

School Board To Help Fund Indoor Pool At KMHS

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 Mayse promised that the Pool Foundation would raise that money if necessary.

"For want of seeing the project go down the drain, we would guarantee that we'd pick up that cost even if we have to go out and raise the money every year," Dr. Mayse said. "I can't see a three-million dollar project go down the drain for want of \$8,000 to \$10,000."

Supt. Davis said he felt the school system could safely appropriate \$100,000 capital outlay funds over the next two budget years to make the facility a reality.

The Pool Foundation has been raising money for the project for about a year. In February, the school board donated the land for the facility thinking that it would be an all-private project.

The fund raisers approached the board several months later, stating that its efforts had not resulted in raising the full \$750,000 and asked the board to guarantee no more than \$150,000 to make the pool a reality. Dr. Mayse said that some potential donors had threatened to withdraw their pledges if some action was not taken.

At that time, board chairman McDaniel named a committee from the board to work with the Pool Foundation to try to come up with ways to finance operation.

Since that time, Dr. Mayse said Tuesday, the Pool Foundation has received the help

of the city, and has also raised more money and is now in the position to guarantee at least \$650,000 toward the project. He said he is confident the fund raisers can provide much more than that before actual construction begins.

Mayse said that if some donors do not following through with their pledges, that the Pool Foundation will borrow the money to make good its \$650,000 pledge.

Board members Smith and Hord said they opposed the school system providing money for the pool because of other school facility needs.

"We realize there are a lot of other needs," Mayse said. "But it appears certain that the half-cent sales tax will be passed by the State Legislature and we feel that we could have the pool and other needs too."

"I don't think we've ever been this strapped financially," Smith said. "We have 40 Latin students who can't have Latin because we lost their Latin teacher, we've lost the elementary schools

guidance counselor and many other positions. I know we're talking about two different funds here—capital outlay and current expense—but I really believe it we had the money to put in a pool we could find the money to employ these teachers."

Smith said he also took issue with recent newspaper reports that said that a "minority" of Kings Mountain citizens opposed the construction of the pool. "I've had 259 calls against the pool and only four calls and six letters for it," he said. "We have more pressing needs. When this thing first came up, we were asked to give the property, period. It started out all-private and I think it should end all-private."

Hord pointed out that the system has lost 10 teachers and 12 aides because of lack of funds, and at this point in time, the system could not afford to hire a maintenance man for the pool.

Asked about a potential cost overrun, which the Pool Foundation had earlier asked the school board to

guarantee, Mayse said the project "could be cut off at \$750,000 and be functional. Other niceties could be added on later."

Pat Herndon, representing a local group of citizens which circulated petitions urging the city to rescind its recent action that pledged \$15,000 a year to the pool's operation, spoke briefly but was told by McDaniel that her views should be expressed to the city board.



Mrs. Lee said she was concerned that the proposed location of the pool on the south side of the high school would cause the school system to have to build another softball field. Supt. Davis said, and Mayse and Howard agreed, that the pool could be constructed on the west side of the school property and not interfere with any other activities.

Campbell, who made the motion to approve the Pool Foundation's request, said he had been "in favor" of the pool since its inception and that it "would be good for the children. We would be mak-

ing a real mistake to reject their offer because of a potential collapse of the drive," he said.

Mrs. Lee, who voiced several concerns before be-

ing assured by Davis that the school system could provide the \$100,000 out of capital outlay reserve funds over the next two years, seconded the motion.

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Chief of Police J.D. Barrett, who suspended the city officer with pay June 14, said that District Attorney Marty Shuford requested the special prosecutor to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest.


Sale has been charged by Jerry Oliver, Sr., owner and operator of Jerry's Mustang Service Station, of pumping \$10.11 worth of gasoline in his personal vehicle on four occasions and not paying for it. Sale has denied the charges. Sale served a warrant in the arrest of the owner's son last December on a similar charge.

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Founded by actor Danny Thomas, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital conducts basic and clinical research into dreaded childhood diseases. The dream at the Memphis, Tennessee-based hospital is that one day no child will be lost because of cancer or other catastrophic diseases.

"We share that dream," said Claude Suber, President, of the Kings Mountain Jaycees. "This is just one of the many community service projects that our chapter conducts each year. Our chapter has pledged to support the ongoing research at St. Jude's by sending the proceeds from our recent car-wash held at Marge's Restaurant. With our support and the support of many others, we can help make that dream a reality."




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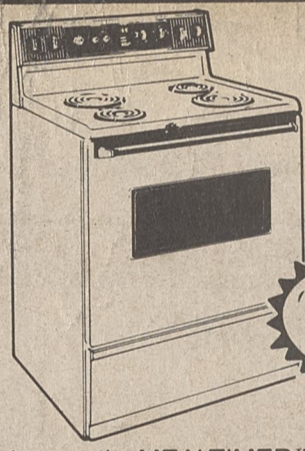


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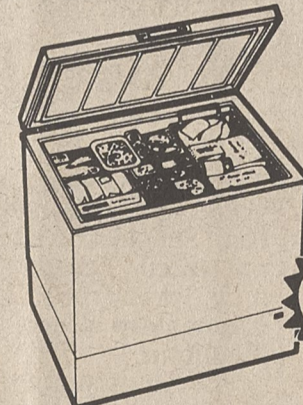


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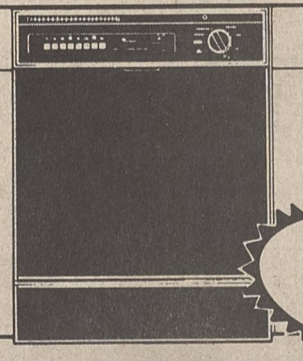


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