willard Boyles will be the Master of Ceremonies.

PRECINCT MEETING

The annual meeting of the East Kings Mountain Democratic Precinct will be held Thurs., March 11 at 8 p.m. in Room 111 (Mountaineer Room) of the Kings Mountain Community Center on Cleveland Avenue. All registered Democrats in the East Kings Mountain precinct are urged to attend.

If you hear a buzzing sound when you pick up your telephone, don't worry.

Southern Bell has changed some equipment in the Kings Mountain area, causing the dial tone to sound different from in the past.

"Do not call Telephone Repair Service to report this, as it does not affect your local service," said Sam Davis, Southern Bell Public Relations Manager.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Kings Mountain Fire Department will sponsor a rummage sale on March 27 in the field across from the fire department. In case of rain, it will be held inside the fire department. Clothes, furniture, cakes and pies will be sold. All proceeds will go toward the construction of a roof on the fire museum. Anyone with items to donate may call the fire department at 739-2552. Items may be brought to the fire station or firemen will pick them up.

TALENT SHOW

The West School Talent Show will be held Thurs., Mar. 25 at 7 p.m. at Barnes Auditorium. Steve Baker will be the Master of Ceremonies and special entertainment will be presented by Kate's Skating Rink of Gastonia. Admission is one dollar for adults and 50 cents for students.

KIWANIS CLUB

Ronnie Robinson of Eastern Airlines will be the guest speaker at Thursday night's meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club at the Woman's Club Building.

The City of Kings Mountain has received a good report from Subsurface Investigations, Inc. of Charlotte, which was hired recently to inspect the dam at Moss Lake.

Although the investigators found some minor problems, they said they could be easily corrected. The city, according to Mayor John Moss, will correct them in the spring.

The firm investigated the dam on February 10 and February 26, with the latter investigation dealing solely with a 250-plus feet corrugated metal pipe which has been leaking for sometime.

Edward S. Cummings III, Engineer-in-Training and William G. Smith, President of Subsurface Investigations, said the pipe was not constructed on a straight line and has slight bends along its downstream 250 feet.

Mayor Moss said the city believes the pipe was bent during installation.

The investigators said there are several isolated points of leakage at bolt holes and water discharges from those holes. They also said "the bulge or inwardly deflected pipe wall in the right side of the pipe (facing downstream) is large and noticeable and several leaks between the steel plate near the upper two-thirds of the pipe are prominent" and that discharge "is clear at this time."

They further said that "as we understand it, the pipe is not bedded in concrete or filter sand

and the embankment soil is exposed directly to this flowing water. This is a potentially dangerous situation."

They said another area of concern is the "performance of the pipe shell under load. In many cases bedding is important to its arch function and design. If the pipe bedding or symmetry are influenced its strength may be influenced."

The city, as suggested by Subsurface, plans to cure the problem by installing a new metal pipe inside the existing one. The space between the pipes will be grouted full to transfer any potential load and stop the leaks.

In the earlier inspection, Subsurface reported that the dam

and spillway structures are intact, sound and operating properly, and no major problems were found.

The investigators found what they called several "minor" items which should be corrected in three to 12 months.

They included brush, tree seedlings and weeds growing on the downstream slope of the dam. They recommended that they be mowed to maintain grass cover which is necessary for erosion protection as well as to eliminate tree root penetration into the dam.

They also suggested that weir boxes be cleaned every three to four months and said that eventually the open construction

joint in the east spillway wall may require a sand filter backfill and a surface seal to insure that no soil fines are removed from under the spillway or behind the wall.

Subsurface was hired by the city to inspect the dam twice a year. Moss said state law requires that it be inspected once a year. The state inspects it once a year and W.K. Dickson Co., the city consulting engineers, inspects it quarterly.

Moss said he considers the Subsurface reports a "good report. It's the city's general desire to maintain a safe and very viable facility to improve the economic development of the entire area," he said.

City Gets Good Report On John Moss Lake Dam

Bruce Scism To Run

Bruce Scism of Kings Mountain has announced his candidacy for the North Carolina State Senate.

He will run in the 25th Senatorial District, which comprises Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln and Rutherford counties, against incumbents Ollie Harris, Marshall Rauch and Helen Rhyne Marvin.

The dates of the filing period and primary election have not yet been announced, due to re-districting plans.

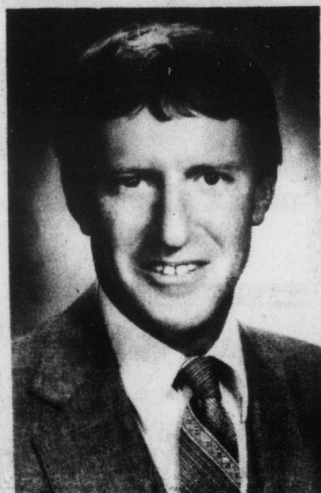
Scism, 37, is a Baptist. He attended Kings Mountain High School and Nashville Auto Diesel College and is co-owner and President of Southern Excavation Co.

He is married to the former Martha Ernst, who is a candidate for the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners. They are parents of three sons. Scism is a member of Fairview Lodge 339 AF & AM, Loyal Order of Moose, and serves as president of the Association of Cleveland County Taxpayers (ACT).

Scism said he's running for Senate because he feels it is time "went sent some people with common sense to Raleigh."

"I am a common working man with common sense," he said. "I started my working life by digging ditches. As a working man climbing the ladder, I know what it's like for the average person trying to achieve the one feeling all people desire and few receive—security."

"I believe it's time we sent some people with common sense to Raleigh to counteract some of



BRUCE SCISM

the legislators' over-educated, stupid laws that they pass and expect us to believe they're for our sakes," he said.

