

Greater Kings Mountain City Limits 21,914
8,256

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Ware Says No Conflict In Planning Board Contract



FINAL MAIL PATCH DISPATCH BY RAIL — The railway mail car in this area is to be no more and the Kings Mountain postoffice was one of 24 making final railway mail dispatches last Friday. The Southern Railway's northbound Crescent Limited was only about five minutes late on its 5:15 p.m. schedule. Viewing the final dispatch are, left to right, Robert E. Ware, who thus completed his duties as mail messenger, A. H. Patterson, Kings Mountain postmaster during the Wilson Administration, Assistant Postmaster Frank Cox, and Rufus Phifer, Mr. Ware's predecessor for 16 years, a month, and a week. Mr. Phifer, incidentally, handed the dispatch for the Crescent Limited nearly 6000 times and never missed the train. (Herald photo, R. D. Lucas).

20 Teachers Are Needed In Schools

Wanted: 20 new teachers in the Kings Mountain district school system by August 24.

This was the report of Schools Supt. Donald Jones as the Kings Mountain board of education Monday night discussed teacher vacancies in the 10-plant system. "We're running late as far as the school year is concerned," said the new superintendent, "but we're interviewing applicants every day."

FIVE EMPLOYED

Five additional teachers signed contracts Wednesday to become members of the Kings Mountain schools faculties, Supt. Donald Jones reported late Wednesday afternoon.

The board, with all members present, quickly authorized Jones to employ new teachers, with board approval of the contracts to come at the August meeting, and to proceed with his recommendation to consolidate principalships of North-East plants and West-Park Grace plants with one principal superintending two schools. The principals of the two plant operations would be relieved of teaching duties.

Commenting on teacher vacancies in the system, Supt. Jones recommended to the board the calling of some teachers back from retirement to serve a one-year term. The board concurred.

Four new teachers were employed Monday night including Mrs. Gall Hunter of Shelby who will teach high school English; Luther McSwain, Jr., of Kings Mountain who will teach Junior high social studies; Mrs. Carolyn Roark, elementary teacher for the Grover plant; and Gordon Beatty, high school vocational teacher who will teach a new course in internal combustion engines. Currently employed at City Auto & Truck Parts, Beatty is a graduate of Gaston Technical Institute. His state salary will be \$576 monthly.

In addition, the board employed Mrs. James Atkinson as (Continued on Page Six)

Piano-in-Schools Return Requested

The question of whether fee basis piano teaching in the schools can be returned to the curriculum was aired at Monday's meeting of the board of education.

Prompted by the visit of three music teachers, a former school board candidate, and an Erskine college junior, the discussion resulted in these statements: Schools Supt. Donald Jones—"I would hesitate to give release time in the classroom to an elementary pupil to take piano lessons; but I see no danger at the high school level if a place can be worked out."

Mrs. Martin Harmon, spokesman for the five-member delegation of women, wife of the Herald editor and a piano teacher—"Many piano students who want and need piano instruction are unable to receive the instruction because of limited teaching

Old Davidson Building Is Closed; Last Plant With Pot-Bellied Stoves

By ELIZABETH STEWART

The era of pot-bellied stoves in the classroom is over in the Kings Mountain district school system.

Old Davidson school on West Parker street is being abandoned and the 20-plus students who have used a single classroom in the antiquated quarters the past year are moving across the street to the newer building.

The move was approved Monday night by the city board of education. Supt. Donald Jones and Davidson Principal Connie Allison said the library from the old building will be moved into an extra classroom in the new building and the kitchen, long in use in the old school plant, will not be used.

Supt. Jones described the Davidson school condition as

"deplorable." Upon his recommendation, the board approved preparing of food for the Davidson students at the high school cafeteria. The hot food will be transported to the school via disposable dishes and the children will eat lunch in the classrooms. "We will need only five teachers, so Principal Allison can move his office and class there too," Supt. Jones told the board Monday night.

The old Davidson school, built about 1927, has undergone some renovation including the building of bathrooms replacing outdoor toilets, Principal Allison said. In the old building were eight classrooms and a lunchroom.

Supt. Jones told the board he had discussed informally sale of the property to the Kings Mountain Housing Authority.

McIntyre Proffers Tract For Lake

Shelby Builder Volunteers Whiteoak Land

Virgil McIntyre, Shelby contractor, will contribute to the City of Kings Mountain a tract of land on Whiteoak Creek for development of the Buffalo Creek water project. Whiteoak is a Buffalo tributary.

