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Who Will Be Named KM's Teacher Of The Year?

Who will be Kings Mountain's Teacher of the year?

No one knows but the judges who will decide the winner and announce their decision next week to members of Kings Mountain Association of Classroom Teachers (ACT) which is sponsoring the annual competition.

The coveted award will be announced at school commencement and the local winner will vie for district competitions with other school winners.

The nominees are Mary Suzette Roberts, West School; Donald J. Deal, Kings Mountain Senior High; Kenneth E. Napier, Kings Mountain Junior High; Rachel P. Gladden, North School; Michael S. Smith, East School; Peggy Fisher McDowell of Central School; Rebecca Alexander of Grover School; and Phyllis C. Misenheimer of Bethware School.

Miss Roberts, 28, has been a kindergarten teacher for three years at West School with five years teaching experience. She is a graduate of Appalachian State University, where she also obtained her master's and reading program certification and completed early childhood workshops. She did her student teaching at West School in Spring 1972 and is described as a "natural teacher from the very first day." She resides in Shelby with her parents.

Donald J. Deal, 50, with 27 years teaching experience, has taught instrumental music, grades seven-12, for nine years and is director of the award-winning Kings Mountain Senior High School Band. According to his coworkers, Mr. Deal's "personality, musical background and willingness to go far beyond the second mile has produced a band program for Kings Mountain that would make any school system proud."

Before coming to KMSHS in 1968 as band director, he directed high school bands at Bessemer City, Lincolnton, Granite Quarry, Leaksville, and Dallas. He earned his AB from Lenoir Rhyne College and his Master's from Appalachian State University. He is a native of Hickory and he and his family are active in Resurrection Lutheran Church.

Kenneth E. Napier, 25, social studies teacher for three years at Kings Mountain Junior High, was educated at Isothermal Community College and Gardner-Webb College. He has led the KMJH basketball team to two conference championships, the track team to one con-

ference championship and also coaches football. He became interested in sports and athletics while traveling through the country with his serviceman-father and attending numerous schools. He says he feels the "youth of America are really looking for a lot of answers that have been hidden for many years and it's up to teachers to help these kids try and find them."

Rachel Plonk Gladden, North School's teacher of the year, affirms that "education should be a life-long process and that any and every place can be a learning place." Born on a farm near Kings Mountain, Mrs. Gladden began school in the summer of 1940 in the small three-teacher Patterson Grove school and loved school. She graduated from Lenoir Rhyne College and began her teaching career in 1956 at Villa Heights third grade in Charlotte and taught there for eight years. She joined the corrective reading staff of Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools in 1964 and worked with problem readers. During the school year of 1969-70 her role changed from working with students to mainly working with first grade teachers. In August 1970 she joined the faculty of North School. Said a parent, "The children in Rachel's class enjoy coming to school because of the way she makes them feel about their own individual worth. She shows as much interest in her class to the slowest student as she does the brightest."

Michael S. Smith, 30, fifth grade teacher at East School, was a medical lab technician in the U. S. Army before joining the local schools faculty, and prior to that had taught from 1969-71 at Springfield Elementary School in Gaston County. Educated at Gaston College and Appalachian State University, he terms himself "lucky seven" of his family and said growing up in a large family requires lots of give and take which he applies in the classroom. He was a member of the last class to graduate from old Central High in 1964 and then joined Burlington Industries as a technician. Because he said he "liked people" he got into the teaching profession. His fifth graders won first place in the state this year in the Earth Week Mural Contest. Most of his free time is spent working in Kings Mountain Church of God which he serves as youth director, youth choir director, assistant Sunday School teacher and co-teacher in his children's church.

He is president-elect of Kings Mountain Unit of ACT.

Peggy Fische McDowell, of 501 Mitchell St., teaches language arts and math and special education at Central School with a total of 16 years experience. She holds a B. S. from Winston-Salem State University and a master's in mental retardation from North Carolina Central University. She has been a member of the KM faculty for seven years as a special education teacher. Wife of a minister, she has served as director of Christian Education, and in many other church activities. She has also taught an adult education course at Gaston College. She affirms that "if children are given a chance he or she will do what she is capable of doing." She says "I believe that every child is special, regardless as to academic achievement or ethnic background."

Rebecca Alexander, kindergarten teacher at Grover School, has taught for 17 years coming to Grover in 1972. She received her degree from Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte and previously taught in both the Clinton and Cleveland County systems. Her mother was an elementary teacher who had special talents in working with students, "and always seemed happy helping others, therefore I too felt that it could be just as rewarding for me," she said. Mrs. Alexander affirms, "It is important to give each student a variety of experiences in education toward building a fine citizen for the school and community. I believe that each child has his own small world which is unique for him."

Phyllis C. Misenheimer, third and fourth grade teacher at Bethware School, says she has always loved children. "I think my philosophy of education is that each child has the right to learn," she says. Language experience and story time are favorite activities of her students and her instructional program includes career awareness and crafts. Some of her students made macrame necklace as Mother's Day presents. She has assisted her fourth grade co-workers in implementing a program where students rotate through the three fourth grades. She said her seven years of teaching have been filled with a "variety of experiences and opportunities." She is an active member of Bethlehem Baptist Church and this year will serve as director of the Bible School.

