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Firemen battle grass fire along Southern Railway tracks Tuesday

Wind Spreads Fire

Twenty firemen from Kings Mountain and Oak Grove Fire Departments battled a spreading grass fire Tuesday over four hours in the area of First and Grace Streets.

Because of the March winds which were threatening to spread the blaze, firemen were on the scene putting out fire on railroad cross ties until almost 6 p.m., according to Kings Mountain Fire Chief Gene Tignor.

Two fire trucks from the Kings Mountain Fire Department were called to First Street, where the fire originated in the field behind houses along Southern railroad tracks at 1:20 p.m., said Tignor. As the winds continued to spread the fire, two brush trucks were called from Oak Grove Fire Department and a total of 20 firemen worked at the scene as the fire "jumped" across the railroad track and spread into the fields between the railroad and Grace Street. The city also brought in a

couple of bulldozers as an added precaution, said Tignor.

"There is a real danger at this season of the year that a grass fire will spread to houses", said Tignor, who reported that Kings Mountain firemen had already put out nine grass fires during the 12 days of windy March, almost one a day.

Eight railroad ties were burned on the tracks.

City firemen also put out a grass fire on First Street Monday and were called back to First Street Tuesday afternoon.

"It almost makes you think that someone is deliberately setting these grass fires or it may mean that some citizens are being very careless with matches", said Chief Tignor. He warned citizens that "March comes in with winds and brings danger from fire."

Improved discipline procedures and public relations, and re-organization of the central office staff are among goals the Kings Mountain District School Board hopes to achieve during the 1985-86 school year.

The board discussed some of the goals at Monday night's meeting at the Superintendent's Office. Board members will rank goals and return their information to Supt. Bill Davis within the next week and as many as possible will be included in a proposed 1985-86 budget which Davis hopes to present to the board at its April meeting.

Fourteen current expense goals which Davis said are eased would cost \$399,413. They include:

- *Continuation of the 4.8 salary increase for non-certified employees (\$57,168);
- Continuation of six bus monitors who also serve as substitute drivers (\$7,500);
- Continuation of the after-school enrichment program (\$5,000);
- five office aides who would assist principals and teachers (\$44,858);
- three additional guidance counselors, including one for elementary schools, one for Central and one for the junior high (\$67,057);
- two additional maintenance employees, including one at Central and one for the maintenance department, (\$29,504);
- a 10 percent increase in coaching

supplements (\$2,900); two additional custodial positions (\$17,944); 10 additional months of secretarial services at school offices (\$13,400); three additional locally-paid

teachers to help eliminate combination classrooms (\$67,057); five additional classroom aides (\$44,858); a

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Snow Day Is Waived By KM School Board

Kings Mountain school students got an Easter present from the Board of Education Monday night.

The board waived the February 12 snow day, which many students and teachers were afraid might have to be made up either on Easter Monday at the end of the school year.

So, unless there is some more inclement weather, students will have their full Easter vacation and will still get out of school on Fri., June 7.

Larry Allen, Assistant Superintendent, said there were only three logical dates for the snow day to be made up: March 29, April 8 or June 10. He said many parents and teachers have probably scheduled vacations around Easter Sunday and Monday; that about 30 teachers have already been scheduled for staff development visitation and that two fifth grades have scheduled trips to Washington on March 29; and that if the day were made up on June 10 it would mean running buses on a Monday mainly so children could go to school, get their report cards, and go back home.

Board chairman Bill McDaniel recommended that the board waive the snow day "but have it understood that this is a one-shot deal."

The board's policy is to make up the first three snow days each year. Local boards are allowed to waive up to five snow days.

"We want to make sure that everybody knows that we're not setting a precedent," board member Kyle Smith said.

In a related matter, Allen presented, and the board approved, the school calendar for 1985-86. Teachers will begin work on August 12, students will report on August 20 and school will end for students on May 30. Allen said the calendar includes the traditional two weeks Christmas and one-week Easter vacations.

Policy To Govern Sewer Treatment Services By KM

A policy statement concerning the extension of water and sewer lines outside the city was formally adopted by the board of commissioners Monday night.

