

REACT Unit

Is Chartered

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licensed to operate Citizens Band Radios. React teams develop a 24-hour monitor system on channel 9, the official emergency channel for CB service. Members provide volunteer service in behalf of highway safety, and maintain emergency communications in case of disaster.

According to Chief Moss, the Kings Mountain unit will also offer patrol service during the hours of darkness in the business district, housing developments, residential areas, in fact all over the entire Kings Mountain area.

"React will work under the guidelines established by the Kings Mountain Police Department," Moss said. "We are not police officers and we don't attempt to do the work of police officers. However, we do make ourselves available to work with police, fire and rescue units locally as well as law enforcement, volunteer fire and rescue units throughout Cleveland County."

During patrols React members will relay information through a base operator at React offices in the community center and from there the proper authorities are immediately notified.

Commissioner Grissom said "The local React unit has been given the full backing of the city government and the police department. React offers our city and citizens an invaluable assistance. It would be impossible to try to pay for such a complete program."

The KM React unit has been in formative stages for many months having received initial thrust from the Gaston County React chapter. According to Moss the local React unit may, if requested, assist official bodies in other areas in emergency situations. And the local unit may call on React members from other areas to assist here if the need ever arises.

"Once we are fully organized and membership reaches the level we want," Moss said, "we will divide the unit into two teams, each with a lieutenant. The teams will provide systematic coverage of the community and area in conjunction with official agencies - police, fire, rescue."

Besides Moss, officers in KM React include Ross Lefevers - assistant chief; Vernon Owensby and Jim Martin - lieutenants; Eugene Lefevers and Ken Yarboro - secretary and treasurer. Other charter members are Kevin Falls, Scott Howell and Butch Morrison.

Persons interested in joining Kings Mountain React must be 18 years of age or older, be a licensed CB operator and own a CB mobile unit.

"React is not a CB club," Moss stressed. "It is merely an organization dedicated to being good neighbors."

KMHS Graduation Will Be Outside

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-- Was told by Supt. Davis that all schools had a "smooth opening with a minimum of problems." Davis said principals had told him the teachers came better prepared due to more teacher workdays before the opening day of classes.

-- Was told by Davis that the total school enrollment is up by 125 students with the biggest increase (108) in the senior high. The biggest decline (41 students) is in Grover School.

-- Was informed by Davis that additional CETA funds had made it possible to initiate the primary reading program at Bethware School.

-- Was told by Assistant Supt. Bill Bates that the CETA project application for \$540,000 had been rejected.

-- Was informed by Davis that, due to more funds received, the schools have been able to expand their vocational programs to offer 34 courses.

-- Received a report from director of instruction Howard Bryant on the programs for exceptional children.

-- Was told by Davis that the superintendent's first meeting with the Superintendent's Advisory Council will be held on September 28 to discuss the teachers' and superintendent's concerns.

-- Was urged by Davis to visit either as a group or individuals, all the district schools and to consider having some future board meetings in the schools.

-- Approved longevity pay for seven employees with 15 years or more service.

-- Accepted the resignation of Donald Steinert at North School and granted a leave of absence to Donna Dodson at the junior high.

-- Accepted the retirement of Charles Knight at the senior high.

-- Approved the following teacher elections: Paul Hambricht, KMHS; David Hart, junior high; William Johnson, KMHS; Rita Reece, junior high; Ann Scism, North; Susan Swanda, KMHS; Sharon Baldwin, Central; Shelly Dixon, KMHS; Vivian Gold, North; and Agnes McDougald, East.

-- Approved a policy for use of the school athletic facilities.

-- Was told that the annual N.C. School Boards Association meeting has been set for Nov. 3-5 in Wilmington.

-- Approved spending \$3,500 for life insurance for 450 employees.

-- Approved acceptance of one student and transfer of several others already in the district.

-- Approved expansion of the girls athletic program and approved a supplement of \$300 for a girls volleyball coach.

One-On-One Turnout Is Small

By ELIZABETH STEWART
Staff Writer

A handful of district one residents attended the first local government "one-on-one" meeting held at Kings Mountain Baptist Church fellowship hall Tuesday night.

A disappointing turnout, five citizens and four elected officials, but the first step in what Mayor John Moss hopes to be large citizen participation.

"I feel sure the turnout at these district meetings will build as we go along, once the people realize that their local government officials are working toward making government more accessible to them," the mayor said.

The mayor said the "one-on-one" meetings are designed to obtain more citizen input on what they feel will improve city government operation. "We are taking the meetings into each of the six districts because there is not ample time at regularly scheduled board meetings," the

mayor said.

