



RETIRING TEACHERS HONORED—The five teachers who are retiring from the school system this year were honored by the Kings Mountain Association of Educators with appropriate gifts, including plaques, on Friday. From left, Margaret Spratt,

Julia Plonk, Mattie Sue Lowery, and Donald Deal, right. Not pictured is Mrs. Adelaide Allison, retiring from KMSHS. Mrs. Allison was out-of-town attending her son's graduation from college.

Fund Raisers Explain Plans For Indoor Pool

Grady Howard, overall chairman of the drive for an indoor swimming pool at Kings Mountain High School, told the Kings Mountain Board of Education Monday night at the amount will be handily raised.

Howard and other members of the fund-raising committee attended the board meeting and reviewed the project.

Dr. Scott Mayse, chairman of the Kings Mountain Pool Foundation, said the committee had visited several indoor pools in the area and had

"taken the best ideas from each of them."

The basic plan calls for a six-lane swimming pool with room for a classroom, storage space and dressing rooms with space for 200 lockers on each side.

The second level of the 12,000 square foot building would include a gallery which would seat 300 for swim meets.

"We've been told that an eight-lane pool is preferable for competitive swim meets," he said. "If we're able to raise \$150,000 more, we can go to the eight-lane pool."

Dr. Mayse said other extras had been discussed, including a handball court. That, too, would cost an extra \$150,000.

He estimated annual upkeep would be \$65,000 to \$80,000 and that about half of that amount could be raised in fees.

"We want the public to be assured that this will be a school and community project," he said.

The pool will be located in the parking area between Barnes Auditorium and the tennis courts, he said. By locating it there, it would provide easy access to the public without interrupting school activities.

In other action, the board: *Tabled a request from the staff of Grover School to name the Grover kindergarten building in memory of teacher Barbara Lail, who was killed last year in an automobile accident.

*Voted to continue to rent the house that is located on the Grover School property. The present tenants, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Brown and family, plan to move June 15. Supt. Davis pointed out that if the school board sold the house it would divide the back five to six acres of school property.

*Appointed Dave Atkinson, former principal at Crest Junior High, to the Cleveland Technical College Board of Trustees.

*Approved a vocational education plan for 1985-87.

*Tabled a request from Kings Mountain High athletic department to increase the coaching supplements for wrestling, softball, volleyball and track coaches.

*Approved the employment of Nadine Davis, community schools office; and O.M. Lovelace, Central.

*Approved the retirements of Julia Plonk, West teacher, and Blaine Froneberger, assistant principal at KMHS.

*Approved the resignations of Lorraine Royster, Central; Monica Gentry, community schools; and Margie Wright, East.

*Approved the transfer of Patrick Lewis from Gaston County and Janelle Overcash to Cleveland County.

*By a 3-2 vote, approved the employment of Sara Cole as assistant band director of Kings Mountain High School. Mrs. Cole is the wife of band director Chris Cole. Kyle Smith and Paul Hord voted against her employment, both stating that they felt it would not be a good situation for a husband-wife team to be working together.

Student Lunch Prices To Increase To 95 Cents

Lunch prices will increase next year for Kings Mountain school students.

The across-the-board fee of 95 cents which was approved would "barely cover the cost of salary increases", Food Service Coordinator Martha Wright said.

Mrs. Wright said Congress is planning to eliminate up to 24 cents of the supplement it gives each school system for the lunch program. If that amount is approved, she said Kings Mountain schools' cut would be 12 cents in food and 12 cents in cash.

"Indications are that the complete 24-cents reduction won't come to pass," she told the board. "But we're still looking at the possibility of an increase and we haven't increased the prices of our lunches since the 1981-82 school year."

She said the 95 cents rate will still leave the cost of lunches here at less than what it is in other area schools. "Our number one priority is to give a quality meal at the lowest possible price," she said. "We have many parents involved with industries that are struggling."

In another matter Monday night, the board received a resolution from the Kings Mountain Association of Educators listing several requests that the teachers feel will improve the instructional program.

Some of the major requests, according to Connie Phifer, resolutions chairman, include:

*That the school board continue its present policy on limiting visitation by non-school personnel.

*That the reading and math programs be only a supplement to the state-adopted textbooks, that the amount of student testing be reduced, and that the programs be coordinated in a positive, content-oriented manner.

*That the school board initiate a study which would offer solutions to the rise in teenage pregnancy.

*That a system-wide attendance policy be developed and followed by all schools.

*That the board be commended for not establishing a policy to require teachers to

submit detailed lesson plans to principals.

*That all professional personnel be treated fairly in regards to approval of personal and professional leave.

*That all vacancies and teaching positions be publicized before being filled.

*That the board publicize to all certified personnel current state regulations concerning annual, personal and professional leave.

*That major efforts be made to offset the bug problem and ensure cleanliness in the schools.

*That the board be commended for hiring a Health Coordinator, Elementary Guidance Counselor, for their efforts to improve physical plants, for allocating money to teachers for supplies, for William Davis's dedication to teachers and to the Community Schools program for the school volunteer project.

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THE FAMILY OF GEORGE W. ROSS

Five Face Charges

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cash after obtaining a high score. Police confiscated five poker machines at Depot Stop-N-Go and two machines at Ole Country Store.

Charged on three counts of possession of gambling devices and one count of possession of number tickets was Kenneth Roberts, 46, 904 Sharon Drive, who owns and operates Depot Stop-N-Go; Craig Ross Roberts, 21, of 904 Sharon Drive, charged on two counts of gambling; Richard Keith (Rick) Moore, 36, of Route 2, owner and operator of Ole Country Store, charged with three counts of possession of gambling devices; Paul Daniel Camp, 66, of Kings Mountain, charged with gambling at Depot Stop-N-Go; and Darrell Mitchell

Forbes, 45, of Route 2, charged with two counts of gambling at Ole Country Store.

Trial date is June 27th in Cleveland County District Court. All defendants posted \$1,000 bond.

The raids, led by KM Police, took place at 3 p.m. last Friday afternoon.

Officers taking part in the operation were Det. James Camp, Chief J.D. Barrett, Det. Billy Benton, Lt. Bob Hayes, Sgt. Johnny Belk, Ptl. Don Ivey, Sgt. Richard Reynolds, all of the Kings Mountain Police Department; Vice Sgt. R.W. McKinney, Sgt. Joe King, Lt. Bob Fortenberry, and Sgt. Jerry White, all of the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department; and Lt. Steve Philbeck, Capt. Harold Smith, both of the Shelby Police Department.

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