Mayor John Henry Moss made the announcement after a conference with Mr. McIntyre this week.

The Mayor said, "Mr. McIntyre came by the office to express his interest in the project and to inspect the maps detailing the proposed lake site. When he determined his property would be involved, he volunteered this tract as a gift."

Prior proffers have been made by other citizens interested in furthering the project, among them U. L. Patterson and Gene Schenck. Others in the area have indicated they will accept less than market price for their holdings required in the project.

An estimated 2,000 acres will be required, with slightly more than 1300 inundated by a lake to be created by an 84-foot high dam some 500 feet north of SR 2033.

The shoreline will approximate 50 miles and Engineer W. K. Dickson, employing a 200-foot spillway, estimates the water level will vary no more than four feet.

The lake will approximate Lake Lure in size.

Mayor Moss commented, "The civic spirit exhibited by Mr. McIntyre and others is most heartening. The Buffalo Creek project not only represents the Kings Mountain area and Eastern Cleveland's answer to its growing problem of water supply, but has important overtones as a recreation area for the whole of Cleveland County and this area of Piedmont North Carolina."

Huffstickler Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Lillian Huffstickler, 45, widow of Walter G. Huffstickler, were held Wednesday at 4 p.m. from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Huffstickler died Monday at 1 p.m. in the Kings Mountain hospital after suffering a stroke on Sunday. She was in apparent good health.

A native of Gaston County, she was daughter of Mrs. Leola Collins Mullinax of Kings Mountain and the late Jesse J. Mullinax. Her husband died in July 1960.

Manager of the Cosmetics Department of Eckerd's Stores in Dixie Village Shopping Center, Gastonia, and in Shelby, Mrs. Huffstickler was a member of Resurrection Lutheran church.

Other survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Harvey Ford and Mrs. Lloyd McFalls, both of Kings Mountain.

Rev. David Castor officiated at the final rites.

School Bells Ring August 24

School bells will ring for Kings Mountain district pupils on August 24.

The 1967-68 school calendar, as approved Monday night by the board of education, follows:

- August 8—Principals Begin.
- August 22-23—Teachers Days.
- August 24—Pupil Orientation Day.
- August 25—First Full Day for Students (First day of 180 day school term).
- September 4—Labor Day—Holiday.
- One Day—District Teachers' Meeting.
- November 23-24—Thanksgiving Holidays.
- December 20—Jan. 1—Christmas Holidays — (Begin end of school day Dec. 19—classes res.

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IN NEW POST — John W. Goins has assumed duties as director of the High Point college information services bureau. He is a Kings Mountain native and former teacher.

John Goins In New Post

John W. Goins, Greensboro teacher and Kings Mountain native, has been appointed by High Point College President Dr. Wendell M. Patton to head the college's Information Services Bureau. He assumed his duties July 1.

Goins taught at Central Junior high school for two years before moving to Greensboro. He also formerly taught English at Southeast Guilford high school.

At Brevard Junior college, where he earned his Associate of Arts degree, Goins was editor of "The Clarion", the campus newspaper, and a member of the men's house council. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a B. A. degree in English in 1964. While there he worked on the student newspaper, "The Daily Tar Heel".

As Director of Information Services, Goins' main job will be to provide the public with information about High Point college, working through the various news media.

Goins replaces Dr. Carl Savage, who left High Point college to do further work on the graduate level.

Goins is son of Mrs. W. E. (Dutch) Goins and the late Mr. Goins. He is married to the former Melissa Holder of Greensboro.

Cole Rites Are Conducted

Funeral rites for Clyde Hord Cole, 64, were held Tuesday at 4 p.m. from First Baptist church of which he was a member.

Rev. Robert Mann, assisted by Rev. Aubrey Quakenbush, officiated at the final rites, and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Cole died Sunday night at 7 p.m. in the Kings Mountain hospital after several months illness. He was a native of Kings Mountain, son of the late Joe and Martha Dickey Cole. He was a former employee of Mass Mo., Inc.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary Everhart Cole; one son, Lewis Cole; two daughters, Mrs. Floyd Dover and Miss Virginia Cole, all of Kings Mountain; three brothers, Doris Cole of Charlotte, James Cole of Kings Mountain and Paul Cole of Shelby; and two sisters, Mrs. Vera Cole Cash of Winston-Salem and Mrs. Yates Jones of Kings Mountain.