Rev. J.C. Goare, pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist Church, started the ball rolling with a question concerning "removal of the old buildings across the street from his church and Central United Methodist Church."

The mayor fielded the question. "The city has not yet obtained title to that property from the redevelopment commission, so we can't order it removed. The site was originally planned to be used as a park to be adjacent to city hall, but the lot size was judged too small. We also considered expanding the present city hall onto the lot, but decided to build the new city hall on W. Gold St."

Replying to another question from Rev. Goare, the mayor said the KM Ministerial Association request for a community service officer has been included in "the application for the Employment Program for The Unemployed and is eligible for funding."

Rev. Goare said the

association visualizes the community service officer as "working closely with churches and civic organizations to coordinate benevolent work and avoid overlapping or duplication of effort."

George Moss, Gaston St. resident and former city employe, and Jim Anthony of Hillside Dr., both had questions for District One Commissioner Jim Childers concerning street programs.

Moss suggested that patches be made to several rough areas in Gaston St. and that "cracking pavement" on Gaston and Mountain Sts. might need resurfacing before winter.

Anthony questioned when street improvements would be completed in his area of the city.

Commissioner Childers said, "These streets mentioned and several others were on the list of streets to be improved at

Monday's board meeting."

Some 59 miles of streets have been advertised for bidding for paving, curbing and guttering. Those bids will be received at 3 p.m. Thurs., Sept. 22 and contracts for the work awarded at a special meeting at 7:30 p.m. that night.

Rev. Goare opened Tuesday's meeting with a prayer and comment "it has been a long time feeling of mine that churches be vitally involved in the life of the community. I would like to see the churches used seven days a week for meaningful occasions."

Prior to the question and answer period Mayor Moss elaborated on several major projects underway in the city, including the Citizens Service Center; the new city hall to be constructed beginning next Monday; the street program; expansion to the community

center; and the city personnel policy.

Mayor Moss said Kings Mountain is the only city of comparable size in the state to have adopted such a program, one that guarantees rights of city employees under a six-year pay raise, promotion and protection plan by a system of review. The mayor commended Commissioner Humes Houston, chairman, and members of the personnel committee for devising the program.

The second "one-on-one" meeting will be held Tues., Sept. 20 in District Four at Second Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m. Commissioner Norman King will co-host the meeting. The jump from District One to Four was made because District Two Commissioner Houston's wife enters the hospital for surgery next week and he will be unable to attend his district meeting.

Grover Councilmen

Are Still Undecided

GROVER - Voters here will elect a mayor and three commissioners in the Tues., Nov. 8 municipal election and candidate filing begins at noon this Friday and closes at noon Fri., Oct. 7.

Mayor Bill McCarter said he will not seek re-election to a second term. McCarter, an official of Minette Mills for 38 years, is stepping down after 20 years in town government, 18 as a commissioner on the Town Board.

McCarter said following the regular meeting of aldermen Monday night that he is "grateful for the opportunity for service" and can look back and see many good things which have happened during his long

tenure, including improvements to sewer and water, paving of streets, renovation and updating of town, buildings and businesses, and much construction, including a new town hall and fire and rescue stations.

Councilmen Dean Westmoreland, a Kings Mountain teacher, Martha Byers, a Kings Mountain schools teacher aide, and Tommy Keeter, Grover businessman, said after the meeting they haven't made a decision about running for re-election to second terms.

Westmoreland is a rumored candidate for mayor.

Filing fee for mayoral and council candidates is \$5 and candidates should file with board secretary, Mrs. Leary White.

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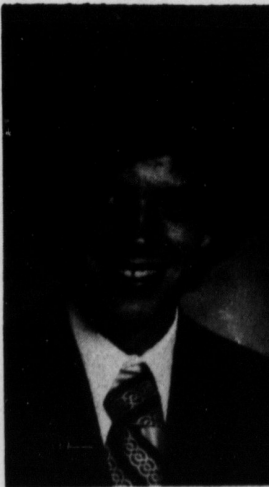
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Reed In Running For Scholarship

David Reed, Kings Mountain senior student at KMSHS and son of Dr. and Mrs. N.H. Reed, is a Semifinalist in the 23rd annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

He is among 15,000 students who will have opportunity to continue in the competition for about 3,900 Merit Scholarships to be awarded in Spring 1978.

Semifinalists are named from over one million students enrolled in 17,500 high schools who entered the 1978 Merit Program by taking the 1978 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test. Semifinalists are the highest scoring students in each state and ad-



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vance to finalist standing by meeting other requirements and then compete again with tests for finalist scholarships.

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