



CONNIE PHIFER (LEFT) BARBARA TURNER EXCHANGING CLASSROOMS FOR A YEAR

Teacher From England Likes KM

How do you pack for a year abroad? Kings Mountain's Connie Phifer has the answers.

Thursday at 5:50 p.m. the North School third grade teacher boards a plane at Charlotte's Douglas Airport to teach in First Primary School in Sale, Cheshire, England, for a year.

Monday was the first day of school in America for Barbara Turner, who will be teaching Connie's North School Third grade as part of the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program which Kings Mountain is participating in for the first time.

Barbara, who shares with Miss Phifer a love for teaching, is already adjusting to Southern cooking. She hates grits but already is serving Miss Phifer English tea which Connie thinks she'll get used to in the cooler climate in England.

Of her first trip to the United States of America, Barbara can only say good things. She loves her students and can't say enough about her new principal Joey Hopper and her new friends she has met in a brief days in Kings Mountain.

As Barbara moves into Connie's apartment and gets settled, Connie prepares to move and has already packed several suitcases and plans to carry on board the plane a duffelbag of things she can't leave behind.

This season of the year is at least 30-40 degrees cooler in England but Connie is taking clothing for all seasons, since school doesn't turn out in England until the end of July. She will have only a few days to get ready for the beginning of school classes next year.

Connie's sister, Reta, is already planning a trip to England this spring, and, although Connie has traveled with Friendship Force in Europe, she confesses to being "already a little homesick." Barbara tells her she will enjoy England and living in a Victorian home built in the 1800's with Linda Holdridge, a teacher at Trafford School.

Connie had six pages of instructions to complete before she got on the airplane Thursday and she was down to one page on Monday. Mrs. Turner had the same instructions. Mrs. Turner could sympathize with Connie but will have one advantage. In England Connie will have to learn to drive on the opposite side of the road, which she hopes she won't have to learn to do. With excellent train and bus transportation available, she hopes she'll be able to ride the bus to and from school and won't have to purchase a car and learn to drive it. Mrs. Turner has an international license but will have to get a new American license. That's her second priority, after getting organized in her new school and new home this week.

Friday at a back-to-school luncheon for teachers, Mrs. Turner presented North School Principal Joey Hopper a plaque which is the coat of arms and motto of the Metropolitan Borough of Trafford in Manchester, England. It reads: "Hold fast, that which is good." In making the presentation, Mrs. Turner said that the motto could easily be the motto of educators everywhere. She offered the plaque as a token of esteem and

friendship to North School.

"To embark on Fulbright scholarship program was required from Miss Phifer and myself a sense of purpose and commitment to the universally principles of education," she said. We will be richer for the experience, and our students, hopefully, the wiser for the exchange of ideas."

Mrs. Turner has 22 third graders, compared to 33 Connie Phifer will teach in England.

Although they have corresponded for some weeks and Mrs. Turner made pictures of the town and house where Connie will reside, the two have been busy with paperwork and tying up loose ends before moving away from their native countries for a year.

"My folks (Marriott and Bess Phifer) are going to keep up my car payments and I've had to arrange finances, having my school checks sent to the bank, and getting cash advances on credit cards to take care of necessary expenses," said Connie. Her telephone bill last month was \$141 from long-distance calls she made about the best way to air freight and shipping and various other questions concerning her stay in England. She already had a passport. North school is three times the size of First Primary School. Teachers will be teaching the same subjects and the school buildings are similar in appearance.

Barbara said it came as quite a surprise that her international driver's license wouldn't be valid in North Carolina and the license is to drive is taking a back seat due now to other things. Barbara drove in Europe and it was easy to travel a 100 miles to practice how to drive in America. "America is so big that Connie couldn't practice how to drive in England," she said. In London, the tires are clamped to the wheels if a driver improperly parks and when a car is impounded by police the fines are tremendous," said Barbara.

The two teachers got acquainted at a recent seminar in

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In an address filled with wit and humor, the active lecturer, researcher and writer said that 50 million boys and girls and two million teachers

go back to school this week and Kings Mountain is no different from other schools across the country. Proven statistics, he said, are that a husband who kisses his wife goodbye each day lives five years longer. "The same is true of teachers," he added.