Scism said he has taken several trips to Raleigh to see the legislature in action, and has not been impressed with what he has seen.

"For example," he said, "how many people know that when a jury works so hard to reach a verdict in a trial, the judge, after praising them for serving and telling them what a fine job they have done, and after excusing them, decides he doesn't like the verdict. Then in his almighty wisdom and for even selfish reasons, he can set the verdict aside and declare there has to be a new trial? What's the use of a

jury trial with this law, except to make us little people believe we have a fair court system?"

Scism said he opposes a referendum to allow four-year General Assembly terms.

"This is just another example of how they sneak laws right under the peoples' noses," he said. "They know that most people don't vote in primaries, and that's what they're counting on."

"Common sense tells me, if you are not satisfied with our present Senators in Raleigh, or any other elected officials for that matter, then do something about it. Vote in all elections. It is your duty and responsibility as a citizen to vote in this primary election."

"Things are not going to get any better until the people do better," he continued. "This statement might make some people angry, but the people who haven't voted in any of the past primary elections, and don't intend to in this one because they think it's a waste of time, in a way deserve what they government shoves down their throats."

"The system has forced such a burden on us that we can't even walk, much less climb. If our children are to enjoy the freedom our fathers did, something has to be done."

"My father and grandfather always said if you want something done right, do it yourself," he added. "That's why I'm running for Senate."

Board Says No Again

The Kings Mountain District Schools Board of Education Monday night voted for the second time in five months not to participate in any further talks of merger of the three school systems in Cleveland County.

The board, which voted in November not to participate in discussion of a merger feasibility study, had received an invitation from the Cleveland County and Shelby City school systems to meet on March 15.

The three boards met last fall in Shelby to discuss the possibility of a study, at which time most of the Kings Mountain board members said they were against it.

At Monday's meeting, four of the five members said they were still against it. Harold Lineberger said he is against a merger but does not oppose a study.

Chairman June Lee said that since last fall's meeting in Shelby she has been "bombarded from people in Kings Mountain who are opposed to a merger or discussion of merger." She said rather than to spend time discussing merger she will "spend my time and efforts making better what we've got."

New member Jerry Ledford, who said before his election last

November that he would oppose a merger, stuck by his platform. He said most people in Kings Mountain feel that if a merger of administrations comes about Kings Mountain High School would be closed and all administrative offices moved out of town.

A merger study conducted by an independent firm would cost at least \$20,000, according to school officials. A free study could be conducted by the State Department of Public Instruction.

"A study conducted by the state would probably recommend merger," Ledford said. "I

see no reason participating in a study if we're against merger."

Lineberger said he had received some input from persons "who think we might have been a little too hasty" in opposing a merger discussion. "Even though we're against merger at present, we might feel differently in years to come."

In another matter Monday, the board adopted a current expense budget proposal of \$2,525,709 and a capital outlay proposal of \$415,300 for the 1982-83 school year.

The board is requesting

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Graveside Services Held For Nell Biser, Teacher

Graveside services for Mrs. Nell Watterson Biser, 76, of 408 West Gold Street, were conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mountain Rest Cemetery by the Rev. Ivan Stephens.

Mrs. Biser, widow of the late M.H. Biser and a retired teacher for Kings Mountain District Schools, died Thursday night at Kings Mountain Hospital.

She was the daughter of the

late Noel F. and Emma Goforth Watterson and a member of Central United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Lina Behrens of Alexandria, Va., and Joyce Biser of Kings Mountain; one brother, Charles K. Biser of Charlotte; one sister, Mrs. M.M. Barber Sr. of Chattanooga, Tenn.; and one grand-daughter.



Photo by Gary Stewart

SCOUT WEEK PROCLAIMED - Mayor John Henry Moss proclaims the week of March 8-13 as Girl Scout Week in Kings Mountain as

Scouts Cindy Adams and Mary Starnes look on. Girl Scout Day in Government was held Monday.

Radar Bids Okayed

Kings Mountain's Board of Commissioners, in a brief meeting Monday night at the Governmental Services Facilities Center, awarded bids on two new radar units for the Kings Mountain Police Department.

The units—including one mobile unit and one hand-held unit—will be purchased at a cost of \$2,790 from MPH Industries, Inc. of Chanute, Kansas.

The Kansas firm placed a base bid of \$4,170 with an allowance of \$1,380 for an old unit which will be traded in.

The only other bid received was \$3,146.25 from Skip Spence.

In other action Monday, the board:

*Proclaimed March 14-20 as "Employ the Older Worker

Week" and March 8-13 as "Girl Scout Week."

*Received an annexation petition from Marion Dixon for two tracts of land in the Kings Mountain Country Club section, and authorized City Clerk Joe McDaniel to investigate the petition.

*Received a request from George Mauney to rezone property on the northwest side of South Railroad Avenue (the old Nation Chevrolet property) from C-B to G-B. The request was forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Board.

*Authorized advertising for bids for lighting of City Stadium.

*Authorized the city to work with Bobby Collins of 901 Gantt Street to correct a drainage pro-

blem on his property. The cost to the city will be approximately \$740.

*Designated the weeks of April 19-24 and September 13-18 as Clean-up, Paint-up and Litter Weeks in Kings Mountain. The clean-up efforts here will be part of a statewide effort sponsored by individual cities and the Department of Transportation.

*Authorized advertising for bids for concessionaire rights for the City Parks and Recreation Department. Mayor John Moss said the recreation department will continue to operate concession stands at the Neighborhood Facilities Center complex but all others will be put out to bid.