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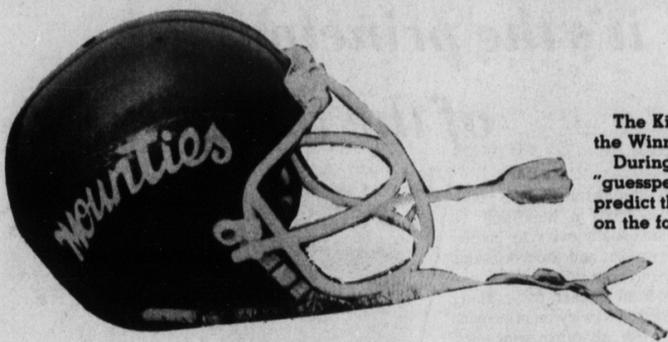
The Kings Mountain Herald today begins its popular "Pick the Winners" football contest. During the next 10 weeks, the contest will give area grid "guessperts" the chance to win \$75. All you have to do is predict the largest number of winners from the 20 games listed on the football advertisement page.

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The contest is open to everyone except employees of the Herald and their immediate families. Rules are explained on the contest page and all contestants are urged to read them carefully.

The contest page will run each Tuesday throughout the high school regular season. Entries must be in our hands by noon Fridays. They may be mailed to Football Contest, P.O. Box 752, Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086; or you may bring them by our office at the intersection of East King Street and Canterbury Road.

The winners will be announced each Tuesday and they may pick up their checks at our office on the following Friday. So, get ready. It's kickoff time!



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Back To Old School

21 Students Transferred

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Kings Mountain Schools are in the process of transferring 21 students who had been attending a school outside of their own district back to their own attendance area.

The move became necessary last week when some transfers approved earlier by the board of education resulted in overloads at several elementary schools.

The board met in a special session Wednesday afternoon at the Superintendent's Office and approved the action.

"We've met some disappointed parents as a result of their children having to change schools," Supt. William Davis said Friday. "We expected the disappointment. Of course, we're disappointed too. But it's a matter of necessity and most people are accepting it in good spirit. They understand."

The board granted 88 transfers to students already living in the Kings Mountain School District but who wanted to attend a school outside their attendance area. However, Davis pointed out, that transfers are approved on condition that they do not create an overload, and in cases where they do create an overload, it is understood students will be required to go back to the school in their own attendance areas.

When a selection of students is required, Davis noted, they are done on a first come, first serve basis.

The 21 students reassigned were ones whose transfers had been received in the Superintendent's Office at the latest dates.

In a number of cases of overloaded classrooms, Davis said the re-transferring of students would not solve the problem. Even after the re-transfers, overloaded situations would still exist. In those cases, he said, he would seek out parents who may be willing to have their children transferred to another school.

Overloaded classrooms exist at East School, where the kindergarten class exceeds the suggested maximum of 26 by eight students; Bethware and West. Many of the overloads at West and Bethware were a result of students transferring from North, which has a number of empty classrooms.

Davis said the system has freely allowed student transfers from within the district but they had never before created a "problem of this magnitude." Davis said a few students had to be moved out of West last year but the two years prior to that, none had to be moved.

"We have no assurance this action will solve the problem," Davis said, "but it will get us so

close to it (the recommended class sizes) that we can manage."

In a related matter Wednesday, the board denied two different requests for student transfers. In one request, a parent who is moving into Kings Mountain from another town requested that his two children be transferred to West from North. In the other, a parent moving out of the West district into the Grover district requested that his children be allowed to continue at West.

In another matter, Assistant Superintendent Larry Allen reported that several parents are complaining about the bus routes and explained the state law and local policy concerning routes and stops.

Allen says state law requires buses to travel within one mile of a residence and further states that buses cannot travel on non-state roads.

Allen said the Cleveland County Transportation Organization passed a ruling that school buses would try to travel to within four-tenths of a mile of each residence and that stops should be scheduled no closer than two-tenths of a mile apart.

Allen said a number of parents feel buses should stop at each driveway, as they have in years past. However, he said, the two-tenths of a mile ruling was necessary because of last year's gas crunch and the result of it was less consumption of fuel.

A number of roads in the KM district are dead end roads, Allen said, and students on some of those roads must walk to the main road and wait for the bus. Some housing developments, he said, have roads that were built by the developer and have not yet been adopted by the state. Thus, it is illegal for a school bus to travel there.

One example, he said, is the White Plains community near Bethlehem. The roads were paved by the developer but are not state-adopted roads. Students there, he said, must catch the bus at the Bethlehem and White Plains intersection.

"We're having requests to go in there," he said. "I followed a Grover bus in there one day, and I went to the Grover Principal, Jim Scruggs, and told him it would have to stop. If the state adopts the roads, we'll route a bus in there."

Allen said he has also had requests for bus service where students have transferred from one district to another. Those cannot be approved.

