



The staff of McGill Clinic has racked up an impressive 165-plus years of service in the medical profession. Front row, Cissy Glass, Louise Tucker and Ann Greene. Back row, Dot Howell, Linda Ford, Dr. Charles Adams and Dr. Frank Sincox. Not pictured: Barbara Evans and Joan Smith. Tucker has been Adams' nurse during his practice of 31 years. The two doctors have announced their plans to leave the clinic May 31.

## SINCOX

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and won't leave the practice until two new doctors arrive on the scene. He said he hoped that other staff members would be retained to further ensure a smooth transition. Sincox praised Kings Mountain Hospital Administrator Huitt Reep for initiating a search for prospective doctors to staff the clinic.

A 1954 graduate of Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., Sincox finished Emory Medical School in 1958 and served in the Navy, both ashore and afloat, from 1958-63. His family includes daughter, Kathy, of Kings Mountain and son and daughter-in-law, Doug and Kim Robinson Sincox of Wilmington.

He has served in only one family medical practice, coming to Kings Mountain as the community's eighth doctor in 1963 and quickly becoming active in the community. "I always knew I would be a

doctor," said Sincox whose first toy as a child was a play doctor's kit. Born in 1932 in Michigan, he grew up in New Jersey and moved to Atlanta in 1949.

His first practice over 30 years ago in Kings Mountain included delivering babies. A calendar in his office lists a head count of 867 infants he helped bring into the world. House calls were also part of a busy small town doctor's routine.

"Many people entrusted their health care to me and I appreciated it and that's why I want very much for that continuity of service to continue at McGill Clinic where so many people have come to Chuck (Adams) and me for health care over the years," said Sincox.

A former Deacon and Elder of First Presbyterian Church, Sincox was President of the Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Red Cross board of directors, in the Civil Air Patrol, Chief of Staff at Kings Mountain Hospital three terms and medical director for the

Kings Mountain Rescue Squad.

The technological advancements in laboratories, x-ray equipment and medication have been phenomenal over the last quarter century and Sincox sees these improvements as revolutionizing the medical field. Today, for instance, there are over 30 different medicines for blood pressure.

Sincox cited the high costs of medical insurance and the increased paperwork as constant worry to health professionals who see these headaches as a deterrent to their call as a healer.

"I look back over a very busy and productive life in Kings Mountain and look ahead to more challenges," said Sincox.

Sincox said that it is with mixed emotions that he moves on but says he will continue to do what he loves best but in a different setting.

## Doctors plan to practice in KM

Two new doctors will soon be "in" at McGill Clinic if everything goes to Kings Mountain Hospital Administrator Huitt Reep's expectations.

Reep said that Dr. Edward Butler of Atlanta, Georgia is in town this week getting his licensing number and malpractice insurance. Reep said Butler will go to work at McGill Clinic April 11 pending the completion of negotiations for a lease with Dr. John C. McGill.

Reep said that he talked with a second doctor, Dr. Richard Francis of North Vernon, Indiana Monday and that Francis has indicated he can be ready to open a family practice at McGill Clinic in May.

Last week hospital trustees gave Reep the green light to negotiate with McGill to lease the Watterson Street clinic and also and buy the equipment.

Hospital officials have been scurrying to secure two doctors for McGill Clinic since the announcement that veterans Dr. Charles H. Adams and Dr. F.J. Sincox are retiring May 31 after more than 30 years of providing primary health care to local residents. Adams told the Herald recently there was a possibility that the clinic would close its doors May 31.

This week Drs. Adams and Sincox posted a notice and sent letters to patients promising not to leave McGill Clinic "until two new physicians, Dr. Francis and Dr. Butler, arrive to continue the service of McGill Clinic to the community."

"At this time all our patients have the option of continuing here under the care of Dr. Francis or Dr. Butler, or of obtaining their records for transfer to the physician of their choice," said the letter.

The letter continued, "Dr Adams and Dr. Sincox will remain in the area but will not remain in primary medical care or be able to continue care for their patients as they have done in the past.

