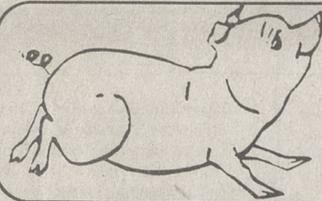


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School Board off to retreat

At-Large seat okayed by Justice Department

It's official. The U.S. Justice Department has formally approved an At-Large seat on the Kings Mountain Board of Education.

Supt. Dr. Bob McRae said "all is go" for the upcoming school board election in November where two outside-city seats and one At-Large seat are up for grabs.

Running for the two outside-district seats are incumbent board chairman Ronnie Hawkins, recently appointed member C. A. Allison, Melony Bolin and Keith Miller.

Running for the one At-Large

seat are Billy Houze, who resigned his seat on the board when he moved inside the city limits, Larry Hamrick Jr. and Myron George.

Last October the board voted to seek legislation to make one of the current inside-city seats on the board an at-large position effective with the next board election in November 1993. The change had to be approved by the U. S. Justice Department.

Board members say the new makeup on the board would more fairly represent the population which has shifted with more people living outside the city limits than inside.

The five-member Kings Mountain Board of Education and administrators are off for Boone Sunday for a three-day Advance, the annual retreat.

Major items on the agenda for discussion are what to do about renovation projects at Central School since bids came in last week about \$400,000 more than anticipated and a fall audit, the system's first to examine and fine-tune the curriculum.

Both items are expected to be on the agenda for the October meeting.

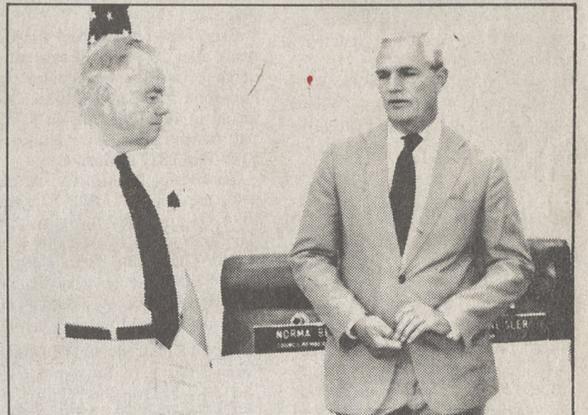
Also making presentations, in addition to Central School architect Roger Holland and auditor Dr. Frances Jones, will be Dr. Ed Dunlap and Dr. Thomasine Hardy of the State Board of Education

who have been invited by the school board to assist individual board members in taking a personal evaluation of their performances as board members.

The curriculum audit will be done over a three-day period at the various schools in town by three people who will then file a complete report to the school board with recommendations.

Supt. Dr. Bob McRae and Assistant Superintendents Jane King, Ronnie Wilson and Larry Allen and finance officer Terry Haas will also make reports.

School board members planning to attend are Chairman Ronnie Hawkins, Vice-Chairman Priscilla Mauncy, Shearra Miller, B. S. Peeler and C.A. Allison.



Kings Mountain insuranceman Bob Maner left, and U. S. Congressman Alex McMillan share concerns about the President's health care plan. President Clinton unveiled the plan Wednesday night.

Local people tell congressman health care is real concern

The hot topics in Kings Mountain during U.S. Congressman's Alex McMillan's Thursday visit were NAFTA and health care reform.

Insuranceman Bob Maner, also a staunch Republican, urged passage of the new trade pact with Mexico which would dismantle nearly all trade barriers between the U. S. and Mexico during a 15-year span.

Retired citizen Zeb Plonk and Fire Chief Frank Burns voiced concerns about health care issues. Burns said he is also concerned with rising crime in the state and early parole for prisoners who are jailed for violent crimes. Burns also voiced his approval for a local bill now in a committee in the state legislature which would give fire-

men the same benefits of early retirement after 25 years as that of police. Currently the benefits accrue after 30 years of service by firemen.