"If we have to send a child to another school because of a board decision, we will try our best to provide transportation," he said. "But if the parents request the transfer, they should provide transportation."

"At White Plains, for example, if the state adopts the roads there, we will route a Grover bus in there because it is in the Grover district. But we won't be able to route a Bethware bus in there, because it is not the Bethware school district."

In all cases, Allen said, the schools will "go as far as we can in pleasing our patrons and treat everyone as fairly as we can."



Photo By LIB STEWART

PROMOTE CELEBRATION-Kings Mountain Mayor John Henry Moss, left, KMSHS Principal Bob McRae and KMSHS Junior Dawn Hambricht exhibit the city's first bumper sticker which calls attention to the October celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain. The bumper stickers

are available in the Bicentennial headquarters downtown. Miss Hambricht is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hambricht of Grover and is a descendant of Col. Frederick Hambricht, Revolutionary War hero at the Battle of Kings Mountain.

ABC Election In KM's Future?

At least 100 petitions calling for a referendum on creation of an ABC store and off premises sale of beer and wine are being circulated in Kings Mountain.

Scott Cloninger, Kings Mountain lawyer, acknowledged this week that he drew up the petitions at the request of several citizens. Cloninger said that a chairman of the effort is still to be named.

The last referendum by Kings Mountain citizens was narrowly defeated at the polls in March 1975.

Cloninger said that because of the deadline on certifying names on the petitions, the referendum could not come as early as the general election on Nov. 4. If the petition drive is successful, the

referendum would probably be held in January or February, he said.

According to Cloninger, the petitions ask the city board of commissioners to request the city elections board to set up a referendum on the following issues: for or against establishment of an ABC store, for or against off premises sale of unfortified wine and for or against off-premises sale of malt beverages.

Cloninger estimated that fewer than 400 signatures are needed to call for the election but that organizers are aiming for a strong showing before the petitions are turned over to the commissioners.

New Subscription Rates Go Into Effect Today

New subscription rates for the Kings Mountain Herald go into effect today.

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Men To March Again

Down from the hills and coves they come, more than 1,000 strong, to seek out and destroy the man who had promised to burn their homes and destroy their crops if they did not swear allegiance to the king.

These "Overmountain Men" brought their quarry, British Major Patrick Ferguson and a force of 900, to bay atop a South Carolina ridge known as Kings Mountain on the afternoon of Oct. 7, 1780.

The overwhelming victory by the frontiersmen is credited with turning the tide of the Revolution, which until then had been going badly for Americans, and hastening the end of the conflict with England.

The 200th anniversary of that 219-mile march down from the mountains to the battle site will be reenacted in detail this fall, beginning Sept. 24 at Abingdon, Va.

There is a possibility that this year the Overmountain Victory Trail Association, the group that began the march reenactments five years ago, will find at Kings Mountain on October 7 a prize nearly as valuable as their predecessors found in Major Ferguson 200 years ago.

That will be designation of the route taken by the Overmountain Men to reach Kings Mountain as the "Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail."

Such a designation long has been a goal of the Association and a bill that would make the dream a reality now is before

Congress. Favorable action by that body before adjournment on October 3 would add glitter to what already promises to be a significant occasion.

Dennis "Stump" Kline of Rogersville, Tenn., a juvenile court officer, will be the Grand Marshal for this year's march and the Association could not have selected a more appropriate leader.

Kline is the only person to have walked every step of the five previous reenactments - 170 miles in 1975 and 1976 when the

march began at Sycamore Shoals near Elizabethton, Tenn., and 219 miles each year since 1977, when the start was shifted northward to Abingdon.

Kline said he expects fully half of the OVT Association's 500 members, plus many others wishing to take part in the 200th anniversary event, to make the full journey this year.

"We will welcome anyone who wishes to join us," Kline said, "but we will insist that all

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Petitions To Be Presented To County Commissions

Petitions of thousands of angered taxpayers are expected to be presented to the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners at the Sept. 15 meeting in Shelby by a citizens group who also expect to field a slate of Democratic candidates to oppose incumbents in the general election.

The Association of Cleveland County Taxpayers is led by Bruce Scism of Kings Mountain, who was officially elected the leader, at an organizational meeting Friday night in the Cleveland County Office Building. Dennis Rayfield of Shelby was elected the vice chairman.

More than 300 citizens attended the meeting and called for tax

cuts and a change in county leadership. More than \$900 in contributions was also raised at the meeting.

Among those elected to serve on the association's board of directors representing each township of the county were Robert Warlick, mayor of Belwood; Freddie Harrill, unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic nomination for state House; and Everett Lutz, husband of state Rep. Edith Lutz.

Most of the questions raised centered on why the county commissioners chose "outsiders" to conduct this year's property revaluation. Scism said that citizens are "fed up on high property taxes."