

This Week's Lucky Winners

Well, another week has come and gone and the football entries have been tabulated. As usual competition was pretty tough with lots of entries getting nine correct guesses. Ironically enough, many of the "nine rights" would have had a 100% total except they missed the Kings Mountain, East Rutherford game! That tie between East Gaston and South Point was given to everyone so that was a free space. Congratulations to this week's MIRROR FOOTBALL CONTEST WINNERS. One request however. Please match the projected winners with the corresponding numbers found in each advertiser's space. It makes life a lot easier and accurate for all involved. Thanks!

- First Place- Kenneth Roark- 9 correct; 24 points
- Second Place- Mrs. Nell Hall- 9 correct; 27 points
- Third Place- Linda Moss- 9 correct; 30 points.

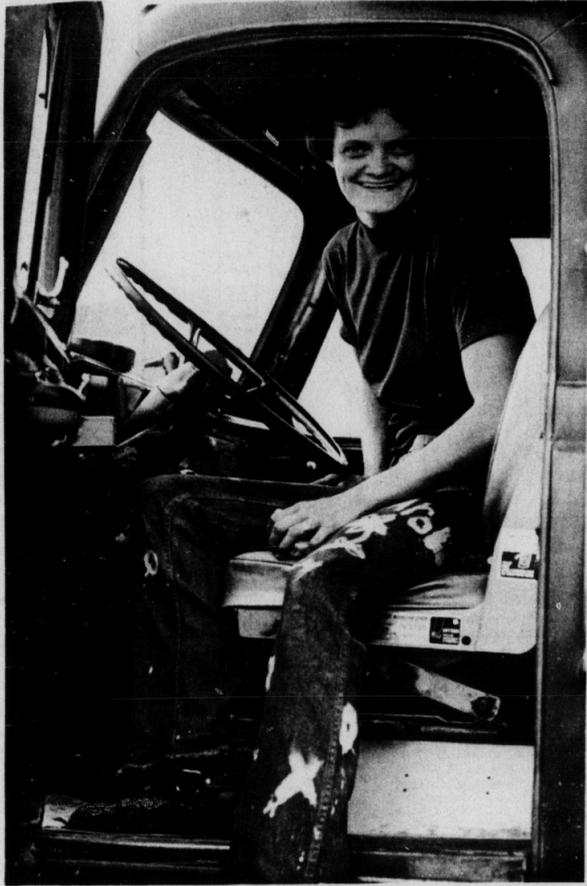
Redevelopment Hires Assistant Director

Richard D. (Dick) McNeely, a native of Greensboro, North Carolina has been named as the Assistant Director and Project Manager of the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission.

McNeely comes to Kings Mountain from Lumberton, N.C. where he has been serving as Community Service Director. Prior to his position in Lumberton, Dick was employed with the Piedmont Council (a professional scouting group) in Gastonia where he served as District Scout Executive.

Mr. McNeely served four years in the Navy after high school and upon discharge entered Guilford College where he received an A.B. degree in Economics.

Richard McNeely comes highly recommended to Kings Mountain. His management abilities and work record should prove to be an asset to the redevelopment program and to the city. He is scheduled to start his new position October 15.



Louise Sits In "Second Home"

She's Found Happiness Driving A Gravel Truck

Text by Jay Ashley
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You're driving down the road towards Gastonia or Cherryville or towards Crowders Mountain when you meet a gravel truck. You might greet the driver with a wave and a smile. Suddenly a thought flashes through your mind. "Was that a woman in that truck?" "No," you continue, "it couldn't have been." Then at the next opportune time you pick up the phone and dial Kerns Trucking office and ask, "Do you have a female driver?" The secretary, Mary Alice McDaniel will smilingly reply, "As a matter of fact we do. And I might add, she's one of the best we have."

The lady behind the wheel of that gravel truck is Louise Wilson. She spryly jumps out of the cab at the end of the day, with energy to spare. That may be an accomplishment in itself after ten hours on the road.

The obvious question comes first. Why truck driving? "It's the kind of work I enjoy. I'm outdoors doing an honest day's work for an honest day's pay," says Louise with the type of infectious smile that has won friends with most every truck driver in the area.

Louise starts the day bright and early. She rises at 5:30 a.m. and is at work by 6:45. Her day might end anywhere from

5:30 p.m. to 7 o'clock, according to the amount of work.

She is certainly no stranger to the art of driving a big truck. She received her first lessons from her husband on long distance hauls. She then got a job with Crowders Construction Inc. After that her jobs have included Gulf Atlantic Distributing Company out of Charlotte for a six month stint and later with Dickerson Asphalt out of Rock Hill. Between the Gulf Atlantic job and the asphalt hauling she worked in a cotton mill.

"The girls (her daughters) wanted me to stay at home so I went to work at the cotton mill. I had done that work before but it's not for me. It's monotonous and noisy and I get a feeling of being cramped in."

