

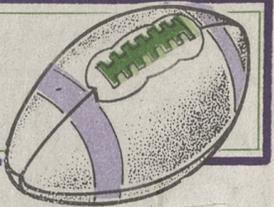


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DR. JOHN MCGILL

'Dr. John' retiring from McGill Clinic

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The Herald Staff

Thursday will mark the end of an era in Kings Mountain as Dr. John C. McGill takes down his shingle at the second longest recorded medical practice in Kings Mountain.

"Dr. John," as he is affectionately called by hundreds of patients, is retiring after what he calls a challenging, rewarding and interesting career which spans 42 years.

Instead of tending sick folk, he will tend a large herd of cattle on his country farm, do volunteer work, read more and enjoy family and friends. He looks forward to moving his books to his Hillside Drive home but plans to visit often with Dr. Charles Adams and Dr. Frank Sincox, who will continue to practice family medicine at McGill Clinic on Watterson Street.

McGill came to Kings Mountain in September 1951, five months after Kings Mountain Hospital

opened. He had practiced one year in Williamston, SC after serving two years in the Army Medical Corps in Osaka and Kobe, Japan and following his medical training.

He graduated as a top scholar at Erskine College, Class of 1943, where he was president of the student body and from Vanderbilt Medical School, Nashville, TN, Class of 1946. He completed post graduate training at Medical College of Virginia in Richmond and at Charlotte Memorial

Hospital.

"Marriott Phifer called me one day and said the Jaycees were looking for another doctor to locate in Kings Mountain," said McGill.

Other physicians here in 1951 were Dr. J. E. Anthony, who practiced 56 years; Dr. W. L. Ramseur and Dr. P. G. Padgett. Dr. Paul Hendricks was on a tour of duty in the Army at the time and Dr. Craig Jones of Shelby performed surgery at the hospital which had opened in April 1951. Several years later Dr.

George Plonk joined the surgical team.

McGill said he and his wife were looking for a house where Kentucky Fried Chicken stands today. They later moved to Crescent Hill and their children played with the Heddens, Howards, Hords, Carpenters, Hamricks, Sabetties, Kenneth McGills, Durhams, Browns, Craigs, Griggs, Housers and Simmons.

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'Tomorrow' meeting set here

Cleveland Tomorrow - a joint effort of county and city governments in Cleveland County to plan future growth - will hold the first of five town meetings October 20 at 7 p.m. at Kings Mountain High School.

The meetings are designed to receive citizen input into plans for future growth and services.

A task force of over 150 people, representing the county, Kings Mountain, Boiling Springs and Shelby, began a study earlier this year through the Urban Institute at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Committees studied such areas as health, transportation, economic development, education, and arts, listing the county's strengths and weaknesses in each area.

The committee includes several Kings Mountain residents, including leaders in government, education and business.

All five town meetings will have the same format, so anyone in the Kings Mountain area who misses next week's meeting here may attend future meetings.

The schedule of meetings is:

October 20, Kings Mountain High School.

October 27, Fallston Elementary School.

November 5, Upper Cleveland Rescue Squad.

November 10, Boiling Springs Elementary School.

November 12, Cleveland Community College.

All meetings are at 7 p.m.



Secret Service agents and members of President Bush's staff discuss a potential stop of the President's whistle-stop tour of the Carolinas during a dry run by staff from Atlanta to Raleigh Tuesday. The President's train will come through Kings Mountain next Wednesday morning but it is not yet official whether it will stop or not.

Is President coming here?

Fact: President Bush's train will come through Kings Mountain next Wednesday morning on a whistle-stop tour from Atlanta, Ga. to Raleigh.

What's uncertain is, will Bush be on the train and will it stop in Kings Mountain?

About 40 Secret Service agents and members of the White House press staff made a dry run Tuesday and Wednesday and stopped in Kings Mountain. They looked at the downtown area, including parking accessibility and safety features of the downtown area, just in case the train would stop.

Peter Gaillard of the Press Staff

said the train will make 10 one-hour stops between Atlanta and Raleigh. It is safe to say, he said, that the train will stop in the area, probably in Kings Mountain, Gastonia or Charlotte. He said after the dry run is completed (late Wednesday afternoon in Raleigh) Bush's campaign officials will decide where the stops will be made. At the Herald's press time, no decisions had been made.

Tuesday, officials checking out downtown Kings Mountain said Bush would board the train in Atlanta early Tuesday morning and

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Tuesday's parent/superintendent forum was encouraging

Despite a small turnout, Kings Mountain Schools Supt. Bob McRae said he was pleased with the attendance at the first Superintendent/Parent forum Tuesday night at Kings Mountain Middle School.

Only about 30 parents showed up, but most took part in the lengthy discussion about concerns within the school system. McRae said another forum may be planned for next year.

Most of the discussion was positive, but a few parents did express their disappointment in some subjects and other areas.

"I was pleased at the kind of interchange we had," McRae said. "It's important for parents to have

the opportunity to express their concerns about things going on in the school system." He added, however, that he did not want such meetings to take the place of parents' communications with their individual schools' principals and teachers.

McRae said it was reassuring that there were not a "lot of new things" that surfaced to catch him off guard. "That's reassuring," he said.

One matter did catch McRae off guard. Mike Hardin objected to a video entitled "Rock the Vote" that was shown at the Middle School. He said the film "was hostile to Christianity," showed a cross burn-

ing, and "bordered on pornography."

