

Industry Wants To Rent Compact School Gym

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The Kings Mountain District Schools Board of Education Monday night tabled a decision on whether or not to rent the Compact School gymnasium to a local firm for use as a processing plant for synthetic fibers.

The firm, which Supt. Bill Davis said wishes to be unnamed at present, is offering the school

system \$500 per month and will pay the utilities, fire insurance and return the building to its original condition after the rental period is over.

Davis said the company will make some minor alterations, including installation of a large door and loading ramp.

The gym is currently being used by a group of Compact citizens for recreational and

social purposes, Davis said, but that group and the school board do not have "an agreement that is binding."

The citizens' group, led by Danny Childers, has put little money into the building, Davis said, but keeps it clean and "occasionally" takes up money from among its members to help on the cost of utilities.

The board voted unanimously to wait on a decision until after Davis talked the matter over with the citizens' group.

"We don't get an offer like this every year," said Harold Lineberger, the newest member of the board. "For a long time, we wondered what to do with the building."

The board, in past meetings, has discussed the future of Compact and at one time considered either selling or destroying the building. Board members decided, however, that the school may be needed in case of future growth.

Davis mentioned the possibility of moving the citizens' group into the old cafeteria, which he said, is big enough for all of their activities except basketball.

In other business Monday, the board:

- Approved October 7 as a holiday for students and teachers and approved asking the State Board of Education for a waiver of its required 180-day school year so teachers and students can take part in the 200th anniversary celebration of the Battle of Kings Mountain.

- Approved a policy for administering prescription drugs to students. Assistant Supt. Larry Allen said the school will administer prescription drugs only after receiving a letter of request from parents, and that the schools will not have medicine such as aspirin available for students.

- Approved an attendance policy and the procedure for enforcing it. Allen said if a student is out five days in a row, the parents will be notified by the school, and if a student is out for 10 accumulative days, the parents will be notified. If a student is out 30 days, the District Attorney will be notified.

- Denied a supplement of \$35

a month for vocational teachers who perform services after regular hours. Supt. Davis said he polled 20 vocational teachers and only two were interested in the supplement, due mainly to the extra paper work that would be involved.

- Approved an amended budget for the 1980-81 school year which reflects reductions necessary after the county commissioners denied the system's original request.

- Accepted the transfer of Deborah Jean Farmer from the Gaston County School District.
- Accepted the resignations of

Diane Guy, Wanda McAbee, Charles Odoms, Judy Blalock and Kathy Queen, and granted maternity leave to Jackie Hope.

- Approved the employment of Wanda Miller, speech therapist; Deborah Pait, teacher at Central; Elizabeth Throop, teacher at the junior high; and Clarence Ash, teacher at the Extended Day School.

- Approved the employment of Bennie Gail Brown, Pam Moore, Geneva Ellis, Janet Welborn, Iva Towery, Elizabeth Presley, Ruby Walker and Addie Plummer, all non-certified personnel.

Water Request Is Denied

Grover Town Council Monday night voted 3-2 against running water lines to the Spring Acres subdivision, then named a committee to check with other towns on their policies in running water into private developments.

Bob Hambright and Harold Herndon, owners of Spring Acres, requested water lines to serve 20 lots at an earlier meeting.

Ronald Queen, water commissioner, reported to the board that he had received estimates on the proposal, and suggested the town construct 1,448 feet of six-inch line and 350-feet on two-inch line and three fire hydrants at a cost of \$23,386.00.

Queen's motion was seconded by Juanita Pruette, but commissioners Quay Moss, Edward Philbeck and Martha Byers voted no, stating it was their feeling that the taxpayers should not pay for water lines for private developments.

At one time during a lengthy discussion between the commissioners, Hambright and Herndon, Herndon asked of the possibility of the undeveloped area of Spring Acres being taken out of the city limits.

Queen was named chairman of the committee, and Hambright and Moss were named as the other two members, which will study other towns' policies.

In a related matter, the board

voted unanimously to deny requests from five outside the city residents for water lines on Highway 226.

In other action Monday, the board:

- Heard the monthly police report from police commissioner Martha Byers. She reported three arrests for driving under the influence, one driving while license revoked, one speeding, one littering, and one carrying a concealed weapon.

- Accepted the resignation of Police Chief Steve Walker, who has accepted employment with the Douglas Airport Police Department.

- Discussed setting up a list of rules and guidelines for the Police Department and agreed to discuss policemen applications at a special meeting on September 23. Seven applications are on file.

- Approved September 23 as a date for a workshop on town ordinances. The board will study old ordinances dating back to 1920 and possible new ordinances.

- Approved a resolution proclaiming the week of October 5-11 as National Family Sex Education Week Grover and Cleveland County.

- Was told by Mayor Bill McCarter that all legal requirements on the upcoming beer and wine referendum are being taken care of and citizens will be able to decide the issue during the November General Election at Grover Rescue Squad.

BRIDGES REUNION

The annual Bridges reunion will be held at Patterson Grove Baptist Church on Sun., Oct. 14th. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m.. Cups, plates, napkins and silver will be furnished.

KIWANIS CLUB

Pat Fischer will present a program about a five week period he spent working and living in Saudi Arabia at Thursday's meeting of the KM Kiwanis Club at 6:45 p.m. at the Woman's Club.

displayed in the downtown area on Fri., Oct. 3, and Mon., Oct. 6.

Street dances will be held on Friday and Monday nights. The dance on Fri., Oct. 3, will be at the Depot Center and will be held as part of the Jaycee-sponsored Rock-A-Thon. The dance on Mon., Oct. 6, will be held in the downtown area.

Special church services will be held on Sun., Oct. 5, commemorating religious heritage and some type of community-wide fellowship will be planned.

Moss and Ryan said they hope to have a daily schedule of events prepared by next week.

"We'd like to encourage everyone who would like to serve on a committee or help in any way to contact us," Moss said.

Two Larcenies Are Reported

Kings Mountain police reported two larcenies over the weekend.

Jerry Shull of Route 4, Kings Mountain, reported that someone stole a fire department pager out of his vehicle while it was parked at McDonald's. The pager was valued at \$350.

Ella Mae Groves of 206 Park Drive reported the larceny of money.

Kings Mountain Fire Department had no calls over the weekend.

More VIPs Coming

From 1A

contests will be held in the Kings Mountain School System, the poster contest slated for Fri., Oct. 3 and the essay contest on Mon., Oct. 5. There will be a youth leaders luncheon on Mon., Oct. 6 and Boy Scout and Girl Scout exhibits will be

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