



Photo By Jeff Grigg

NEVER GAVE UP—Chuck Graham fought back after a car accident which paralyzed him to become the world's champion wheelchair skeet shooter. He's pictured above giving an exhibition Saturday at the Gastonia Police Shooting Range at Rankin Lake. The range is managed by Bob and Pat Boyd of Kings Mountain.

Never Say No!

One-Armed Shooter Wins World Title...

By JEFF GRIGG

Chuck Graham has traveled across the U.S. three times and at every skeet shooting exhibition he drills into the people his motto - "Never, Never Give Up."

With the help of his motto, Graham has fought back from affliction to become the world's champion in wheelchair skeet shooting.

Graham began his shooting career early with his brother in his home state of Illinois. When he joined the Air Force he began skeet shooting, and during his stay overseas spent two years as captain of the skeet shooting team.

In 1971, he retired as a master sergeant and he and his wife went to Lake Tahoe, Nev., to

live. While he lived in Nevada he worked as a bus driver.

After a horrible and unforeseen accident, Graham literally had to fight for his life. "My wife and I went to pick up some last minute Christmas presents and was hit by a car that left me paralyzed."

Immediately following the accident, Graham was rushed to the Carson City Hospital and then sent to the San Francisco Army Hospital where he spent 2½ years. "The doctors told me that I lost the use of my left arm and that I would never walk again, and they had me dead three times; but I got my courage to continue and fight back from the patients from overseas that had it worse off than me," he said.

The first time since the accident that he shot again was at Mather Air Force Base, where he broke 23 of the 25 clay pigeons using a borrowed gun. After proving that he could still shoot even without the use of one arm, he spent time doing exercises until he finally could handle a 12 gauge.

He started on the road to give other veterans the courage that he had. In one of his exhibitions he even dressed and undressed himself with his teeth to prove to the veterans that no one is helpless.

Among his most cherished moments was when he received letters from both President Carter and Regan for his

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Kyle Smith To Run For KM School Board

Kyle Smith, present member of the Kings Mountain District Schools Board of Education, announced today that he will seek re-election to his seat on the board.

Smith holds one of the three inside-city seats on the board. He will be running for a six-year term.

Three other seats are up for grabs in this fall's election. Doyle Campbell announced earlier that he will seek the four year unexpired term of Jerry Ledford, who resigned several months ago. That seat is also an inside-city seat.

The outside city seats of Bill McDaniel and Paul Hord Jr. are also available, McDaniel's for a six-year term and Hord's for two years. Hord was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Harold Lineberger.



KYLE SMITH

School Board Updates 1983-84 Budget Items

The Kings Mountain District Schools Board of Education Monday night adopted a new 1983-84 current expense budget of \$2,351,470.

The action was necessary, Superintendent Bill Davis said, because appropriations from Cleveland County Commissioners did not come up to what the system asked for.

Even though the system did not receive those anticipated revenues, it will benefit from some other sources, Davis said. The system will receive \$130,000 from the Gaston County Commissioners for those students who live in Gaston County but attend Kings Mountain Schools. That figure includes \$50,000 owed from past years. That \$50,000 will be received in one lump sum and the remainder in 12-months payments, Davis said.

The system has been appropriated \$1,145,764 from the Cleveland County commissioners, or \$115,490 less than what was asked. The Gaston County revenue will balance out that deficit.

When filing for office, candidates must specify which seat they are running for.

Smith has been active in Kings Mountain school activities and the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club for a number of years. Smith was the first president of the Kings Mountain High Booster's Club and has remained very active in that organization since its beginning.

In announcing his intent to run for re-election, Smith said:

"I have tried to be fair and just in all my dealings during my past six years on the school board. I have tried to put myself in the place of the teacher, student and parent, and then have tried to act accordingly. I knew that when I was first elected to the board of education that the decisions that would be made would not be popular with everyone, but I resigned to the fact that you cannot please everyone no matter what the issue is, and I have just voted my conscience on every matter that came up. If the voters of the Kings Mountain School District will accept those facts, then I feel that I have done my job. If not, then I am sorry."

"Kings Mountain has a good school system," he added. "But to make it an even better system, we need the support of the parents, teachers and administrators, and I will do my part to make it an even better system than it is now."

The schools also expect to receive \$10,000 more than what had been anticipated in supplemental taxes and \$22,000 more in tuition and fees.

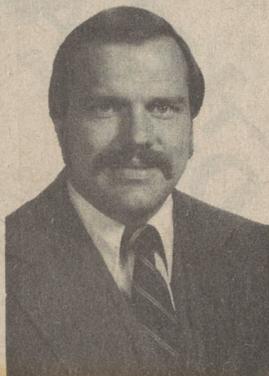
Total anticipated revenues are \$2,209,264.

