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Buildings Will Be Ready For Students On Monday

There is still a lot of "touching up" to be done to new Kings Mountain high school and middle school buildings but Supt. Bob McRae says he's confident the buildings will be ready for use by students Monday morning.

"We've got a few odds and ends to do," he said, "and there are a few things where suppliers of materials have not delivered on schedule and will have to be caught up during the first month. But it won't hamper the use of the buildings."

Meanwhile, teachers are moving materials into their classrooms.

The spacious new wing at Kings Mountain High School, which will house the math and social studies classrooms, has not yet been air-conditioned and teachers were sweating and using fans while preparing their rooms this week.

"We've been promised that the high school will be completely air conditioned Monday morning," McRae said. "We've met with the contractor several times, as recently as yesterday, and they plan to work through the weekend to make sure that happens. Obviously, we're keeping our fingers crossed."

The new building at the Middle School has already been air condi-

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High School	7:55am	2:25 pm
Middle School	8:00am	2:50pm
Bethware	8:10am	2:40pm
East	8:00am	2:35pm
Grover	8:15am	2:40pm
North	8:20am	2:40pm
West	8:10am	2:35pm

tioned, McRae said. Sixth graders and students in exceptional children's classes will use that wing.

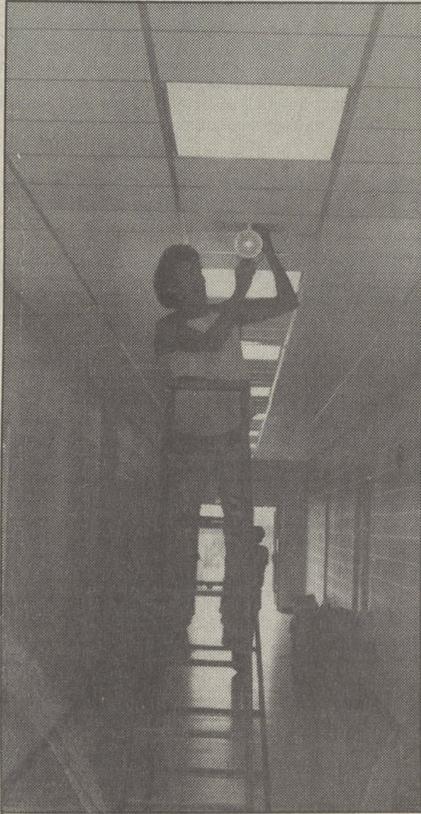
"We've tried to structure it in such a way that sixth graders, for the most part, are kept separate from the other classes," McRae said. "There will be some seventh graders in that building but the way the school has designed the traffic pattern for students, sixth graders will be going in a different direction from the other. As the year goes on and as they get used to the

school and become more mature there will be less concern about sixth graders having more contact with the older children."

Ronnie Wilson, Asst. Supt. in charge of personnel, reports that the school staff is complete except for a vocational teacher at the high school. Linda Dixon, long-time home economics teacher, resigned Tuesday morning to take an assistant principal position at Northbrook Elementary in Lincoln County.

Most schools will take up and dismiss at different times this year. McRae said schools are required to have a 5 1/2-hour instructional day but some schools have added some instructional time "to be sure they're able to get in everything they need to get in during the day."

"The Senate Bill 2 plan allows more freedom to individual schools to make determinations about what best serves their schools and we're allowing school level people to make decisions that are most appropriate for them," he said.



An electrician puts the finishes touches on a light fixture in the hallway of the new math-social studies wing at Kings Mountain High.

School Bells Ring Monday

Phifer Road Traffic Will Be Big Problem

School bells will ring Monday morning for some 3,750 Kings Mountain students and about 2,050 of them will be traveling Phifer Road to attend Kings Mountain Middle School and Kings Mountain High School.

That will probably present a lot of traffic problems.

Supt. Bob McRae said his office will monitor the traffic situation "very closely" and will try to get assistance from the Kings Mountain Police Department to deal with the traffic.

