

Robert McRee Jr. Appointed KMSHS Principal

Robert (Bob) McRee, Jr., 32, who for the past three years has been principal of Piedmont High School near Monroe, Thursday was named the new principal at Kings Mountain High School.

The announcement was made following a special meeting of the board of education. The board went into executive session to interview McRee and one other person before making its final decision.

McRee succeeds Forrest Wheeler, who resigned recently to accept a principal's position in Georgia. McRee will assume his new duties here in July.

McRee has been in the Piedmont school system for several years. He was assistant principal at Piedmont High and principal of Piedmont Middle School prior to being named to his present position. He has also taught at Forbush High in Yadkin County and Southview Academy in Wadesboro.

William Davis, Supt. of Schools



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present and previous employers, he's an outstanding educator and relates very well to teachers, students and people in the community," Davis said. "I have talked with him twice and the board has talked with him once and we're very much impressed. He's a great community man and an excellent principal.

"He and his wife have visited around town," Davis continued, "and they're very impressed with the community. They see it as a progressive town and are very anxious to get re-located and get involved in community affairs."

Davis said the board received over 20 applications for the post and interviewed 12 persons before narrowing it down to two finalists.

McRee is a native of Peachland, N.C., a small town in Anson County. He graduated from Anson High near Wadesboro and holds degrees from Wake Forest, Appalachian State and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

He is married to the former Jackie Caudle and is the father of two children, Juli, age six, and Molly, 10 months.

here, said he is highly impressed with McRee, both as an educator and a citizen.

"From all the information that I have been able to gather from his



REACH TO RECOVERY GIFTS—Mrs. Humes Houston, left, Mrs. Jack (Monty) Floyd, KM Hospital Director of Nursing Ron Bagwell, Mrs. Gene Branton and Mrs. David Rose are shown with the new equipment presented to KM Hospital for teaching self-breast

examinations to female patients and employees. The gifts, in honor of Mrs. Jack Floyd, represent proceeds from the recent Sweetheart Ball of Delta Sigma and Xi Beta Eta Chapters of Beta Sigma Phi sororities for its Reach to Recovery program.

'Sweethearts Donate Aids To KM Hospital

Kings Mountain Hospital is recipient of a slide projector, cassettes, teaching models and pamphlets for teaching self-breast examination to female patients and employees.

The gift, which was presented Thursday to Ron Bagwell, Director of Nursing, represents proceeds from the recent Sweetheart Ball of members of Delta Sigma and Xi Beta Eta Chapters of Beta Sigma Phi sororities of Cleveland County for its Reach to Recovery program.

Mrs. Humes Houston, Kings Mountain chairman of the Reach to Recovery program of the American

Cancer Society, said that a total of \$1,743.69 was used to purchase the equipment for all hospitals in the county. The presentation was also made at Cleveland Memorial Hospital in Shelby and Crawley Memorial Hospital in Bowling Springs.

The gifts are in honor of Monty (Mrs. Jack) Floyd. Mrs. Gene Branton, outgoing president of Delta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, and Mrs. David Rose, president of Xi Beta Eta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, made the presentations at Kings Mountain Hospital.

Elected To State Offices

Mrs. Angenette Homsley, Head Start Director, has been elected Vice-President for Pre-School and Mrs. Hilda Kiser, teacher at Bethware School, has been elected treasurer of the newly-formed Greater Cleveland Branch of the North Carolina Association of Childhood Education International.

Twenty-eight people met at Jefferson School May 1 to form the organization and membership is open to parents, child care workers, educators, aides, psychologists, and others who wish to help children.

Among the purposes of the Greater Cleveland Branch are working for the well-being and education of all children, promoting desirable conditions and practices in child care centers and schools, encouraging cooperation of parents, teachers and others who have the concerns of children at heart, and encouraging continued professional growth of teachers and others in care-giving positions.

Mrs. Sonya H. Jones of Bowling Springs is president of the group. Mrs. Golden Young of Graham School is vice president for early education. Mrs. Dorothy Poston of Marion School is vice president for intermediate education and Mrs. Mary Beth Blanton of No. 3 School is secretary.

Firm Buys Property

Reliance Electric Company of Cleveland, Ohio has purchased 51 acres across from Bethware School in the area of Road 1001 and adjacent to the proposed 74 By-Pass of Kings Mountain.

Reliance owns properties throughout the United States and currently has a \$8.3 million plant under construction in Weaverville near Asheville.

The company officials have not indicated what their plans are for the property, which according to transfer tax stamps in the county

register of deeds office, indicates purchase price was approximately \$345,000.