City Has Works Supt., Construction Foreman

City commissioners accepted the recommendation of the city's personnel committee Monday night and hired a public works superintendent and foreman for street, water and sewer construction.

Edward W. Dwyer, 42, of Riviera Beach, Fla. and Walter C. Ollis, 41, of Canton, Ohio, will begin work immediately for the city.

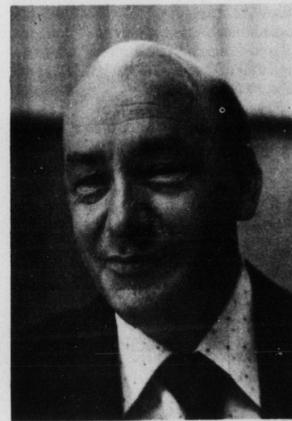
Dwyer comes to Kings Mountain as superintendent of public works from his position as director of utilities for the City of Riviera Beach, Fla. Dwyer has held the utilities directorship since 1972.

Ollis, who was born and raised in Avery County, N. C., leaves his position as superintendent of the sewer department in Canton, Ohio, a job he has held for over three years. The position of foreman of Kings Mountain's street, water and sewer construction department is a relatively new job, according to Commissioner Humes Houston, chairman of the personnel committee.

Houston said, "Because of Kings Mountain's continuing growth and the efforts to meet the citizen's daily requirements, we (the committee) felt experienced men were needed to supervise the activities of the public



EDWARD W. DWYER
Supt. of Public Works



WALTER C. OLLIS
Construction Foreman

works department and the construction department for streets, water and sewer projects."

Houston said the city advertised for applicants through municipal trade magazines and that the response was most gratifying. A total of seven applicants were in-

terviewed before the recommendation was made to the full city board.

In Dwyer's former position he supervised, coordinated and directed a department of 41 persons and a \$2,000,000 annual budget.

Ollis' job in Canton, Ohio included supervising 40 employees and administering an annual \$600,000 budget.

With the hiring of Dwyer and Ollis, Mayor John Moss and Engineer Al Moretz resume their respective jobs. Both officials alternated in handling the leadership of the public works department since the death of Hal Hicks.

Moretz assumes his duties as planning engineer and codes director, Mayor Moss' office will assume the directorship of the city's Community Development Block Grant program, which was handled by Moretz.

The personnel committee offered thank yous to both Mayor Moss and Moretz for their efficient handling of extra duties.

Band Concert Tonight

The annual Spring Band Concert is scheduled tonight (May 26) at 8 p. m. in B. N. Barges Auditorium.

Featured selections will be played by the Central School seventh grade band, the Junior High seventh and eighth grade bands and the Kings Mountain Senior High Blazer Band.

Conducting will be Donald Deal and Christopher Cole.

The public is invited to attend and admission is free.

This will be the last public performance by the school bands before the end of the 1976-77 school year.

Chamber Banquet Set

The annual Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association banquet is scheduled for Mon., June 6 at 7 p. m.

Mayor John H. Moss will be the guest speaker at the 7 p. m. dinner-business meeting.

New officers and directors will be

installed at this meeting, which is being held at the Kings Mountain Country Club.

Tickets are \$5 per person and reservations must be made by Fri., May 27. Reservations can be made by calling the chamber office - 739-5061.

Golf Tournament Will Aid Bickley

A benefit golf tournament is to be held at the Kings Mountain Country Club on Sat., June 11.

All profits from this tournament will be donated to the Brian Bickley Fund at the First Union National Bank of Kings Mountain.

The tournament will be open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend. The format of the tournament will be the Calloway flighted system in which everyone has an equal chance to be a winner.

Numerous prizes will be awarded such as merchandise, golf balls, and equipment. Prizes will be awarded for low score, high score, low total putts, high total putts, longest drive on number 2, shortest drive on

number 1, closest to the hole on all par 3's and many others.

In order to enter, each person must contribute \$20 or more. This donation includes green fee and refreshments (sandwiches and drinks.)

Send entry fee along with completed entry form. Entries must be received before Wed., June 8. Submission of entry fee automatically qualifies you for the tournament.

All participants are to report to Kings Mountain Country Club at 9 a. m. Sat., June 11 and check in at the scorer's tent for a shotgun start beginning at 9:30 a. m.

ENTRY FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____

Playing partner preference (if you have one) _____

Please enclose check or money order in the amount of \$20 or more made out to Brian Bickley Benefit Tournament and mail to Box 1062, Kings Mtn., N. C. 28066.

All entries must be received by Wed., June 8.



TOMMY GRAYSON

Inducted Into County Realty Board

Tommy Grayson of Kings Mountain has been inducted into the Cleveland County Board of Realtors. Mrs. Ruby Alexander, also of Kings Mountain, conducted the induction ceremony at a meeting presided over by a third KMer, board president Larry Hamrick.

Grayson received his real estate brokers license in August 1976 after completing a 40-hour course at Gaston College and passing the N. C. Board of Realtors exam.

The young Kings Mountain businessman has operated Grayson Jewelry for a number of years and has now turned management of that business over to his wife. Grayson maintains a realty office in the back of the jewelry store, 138 W. Mountain St.