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Mother losing sleep over YRS issue

By RENEE WALSER
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Emotions ran high at last Wednesday's parent meeting at West School on the possibility of introducing a year-round program in July.

One mother had an emotional voice and said she was losing sleep over the prospect. But she said she respected the teachers' and administrators' views that the year-round program could work for West School. However, she still had serious reservations.

This week West principal Sherrill Toney and staff will try to contact all the parents of West students and poll them on whether they want their children in the traditional program or a year-round calendar. The applications need to be returned to Toney by April 1. The results will be presented to Supt. Dr. Bob McRae, who will make a recommendation to the board during the

April board meeting.

About 30 concerned parents and staff members came to hear Toney's explanation of the year-round program.

Toney discussed the calendar and explained the intersession plans, which include a week of remediation and a week of enrichment. He said that ideas for enrichment could include programs from Discovery Place, Energy Explorium, the military park, parks and recreation and the local colleges.

The initial survey of parents this winter resulted in: 89 who said yes, they would be interested in a year-round program; 37 who were undecided; 59 who said no; and 25 who did not respond.

During questioning, opponents of the issue brought out examples of schools where the year-round program had not increased learning and achievement, which is the goal of the program, according to proponents.

Richard Young, one of the parents against the year-round schedule, quoted from a 1987 report of the National Education Association: "Year-round school generally does not have significant positive effects on achievement."

Asked if he had figures showing an increase in achievement due to year-round education, Toney told the group of Crockett Elementary School in Conroe, Texas. The school had 54 students in the optional year-round program. No remediation or enrichment weeks were offered because educators wanted to see if just the changing of the calendar upped achievement.

The results: The year-round students showed seven more months of growth in reading and four more months in math. Their grades were generally higher than the traditional students'. They showed more appropriate behavior. And the parents were more satisfied with their children's education.

That was the end of 1990. Next year, the program expanded from one school to six schools with 850 students participating. And in 1991-92, 1,200 students were enrolled in the year-round program.

There is a great deal of research maintaining the bad effects of year-round schools. McRae acknowledged that.

"We're not here to say research findings are all for year-round education," he said. "You'll find conflicting reports. . . . A large percentage of the staff and faculty think that it shows promise, and we want you to decide if it's best for you."

"It may be the worst thing we've done; it may be the best."

McRae has said that his recommendation to the school board will be heavily based on the parent survey.

Strict zoning may force businesses out of town

By ELIZABETH STEWART
of The Herald Staff

Jack Barrett, owner and operator of Barrett's Floor Covering on Dixon School Road, and former city policeman Jim Belt share a similar concern.

Both businessmen want to operate businesses in the Kings Mountain area.

Both businessmen say strict zoning laws may force them out.

Both businesses, a proposed car wash on E. King Street and a carpet/salvage operation on Dixon School Road, are out-of-conformance with current city zoning regulations.

Both men say Cleveland County stands to lose tax dollars to Gaston County.

Barrett asked the city to rezone his property in the one-mile perimeter from R-20 to GB last year. Neighbors of the old Compact School property objected loudly. Both the Planning & Zoning Board and Kings Mountain City Council denied the request.

Meantime, Barrett has moved his expanded I-85 salvage business to a building he rents from Jim Testa adjacent to the KM Truck Plaza a short distance from his present carpet business. He has expanded the old school building but wants to house his salvage business

and growing carpet business under one roof.

Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall Barrett will renew his rezoning request to the planning and zoning board. He expects adjoining property owners to again object. He says that neighbors have made a road out of his property for ingress and egress to a nearby church and homes. Barrett may fence his property if he decides to move part of his operation to Gaston.

Barrett said 75-80 percent of his business comes from Gaston County and surrounding areas. He said his volume of sales is high and exceeds \$2 million a year. Barrett said he spent \$100,000 in renovations of the school after buying the property from KM District Schools in 1984. Barrett has operated the business in the Kings Mountain area since 1975 and before that started the business in 1968 in a rural area of the community.

