



It Takes Two Buttons...

It takes two campaign buttons to spell out the name Galifianakis, and two pretty ladies to smile while they display the buttons for Democratic candidate for the U. S. Senate from North Carolina.

They are Evie Goudy (left) and Kay Tignor, employees in the attorney offices of Davis and White. The candidate toured Kings Mountain Friday afternoon. (Mirror Photo by Rodney Dodson)

Helping Hand Fund Seeks Contributions For Needy

The Ministers Association of Kings Mountain has many aspects to its duties and responsibilities. But one of the most important areas of service is to help the sick and the poor who stand in real need of this help.

In a meeting of our Ministers at the Central Methodist Church recently, questions were asked and answered on how we could best serve our community and their needs. Mr. Frank Shirley who has been the custodian of our funds for this project has organized a system whereby each minister examines the genuine need of any person seeking help. This is to discourage those who are "floaters" or drifters and who have no desire to help themselves. But a co-operative program of helping people in an emergency was inaugurated many years ago by the ministers, and they receive some apportionment from the United Fund for this very important service. It becomes the duty of the ministers, therefore, to examine the requests which come into our hands that they may be properly sifted and guided in meeting the needs of the people of this community. All of the churches participate in the City-wide program. Certain individuals give to this cause. But this program of carefully examining each applicant for his need keeps us from having problems which often arise when one man will ask for help and then go down the street to another minister and ask for further help. In this way we have a clearing house and a record is being kept of the help that is being given to any individual for any cause. This is a part of the church's work and we think it is one of

the best ways to carry on the Lord's business in the matter which He spoke to His Disciples when He said, "The Lord ye have always with you."

Anyone desiring to help in this worthy work, please send contributions to Helping Hand Fund in care of Rev. Frank Shirley, 611 Gantt St., Kings Mountain, N. C.

Meetings Set For Philmont Trip

Parent and boy meetings will be held for Boy Scouts and Explorers interested in going to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico this summer. It was announced today by Mr. Joe Hartsell, Scoutmaster of the contingent.

The first meeting will be held at the Shelby Savings and Loan building, Monday, March 27th at 7:30 p.m., and the second meeting will be held at the Resurrection Lutheran Church in Kings Mountain Tuesday, March 28th at 7:30 p.m.

The Philmont Expedition is an experience of adventure in sky-high country of the old west for Scouts and Explorers in the Piedmont Council who will be at least 14 years old by September 1st. Philmont, near Cimarron, New Mexico, is an outdoor camping empire covering over 138,000 acres of cold mountain streams, evergreen forests, mountains that poke holes 12,000 feet into the clouds, and traditions of the pioneer explorers of the old west.

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City Easter Services Set

The Kings Mountain Easter Sunrise Service will be held in Mountain Rest Cemetery on April 2 at 6:00 A.M. The service is sponsored by the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association. The public is invited to attend the service.

School Board Gets Warning

Atkinson Supported By Citizens Group

By Rodney Dodson
Editor, The Mirror

The Kings Mountain school board, administration, and the whole social and economic structure of the community came under attack Monday night following a show of support for High School principal Mr. J. C. Atkinson at the board of education meeting.

Jim Amos, spokesman for the Atkinson supporters said, "I think it's a catastrophe that we in Kings Mountain had to have this situation arise, but that's the way of the free. I and 635 citizens feel that Jake Atkinson is the man to help us do the job."

Amos said the petition carried the signature of citizens of all races and creeds. He told the board, "We all want what's good for all of us, I'm willing to work for it, and I'm sure you are... we pray that race will not be an issue in Kings Mountain again." Amos pointed out that a large group of students also feel that Atkinson is the man for the job.

No delegation opposing Atkinson showed up at the meeting.

Board Chairman George Mauney recognized William Orr, who is chairman of the adult advisory committee.

"I'm not concerned about the principal of Kings Mountain High School--you could bring any principal in here and he'd still have the same problems and trouble as now--lay the fault on the system--not the administration--the system that requires blacks to file a report to the Federal Government to get a decent job. We had to file a suit a few years ago to get jobs here."

"White students are being taught that they're superior to the black man--told you can get jobs where the black man can't. We have people here with Masters degrees who can't get jobs in the school system. You board members must wake up and hire more blacks in the school system, we have them here--I say you need them out there. The best kids in North Carolina go to Kings Mountain High, we're at fault, not those kids."

Orr continued, "People who have lived here all their lives have denied blacks opportunity. Look at downtown Kings Mountain--one of the most segregated cities is downtown Kings Mountain. Go downtown and see how many blacks are working! I think the system in Kings Mountain needs to wake up--City Hall in Kings Mountain is a segregated institution."

"Until the system wakes up," Orr admonished, "we're going to be in the same predicament."

"One more point I'm concerned with as a parent," Orr said, "A report came to me within the last few days of a teacher kicking kids--you don't kick kids for punishment. This is wrong and brings on our trouble. Black kids are pushed in a corner now--all hell will break loose unless we do something."

Rev. William Scott of New Bynum Chapel raised the question, "Do we have a prejudiced, segregated administration?" He asked the board to emphasize to the principal the necessity of all students learning and suggested that the board's recent "get tough" policy might not be the answer. The board members suggested that "getting tough" was not the proper term, that they were only enforcing the rules which existed.

William Orr again addressed the board. "Our biggest trouble here today is hatred--not with the kids out there, but too much hatred between white and black." Orr suggested that the answer is to all join together "to wipe away this hate." Orr said, "I know each board member here, I hope you're in harmony with your brother."

