

9-Week Grade Period Ok'd

Kings Mountain Board of Education Monday night approved the longer grading period as teachers voted 137-79 to return to a nine week reporting period.

Next year students will get two fewer report cards but parents will be sent interim reports between report cards to update them on their children's progress.

The system changed from a nine-week reporting system to six-week reporting system in 1986 but teachers in the upper grades found they had too few grades after six weeks to issue meaningful report cards, said Supt. Bob McRae and Jane King, Director of Instruction. Dr. McRae said 63.5% of teachers responding to a survey at eight schools favored the return to the nine week report card. McRae said that the change to issuing interim reports passed by narrow margins at the Secondary School level but elementary school teachers were overwhelming in their support because they had been used to issuing interim reports as common practice. "The vote represented a clear opinion on the part of teachers," McRae told the board.

In other actions, the board:
Approved the popular summer basketball camp coached by Larry Sipe for June 12-17 at cost of \$40 per student. The registration fee includes cost of basketball, t-shirt and certificate for each student.

Commended five Outstanding teachers in program areas: Beverly Moffett, elementary math; Sallie Hendricks, math; Pattie Weathers, elementary science; Joe Rountree, high school science; and Ethel Bumgardner, language-arts.

Commended KMSHS students for their highly successful, "Music Man" and director Betsy Wells as a "terrific effort of students."

Commended Food Service staff for hosting Sunday's well-attended luncheon at KMSHS Cafeteria for benefit of the group's scholarship program.

Approved pool guidelines at the new Kathryn Natatorium, noting that rules will be posted at the pool which spell out that eating and drinking in the pool area is prohibited. During open swim activities concessions will be available by the Pool Foundation on the upper level. Rental fees begin at \$75 for group use which requires one paid lifeguard for every 15 swimmers who must be validated by the school system. KM

Recreation Department will validate lifeguards when the facility is open to the public.

Dr. Larry Allen, who made the recommendations for adoption of guidelines for the pool operation, said he had worked with representatives of the Indoor Pool Foundation and KM Recreation Department in developing clear guidelines for a facility which will be well monitored with all officials using caution while providing a place for recreation second to none in this area. Rules for lifeguards will also be posted in the facility and lifeguards will be given authority to suspend anyone from the pool facility who uses disruptive behaviour.

Supt. McRae invited school board members to attend a special presentation on the "Basic Education Plan" arranged by State Superintendent Bob Etheridge Monday night at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Cleveland County Office Building on Post Road in Shelby.

The Board voted to keep the Easter vacation "intact" noting that if students miss any more school due to snow or ice that the system will be forced to makeup on two days of the Easter holiday calendar. The amended calendar permits teachers to use June 12 as a discretionary work day instead of Good Friday.

The Board set public hearing on the proposed 1989-90 budget on April 10, the date of the regularly scheduled April board meeting. The proposed budget is expected to be released this week for public review.

The Board approved maternity leave requests from Kim Wease, resource teacher at North School from April 14-June 14 and Lisa McDowell, gifted/talented teacher at North School, from April 28-June 14.

The Board accepted resignations from Thurman Jordon, custodian/bus driver at KMSHS; C. M. Lovelace, custodian, Central; Johnny Guiton, custodian/bus driver, Central and granted leave of absence to Johnny Reynolds, custodian/bus driver at KMJH where Steve Edmonson will serve as interim driver/custodian. The Board employed Arthur McClain as custodian/driver at KMSHS, John Costner in maintenance and Joann Queen, custodian/bus driver at Central School.

Council Filing Fees May Increase

Candidates who file for seats on the Kings Mountain City Council would find their filing fees upped if commissioners take recommendation of the Board of Elections to up the fees.

Currently, the fee is \$5 for city commissioner candidates and \$10 for mayoral candidates.

The Council is expected to act on the request of the City Elections Board at the May meeting when the board comes up for re-appointment.

Mrs. Rebecca T. Cook, chairman of the Elections Board, wrote Mayor Kyle Smith that the Elections board, which also includes Willie Marable and James Carroll, feels that upping the fee will "cut down some of the people running who are not serious about becoming council members." State statutes state that the governing body shall have the authority to set the filing fee at not less than \$5 nor more than one percent of the annual salary.

At one time candidates for mayor paid a \$100 filing fee. Mrs. Cook made no suggestion of the amount of fees.

Kings Mountain citizens will elect three councilmen on Oct. 10. Seats of District II Councilman Humes Houston, District V councilman Fred Finger and District VI Councilman Harold Phillips are expiring.

The filing period for candidates opens at noon on July 7 and closes at noon on Aug. 4. Registration deadline for the election is Sept. 11. Should a run-off be necessary it would be held on Nov. 7.

In her letter to Council Mrs. Cook said that if Kings Mountain is planning to purchase some type of voting system for counting votes the decision must be made before August because approval is needed from the State Elections Office and the U. S. Justice Department.

Each year of municipal elections the City Council appoints a municipal board of elections prior to June 1. Not more than two members of the board shall belong to the same political party. On Monday before the filing period opens for elections in the city the new board meets at City Hall to take the oath of office.

Committee Recommends King Holiday

The Kings Mountain City Council's ad hoc personnel committee voted 3-0 Tuesday to recommend that Kings Mountain join Shelby in making Martin Luther King's January birthday an official city holiday.

The full Council will act on the recommendation at the March 28 meeting at City Hall.

City Manager George Wood said the request to honor the slain civil rights leader came from local members of the NCAA about a month ago. Wood said the personnel committee has met nine times since

December to develop personnel policies in conjunction with a study made by Municipal Advisors Inc. and the 27 page policy will be presented to the City Council for study by Friday. The Council will act on the personnel policy at the March 28 meeting.

The Ad Hoc committee includes Councilmen Humes Houston, Jackie Barrett and Mayor Kyle Smith with Wood and Personnel Director Charles Webber serving ex-officio.

TRYOUTS

The Kings Mountain Little Theater

will be holding auditions for its next production:

"MURDER TAKES THE STAGE"

Auditions will be held Friday, March 17 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm and Saturday, March 18 from 10: am until 3:00 pm

The play is tentatively set for May 5,6, and 7
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Awards Presented

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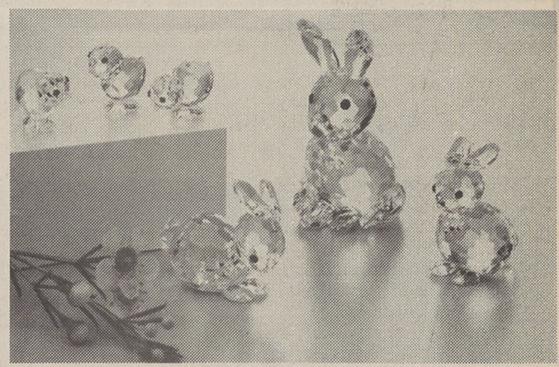
In 1988, 21 girls in the Pioneer Council received the Girl Scout Silver Award. The following are just personal accounts of their Girl Scout Silver Award projects.

Cleveland County — Alice Puckett and Glenda Bridges.

Lincoln County — Angela Phinx, Karen Woodward, and Angela Isenhour.

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