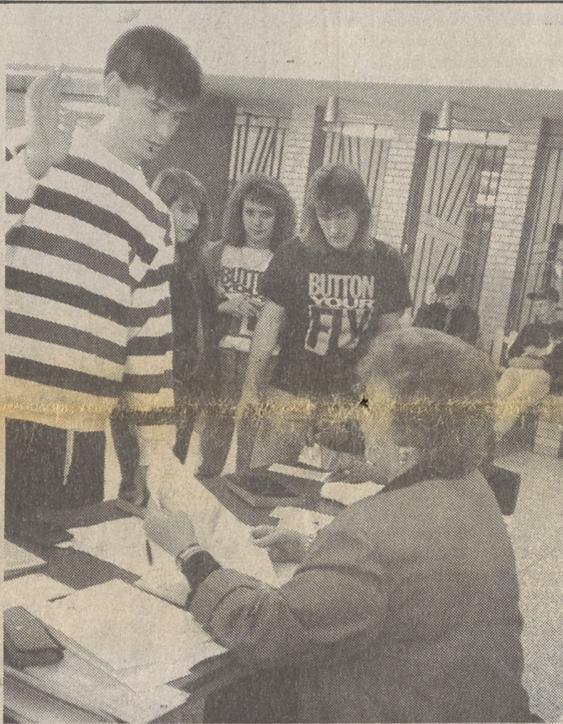
Barrett said that the old school building was formerly operated as a commercial business by J. E. Herndon Co.

"I thought I'd approach the city one more time," said Barrett.

Belt's building is vacant on E. King Street. City officials say granting his request to accommo-

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EXERCISING A RIGHT



Kevin Blalock, 18, didn't say how he plans to vote in the May Primaries but he is anxious to cast his first vote after registering with election officials Thursday. Hilda Dixon administers the oath to the new voter as seniors Carla Swink and David Mark Collins wait their turn.

Tickets are on sale for KM Hall of Fame

Plans are shaping up for the fifth annual Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce Sports Hall of Fame Banquet, which will be held Monday night, April 27 at 7 p.m. at the Kings Mountain Community Center.

University of North Carolina football legend Art Weiner will be the guest speaker, and several other sports personalities have indicated they will be in attendance.

The late Hugh "Red" Ormand, Eugene Goforth, Shu Carlton and Otis Cole will be inducted.

Tickets, which are \$10 each, can be purchased at the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, Kings Mountain Herald, McGinnis Department Store, Champion's Contracting, and from any member of the Hall of Fame Committee.

Bob Hussey, former KMHS basketball coach and now an assistant at Virginia Tech, will be on hand to induct Otis Cole, who starred on his championship teams in 1967-68 and 1969-70.

Jack Ruth, former three-sport standout at KMHS and a former quarterback at Davidson College, will induct Shu Carlton. Ruth was Carlton's first scholarship athlete at Kings Mountain (1948). He is now president of First Union National Bank in Hendersonville.

Many more former Mountaineer sports stars and coaches will be in attendance, but the spotlight will be on the inductees and Weiner, who was a popular coach with the students and the Kings Mountain community during a time when the school was building its winning tradition.

Weiner was an All-American receiver at UNC in 1948 and 1949, and was All-Southern and All-State all four years there (1946-49). He was the school's all-time pass-catching star on the same team that included the school's legendary rushing star, Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice.

Weiner is one of just five Carolina football greats to have their jerseys retired. The others are Charlie Justice, Andy Bershak, George Barclay and Cotton Sutherland.



ART WEINER

Weiner broke into college football in 1946 by catching a touchdown pass on his first collegiate play. He averaged 19.8 yards a reception as a sophomore in 1947, hauling in 20 passes for 396 yards on a team that featured a number of outstanding ends.

Weiner caught 31 passes and finished seventh in the nation in receiving his junior year, and led the country in pass receptions with a school record 52 his senior season. Even in this day of wide open offensive football, Weiner's career records still stand as second best in Carolina history.

Weiner was voted the most outstanding lineman in the Senior Bowl in 1949 and was hailed by Georgia coaching legend Wally Butts as "the greatest pass-catching end I've ever seen."

Weiner played one year with the New York Yanks of the NFL before an injury ended his playing career. He came to Kings Mountain in 1951 to coach football while Coach Shu Carlton was serving a tour of duty in the Korean War.

"I am looking forward to being in Kings Mountain for the fifth annual Sports Hall of Fame Banquet," Weiner said. "I have very fond memories of Kings Mountain and the many great people that we met there."

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Fanny Carpenter, 93, dies

Emma Frances "Fanny" Carpenter, 93, of 118 E. Mountain St., died March 23, 1992 at Kings Mountain Convalescent Center.

