



## Parents Upset Over Class

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Some parents are expected to attend the meeting of the Kings Mountain District Board of Education Thursday to protest a teacher's use of "street slang" words in a seventh grade health class at Central School.

The meeting will be held at 5 p.m. at the School Administrative Building.

Bruce and Martha Scism said they would request a spot on the agenda and ask the board to set guidelines on "how far a teacher can go" in teaching sex education.

During the last two weeks of school, Central teacher Sherrill Toney taught a Reproduction System course as part of the health curriculum. There were approximately 35 students—boys and girls—in the class.

A 12-year-old student, whose name is being withheld because of her age, said that on May 21 Toney wrote the scientific names of male and female sex organs and the scientific names of sexual acts on the blackboard, and asked the students to give the "street" names for those words.

The student's notes, which she took home and showed to her mother, included eight scientific terms, and beside those eight were 28 slang words. The student said none of the words were in the "Life Science", the state-approved textbook which was used for the course.

The student said Toney also used the book "Facts of Love", which she said Toney checked out of Mauney Memorial Library. She said that book included photographs of naked men and women and some of the

students "gathered around Mr. Toney's desk" and looked at them.

Toney refused to comment on the class and told Central Principal Glenda O'Shields that any comment he would have would have to come through Sandy Younce, an NEA-NCAE representative in Gastonia. Younce said he had no comment on the matter and suggested that John Gresham, an attorney in Charlotte, be contacted. Gresham's office was called six times and he was reported out of the office each time. One call was made to his home and a man who answered the phone said "he's at the office."

Mrs. O'Shields, who said she approved of Toney teaching the class and using the slang words, said Toney used the words to encourage the students to use the

scientific terms.

"Mr. Toney was trying to get across to the class for the students not to use the slang words but to use the scientific terms," Mrs. O'Shields said. The student said Toney also told the class during the two days that they studied the terms that that was his reason for using the words.

Mrs. O'Shields said Toney came to her before the class began and told her he would be including those words in the course.

"We didn't discuss the exact methods" of how the course would be taught, she said, "but I didn't see anything wrong with it. Those words are words we don't want the students using and this was the idea behind it."

Mrs. O'Shields said other such courses have been taught in the

past, but said she was not "real sure" if such words had never been used before. She said she had never before received a complaint on any of the classes and had turned the Scisms' complaint over to School Superintendent William Davis.

Asked if she would allow another such class taught in the future, and, if so, would the same terms be used, she said, "We will follow whatever policy Mr. Davis decides on."

Mrs. O'Shields said her biggest concern was that the child's parents did not complain to her.

The parents of the child said they did not complain directly to the school because of fear of embarrassment to their child. They said they would like to attend Thursday's school board meeting but have been told that if they speak out during an open

meeting, their names would be printed in the newspapers.

"We don't know many people here," the father said, "and that's why we asked Bruce and Martha to see if they could do something about it."

The parents said they gave their daughter permission to take the course. "But," the mother said, "we thought it would be similar to what she had seen in the fifth grade when all the girls were shown a film on menstruation. If I had known such words as these would be included, I would not have allowed her to take the course."

The woman said she considered taking her daughter out of the class after seeing her notes, "but Toney said the last three things covered would be

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## Foote Mineral, Great Dominion Cut Back

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The sluggish economy has resulted in recent layoffs at two industries in the Kings Mountain area, but officials of both companies hope brighter days will be ahead.

Foote Mineral Company, one of Kings Mountain's most stable industries for a number of years, is operating at a 25 percent reduction and has eliminated 12 salaried positions.

Great Dominion Corporation, which opened earlier this year, recently had cutbacks in both plant and office personnel, but President Robert Dickens says he foresees no additional cuts and expects to call back some employees in the near future.

Larry Wood, personnel manager, and Walter Cooke, plant manager at Foote Mineral, said that company has gone to a work 10 days-off four days schedule for all hourly

employees. Employees are off one week out of every four.