And, McRae said, if traffic becomes an insurmountable problem the schools may have to look at staggering the beginning times of the two schools. "We prefer not to do that, but if it's a matter of safety and the pure need to get kids in class on time and we are unable to do that by starting at the same time, we may have to make some changes," he said.

Kings Mountain is going to a middle school (grades six through eight) and high school (grades 9-12) structure this year. That reorganization adds approximately 600 students at the two schools. There will be about 900 students at the Middle School and 1,150 at the high school.

"If most of those additional students ride buses, we'll have less a problem than if they go to school in cars," McRae said. "If most of them are in cars it will tie up Phifer Road."

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KM's TG&Y Store Will Close Again

TG&Y-McRory Stores at West Gate Plaza will close Oct. 31, according to Bruce Richardson, local manager.

Richardson said that a 15% reduction sale is currently underway to clear the store of merchandise. He said that employees will mark down merchandise 20% during the two days the store will be closed for inventory on Aug. 29-30. Owners of the company say they expect the operation to close officially by the end of October.

Local employees said the opening of the new U. S. 74 ByPass killed business as customers travel to bigger stores to buy similar products. The market is also highly competitive, they said.

TG&Y opened in Kings Mountain in 1972 and closed in 1984. Public protest at the closing reopened the store in May 1985 after customers led a letter-writing campaign to store management asking that the store remain open. In July 1985, McRory Stores of Pennsylvania bought out the firm and have operated since as TG&Y-McRory.

Geneva Crawford of Kings Mountain has been a clerk with the business since it opened in 1972 and will hate to see the store close.

Laura Black has been a clerk and cashier with TG&Y-McRory for 32 years, coming to Kings Mountain in 1985 from Lincolnton when TG&Y closed there and before that worked for TG&Y in Hendersonville 10 years. McRory, headquartered in York, Pa., is also closing its small stores in York, S.C. and Landrum, S. C.

"I hate to see the store close but I guess we will just have to rest for awhile and then look for work," Black said, noting that TG&Y-McRory had been good for employees and for the town. "I'll miss it," she says.



ELLEN ELAM

'Music Lady' Is Retiring

Ellen Elam learned about commitment and practice during the Great Depression Years when her mother found the extra dollar a week she needed to give her piano lessons.

Since those years, Mrs. Elam has become proficient in both piano and organ and on Sept. 30 will retire as organist at First Baptist Church where she has played for 1715 church services over the past 35 years plus hundreds of weddings and funerals in most every church and every denomination in the community.

Happiest when she is at the organ or piano, she radiates the glow to the worshippers in the pews when she plays in God's house. Sacred music and sacred classics are her favorites.

Music is the love of her life, but in retirement Ellen and her husband, Broadus Elam, plan to do some traveling, visit children and grandchildren and listen to others play the organ.

"I just want to sit in the pew with the family and worship," says Mrs. Elam.

When Ellen Elam joined First Baptist Church as choir director and pianist 35 years, she planned only to fill in for Mrs. J. C. Bridges, who was on maternity leave. After the Bridges daughter was born in 1955, the J. C. Bridges family moved to Kings Mountain Baptist Church and Ellen took on almost a full-time role as the church musician. In the late 1950's the late B. T. Wright helped organize the popular Men's Chorus which has a membership of 18-30 men who have sung in churches in a wide area. Over the years the church grew and the love of music increased.

Ellen taught herself organ, after graduating from Wingate College in her hometown of Wingate, and the first organ she played at First Baptist was a Hammond organ. In recent years the church has gained membership from 300 to over 1,000, increased staff and talents, and the music program was enhanced with a mighty Rogers

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School Policy To Be Put On Trial

The Kings Mountain Board of Education spent about a half of its 90-minute meeting time Monday night discussing the proposed policy which would increase the teacher work day from seven hours, 20 minutes to 7 1/2 hours.

Without comment, the board approved policies for the length of school days for students, attendance policy for Kings Mountain High School, and the policy for hiring administrative personnel.

But it was another story altogether when it came time to discuss the teacher work day. After a lengthy discussion, the board approved the policy for a month's trial basis.