BOARD TO MEET

Regular bi-monthly meeting of the city board of commissioners will be held Tuesday afternoon at City Hall at 6:30. Agenda was incomplete Wednesday.

ON DEAN'S LIST

Edwin R. Goter, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Goter was listed on the Dean's list for the Spring Semester at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is a rising sophomore.

Morgan Raised Legal Question On Water Project

By MARTIN HARMON

Wayne L. Ware, Jr., Cleveland County Farm Home Administration official, said Tuesday there appears to be no clause in an FHA-county planning board contract which would preclude unqualified endorsement by the planning board of the Kings Mountain Buffalo Creek water project.

Mr. Ware, FHA representative in arranging the water-sewer survey contract with the planning board, further said he envisions in the foreseeable future no water distribution system serving rural areas which did not employ the water sources of the City of Shelby and City of Kings Mountain.

The legal question was posed by Chairman Robert Morgan, of the planning board, at Monday night's meeting at which Mayor John Henry Moss re-outlined plans for the Buffalo Creek water project and asked the planning board for an endorsement of the project.

The board for the second time unanimously endorsed the project on motion of Carl P. Finger, seconded by Miss Ezra T. Bridges, but qualified the endorsement for a check-up on the FHA contract, whereby FHA made the planning board a \$12,500 study grant.

The initial endorsement several months ago had also been qualified, at that time the provision being included that the Kings Mountain Buffalo project must harmonize with the rural area service projections.

George Rawlins, planning engineer for J. N. Pease and Associates, acknowledged that the Buffalo Creek project "is one way to go," adding, "there are alternatives."

Mayor Moss previously had informed the planning board that the Kings Mountain city commission had authorized him to discuss with any interested agency formation of a water district for use of the water to be made available from the Buffalo Creek impoundment. The Mayor mentioned the Towns of Grover and Waco, the communities of Mid-Pines, Bethlehem, Oak Grove and Bethel.

Meantime, Chairman Morgan reported that progress on the Pease survey to date is limited to a land-use and population growth projection. Engineer Rawlins promised completion of his survey "within four to six weeks".

It had been pointed out that the Pease survey is limited, via the FHA contract, to service to rural areas of not more than 5500 population. Urbanized areas adjacent to Shelby (such as Cleveland Springs) and Kings Mountain (such as US 74 west) were also excluded.

The population projections of the Pease firm showed a slight decline in rural population between 1966 and 1980. Mr. Rawlins explained, "the projections imply some city limits expansion of Kings Mountain and Shelby."

Chairman Morgan said, Engineer Rawlins concurring, there are three ideal water impoundment areas within Cleveland county, two on the Broad River near Lawndale and Boiling Springs, and the site projected for Kings Mountain on Buffalo Creek.

Miss Bridges, who had second-

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Compact Students Assigned Central

Bloodmobile Here July 31

The Red Cross bloodmobile returns to Kings Mountain on Monday, July 31, for the first visit of the fiscal year 1967-68.

Donors will be processed from 11 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the National Guard Armory.

Tom Burke, blood program chairman, invited Kings Mountain area citizens to "remember this date and help meet the blood quota by giving a pint of blood to help others."

PHA Group To Atlanta

Members of Kings Mountain Public Housing authority will go to Atlanta next week for a Wednesday conference on the Kings Mountain project with officials of the public housing section of the Housing and Urban Development regional office.

Regional office officials describe the conference as an orientation session, in which the members of the local authority are acquainted with basic duties and requirements as contained in the Public Housing Authority law.

The Kings Mountain authority has been authorized to build 150 housing units for low-income citizens, with 30 of the 150 specified to be designed for elderly citizens.

Members are John L. McGill, chairman, Martin Harmon, temporary secretary, Brooks R. Tate, William Orr, and Carl F. Wilson.

Withers, Bates, Parker Promoted

The city board of education Monday night took the recommendation of the school superintendent and promoted three veteran teachers within the system.

J. Fred Withers, industrial cooperative training instructor at Kings Mountain high school, was elected principal of 26-teacher Central Junior high school succeeding R. G. Franklin, who resigned. Mr. Withers' salary will be \$9,187.

Donald L. Parker, veteran coach, will serve as Title I director on a year-round basis beginning September 1. Mr. Parker will be paid \$900 monthly.

Bill G. Bates, head football coach, was named athletic director and assistant KMHS principal. Mr. Bates replaces Mr. Parker as the assistant principal. He will coordinate the full program of athletics at the high school.

Privilege License Sales Total \$2174

City privilege license tax sales through Tuesday totaled \$2,174.50.

