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PRESENTS CHECK - Pastor Harwood Smith, left, receives a \$1725.22 check from Jim Buchanan, right, at the Sertoma Club's meeting Thursday, June 9. The money represented proceeds from the recent Ten Treasures Attic Sale.

Jerry Ledford Gets Suspended Sentence

Former Kings Mountain School Board member Jerry Ledford was given a suspended jail sentence after pleading guilty to two counts of forgery Thursday in Cleveland County Superior Court.

Judge William T. Grist sentenced Ledford to two years in prison. The sentence was suspended and Ledford placed on probation for three years.

Ledford was accused of signing the name of Thomas A. Tate on two \$480 checks written to himself while he was bookkeeper at Kings Mountain Country Club. Since the money had been

repaid, Judge Grist did not fine Ledford.

Ledford resigned from the School Board in March after serving less than two years of a six-year term.

Ledford could have received up to 10 years of prison on the two charges.

Court records showed about 30 letters written by citizens supporting the character of Ledford and his participation in civic and church activities. Among the letters were ones from State Senator Ollie Harris and Grady Howard, Administrator of Kings

Mountain Hospital, which Ledford formerly served as Controller.

Murder Charge Lodged

A Grover man has been charged with murder in connection with a shotgun death Thursday afternoon in Cherryville.

Dead is Robert Herman Tallent, 29, of Route 1, Cherryville. Charged was Michael Dean Mayhue, 35, of Highway 226, Grover.

According to Gaston County Detective Sgt. Mark Stewart, the victim and suspect had been feuding about a "domestic matter" prior to yesterday's incident. Tallent and Mayhue were reportedly in vehicles that met on a dirt road about 5:30 p.m. Thursday off Highway 216 in Gaston County between Kings Mountain and Cherryville.

Stewart said the victim allegedly got out of his vehicle with a handgun and approached the vehicle which Mayhue and two other persons were in. Mayhue allegedly pulled a shotgun and fired once at Tallent, striking him in the chest. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Tallent's stepbrother, George Ray Darty, who had been in the vehicle with Tallent, reportedly fled into the woods and later called law enforcement officials.

The suspect reportedly turned himself in to Cherryville police following the shooting.

Brief Meeting Is Held

In what may have been the shortest of meetings Monday night, the city board of commissioners passed the following:

Adopted a Privilege License Schedule for 1983-84.

Authorize advertising for bids for one backhoe for the Electric Department

Authorized advertising for bids for one tractor, side mower, and rotary cutter for the Street Department.

Authorized advertising for bids for one 3/4 ton service truck for the Water and Sewer Department.

Voted to prohibit trucks over 1 1/2 tons from traveling on Belvedere Circle.

Sent a request made by M.E. White to rezone property on State Road 2025 (North Cansler Street) to the Zoning Commission for recommendation.

Schools Won't Try Extended Year, Day

The Kings Mountain School System is not interested in experimenting with the extended year-extended day school term next year.

Superintendent Bill Davis and three of the four members of the board spoke out against the idea at Monday's meeting of the board of education. Although none said they were against it sometime in the future, they did say they weren't interested in Kings Mountain being one of the pilot programs next year.

The State Board of Education wants three systems to have pilot programs next year. The plan calls for a one-hour extension of the school day and for a 200-day school year.

"I'm somewhat negative about making an application for the unit to be in the pilot program for 1983-84," Davis said. "We were only given the information about it last week and were told to give a reply by Friday. That just doesn't give enough time. We would have to begin the school year around August 1."

Davis said Kings Mountain recently was one of the units that participated in a pilot program for performance appraisal. "I believe it's better to let someone else try this one out," he said. Davis said school units which experiment with the program must commit for a three-year period.

"I'm not debating the pros and cons of it," he said. "There's just not enough time for us to try it

out without knowing whether our community is ready for it. From what I've heard, I'd say 75 percent of the people are against it."

"I'd say it's more like 99 percent," board member Bill McDaniel added.

"I've talked to a lot of people and not one has responded in the affirmative," Kyle Smith said.

"I've heard a lot of comments and none were positive," Paul Hord said. "I think it would cause more absenteeism and more problems."

In other action Monday night, the board:

*Approved a scholastic accident insurance plan with the Doug Rudlinger Corporation for the 1983-84 school year.

*Heard a report from Assistant Superintendent Larry Allen

on recently-completed capital outlay projects.

*Approved Irvin Lineberger, Sue Jean Ledford and Adelaide Allison to serve on the Vocational Advisory Council.

*Was told by Allen that the schools would receive around \$166,000 in Chapter I (reading program) funds for next year.

*Approved giving \$50 per month of the rent money received from the rent of the Grover Principal's home to Grover School to purchase physical education equipment.

*Approved two additions to the high school attendance policy for next year. Students must have passing grades in a course to be exempt from exams, and students who are truant forfeit their right to be exempt from exams.

Fred Withers Retires As KMJH Principal

Fred Withers, principal at Kings Mountain Junior High, has resigned his position effective July 1.

His resignation was accepted Monday night by the Kings Mountain District Schools Board of Education.

Withers came to Kings Mountain in the fall of 1954 as a teacher at Central School and as head baseball coach. He coached the baseball team for 13 years, winning the Southwestern 3-A Conference championship in 1963.

Withers later taught United States history, social studies and general business at Kings Mountain High School. He served as principal of Central School before moving to the junior high school.