School Board member Ronnie Hawkins said a lot of teachers weren't aware of the proposed policy change until "6 o'clock tonight" and he felt like the board should take some time to receive input from teachers.

The proposed policy had been presented at a board meeting two weeks ago at Central School and Supt. Bob McRae also pointed out that it had been unanimously passed by the Personnel Policy Committee on June 24.

McRae said that, although 10 minutes doesn't seem like a lot of time, it is needed because the school day at the Middle School has been extended and that there is also a need some days for meetings and discussion by personnel.

"We need to increase planning time at every school," he said. "Principals have said that there is just not enough time at the end of the day. Ten minutes don't sound like much but it's enough time to assemble and get a little bit done."

The old policy, it was pointed out, would allow teachers to leave the school grounds five minutes after the students were dismissed. At the Middle School, especially, it would be possible for the teachers to be gone before the campus was cleared of students.

Gasoline Prices May Drop

Gas station operators along King Street were speculating Wednesday that gas prices will come down over the weekend.

The price motorists pay at the gas pumps weren't climbing in Kings Mountain Wednesday, a check of several service stations inside and outside the city limits revealed.

The average price of a gallon of regular unleaded, the most commonly used grade of gasoline, was \$1.19.

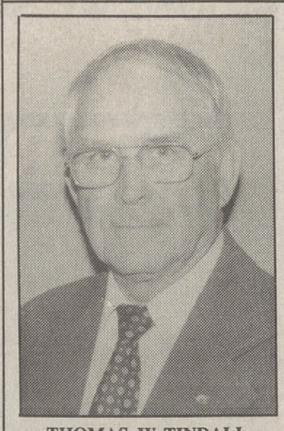
"We don't foresee an increase," said spokesmen for Parker's Amoco, Kings Mountain Exxon, Petroleum World, Conner's Shell, The Pantry on Cleveland Avenue and Shockley's Texaco. Shell on Cleveland Avenue had increased the cost of a gallon of unleaded gasoline to \$1.34 last week but was down to \$1.19 yesterday.

The Carolina Motor Club said this week that the average price of a gallon at the pump had climbed 5 cents in the last seven days. They said that best way for drivers to save on gasoline was to make sure their cars are running their best by having their engines tuned and clean filters installed.

"The word is out that the prices will break in a downturn by the weekend," said Bob Kempston, manager of KM Exxon. Other station managers agreed.

Last week local gas stations reported increases at the pumps of 10 cents per gallon following the invasion Aug. 2 by Iraq of oil-rich Kuwait.

Kings Mountain People



THOMAS W. TINDALL

Life A Challenge For Tindall

Thomas W. Tindall doesn't punch the clock anymore on a regular basis but he finds that every day is busy and challenging.

Although he retired seven years ago from Life Insurance Company of Georgia after 35 years and after 25 years as secretary of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM, Tindall finds there are insufficient hours in the day to do all the volunteer work with Shriners Crippled & Burn Hospitals that he wants to do.

During his leadership of Piedmont Shrine Club in 1979, he helped found the Piedmont Pistons, the car-driving group of Shriners who are popular with parade crowds, and in 1982 he helped the late Paul Kirk Falls charter the White Plains Shrine Club, of which he is treasurer. He is also chaplain of Fairview Lodge.

Tom is an avid supporter at Shrine barbecues, donkey ball games, softball tournaments and paper sales as each year local Shriners increase their giving to Shriners Hospitals. Last year the local club gave \$31,000, which compares with \$12,000 the first year the club was organized eight years ago.

A deacon at Kings Mountain Baptist Church, Tom is also an assistant Sunday School teacher and is active in the bus ministry of the church. For 30 years, he was leader of the youth program but now finds his niche is the bus ministry. He gets excited when he starts talking about picking up people to ride to Sunday School at the downtown church.

In retirement, Tom also has time to attend the Shrine Bowl in Charlotte and to attend Shrine ceremonies in Asheville. Cooking has also become a hobby for Tindall, especially making sauerkraut and it isn't unusual to go to the Tindall home and see five gallons of

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