Deadline for purchase of privilege licenses without penalty is August 1.

Penalty of five percent per month applies thereafter.

Adams Is Charged With Murder, As Shot-gun Victim Ross Succumbs

Ervin Ross Jr., 39, of Route 2, Kings Mountain died at gunshot Monday from four wounds he had sustained approximately four hours earlier. Death occurred at Kings Mountain Hospital where Ross was taken after the fatal shooting.

Held in connection with the shooting by Cleveland County Sheriff's Department is a man identified as Andrew Adams, 29, also of Route 2, Kings Mountain. The Sheriff's Department charged Adams with the murder of Ross shortly after Ross died.

Investigating Sheriff's deputies Jim McKinney and Alvie Jones said Ross was shot once in the side with a .20 gauge shotgun. The shooting occurred Monday around noon in a field just outside the city limits near Ware's Store on the Grover Road.

Reportedly, after the shooting, Adams went to Ware's Store and asked that the police be summoned.

Adams was taken into custody by Kings Mountain City Police who later turned him over to the Sheriff's Department because the incident occurred outside the city limits.

Adams will be given a preliminary hearing Thursday morning in Cleveland County Recorder's Court. He is being held in Cleveland County Jail without bond.

This is the second murder in the Kings Mountain area in the past two weeks. William Dawkins was fatally wounded by a gunshot on July 7. Both incidents involved negroes and both were just outside the city limits.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time pending the arrival of Ross' mother from Columbus, O. The body is at Costner's Funeral Home in Gastonia.

Grades 7 & 8 Now Fully Consolidated

The city board of education discussed a menagerie of subjects at the July meeting Monday night:

Construction of a greenhouse on the campus of Kings Mountain high school was approved at cost of \$3,260. Funds for the project were augmented by \$2,300 from the sale of a tractor. The project was recommended by high school agriculture teachers.

Approved the transfer of 58 seventh and eighth grade students from Compact school to Central Junior high school.

Deferred two requests from students for transfer of school assignments, for lack of space, and approved 23 transfer requests.

Endorsed the current effort to obtain independent status for the Cleveland Unit of Gaston college and named trustee James E. Herndon, Jr., as representative from the local board.

Authorized Supt. Donald Jones to request bids on physical education equipment for the high school. Specifically, the board anticipates including wrestling in the athletic program and mats for a program of this type are expected to cost \$2600. Pingpong tables, storage shelves, pegboards, bars and climbing ropes are also to be purchased if funds are available.

Approved a monthly rental allowance of \$150 and a monthly supplement of \$250 for Supt. Jones. Jones' state-paid salary is \$869 per month.

Accepted low bids totaling \$26,909 for renovation work at Central school including: plumbing, Ben T. Goforth, Kings Mountain, \$11,560; heating, Dudley Plumbing, Shelby, \$11,860; and electric, Hoke Electric, Kings Mountain, \$3,489.

Authorized payment of accounts, including \$9,267.50 in architect's fees and \$30,634.20 to Southern Piping and Engineering Company as payment number two for air conditioning of the new high school.

Established policy for travel allocations to vocational teachers at \$25 per month. In the past these teachers have submitted written request. This applies to industrial cooperative training, home economics, agriculture, distributive education and cosmetology teachers and covers all travel expense with the exception of attendance at conferences that are approved by the state.

Set the 25th day of each month as pay day for teachers.

Renewed membership in the N. C. State School Boards Association, the National School Boards Association and subscribed to the American School Board Journal.

Authorized painting of the Central gymnasium, roofing of the school residence on N. Gaston st.; carpeting of the library in the Central plant; painting of Park Grace school and installing of a water pump at the Park Grace plant; purchase of an electric typewriter for the secretary at the high school; fencing around an open sewage sand filter at the Compact plant;

Delegated Mrs. John L. McGill, school trustee, chairman of a committee to select tile, seats, and color of paint for the renovated auditorium of Central Junior high school.

Authorized the high school principal to plan a clean-up campaign to be followed after the ball games in John Gamble Stadium and discuss concession stand operation with the Kings Mountain Optimist club.

Central heating of the superintendent's building was discussed and Mr. Jones was authorized to get specifications.

Discussed, but took no action, on designating a lunchroom manager as dietician for the schools. The board indicated a called meeting of lunchroom managers to review the school lunch program prior to the opening of school in August.

Tabled suggestion to extend a gate along the service road at the new high school plant until

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