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WIN AWARDS - Steve Wells, representing Grover School, left, and Pam Lee, representing East School, accept membership from

John Pettus, president of the KM Unit of NCAE during the Thursday meeting.

Local Teachers Oppose Collective Bargaining

Collective bargaining, a controversial subject among educators, got strong opposition from the Kings Mountain Unit, N.C. Association of Educators, at their Thursday meeting.

KMSHS Principal Bob McRae said that "collective bargaining is nothing more than power politics and has no place in education." Many of the teachers attending the meeting agreed with him.

The subject, which will come to a vote later in the year and which the NCAE Executive committee apparently supports, was surfaced in a program led by ACT Task Force Coordinator Pete Tarkison, president of Wake County Unit ACT.

Glenda O'Shields, Principal of Central School, said that District 2 principals are against collective bargaining and any agent representing teachers and strikes.

Jacob Hord, Jr., formerly of Kings Mountain, president of District 2 principals, was scheduled to address the subject but was unable to attend the meeting because of illness.

Mr. Tarkison contended that bargaining works and that the bargaining issue has nothing to do with unions. He said there is no law in North Carolina which prohibits teachers from striking but he said that strikes are not part of the bargaining process and only create more conflict. He said that NCAE board of

directors has a position in favor of bargaining, resolutions and arbitration but are not in favor of strikes. He says he sees the bargaining process as an effective way to deal with problems but the state needs legislation with non-strike wording in it. If organized locally, a group would determine the needs, present them to the board of education and discuss the differences.

According to Mr. Tarkison "everything can be negotiated, whether it involves more money, supplements, or duty free lunch and smaller classes."

Mrs. Jack White, a veteran teacher at West School, said "We have a good working relationship in Kings Mountain with teachers and principals. Let's not ruffle the waters."

Bill Hager, Director of the Community Schools Program, questioned the bargaining process and asked "how can we keep an umbrella system with management and labor under the same? The principals will be in the middle."

Another teacher said that an organized bargaining group of educators would "result in a strain in our working relationship. We're here to teach the children."

Another teacher called the project a "union hierarchy" which the speaker denied.

"County commissioners listen to people that make a noise and

teachers are a big group. Bargaining is a simple process that the folks who carry out policies must have some say in the making of the policy. Participation in policy development should be considered a right, not a concession to be granted or removed arbitrarily by the board or superintendent," said Tarkison.

"Instead of being content with an answer like, 'We'll think about,' from the Board of Education, the teachers who have spent a lot of time preparing the request in good faith will be able to expect more. Teachers care about children and the betterment of the educational process. Bargaining is a better method for them to effectively show their concern," the speaker declared.

John Pettus, president of the KM Unit of the NCAE, said that local units will be asked this year to vote on the question of bargaining.

After the program, Mrs. Steve Wells, membership chairman, reported a total of 202 members, an increase from last year, and President Pettus presented 100 Club Plaques to Pam Lee, representing East School, and Steve Wells, representing Grover School, for 100 percent membership participation.



Photo by Gary Stewart

HERE COMES SANTA - Santa Claus waves to the crowd as he winds his way through the streets of Grover in the annual Grover Christmas Parade Friday afternoon. One of the largest

crowds ever saw the biggest Grover parade ever. Other photos on page 9.

Live Manger Scene Slated

Dixon Presbyterian Church, Route 2, Kings Mountain, will present a live nativity scene Sun., Dec. 21 through Wed., Dec. 24 from 6 until 7 p.m. each evening.

Men of the Church constructed a stable out of weathered lumber on the front lawn during a clean-up day Saturday. Members of the congregation will portray Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and wise men.

The live manger scene is believed to be the only one in the immediate area. Citizens of Kings Mountain and surrounding areas are urged to drive by the church to see it, said Julie Wood, who is coordinating the program.

Other activities scheduled during the Christmas week are a visit by Santa Claus at 7 p.m. Sunday in the Church fellowship hall, and a Communion Service on Christmas Eve at 7 p.m.

Grover Parade A Biggie

Grover's Christmas Parade attracted several thousand people Friday to what was probably the largest Grover parade, a total of 92 units.

The Christmas opening event was co-sponsored by the Town of Grover and Grover Lions Club.

Culminating the parade of bands, beauty queens, and colorful floats was Santa Claus on a reindeer-decorated float sponsored by Fiber Industries.

One of the favorites of parade watchers, especially the little folk, was Grover's Tooth Fairy, who was in reality the town dentist, Dr. Ernest Forrest III, who donned a blonde wig with sweater and short skirt to distribute tooth brushes along the parade route.

Clyde McLean, WBTV

weatherman, was parade grand marshal.

Participating bands were Kings Mountain Senior High, Blakburg High, Crest High School, Clover, S.C. High School and the American Legion Rambling Rebels, Drum and Bugle Corps of Gastonia.

The Pistons of the Shelby Oasis Temple, Masonic Indians and their bus from the Blakburg Masonic Order, and the Grover Merchants Associa-

Brown Lung Appeal Set

The Brown Lung Association is currently conducting a fund raising appeal in the Kings Mountain area and are inviting the community to make \$100 donations and vie for prizes which include 100 gallons of gasoline, a rocking chair and

other small gifts.

"If you have a breathing problem or have worked in cotton dust, call 739-7797 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. or contact the Brown Lung Office weekdays from 9 until 5 p.m. at 922-8761," said a spokesman.

Jeff Jones Joins Staff At KM Baptist Church

Jeff Jones has been named Minister of Music, Youth and Activities at Kings Mountain Baptist Church.

He began his new duties on November 30.

Jones is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jones of Asheville, formerly of Kings Mountain. He is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School and graduated in December of 1979 with a B.A. in music education from Gardner-Webb College.

He worked at Elizabeth Baptist Church and Double Shoals Baptist Church of Shelby, and Starnes Cove Baptist Church of Asheville prior to accepting the position at Kings Mountain Baptist.

At Kings Mountain, Jones will work in several programs, covering all age groups from youth to senior citizens.



JEFF JONES

Jones, who is single, resides at Summerfield West Apartments.

J.C. Clary Services Conducted On Sunday

Funeral services for J.C. Clary, 84, of 710 E. Ridge Street, founder of C.C. Scrap Iron and Metal Company, were conducted Sunday afternoon from Temple Baptist Church of which he was a member.

Rev. W.F. Monroe and Rev. Robert Austin officiated at the rites and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mr. Clary died Friday in Kings Mountain Convalescent Center.

He was a native of Cherokee County, S.C., son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Clary.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Bertha Skinner Allen Clary; two sons, Robert Clary of Honea Path, S.C. and Lloyd Clary of Belton, S.C.; a daughter, Mrs. Louise Davis of Greenville, S.C., a step-son, Robert E. Fleming of Kings Mountain; two step-daughters, Mrs. Clyde (Virl) Conner and Mrs. Herman (Betty) Cash, both of Kings Mountain; one brother, Dewey Clary of Kings Mountain; one sister, Mrs. Ervin Parker of Gaffney,



J.C. CLARY

S.C., 33 grandchildren and 90 great-grandchildren.

Active pallbearers were Solon Moss, James Webster, Paul Ledford, William Wray, Raeford White, W.A. Childers, Bill Nance and Curtis Gaffney.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.