"Medicaid probably wont exist after reform," McMillan predicted. "There will be dramatic benefits but you can probably expect deductibles to be in everything."

McMillan, who has been vocal on health issues, met recently with First Lady Hillary Clinton and other Republicans urging the administration to adopt a bipartisan health care plan.

"Mrs. Clinton acknowledged the need for bipartisan support," he said. "Half of the Republicans in the House don't want to see them

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Plans taking shape for Oct. 2 celebration

Plans are shaping for the annual Mountaineer Day celebration Saturday, October 2, in downtown Kings Mountain.

An opening ceremony at 9:45 a.m. at the stage area at the corner of Cherokee and Gold Streets will officially kick-off a day long program of activities open to the public, according to Denese Leonard of the sponsoring Parks & Recreation Department.

Children of the community are invited to decorate their bikes, wagons and strollers for a Kids Parade at 11 a.m. Other special events, for which prizes are also offered, are a stuffed-animal contest, a dog show and "best tea in town" contest. The prizes will be presented during the festivities.

A two-hour gospel songfest is slated for the afternoon entertainment under the direction of Evelyn Bridges. Pony rides, a space walk, arts, crafts and plenty of good food will be available. The "Mink Band" will play for a street dance during the evening hours. A cheerleading competition is also in the works.

Mayor Scott Neisler says the public is invited to join him in a fun walk at the city's walking track at 9:30 a.m. on Mountaineer Day; to take part in a night bike ride on Friday evening, October 1, at 10 p.m. and to enjoy free swimming at Neisler Natatorium on October 1 from 10 p.m. until midnight.

No fireworks display will be held after the Mountaineer Day festivities. The mayor said the big fireworks spectacle will be presented at halftime of the KMHS-RS Central homecoming football game at John Gamble Stadium.

A first for Kings Mountain

She loves her job

Move over men! Make room for the city's first female sanitation worker Mary Nicholson.

The 30-year-old Kings Mountain resident was rolling out garbage at 1200 households on her route Monday dumping the buggy into the truck and enjoyed herself tremendously.

Nicholson had on her walking shoes which she needs for the 6 to 6 1/2 miles she will hike during an eight-hour shift, picking up garbage two days a week.

"She's pulling her load," said Sanitation Supt. Emmett Moss. Crew leader Rick Putnam agreed.

"She fits in real well," said other members of her crew on the one mile run on West Mountain and Gold Streets. Steve Spangler was driving the big truck and other members of her crew are Kery Owens and Ranny Caldwell.

Nicholson, who formerly worked in Charlotte at McDonald's, said she got lucky when she applied for the job with the City of Kings Mountain and moved to Kings Mountain. Already she has become active in Mount Zion Baptist Church.

What does she like best and worst about her new job? She loves to walk but she hates the smell.



MARY NICHOLSON

Lake dredging may start soon

City Council is expected to formally sign a long lease agreement with Delta Aggregates Inc. Tuesday night to dredge Moss Lake of 100,000 tons of sand annually for the next 10 years.

The barge and pump operation will start removing the sand soon from the upper end of Moss Lake in exchange for the sand, said City Manager George Wood.

Wood said the city's only cost for the project will be to build an

access road at the site, secure permits, do inspections and police and post trespassing signs on the area.

Dredgers will put up a crane near the old dam in the upper part of the lake. The crane will drag a large bucket across the lake's bottom, dipping out sand one bucket at a time and then hauling it to Delta's asphalt plant in Gastonia.

Council has already given the green light to the project but will sign the formal papers Tuesday as

the major item on the September agenda at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

The board is also expected to establish the areas in city-owned buildings where smokers may light up. Last month Council banned smoking in city owned buildings and in city-owned vehicles but indicated that some smoking areas could be designated.

Board members will be asked to finalize street paving priorities which qualify for matching grants.