The film was shown in a math class, Hardin's wife Linda said, and she felt that was inappropriate. Hardin asked if the system did not have a policy to prevent such a showing, which he referred to as "lewd."

Principal John Goforth explained that the film deals with voting responsibilities and was shown because the school is registering students for a mock election. One teacher screened the video and judged it appropriate. Other teachers who did not screen it began showing the video and deemed it inappropriate and stopped it, he said.

"It was designed more for teenagers," Goforth said. "I think their objection was who was on the video (Madonna), rather than what was said. I would question using Madonna as a role model and if I had previewed the video to show in my class, I probably would not have shown it. But it was the teacher's judgment call. What one may think is lewd behavior may not be lewd to someone else."

Goforth, who is in his first year as principal at KMMS, said the issue will probably be discussed at the next faculty meeting but added that he doesn't believe in taking teaching freedoms away from the teachers.

"When you get into setting up

policies on things like videos, the next step is to set policies about what you can say or do," he said. "I think it's a matter of judgment. I hope our teachers always use good judgment but I hate to get into policies about the freedom of teachers to teach their class."

McRae said he respects the Hardins' feelings but could not make a judgment before giving the teachers involved a chance to respond.

"Mike's exactly right in that the school system should have no interest in showing anything that borders on lewd or inappropriate material," he said.

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Wastewater discharge was accidental

For a few minutes Tuesday golfers at the 15th hole at Kings Mountain Country Club were seeing purple.

Spectrum Textured Fibers, the city's biggest user of water and user, accidentally discharged too much wastewater from their equalization ponds while emptying dyeing vats and backed up the sewer in the pipe and popped a manhole cover at the city's line. Dark-colored dye water flowed heavily into the creek.

"It was an honest mistake and Spectrum has corrected it," said City Manager George Wood.

Wood said luckily there was not a break in the line and no repairs are necessary. "It's just a matter of scheduling changes," he said.

City engineer Tom Howard closed the weirs to cut down the flow from the pipes and Spectrum workers adjusted the flow from the equalization ponds.

"If the flow is too heavy for the pipes the pressure builds up and pops the cover on the manholes," said Howard.

The Mooresville Office of the Environmental Protection Agency got calls from several residents who noticed the strange color of the water.

"We don't mind folks calling the EPA but it saves them long-distance calls to call 734-0333, city hall, or the police department, 734-0444," said Wood, who said all incidents of this nature, by law, are

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An accidental discharge of wastewater into Potts Creek turned the water a dark purple Tuesday.

Pleasure boat request unanimously denied

A proposal from a Moss Lake resident to put a cruise and pleasure boat on the lake was unanimously rejected by the Moss Lake Commission Monday night.

But Wanda L. Hays isn't through yet. She will take the request for a permit to the city council at the 7:30 p.m. October 27 meeting.

Three petitions from Moss Lake residents opposing a permit for the venture were received by the board and a half dozen residents from a crowd of about 40 voiced objection during a public hearing conducted by acting chairman M. C. Pruette. Only Hays spoke in favor of the project.

Hays admitted that her dream for a cruise boat might not get on

the water but she said she envisioned that some day that would happen and it would be good for the community and revenue for the city. She said she got the idea after experiencing similar excursions in Indiana and was impressed with the Catawba Queen on Lake Norman after her family moved to Moss Lake.

"I wanted to give back something to this area. Everyone was so good to us when our 22-year-old daughter was killed by a drunk driver," she said after the meeting. "But I would not want to do anything to bring harm. This is the most beautiful area in the world."

Responding to questions, Hays

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Park Grace School will be sold

The Kings Mountain Board of Education will probably offer the old Park Grace School for sale at public auction in early December.

Board Attorney Scott Cloninger was instructed to draw a resolution of intent to sell to be acted upon at the next School Board meeting. If it is approved, the board can advertise the facility for sale in 30 days.

Cloninger said the board can sell the facility at public auction but reserve the right to reject the high bid. If the high bid is not acceptable by the board, it can be sold privately.

"Since this is not a judicial sale, you do not have to allow for an upset bid," he told the board.

In another matter, the board agreed to hear from the community

during the "comments from the community" portion of next month's board meeting on the possibility of revising legislation to establish the seats on the School Board.

The board is considering changing Priscilla Maune's inside city seat to an at-large seat since the majority of the population of the school district has shifted to outside the city limits. Presently, there are three inside city and two outside city seats.

Rev. Billy Houze, who requested population figures several months ago, said that designating the seat as "at large" would safeguard against future annexation which would shift the majority of the population back inside the city.

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County candidates discuss issues

All six candidates for three seats on the county board of commissioners rate education as the No. 1 priority for spending in Cleveland County.

They made their remarks during a forum attended by 125 people at Cleveland Community College Tuesday night.

Voters on November 6 will choose from a candidate lineup that includes one political veteran and five newcomers.

Charlie Harry, the incumbent Republican, says that while there are no simple answers to issues that his experience gives him an edge over the opponents. He called attention to several important programs now underway that all six

candidates stressed during the two-hour forum.

None of the candidates threw barbs and all pledged to support the three who win election. Each spoke candidly about issues and differences they see in the campaign on questions submitted to the League of Women Voters and Cleveland County Jaycees, co-sponsors.

All six candidates favor district representation but with different ideas on the board makeup. Harry expects redistricting to be on the agenda for action by the new board when it takes office. He said that the current board will take a look at redistricting at the next board meeting.

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