Jerry King, director of the Kings Mountain Economic Development Corporation, said that speculation from local and county officials is that "a lot will depend upon the economy" and that Karl E. Hein, corporate facilities engineer for the big electronics firm, confirmed that Reliance hasn't determined when it will use or what use will be made of the property.

KM Police Taking New Applications

The Kings Mountain Police Department is taking applications through 5 p.m., Fri., May 18.

Applicants must be high school graduates, ages 21-35, be at least five feet-seven (males) and five-four (females). Male applicants should weigh no less than 140 (110 females) with height and weight proportionate. Uncorrected vision must be 20-100, corrected to 20-20. Hearing must be normal as determined by an audiometric test.

Acting Chief J.D. Barrett said all applicants will be given a written

test, agility test and have a thorough investigation conducted into their backgrounds.

All applicants considered for employment undergo a one year probation during which they may be dismissed at any time for determined general unsuitability or for cause.

Applications are being taken in Chief Barrett's office Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

KMPD is an equal opportunity employer.



GENE TIGNOR
...Post 155 Commander

Gene Tignor Is Elected Commander

Kings Mountain Fire Chief Gene Tignor, active Legionnaire in Post 155, has been elected Post Commander of Otis D. Green Post 155 for the coming year.

He will be installed, along with other officers, Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in installation ceremonies at the American Legion Building. Former Division Five Commander Carl Webb of Cherryville will install the new officers.

Other officers, who were elected in club balloting last week, are Charles Hampton, first vice commander; Aud Tignor, second vice-commander; Joe H. McDaniel, adjutant and finance officer; Carl Wilson, chaplain; David Delevie, historian; Jack Hovis, service officer; Rick Moore, judge advocate; John W. Gladden, sergeant-at-arms, and Laurence Adams, assistant sergeant-at-arms.

The executive board includes Jim Amos, Jack Bennett, Curtis Gaffney, Gene Gibson and Clifford Pearson.

H. Luco Falls is outgoing commander.

Scores High

Tammy Blanton, teller at Kings Mountain Savings & Loan Association, scored 98 on finals tests administered following her completion of a six weeks course in teller operations.

The class was taught at Central Piedmont College and was sponsored by the Institute of Financial Education of the N.C. Savings & Loan League.

Miss Blanton, a 1977 graduate of Kings Mountain Senior High, attended Gaston College. She joined the local firm as a teller last November.

Westmoreland Wins District 2 NCAE Seat

Dean B. Westmoreland, a teacher at Kings Mountain Senior High, has been elected to a District 2 N.C. Association of Educators seat.

Westmoreland, a native of Grover, is a former president of NCAE.

Kitty S. Wynnberry of Gastonia County was elected president of District 2 during the state-wide association elections.

The new officers will take office July 1.



DEAN WESTMORELAND

Fund-Raising Events Planned

A couple of fund-raising events are scheduled the week of May 20 in Kings Mountain.

On Sun., May 20 the Kings Mountain Rotary Club will sponsor its first annual Rotary Run at West School.

Charles Mauney, chairman of the event, said the run is co-sponsored by Home Savings and Loan Association and will begin at 3 p.m.

Three events are scheduled: a 10,000 meter (6.2 miles); 5,000 meters (3.1 miles); and a one mile run. The runs will begin and end at West School.

T-shirts will be given to all entrants and prizes or ribbons to the first six finishers in each division.

Age classifications, male and female, are 11-16; 17-22; 23-30; 31-39; 40-49; and 50-plus. Registration fee is \$5 and proceeds go to The Rotary International Foundation and Kings Mountain Rotary Scholarship Fund.

Registration blanks are available at all banks and savings institutions.

Griffin Drug Co. and The Mirror-Herald.

Later this month The Mirror-Herald will publish a map of the three run routes.

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On Sat., May 26 the second annual St. Jude Children's Hospital Bike-A-Thon is scheduled at Kings Mountain Senior High at 9 a.m.

The 10-mile course event is again chaired by Robert Dodge, who said the first event last year raised over \$4,000 locally for the hospital.

St. Jude's deals in research and treatment of catastrophic childhood diseases. Children are treated no matter the financial circumstances of the family.

Bikers are urged to obtain their own sponsors for the event by turning in lists of their sponsors.

A grand prize will be awarded the biker who raises the most money for St. Jude's.



ALL ABOARD—Senior citizens are pictured as they boarded three vans for Shelby Saturday morning and Older Citizens Health Day at the Cleveland County Health Center. More than 50 local people took part in the free health check-ups during the day. Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth George prepare the group for departure in front of the KM Depot Center.

Photo by Lib Stewart