Many of the employees, Wood said, have vacation time built up and take those weeks as vacation. Those who do not have built-up vacation time are allowed to sign up for unemployment compensation.

The work schedule, Wood said, has been reduced by 25 percent. He feels Foote will have no additional cutbacks and will be back to normal operation (seven

days a week, 24 hours a day) within three to five months.

The reduction, he said, is due to the economy in general, high interest rates and a drastic cutback in the production of aluminum.

"Of course, you don't know what will happen," Wood said, "but we hope this does not last over three to five months."

Cooke said this is Foote's first major cutback since 1959 or 1960. "We don't anticipate any

more cutbacks," he said. "We're looking for the market to improve."

Foote employs about 260 people.

The Great Dominion Corporation's future took a big turn for the better last week when it was notified that it had been awarded an Army contract for pontoon bridges for \$5,832,000. Dickens said that represents the

young company's biggest project to date.

Great Dominion has \$18 million worth of bids out with defense contracts.

"If we can survive the next four months we will survive and grow," Dickens said. "It's a tough time right now but our potential is better than it ever has been. If our bank cooperates and honors its line of credit, we'll be calling people back."

## Grover Studying Budget

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Grover Town Council is considering a \$100,250 budget for fiscal year 1982-83.

Mayor Bill McCarter went over the detailed budget with commissioners during Monday's regular monthly meeting at Town Hall.

The biggest slice of the budget will go to the police department. Salaries of Police Chief Mike Brown and one patrolman will be \$21,203.28. The next highest department expense will be gasoline (\$3,000) and the next highest will be salaries for two school crossing guards (\$2,592).

The budget, McCarter said, reflects a five percent pay raise for town employees and the current tax rate of 23 cents per \$100 valuation will be maintained.

McCarter said the town expects \$30,000 income from taxes, \$9,350 in Powell Bill funds, \$5,000 in Revenue Sharing funds, \$14,000 in sales tax

and \$20,000 in interest from savings accounts.

Other department budgets include Administrative, \$9,306.18; Fire Department, \$6,613.80; Streets, \$12,036.70; Sidewalks, \$2,000; Street Lighting, \$4,155; Sanitation, \$11,800; Non-department expenses, \$3,018.78; Cemetery, \$500; Donations, \$2,500; Dues, \$514; Town Hall, \$3,792.14; Legal Services, \$2,800; Committees, \$2,220; Contingency Fund, \$1,433.12; Sewer System, \$2,000; Public Buildings and Inspections, \$125; Transfers to Utility Fund, \$5,000; and Town Maintenance, \$500.

McCarter said the Utility Fund budget will be \$35,888. Income is expected from water, \$23,000; a Clean Water Bond Grant, \$7,888; and Revenue Sharing funds, \$5,000.

Expenditures include \$3,772.22 for salaries, \$6,506.92 for operating expense, \$586.20 for phone, \$900 for office ex-

pense, \$500 for legal expense, \$300.80 for insurance, \$237 for lines, \$63.80 for workman's compensation, \$2,000 for equipment maintenance and repair, \$100 for bad debts, \$8,820.03 for bond expense, \$263.80 for contingency fund, and \$12,638.00 for capital outlay.

The budget will be placed in the office of Town Hall until June 21, when the board will meet again to officially adopt the budget.

In other action Monday, the board:

\*Held a public hearing for comments on how to spend \$5,000 in revenue sharing funds for 1982-83. After no citizens offered input, Mayor McCarter announced the funds would be used to connect the city's water system onto the Kings Mountain water system.

Later in the meeting the board approved a water purchase contract with the City of Kings Mountain. Grover will purchase up to 250,000 gallons of water per day at a cost of 57.42 cents per 1,000 gallons.

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## KM Man Injured At Plant

Surgeons at Duke Hospital in Durham are trying to save the right arm of a 19-year-old Kings Mountain man who was injured in an accident at Carmet Industries Tuesday.