A native of Kings Mountain, she was daughter of the late Anderson Pinckney Carpenter and Caroline Hoke Carpenter, a pioneer Kings Mountain family. She was a graduate of Georgia Normal College, now the University of Georgia at Athens, and taught school for nearly 40 years, 35 in the Kings Mountain system and five years in Wilmington.

She was a charter member of First Baptist Church, which her mother helped found in Kings

Mountain, and was also a charter member of Kings Mountain Baptist Church.

She was a member of Colonel Frederick Hambright Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution.

She had been a resident of Kings Mountain Convalescent Center since June 1989.

Surviving are five nieces, Hazel Fryer, Carolyn Dilling, Dorcas Plonk, all of Kings Mountain, Elizabeth Brown of Columbia, S.C. and Irene Whorley of Jacksonville, Fla. and ten nephews, Charles T. Carpenter Jr. of Kings Mountain, Marion Herndon of

Charlotte, J. V. Phillips Jr. of Gaffney, SC, Meek A. Carpenter of Greenville, SC, C. E. Carpenter Jr. of Rocky Mount, Rev. James A. Carpenter of New York City, Ed Long of Carolina Beach, Ben Long of Winnabow, Oscar Long Jr. of Leland, and Perry Long of Wilmington.

The graveside service will be conducted by Rev. Robert Collins and Rev. J. C. Goare Thursday morning at 10 a.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery. The memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. at Kings Mountain Baptist Church. The family will receive friends after the church service.



FANNY CARPENTER

Oak Grove residents can get county water

Oak Grove Community residents can sign up for water Thursday and again on Tuesday from 7-10 p.m. at Oak Grove Baptist Church fellowship hall.

Officials with the Cleveland County Sanitary District will be on hand to answer questions. Residents can go at anytime during the three-hour sign-up period both evenings.

The Oak Grove project includes households on Stony Point Road from New Camp Creek Church Road south to Reliance Electric Co., Kellom Drive east to the intersection with Ware Phifer Circle, Ware Phifer Circle, Wave Road, Bell Road to Wave Road, Hardin Drive, Wooding Place, Hoyle Road

and state roads 2617, 2621, 2163, and 2610.

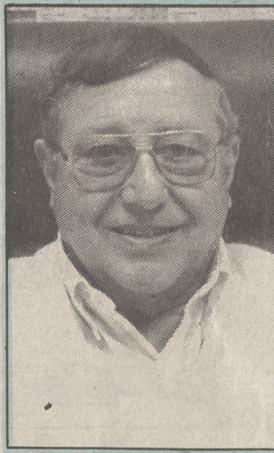
Mike Richardson, manager of the county water authority, said a fair number of people have signed up since volunteers started canvassing the community offering water service that should be available to some households in the community as early as summer.

The Oak Grove project, which is expected to offer water service to about 275 households, is part of a long-term expansion effort that by 1996 should reach about 8,000 households along approximately 500 miles of water main.

Last Thursday night the authority held a meeting with Patterson

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KINGS MOUNTAIN PEOPLE



ODUS SMITH

Smith retired, or is he?

By ELIZABETH STEWART
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Odus Smith Jr. has worn many caps during 36-plus years as a downtown merchant.

Claiming to be semi-retired now that he closed Western Auto Store December 31, Smith plans to start taking life easy once he completes a multitude of chores, including an auction of stock left in his two-story 15,000 square foot building which has housed his business since January 1974.

He also rents, repairs and furnishes beach condominiums and is helping develop Colonial Woods, a new residential section off Maner Road. Service oriented, he maintains an active interest in community endeavors and civic clubs.

Ask the busiest person in town to do a job and folks look no further than Smith's desk, piled high with community jobs that require his attention before

he takes off to his favorite vacation spot--his house boat on Lake Wylie.

Once Smith and wife Jo Ann auction their remaining stock and fixtures at Western Auto Store, they plan to look for a renter/buyer for the store and spend more time together. The couple plans a vacation in June to Russia.

Smith opened the Kings Mountain store in 1955 on Main Street next door to the old Bridges Hardware. Oldtimers spent hours in the store chatting about "the good ole days" and it was a meeting place for new and old friends. As time passed, many of them quit dropping in, due to illness or other commitments. Smith said he missed the camaraderie they shared.

"We all get so busy with this fast-paced world that we don't take as much time anymore to enjoy life," he said.

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