The policy will govern plans by the city to provide sewer services to a subdivision being built west of town by Ted Huffman and to treat sewage from the Town of Grover.

The plan also stipulated

that the 14 points covered in the city ordinance will also govern future city utility service extensions.

The policy is designed to protect the city against liability and unanticipated costs.

The policy calls for a connection fee based upon replacement cost of volume requested, composed of plant, equipment, land, easements and other im-

provements and spells out the difference between non-metered, direct metered and indirect metered service.

The policy statement in entirety, as adopted, follows:

"Henceforth, requests for extension of, or connection to, water/sewer utility lines beyond corporate limits shall be subject to the following conditions:

"A connection fee based upon replacement cost of

volume requested, composed of plant, equipment, land, easements and other improvements.

"This fee shall be based upon latest replacement cost figures obtainable from engineering consulting firms and the involved state or federal agency. Land and/or easement costs to be based upon market values at time involved. (Cost of land/easements may be

omitted at board's direction).

"Plans for proposed extension shall be submitted to City of Kings Mountain, and if approved, shall be submitted to the proper department of the State of North Carolina for their approval.

"Plans shall be drawn by a registered engineer and if approved, a reproducible tracing shall become the property of the City of Kings Mountain.

"The developer/user shall

be responsible for all necessary rights-of-way, easements, etc. and shall insure that they are recorded at the County Court House and/or filed with the City Engineering Department as required.

"Construction shall be at developer/users expense, shall be inspected by the City and upon completion, may

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Engineer Will Study Hydro Electric Project

The city board of commissioners Monday night authorized the first step in its long-range goal to build a hydro electric unit on Moss Lake.

Charles Mierk, engineer and fiscal analyst who built his own hydro operation in Clifton, S.C. near Spartanburg, S.C., was authorized to make an independent study as to feasibility, type unit, and all criteria pertaining to permits and licenses and to file an application for license within 12 weeks. Cost of the study is expected to cost \$17,500.

Commissioner Jim Dickey, chairman of the hydro committee, said that the full board will need the evaluation study made by Mierk before going through the license and bidding process.

"This will provide the city a thorough evaluation of our hydro capabilities on Moss Lake and once completed the city will be in position to

make a decision on what type and size turbines are needed or what power generator needed and what is most appropriate. We can't afford any errors", he said.

After Dickey's remarks, Mayor John Moss said that a hydro plant on Moss Lake would save the city minimum of \$250,000 which it pays to power companies to run the city's equipment at the water plant and Pilot Creek plant.

"This would mean a good return for the city and would mean a surplus to offset the pump stations, he said. The mayor said the city pays Duke Power Company \$288,000 annually for electricity to run the city's equipment. "Much work has been done and federal licensing and procedures are in place", said the Mayor.

Other members of the city's energy committee are Commissioners Curtis Gaffney, Irvin M. Allen, W. Norman King and Mayor Moss.

Scout Day Held

Twenty-three Girl Scouts participated in Girl Scout Government Day at City Hall Monday and assumed city administrative positions.

They were: Tammy Adams, Mayor; Angie Subler, Leslie Carrigan, Angie Hillman, Ginger Teseniar, Connie Brooks and Leslie Hunt, city commissioners; Cathie Kreuger and Paula Morris, fire chiefs; Ginger Teseniar, fire prevention officer; Andrea Pruett, fire training officer; Kristen Tyson, chief of police; Leslie Hunt, police dispatcher; Connie Brooks, police sergeant; Leslie Carrigan, gas superintendent; Christine Shelby, gas department clerk; Kristal Jordan, public works receptionist; Carrie Dilling, community development secretary; Joy Jenkins and Angie Subler, mayor's secretaries; Betsy McIntyre, codes department officer, and Stacey Crocker and Angie Hillman, recreational department.



MAYOR FOR A DAY—Tammy Adams, seated, was Kings Mountain Mayor for a Day in the Girl Scout Government Day held Monday during the celebration of Girl Scout Week. Pictured at left is Joy Jenkins and at right is Angie Subler, who also worked in the mayor's office during the day.