The motivation program by Dr. Purkey followed luncheon in KMSHS cafeteria. After the program, Dr. Robert McRae, welcoming teachers back to school, introduced two members representing the Class of 2001. They were kindergarten students Christi Feemster, of North School, and Dru Neisler, of West School.

Girl Scouts Help In Drug Fight

Pioneer Girl Scout Council is joining forces with nearly three million Girl Scouts nationwide in a campaign to fight drugs. Fight Drugs was initiated by Girl Scout National President Betty F. Pilsbury who was a Presidential appointee to the White House Conference for a Drug Free America. Fight Drugs focuses on mobilizing Daisy and Brownie Girl Scouts, ages 5 to 8, to take the lead among their peers in the war against drugs.

"One of the best ways to learn something is to teach someone else. When girls, even as young as Daisy and Brownie Girl Scouts, announce that they are going to participate in Fight Drugs and they ask their friends to join them, they become effective warriors in the battle," says Mrs. Pilsbury.

Girl Scouts began drug education activities in 1985 with the publication of "Tune Into Well-Being, Say No To Drugs."

Since then, Girl Scout councils have successfully implemented drug education projects designed to build self-esteem, develop decision-making skills and teach the facts about drug use.

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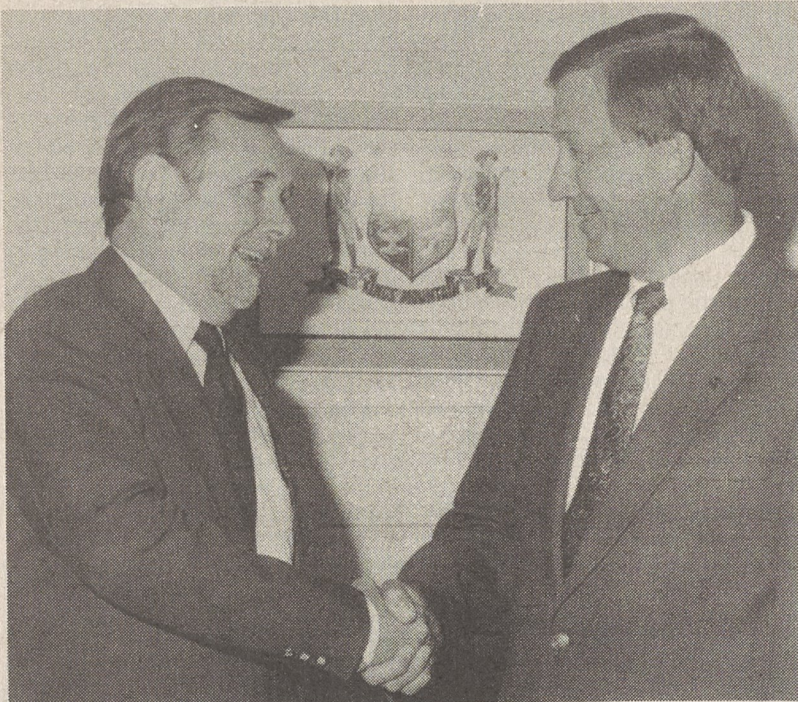
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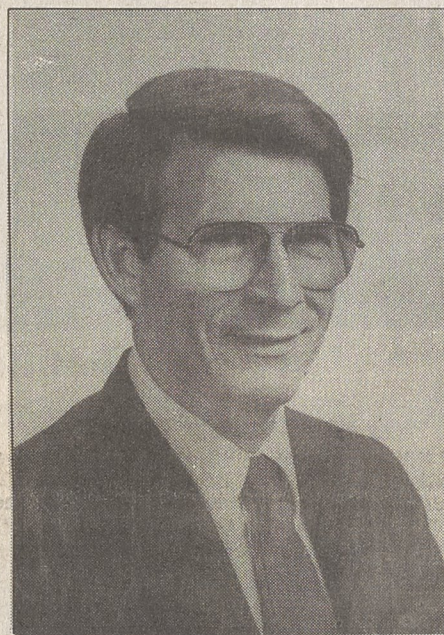


Welcome To KM

Supt. Bob McRae, right, welcomes Dr. Bill Purkey to Kings Mountain and a back-to-school luncheon for 450 faculty members at KMSHS cafeteria. Dr. Purkey gave a motivation lecture after lunch in Barnes Auditorium.

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