Meet the candidates

Kings Mountain voters can meet the candidates at a red, white and blue Chamber of Commerce-sponsored after-hours get-together Thursday, September 30, from 5:30-7 p.m. at City Hall.

"The welcome mat is out for the public to come and talk one-on-one about the issues to the candidates for City Council and Board of Education seats," said past president and chairman Ruby M. Alexander.

Alexander said the lobby of City Hall will be decorated in patriotic colors of red, white and blue. Refreshments will be served from festive tables.

"It's only 12 days until the City Council election and we hope that voters will use this opportunity to meet the 13 candidates for four City Hall positions on October 5

and the seven candidates for three school board positions on November 2," said Alexander.

The City Council candidates are Kyle Smith, Jerry Mullinax, Frank Brackett and Dean Spears, At-Large; Gilbert Hamrick, Charlie Smith, Ralph Grindstaff, Elvin Greene and Gary Joy, Ward 3; Jim Childers and Jerry White, Ward 4; and Rick Murphrey and Fred Finger, Ward 5.

School board candidates are Ronnie Hawkins, C. A. Allison, Keith Miller and Melony Bolin, for two outside-district seats and Billy Houze, Larry Hamrick Jr., and Myron George, for one At-large seat on the board.

Alexander said that questions and answers will be on an individ-

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Kings Mountain People

Poems flow freely from Helen's pen

By ELIZABETH STEWART of The Herald Staff

The words flow naturally from the pen of Kings Mountain poet Helen Cornwell Logan.

Now that she is officially retired, her thoughts about babysitting with a great-grandchild or digging in her backyard flower garden may soon be the inspiration for another first place piece of writing.

"I don't really remember my first poem," said Logan. Writing is my form of relaxation.

Logan retired this month after 17 years as Transportation Coordinator at the Kings Mountain Senior Center at The Depot.

"Good morning, Senior Center," was the friendly voice on the telephone to callers of Kings Mountain's popular spot for senior citizens.

Although poetry is her love, Logan's first priority is family. Her comfortable home on East King Street has always been full of

laughter and the love of her big family.

Logan's parents, the late C. T. and Della Turner Cornwell, were among the early settlers of Kings Mountain. Her grandmother, Lucinda Cornwell, was the first Baptist in Kings Mountain and founded the First Baptist Church, according to a history in the Mauney Memorial Library.

For most of her life Helen has lived on East King Street.

"Once you start writing you just have to keep on," said Helen of her love of poetry.

As a young housewife, she penned notes and often hid them away in desk drawers. When her children realized her talent, they started retrieving the bits of scrap paper and one day Helen received notification that she had won a first place cash prize for a poem. Son, Larry Logan, had secretly entered his mother's poem in a state writing contest.



HELEN LOGAN

Recently Helen's poem, "Always Yours, Elizabeth," was published in a state anthology of the N. C. Poetry Society. The book, a celebration of 60 years by the North Carolina Poetry Society, is entitled,

"Here's To The Land."

Helen's love of writing began as a student at Kings Mountain High School in 1926 when she wrote the school's Alma Mater. It is familiarly known as "Dear Ole KM High We Love You."

"Lucille Cansler Falls and I were dear friends and we were at my house with most of the cheerleaders one afternoon and decided we needed a school song," said Helen. "We wrecked my sister Vera's sheet music as I wrote the words and Lucille suggested we put the words to the music of 'In The Garden of Tomorrow.'"

The melody was perfect and that day the school song was born.

All six Cornwell girls were multi-talented and the whole family was a musical family. Mrs. Cornwell played the violin and Helen's five sisters played piano. Helen, modest about her talents, describes herself as the tomboy of

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Heather Toney, fourth grader at Grover School, accepts a \$25 check from Shirley Austin, as winner of the Kings Mountain Herald's Color Me Safe contest. Austin, the Herald's advertising representative, made the presentation and thanked sponsors of the full-page that encouraged children to practice safety enroute and at school. The contest was open to all K-5 students. Toney is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Toney.