For capital outlay, the county appropriated \$255,112, or \$25,714 less than what was requested. The board approved spending \$102,217 to fund the top five priorities of each principal, and \$18,800 for new cafeteria equipment. The remaining \$134,095 will go to projects to be determined by the board, including about \$22,000 for a driveway at West School.

The board also approved a number of personnel matters Monday.

It accepted the resignations of Evonne Brinkman, Bethware; Deborah Pate, Central; Deborah Royster, Central; Greg Isenhour, junior high; Michael Thompson, junior high; Judy Williams, high school; Bob McRae, high school; Tim Echols, high school; Charles Lockee, high school; Susan Patterson, high school;

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JERRY HOYLE

Hoyle New Principal

Jerry Hoyle, assistant principal at Kings Mountain Junior High School for the past two years, was named principal of the school Monday night at the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education.

Hoyle replaces Ronnie Wilson, who served the junior high only briefly before being transferred to Kings Mountain High School after the resignation of Bob McRae.

Hoyle's assistant principal's position was left vacant. Superintendent William Davis said the system will advertise for that position.

A Shelby native, Hoyle is a 1966 graduate of Shelby High School. He received an A.A.

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School To Open Monday

Monday, August 15, marks the opening of the 1983-84 school year for Kings Mountain District Schools when teachers report for duty.

The total staff will meet at Kings Mountain Senior High School Cafeteria for breakfast on Monday morning. Superintendent William F. Davis will speak to the group.

All students will report on Monday, August 22, for a full day of school. Kindergarten students will be dismissed following lunch during the first week of school.

Bus routes will be approximately the same as last year. Students are encouraged to be at the designated bus stop so the new drivers will be able to make the stops with little confusion. Students who will be attending Kings Mountain schools for the first time this year are asked to contract the school prior to the opening day for registration information.

Lunch prices will be the same as last year. Students in grades K-5 will pay 80 cents and students in grades 6-12 will pay 85 cents. Reduced prices meals will be 40 cents in all schools.

Teachers Protest Residency Policy

By GARY STEWART Editor

Representatives of the Kings Mountain Association of Educators appeared before the Board of Education Monday night to voice their concerns over the recently-adopted school board policy which requires administrators to live inside the Kings Mountain school district.

Patti Weathers, ACT president, and Betsy Wells, former president, accompanied by NCAE attorney Sandy Younce, told the board the new policy was unfair to current employees who have spent years of service in the system.

But, the school board, which according to chairperson June Lee has been discussing such a policy for years, left the policy as is.

Mrs. Weathers, a teacher at Central School and a Shelby resident, said the policy "was developed in an unfair way since

personnel were not asked for input."

Mrs. Weathers said many teachers and administrators "who live outside the district have already given years of dedicated service and have been working toward higher positions. They've spent a lot of time and money toward obtaining higher degrees. They were not forewarned."

However, Mrs. Lee and other members of the board, told Mrs. Weathers they had offered promotions to several administrators but they refused to move to Kings Mountain.

At present, only four of the 11 principals and assistant principals in the school system live in the district. They are Jane Shields, principal at West School; Ronnie Wilson, principal at the high school; C.A. Allison, principal at North School; and Greg Payseur, assistant principal at Central. Principals Jim

Scruggs of Grover, Ronnie Nanney of Bethware, Jerry Hoyle of the junior high, and Glenda O'Shields of Central, and assistant principals Jackie Lavender and Blaine Froneberger of the high school, all live in Shelby; and Principal Cozelle Vance of East School lives in Charlotte.

Hoyle, who was promoted to junior high principal Monday night, has been given six months to move inside the district.

Mrs. Weathers said it is "good public relations to have people living in other areas" but Mrs. Lee said the board felt it was good public relations to have administrators living in Kings Mountain and spending their money with local businesses and professional people.

"This problem has been discussed for over two years, and has been a weight hanging over our heads," Mrs. Lee said. "We

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SALES STAFF - Here's the sales staff of Mountain City Lumber, which will open next week in the old Winn Dixie building on Cherokee Street. Left to right are Derek Johnson, Jimmy Dickey and Pam Daniels.

Mountain City Lumber Grand Opening Slated

Mountain City Lumber will hold its grand opening Friday in the old Winn Dixie building on Cherokee Street in Kings Mountain.

The company, owned and managed by Jimmy Dickey, will offer all types of building material, including dressed lumber, plywood, paneling, siding and shingles. The business will operate on a cash and carry

basis for the time being, but Dickey said delivery arrangements can be made for large orders.

Because of bulk buying, Mountain City Lumber will be able to offer materials at a much lower cost than area competitors, Dickey said. Many grand opening specials will be featured Friday.

Dickey, son of Kings Moun-

tain Commissioner and Mrs. Jim Dickey, worked as a magistrate in Cleveland County for the past four years. Before that, he was purchasing agent for Neisco Mills and served on the Kings Mountain Reserve Police Force.

Kim Daniels and Derek Johnson will complete the Mountain City Lumber sales staff.