Withers taught and coached baseball for three years in Sumter, S.C., and served as principal of Bessemer City High School for one year before coming to Kings Mountain. While at Sumter, he coached Bobby Richardson, who went on to star with the New York Yankee powerhouses of the late 1950's and early 1960's.

Withers said he has no specific plans for his retirement. "I'll probably just fool around the farm and do what I want to do," he said.

Superintendent Bill Davis said the board of education will probably name Withers' successor by the end of this month. The board interviewed some prospects in executive sessions Monday and Wednesday.

Nine Teachers Have Their Contracts Renewed

The teacher situation for Kings Mountain Schools looks much brighter after Monday night's meeting of the Board of Education.

The board, which recently non-renewed 14 teachers because of a lack of funds, renewed the contracts of nine teachers. Only four teachers have not been renewed.

Monday's contract renewals were made possible by some resignations. The board also granted one leave of absence, opening a position for one year.

Teachers receiving renewed contracts Monday night included Greg Isenhour and Audrey Leonhardt, science teachers at Kings Mountain Junior High; Dorcas Beasley, North; Marcie Hamrick, Title I teacher at

North; Joe Hopper, Title I teacher at Bethware; Claudia Stroupe, who has been transferred from East to Central; Grace Toller, Title I teacher at Grover; Evonne Brinkman, Bethware; and Judy Williams, In-School Suspension teacher at Kings Mountain Junior High.

The board approved the resignations of Fred Withers, principal at Kings Mountain Junior High; Janice Douglas, Business Education Lab teacher at Kings Mountain Junior High; and Bill Cashion, driver education teacher.

The board granted a one-year leave of absence to Kay Chitty, a teacher at Kings Mountain Senior High, who plans to return to school and work on a master's degree.

Memorial Service Held For Tolly Shuford, 66

Tolly Martin Shuford Sr., 66, of 412 Fulton Road, Kings Mountain, former owner of Bessemer City Ice and Coal Company and Robin's Clothing of Gastonia, died Thursday at Kings Mountain Hospital.

He was the son of William Lee Shuford of North Augusta, S.C., and the late Bertha Austell Shuford. He was a Mason and veteran of World War II.

In addition to his father, he is survived by his wife, Charlotte Markham Shuford; a son, Tolly

Martin Shuford Jr. of Clarksville, Va.; three sisters, Carolyn E. Watts of Marietta, Ga., Margaret Wilhelm of North Augusta, S.C., and Berty L. Wood of Sanford, Fla.; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. at Boyce Memorial A.R.P. Church by the Rev. William Tyson. Graveside services were conducted Saturday at 3 p.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Alexander Is Elected NARFE Vice President

Charles L. Alexander, former Kings Mountain Postmaster, was elected to the office of N.C. Vice President of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees at their State Convention held at the Terrace Hotel at Lake Junaluska last week. He has been a member of NARFE for a number of years, having joined while Postmaster of Kings Mountain.

His office holdings in the NARFE organization began in 1980 when he was elected as President of Chapter No. 1785 in Shelby. He was the charter president and served two years in this capacity. In 1982 he was elected to the position of Area II Vice President. This area is comprised of 13 counties. While Area II VP he organized three new chapters; two in Charlotte and one in Lincoln. For this and other achievements he was presented the "Meritorious Service Award" at the State Banquet last week.

One of his prime duties as Vice President of NARFE in N.C. will be to recruit new members into the organization. There are over 31,000 Civil Service Retirees in the state. Cur-



CHARLES ALEXANDER

rently NARFE boasts 42 chapters. Alexander hopes to double this number.

Active in civic and religious affairs in the community, he is an active member of First Baptist Church, served on the Board of Advisors of Gardner Webb College for a number of years, former member of the K.M. Redevelopment Commission, Past Director of K.M. Chamber of Commerce and a member of the K.M. Rotary Club.

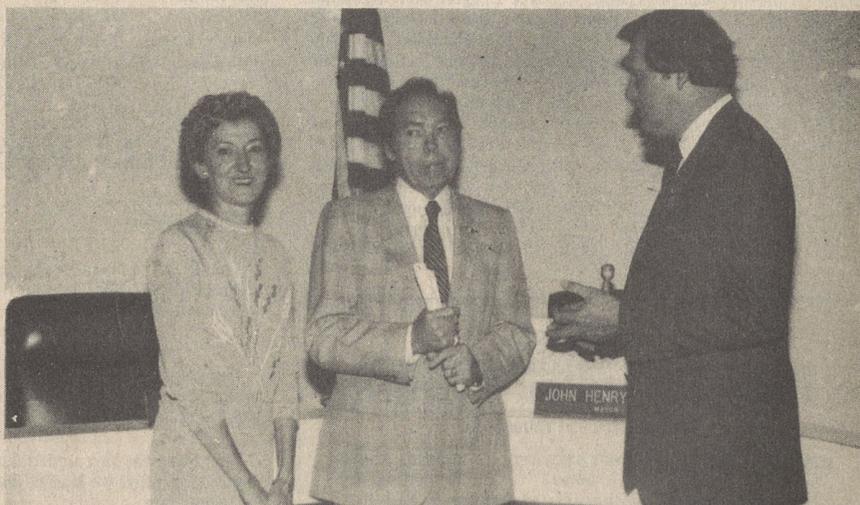


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CAMPAIGNING - Rufus Edmisten, Attorney General and candidate for North Carolina Governor, brought his campaign to Cleveland

County Friday. He's pictured above talking with Mayor John Henry Moss, and Joyce Cashion at City Hall.