Board member Alex Owens suggested that it all goes back to the home, and can't all be learned at Sunday School or school. Luico Wilson made an appeal to the board. "My boy has been dismissed from school--cut completely off--just like a school board member said, this boy was caught on the short end of the stick. What's it going to do to these boys if they're not admitted back--will that help the situation. I think the action was taken too quickly at a time when this thing wasn't settled down. We've got to give these things some thought."

Superintendent Donald Jones replied that specifics were involved as far as Wilson's son was concerned, with personalities involved and should not be aired out in a public meeting without first going through proper channels. Chairman George Mauney read a resolution from all Kings Mountain principals stating that "J. C. Atkinson has our support in his effort to promote peace, harmony...". Mauney said the petition carried the signatures of all the principals, as well as some supervisory personnel in the school system. He added that he was not asked to sign.

Police Seeking Witnesses To TV Theft Saturday

Thieves stopped in front of Bridges Radio and TV Company on N. Piedmont Avenue Saturday night about 9 p.m., and according to police picked up a large chunk of cement block and threw it through the plate glass window.

The thieves then proceeded to set two televisions out on the sidewalk and loaded them into the trunk of a car, and proceeded north on Piedmont, with the trunk open, and

people following, and in front. One witness has reportedly identified the car as yellow with a black top.

Chief of Police Thomas McDevitt is conducting an exhaustive search for the car, and issues a request for anyone who might have been in the vicinity at that time Saturday night and seen the car to contact the police department.

School Easter Schedule Revised -Next Year's Approved

The Board of Education has revised the current school calendar to have school on Good Friday, March 21st, dismissing at 11:30 without serving lunch, thus having 5 full days that week, and not having to come back the Friday following Easter to make up a day lost for snow.

The board also approved the 1972-73 school calendar, adding two days as teacher work days at the beginning of school, August 21st, 22nd, 23rd. August 24th is pupil orientation day, and August 25th is the first full day for students.

There will be a Labor Day holiday, 2 days for Thanksgiving, and dismissed December 19th thru January 2nd for Christmas Holidays. Spring holidays are scheduled 2 days before Easter and 1 day after. Three days are set aside for inclement weather.

June 1st is the last student day and June 4th the last day for teachers.

In other action Mr. Joe Hedden, Principal at West School, has asked to be relieved of his band duties, having been working as part-time band director. His request was accepted.

Pre-School Registration

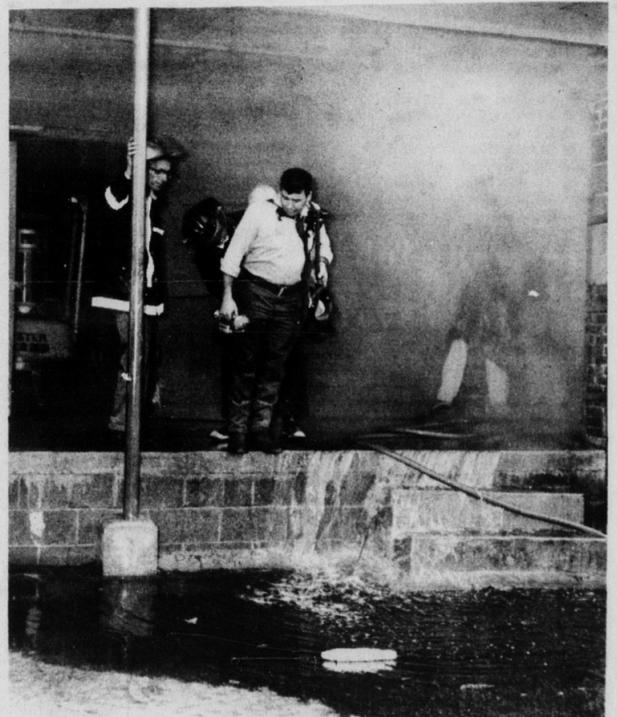
The Kings Mountain City Schools registration and orientation program for preschoolers starting school in 1972-73 is as follows:

On April 11th at Bethware School, 1-2:30; April 13th at North, 1-2:30; April 14th at East School, 1-2:30; April 19th at Grover, 1-2:30; and at West on April 20th from 1-2:30.

Registration forms are being distributed through the above elementary schools and the Kings Mountain City Schools office.

Parents are asked to complete these forms before orientation and also present the child's complete shot record, birth certificate, and physical exam by the family doctor at the registration program.

For additional information please contact the principal of the school your child will attend.



Kings Mountain firemen (above) answered a call to Craftsman Yarn Co. Friday around 5 p.m. According to the Kings Mountain Fire Department approximately 350 500 lb. balls of cotton were damaged in the blaze which was confined to a warehouse. The sprinkler system had the fire under control but it took almost 5 hrs. for firemen to put out the small fires on each ball. No cause was determined.

Firemen answered another call Tuesday morning at Dixie Trailer Park around 1:05. A trailer owned by Warren Reynolds and occupied by Danny Parton was completely destroyed by fire. (Mirror Photo by Lem Lynch)



These five boys were winners in the Optimist Club's annual oratorical contest. Speeches were composed by the boys on the subject "Our Challenge--Involvement." They are left to right: Reggie Perkins, Ricky Morrison, Preston Short, Glen Roberts, and Larry Ayers.

The competition was sponsored jointly by the Kings Mountain and Grover Clubs. Glen Roberts, representing Kings Mountain, and Preston Short representing the Grover Optimists were first place winners, and represented the clubs in the district contest in Lincolnton Sunday. Photo by Jim Belt