

For Central School Construction

School Board After EDA Funds For Pool

The Kings Mountain board of education Monday night voted to seek \$288,000 in Economic Development Administration funds to build a community life-skills facility at Central Middle School.

Supt. Don Jones said the deadline for applying for the funds is Nov. 15. If the money is granted, construction on the facility must begin within 90 days.

The facility, Jones said, would include a 50 x 26 swimming pool, boys and girls dressing rooms and a large classroom. The facility would be open to the public on a scheduled basis and would also be used for classes for the public through Cleveland Tech.

Achievement program being organized for youngsters in the 10th through 12 grades. A program was set for Tuesday at the high school to acquaint the students with the details, and Tompkins said the program must be chartered by Nov. 19.

The JA program is designed to teach young people the "problems of doing business in this country," Tompkins said. Students form companies, make and market a

product or service, and at the end of the school year liquidate the business.

Tompkins said he would interview all students who show an interest by the end of this week. Then, two companies which will include 20 students each will be formed.

The board agreed to grant a half-unit credit toward graduation for students who successfully complete the program.

Appointed board member Tommy Bridges

to serve as a discussion leader at the District XIV school board meeting in Gaston County on Feb. 17.

—Granted a 10 percent supplement increase, amounting to \$9,000.

—Granted admission to William Scott Belt and Lori Mitchell Belt, students at North School.

—Reassigned teachers Kathryn Owens Blanton from North School to Grover and Betty Corry from Grover to North.

—Heard reports from Supt. Jones, secretary Wanza Davis and board members June Lee, Marian Thomasson and Alex Owens on the State School Boards Association meeting held Nov. 4-6 in Asheville.

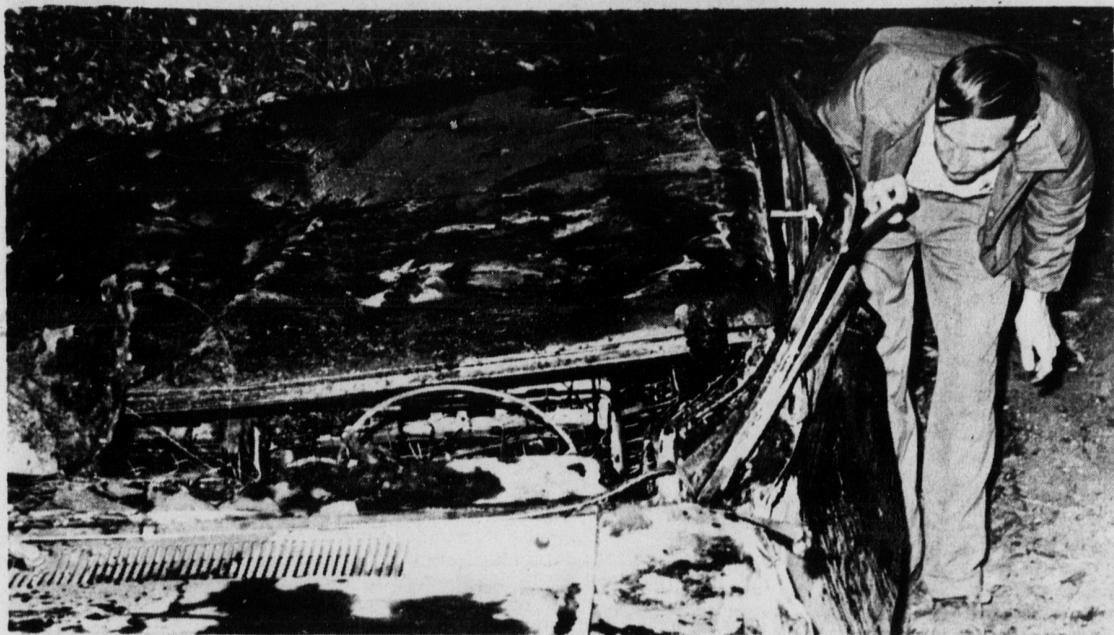
—Heard a report on rights on students and parents in regard to school records.

—Dispensed of the December meeting.

—Heard audit reports on the Title I, Title IV-B and Head Start programs.

—Voted to spend \$17,363 to cover the seats at John Gamble Stadium in a gold aluminum covering.

—Accepted a bid of \$2,154 from Neal Hawkins Contractors to resurface the area between the gym, band room and auditorium at Central School.



DRIVER ESCAPES - Kings Mountain Rescue Squad Capt. Bob Hope searches through the burned wreckage of a car belonging to Jack Gibson, 37, of Stanley. The

one-car accident occurred in the Gaston County section of Kings Mountain about 7 p. m. Tuesday. Gibson was treated and released at KM Hospital.

Car Burns, Driver Okay

Jack Gibson of Stanley escaped serious injury here Tuesday night when his car flipped end over end and burst into flames on Hwy. 74.

The 37-year old man was removed from the burning vehicle by members of Kings Mountain Lifesaving crew and rushed to KM Hospital, where he became hysterical, yelling that there was a small child in the car with him.

Rescuers scoured the wreckage, but found no sign anyone else had been in the vehicle with Gibson. Police said the Stanley man had been drinking when the accident occurred.

Trooper William Thomas, working out of the Gastonia State Highway Patrol headquarters, investigated the accident since it occurred in the

Gaston County section of Kings Mountain.

Trooper Thomas was unavailable for comment prior to presstime Wednesday.

Local police said Gibson was the only person and his car the only vehicle involved in the accident.

Police said Gibson was apparently traveling at a high rate of speed when he lost control and turned over. Police said the car

flipped end over end, knocked down a highway marker at the eastern boundary of the Kings Mountain Motor Inn property. Marks indicated the car slid approximately 150-200 feet after overturning, then burst into flames.

Two units from the Kings Mountain Fire Department responded to the call, but were unable to save the vehicle.

Developers Seek \$950,000 In FHA Funds For Housing

Strawberry Hill. This is the name of a proposed development of moderate income town-

house apartments in Kings Mountain. Richard Wright and Frank Warlick of Char-

lotte, who have such a complex under construction in Cherryville, have made application to the Farmers Home Administration in Cleveland County for a \$950,000 construction loan to develop the 52 apartment units.

The application has been reviewed and held in limbo by the Region C Planning Commission at Isothermal College in Rutherford County until Kings Mountain officials report on the extent of services the city will have available to the new units.

A Region C Planning spokesman told The Mirror-Herald this week that the application from Wright and Warlick has not been rejected, but is merely being held in check until comments are recorded by the city on the

need for the project.

Neither Wright nor Warlick have returned calls made by The Mirror-Herald for comment on the proposed project.

James McNeill, Cleveland County FHA supervisor, said the \$950,000 application request is covered under the rural housing act.

He said there are three areas covered under the act. First, the apartments could be rented outright by moderate income families who could pay the full rental fee.

Moderate income is estimated between \$7,000 and \$15,600 annually.

Second, a subsidized rental agreement between the owners and the FHA for lower income families; and third, on a Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) subsidy program.

McNeill said if the application is approved the City of Kings Mountain will be involved only as supplier of services and that the local housing authority would not be involved at all.

"Which ever method is used," McNeill said, "the rentals of the Strawberry Hill apartments will be between either the owner-tenant or the owner and the Farmers Home Administration."

McNeill said the application information suggests apartments of one story with one or two bedrooms. The proposed location of the project is not known.

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