"Too many rumors exist about the future of McGill Clinic and all

of our patients deserve a better understanding of this issue. As of today, not all facts are known and for this reason no announcement has been made until definitive arrangements are made. When facts become definite, an announcement will be made in the Kings Mountain Herald, at the office, and by mailings."



## BEAUTY PAGEANT

The Kings Mountain Athletic Booster Club is sponsoring its annual beauty pageant on April 30, 1994. Any girls from 3 years of age through 8th grade that live in the Kings Mountain School District or attend Kings Mountain Schools such as Grover, East, West, Bethware or North are eligible to enter. The entry fee is only \$35.00 and the deadline to enter is March 31, 1994. All entry fees must be received by April 13, for ordering of awards. Contestants will be judged on beauty only by out of town judges. Sunday dress required (no pageant dresses allowed). For more information or to enter please call Kim Peeler at 739-7900 in the day or 739-0836 in the evening.

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## GROVER

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municipal election, said townspeople are upset that Sides was fired when he was doing his duty as a cop. "He was protecting a man at the First Union Bank at Cleveland Mall and may have kept them from getting robbed," she said, referring to the recent incident which allegedly led to Sides' dismissal from the force.

"For what reason did you fire him?" asked Cooke. "Why are we on the agenda if we can't get answers?"

Councilman Noel Spivey said that Council made no commitment to respond to citizens who asked to have their say about the dismissal of Sides.

"That's just an easy way for you to get around doing your job," said Cooke.

"I want to hear the reasons so the town can quit whispering."

Martha Byers, a former town commissioner, presented a petition to the board which also included the names of all employees of the Cleveland Mall branch bank of FUNB.

"I served on the board when it was made up of only three members and we hired and fired," she

said. "Who reprimands the Police Chief?"

Queen acknowledged that Town Board reprimands and said that the Chief is within his jurisdiction when he responds to county calls.

"I think the board is out of touch with the people," said Byers, a neighbor of Sides.

"This is a sane police officer who has the town's best interest at heart.

"This is back door politics. The Mayor breaks a tie vote and has no authority to hire and fire.

"You can be sure that 273 people won't vote for you again."

After the meeting, Byers said that some of the signatures on the petition came from people who live outside the town limits and all are not registered voters.

The Mayor's seat and those of Mayor pro tem Sandra Ellis and Councilmen Jack Herndon and Tim Rowland are up next year. Sides has publicly said he will run for mayor.

"There are a lot of bad cops but Sides is a good cop," said James Bennett, citing examples of Sides' work on the police force and his attention to the elderly in the community.

"It's a sad day when a man does his job and he gets fired for it."

## RETREAT

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9:40 a.m. - Police Chief Warren Goforth.

9:50 a.m. - Planning and Economic Development Director Gene White.

10 a.m. - Personnel Director Winston Bagley.

10:15 a.m. - break.

10:30 a.m. - Administration, Finance and Purchasing, Maxine Parsons.

10:40 a.m. - Aging Department Director Monty Thornburg

10:50 a.m. - Mauney Memorial Librarian Rose Turner

10:55 a.m. - Recreation Director Bruce Clark.

11:10 a.m. - Public Works Supt. Karl Moss.

11:30 a.m. - City Engineer Tom Howard

11:40 a.m. - Gas and Electric Supt. Jimmy Maney.

12 noon - Water and Sewer Supt. Walt Ollis.

## CENTRAL

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A part of the school burned on November 14, 1932. With the completion of a new building in 1933, the school curriculum became more varied. In the 1930's a gymnasium was built and a cafeteria program started.

A big addition was the 12th grade in 1942 while the lower grades were moved away. Consolidation of Kings Mountain schools with Grover, Park Grace, Compact and Bethware Schools took place in 1961. Six years later, the school system was completely desegregated. In 1965, a new high

school was built to accommodate grades 9-12. At this time Central became a junior high school with grades seven and eight.

In 1974, a new junior high school was completed and the sixth and seventh grades were assigned to Central.

Students from the East and West Elementary Schools were recently housed at Central while their new school buildings were being constructed.

Historians have called tree-shaded Central School the heart of the school system, a building which has housed all age students over the years.

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