Sherrill "Jack" Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stoney Jackson, had his right arm severed at the shoulder when it was caught in a wrapping machine.

Jackson was rushed by helicopter from Gastonia to Duke.

His parents were in Durham Tuesday and Wednesday and could not be reached. The hospital was not releasing any information.

A member of the family said the arm was re-attached and the blood was circulating into the hand, and there is a good chance the arm will be saved.



Photo by Lib Stewart

**HAMBRIGHT HONORED** - Dewitt Hambright, 88, the oldest citizen of the Dixon Community near Kings Mountain, was honored Saturday at a surprise birthday party at the home of one of his neighbors, Ted Huffman. Hambright is pictured here with his daughter, Mrs. Ralph Cline, J.N. Hughes, third from left, and Ted Huffman, right.

## 'D' Still Hunting

R. Dewitt Hambright grew up near the Hambright farm.

A lifelong resident of the Dixon Community, Dewitt is the son of the late David R. and Mary Anne Dixon Hambright and is a direct descendant of Colonel Frederick Hambright, Revolutionary War hero at the Battle of Kings Mountain. He is an Elder and oldest member of Dixon Presbyterian Church. His wife was the late Alda Royster.

Hambright's daughter, Aleene Hambright Cline, and her husband, Ralph Cline, of Charlotte, were also present for the party Saturday along with longtime friends and neighbors Nevette and Carrie Hughes, John B. and Mary Barber, Bud and Becky Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Kish Hambright and daughter, Nancy and Sam Hewitt and family, Donna Huffman and family and the Ted Huffman family. Mr. Hambright's granddaughter, Paula (Mrs. Jerry) Wellborn of Deep Gap, N.C. and their three children, Donna, Ben and Bobby, were unable to attend.

A retired farmer, Mr. Hambright's birthday was last Tuesday, June 1. Like all fox hunting enthusiasts, Dewitt Hambright enjoys the chase. "We never try to catch a fox", he laughed.

And Ted Huffman said he could recall the fund that his neighbor always had during those fox hunts. "We could hear those dogs all over the community", he said and Dewitt had a horn that he used to blow which had the loudest sound. We always knew when D and his buddies were going hunting."

Dewitt Hambright at 88 believes his age but he does require a case to assist him in walking the distance from his house to the Huffman. He drives his car to church on Sunday and does his own housework and cooking.

"My neighbors have always been good to me", said Dewitt, "and I really appreciate them."

Ted Huffman said the felling of friendship is mutual. "Dewitt is the best", he says.

## Bumgardner Selected To Head New Committee

C. Ross Baumgardner, disabled veteran, has been selected to chair Greater Kings Mountain Area's Community Partnership Committee, established to work with the National Office on Disability.

"Our Community Partnership Committee firmly supports the goal of promoting full participation of disabled persons in the life of our society, which has been adopted as the theme of the National Year of Disabled Persons," Baumgardner said.

The Committee represents a broad cross-section of Kings Mountain Citizens dedicated to improving the quality of life of disabled persons. The members are: David Hannah, Mike Monroe, Mae Blackwood, Christine Morrison, the Rev. L. K. Fannin, Charles Price, Robin King, Ethel Bush, Walter Morrison, Beatrice Ham, Anne Farris and Mrs. Dorothy Mowry. An advisory committee has also been formed to assist on projects.

The committee will meet July 19 at 7 p.m. in the Depot Center to begin the process of setting goals and selecting programs.

The Community Partnership Program is the National Office on Disability's effort to encourage communities to set locally appropriate goals and commit themselves to short and long term programs to achieve those goals.

The National Office on Disability, located in Washington, D. C., is a non-profit organization formed to promote the "full participation" of the 35 million Americans with physical or mental disabilities in our national and community life, and to carry on the momentum of the National Year Of Disabled Persons. The National Office on Disability cooperates closely with private organizations as well as government agencies.

Interested citizens who wish further information may contact Baumgardner at 739-5938.