

School Board Considers Fate Of Unused Plant

What do you do with an unused school facility that is in bad need of repairs? That's the question facing the Kings Mountain District School Board, which is considering what should be done with the rapidly deteriorating Compact School.

The plant is no longer used by the school system and is currently in need of \$8,128 worth of repairs. The school is used by Cleveland Tech for its adult continuing education programs but Tech does not pay rent nor has it been helping out in repairs.

According to Assistant Supt. Bill Bates, Tech foots the light and gas bills.

After Monday's board meeting, it appears Tech may in the future have to either maintain the building or pay rent. Board members authorized Supt. Bill Davis to discuss the problem with Tech officials and determine what action Tech would be willing to take.

Bates reported that there is a great vandalism problem at Compact and said that two weeks ago someone caused \$850 damage by rocking the windows.

There also are numerous other problems, including

high mineral content in the water, pumphouse, boiler, guttering and plumbing problems, and a need to paint the exterior.

"We're not suggesting we sell the building or anything like that," said Davis. "But we need to take a close look at what we should do with it."

Supt. Davis said he foresees future use of the building by the local schools only in the case of a renovation program at another school.

"It could be handy to move some students in there on a temporary basis," he said.

In other action Monday, the board:

— Was informed of a School Board Law Conference to be held today and Friday in Raleigh.

— Accepted a bid of \$2,868.47 from Arnold's Well Drilling for an irrigation system at John Gamble Stadium.

— Accepted the 1978-79 school calendar. It includes August 14 as the first day for teachers, August 22 as the first day for students and June 6 as the 180th day.

— Was told by Director of Instruction Howard Bryant that the competence tests had been

administered to all 11th grade students and that the annual state tests will be given in the near future.

— Adopted a resolution for changing the budget.

— Accepted the resignation of Jane Shields, North School teacher, who has accepted a position in Albemarle.

— Approved the transfer of Angela and Karen Pressley from Bethware to West and Angela Patterson from Shelby City Schools to Kings Mountain.

— Approved the sale of two pickup trucks owned by the school system.

— Denied a request for an Easter Seals Read-A-Thon.

— Tabled action on an audit contract.

— Was told a new

No Damages Reported In Church Fire

Kings Mountain firemen answered a call Wednesday at 3 p. m. to Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church. An electrical fire damaged wiring and a switchbox. There was no damage reported to the building.

driver's education car had been put into use.

— Authorized Supt. Davis to study a plan which would entice adult bus drivers for the elementary schools.

— Approved use of West School for a summer reading program to be conducted by West teachers Dorcas White and Edie Bridges.

— Was told that an extra legal holiday may have to be created in the current school calendar and, if so, authorized Supt. Davis to change March 31 to a student holiday and April 6 to a school day.

Mayor Attended Conference In Washington

Mayor John H. Moss was in Washington recently for meetings at which congressional and administrative officials presented information and exchanged ideas about issues affecting local government.

The annual Congressional City Conference, convened from March 5-7 by the National League of Cities, attracted nearly 2,000 elected local officials from all parts of the United States.

The three-day meeting featured an update by NLC President Tom Moody, mayor of Columbus, Ohio, and by other NLC leaders on the events in Washington which may affect local governments this year.

Other conference activities included the development of work plans by NLC's policy committees and special task forces which are composed of elected officials, a review of President Carter's proposed budget, and a full day of individual and small group meetings on Capitol Hill with senators and members of Congress.

President Carter's national urban policy, which will be announced later this month, dominated the meeting.

Stuart Eizenstat, the chief White House advisor on domestic policy issues, gave a background presentation on the president's urban strategy. Other administration officials addressing the meeting were HEW Secretary Joseph A. Califano, Labor Secretary F. Ray Marshall, Commerce Sec-

2 Men Arrested In Crime

Kings Mountain Police Department arrested two persons in connection with a break-in early Monday at the In and Out Store on Cleveland Ave.

Charged were Tony James Adams, 18, and Sammy David Wooten, 21, both of 985 Church St.

According to KMPD reports, a caller informed the Police Department about 2:17 a. m. Monday that someone was on the roof of the In and Out Store.

When police arrived at the scene, they found one suspect on the roof and one inside the store, according to police reports.

In other reports, KMPD investigated a break-in Saturday at Falls Superette on Cleveland Ave., Money and merchandise totaling \$374.12 were reportedly stolen.

Ken Davis, of 803 Woodside Dr., reported theft of fishing equipment from his residence.



Photo By Jerry Ledford

KIWANIANS CELEBRATE CHARTER NIGHT — Kings Mountain Kiwanians celebrated Charter Night Thursday. Pictured, from left, Dr. Charles Edwards, president, Paul Ham and Frank VanStory who were

honored for perfect attendance, and Kiwanis Lt. Governor Jim Jackson of Boone who made the principal address.

retary Juanita Kreps, and Acting Director James McIntyre of the Office of Management and Budget. Congressional com-

mentary on local government issues came from Senator Richard Lugar (R-Ind.) who was president of NLC in 1971 while mayor of Indianapolis; Rep. Parren Mitchell (D-Md.), chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, and Rep. Millicent Fenwick (R-N. J.), a member of the Subcommittee on the City of the House Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs.

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