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PLAN EXPANSION - Members of the Mauney Memorial Library Board plan the library's expansion program during a meeting Monday. Seated, left to right, are librarian Rose Turner, Mary Louise Baker, Edith Bridges, Laura Houser, honorary chairwoman of the fund-raising effort, and June Herndon. Standing, board chairman Grady Howard, and Bill Davis, chairman of the fund-raising drive.

Size Will Almost Double

KM Library To Kick Off \$200,000 Expansion Drive

A \$200,000 fund drive for expansion of Mauney Memorial Library will be kicked off on Mon., Feb. 23 at a 7 p.m. banquet at the Holiday Inn.

William F. Davis, retired Superintendent of Schools, is general chairman of the drive and Mrs. Laura Houser is honorary chairwoman.

John Welch, Public Library Consultant with the North Carolina State Library System, will be guest speaker at the banquet. A slide presentation will also be shown and will later be available to civic clubs and other organizations to use in helping raise funds for the project.

The library plans a 2,700 square feet addition to the

present structure, which is 3,300 square feet. The addition will include a multi-purpose room to be used especially for the children and young people's programs, said Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, publicity chairman. The room will be an assembly-type facility which can also be used by groups in the community. There will be a new and enlarged Carolina Room, book stacks, children's areas and office space.

"The members of the Board of Trustees have already pledged 100 percent support to the project, and I'm sure the staff will pledge 100 percent also," said Mrs.

Baker. "It's a large addition and we hope we will be able to do it quickly."

Davis has announced that Dr. David McDaniel will head the professional division solicitation. Working in the industrial division will be Carl DeVane, Rob Suber, Andrew Milewski, George Houser, Kemp Mauney and Jim Potter.

The kickoff banquet is being underwritten by Kings Mountain financial institutions, including BB&T, First Citizens, First Federal Savings and Loan, First Union, and Home Federal Savings and Loan.

Public Will Have Chance To Speak On School Needs

By GARY STEWART
Managing Editor

Kings Mountain's Board of Education Monday night completed its unofficial discussions of school facility needs and now will begin looking at re-organization of the grades structure and will give members of the general public an opportunity to share their views.

The board has tentatively scheduled a public hearing for Tues., Mar. 10. The board will begin discussing reorganization at its next scheduled meeting on Mon., Mar. 9.

Board vice-chairman Doyle Campbell, in making the motion to call for a public hearing, said that many citizens had expressed opinions to him on the matter and most of them had differing opinions. "I think we should give them the opportunity to voice their opinion. It may help us make a decision," he said.

The board will consider three alternatives, including: Leaving the organization as it now is, with grades kindergarten through five at elementary schools, grades six and seven at a middle school, grades eight and nine at the junior high and grades 9-12 at the high school;

Continuing with a K-5 program at elementary schools and housing grades 6-8 at a middle school and 9-12 at the high school;

Or, moving the sixth grade to the elementary schools and housing grades 7-8 at a middle school and 9-12 at the high school.

Of course, any such reorganization would depend on finding funding for construction of new school facilities and renovation of existing buildings. That funding could come from local or statewide bond referendums or share of sales taxes.

Over the past several months, Superintendent Bob McRae has discussed the costs which would be involved in bringing KM school facilities to par standards. He ended his report Monday by discussing the junior and senior high schools.

Without considering the future of Central School, McRae said, the junior high

needs 4,745 square feet of new classroom space to replace four mobile units which are now being used for In-School Suspension, vocational programs, math classes and a bookstore. That cost would be \$284,700. The junior high could adequately house the eighth and ninth grades with no further expenses.

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Former Coroner, Funeral Home Owner Bennett Masters Dead

Bennett J. Masters, former Kings Mountain funeral home owner and Cleveland County Coroner, was found dead Wednesday morning in his car which was parked in the emergency room parking lot of Gaston Memorial Hospital.

According to Gastonia police, he apparently died of a self-inflicted wound from a .22 rifle.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by McLean Funeral

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BENNETT MASTERS

Gillie Falls, Contractor, Dies Thursday At Age 56

Gillie Falls Jr., 56, of Route 4, Kings Mountain, died Thursday at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was son of Mrs. Lallage Falls Holtschute of Kings Mountain and the late Gillie Falls Sr. He was a building contractor and member of Bethlehem Baptist Church.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his stepfather, Clem Holtschute of Kings Mountain; his wife, Betty Wells Falls of the home; two sons, Monte Falls of Vero Beach, Fla., and Warren Falls of Kings Mountain; two brothers, David Falls of

Johnson City, Tn., and Buddy Falls of Shelby; four sisters, Mrs. Jackie Ruddock of Jackson, Miss., Miss Joan Falls of Lumberton, Mrs. Kitty Cobb of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Diane Sill of Spartanburg; and two grandchildren.

Services were conducted Friday at 3 p.m. at Bethlehem Baptist Church by the Rev. Ed Sessom, the Rev. Sam Murphy and the Rev. Richard Plyler. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Cleveland County Hospice, 201 West Marion Street, Shelby.



AWARD TO FOSTER PARENTS—Eloise and Oscar Jones of the Dixon community are pictured with their daughter, Shandora, displaying the plaque, they received in appreciation for caring for 42 foster children. The Jones have been foster parents 12 years.

Joneses Are Mom, Dad To 42 Foster Children

By LIB STEWART
News Editor

Eloise and Oscar Jones are called Mom and Dad by 42 children.

Although most of them have been adopted now and some have returned to their natural parents, the Jones kids will always be special to this Dixon community family who have been foster parents for 12 years.

Bobbi Lee, 9, a pretty redhead, sent them a calendar recently. Bobbi, not her real name, wrote: "Dear God, thank you for giving me my Mommy and Daddy."

Debbie, not her real name, a recent bride, introduced her bridegroom to the Joneses last week and shared with them some wedding pictures proudly displayed along with pictures of all the other children in the living room of their four bedroom split-level home, which includes a nursery on the first floor which doubles as an office when there's not a baby in the house.

Kati, No. 1 of 19 newborns they called their own for a period of growing up years, stole their hearts and almost broke their hearts when she was adopted as a toddler.

"I decided then she was my first and last", said Mrs. Jones, the mother of three grown sons by her first marriage. "Then a voice came to me telling me I was selfish. My own

sons, Ronnie Hawkins, Darrell Hawkins and Keith Hawkins, were all successful. Oscar and I were married Feb. 21, 1971 after the death of my husband, J.B. Hawkins. Ronnie was 17, Darrell was 16 and Keith was 11 when their father died. It was a big adjustment for Oscar, who had never been married. Why not share our lives with others?"

Oscar and Eloise Jones returned to the Cleveland County Department of Social Services to ask for another child and fell in love with their daughter, now 12, who they adopted as a baby. Shandora, who also shares her parents love for all the little ones who have lived with them for a period of time, is a sixth grader at Shelby Christian School. Following Shandora there have been baby girls and baby boys, all special, with different personalities, and each needing the Jones brand of "tender loving care."

Recently, the Kings Mountain couple was honored by the Cleveland County Department of Social Services with an engraved plaque recognizing their caring for the most foster children in the past 20 years.

What is the secret of their success as foster parents?

"We just treat them as our own", says the

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