So, it was back to "the most relaxing work" she had ever done. And with the job at Kerns she has plenty of time for home.

Even after a hard day at the wheel Louise doesn't stop. It's home and supper and afterwards housework and laundry. She pulls a double duty, but it still doesn't wipe that smile off her face. She explains, "I have a job I like and I can be at home with my daughters."

Her daughters are stairsteps named Carol Susan, the oldest at 9, Nina Lori, age 6 and Barbara Annette, a four year old. Carol wants to be a nurse when she grows

up, and Barbara Annette is still a little young to think of such things as a career but Nina Lori has made up her mind. Louise tells us, "She wants to be a truck driver like her momma!"

Louise has been with Kerns for about two months and is beginning to get the hang of the gravel truck. "It's harder to drive than a six foot tractor trailer and can be dangerous. I don't know everything about it but I'm learning." So far she has only had trouble with one facet of driving and that is shifting "from second over-drive to third direct." This piece of information doesn't mean much to the non-driver but a demonstration proved it to be a pretty sticky maneuver because it is done with both hands--off the wheel. But the 27 year old has mastered it fairly well.

Her caband truck is her "second home." Pictures of her and the truck adorn the back glass as well as other "moments" of her life as a driver. Amid the shifting sticks and knobs and buttons that would befuddle an army engineer sits Louise ready to pilot her rig to any destination. But wait! What's that over in the corner. Louise proudly displays to us a trash basket. It's no ordinary can but it was made by one of her daughters and it has ruffles. Again we get that smile.

How does Louise feel about Fem Lib? After all she sort of fits the form of what the libbers demand. She shakes her head, "I don't believe in Fem Lib. I am not in this because I want to take a job from the men but because I am qualified. Evidently I am or I would not have been hired." Louise thinks she falls behind the men drivers but the word is out that the situation is sometimes vice versa.

On Sunday through Friday night she is in the bed by 9 or 9:30 but her off night Saturday, may find Louise at the races, or skating or going to a movie. She admits that these three forms of entertainment are all she really likes, that is, except for playing with those daughters. Just by listening to her talk you can tell that a proud mother is behind that truck driver. Wrestling in the yard on a Sunday or riding the kids to school in the "big Truck" holds just as much for Louise as she wants. Their situation is loving and being together and that's all that counts.

So this is a portrait of a truck driving Bessemer City native who would take a cut in salary if need be to stay with a job she loves. Her co-workers were showered with praise about their thoughtfulness and kindness. She is a proud woman who knows what she wants and does what she does quite well. So my friend if you spy Louise bouncing down the road throw up a hand. She's the nicest lady truck driver you would ever hope to meet.



Mrs. Robert Leftwich is shown receiving the keys to the station wagon which was given away Saturday night at the Bethware Fair from Steve Wilson, Jaycee project chairman, and the title from Rescue Squad Captain, Delbert Dixon.

10-Cent Raise On All Levels

Board Approves School Lunch Hike

By Jay Ashley
Mirror News Editor

Mrs. Martha Wright, lunch room supervisor, came before the School board Monday night with figures pertaining to the raising of school lunch prices.

In her presentation she cited a memorandum from Ralph Eaton, State Director of Food Services. Eaton's memo delved into the free lunch program and reimbursement rates for the year. The State will reimburse schools 8 cents for each paid lunch and 48 cents for each free lunch. In the directive he stated, "Consideration should be given to increasing lunch prices immediately to the level that the paying price of student lunches will average 40 cents per lunch in each administrative unit in order to receive maximum rates of reimbursement for the free and reduced price lunches."

Reimbursement rates are currently based on the student price plus eight cents. Thus, it was reported, if the prices were not raised, the school lunch program would be operating in the red. Before the action Monday night elementary students were paying 30 cents and high school students were paying 35 cents. (As an example, reimbursement at the high school level is 8 cents for paying students and 43 cents for free lunch participants.) Mrs. Wright also cited the figure of 39 cents as the cost involved for one plate of food for one pupil. The members looked at various figures in a breakdown sheet on the school lunch operations and found that if lunch prices were not raised, the schools would be operating at a substantial loss.

It was also noted that the schools should have a two month advance operating cost available but was found that Bethware is on a loss, East is operating on a .9 month advance, Grover at an .8 month, KMHS at a .2 month and West at a .1 month. Central and North operate on a 2 month and 2.8 month budget respectively.

After a lengthy discussion the board ap-

proved a 10 cent hike in lunch prices on a motion by Tommy Bridges and seconded by Tippy Francis. That will bring elementary prices to 40 cents, high school to 45 and teachers to 50 cents. No reimbursement is given teacher lunches.

The raise in the school lunch prices will become effective October 1 if possible, according to Jones.

Another major item of business on the school board agenda was the approval for purchase of land near the high school. This land, which adjoins the baseball field was negotiated on by the board and property committee headed by Alex Owens and P. A. Francis. When making recommendations for purchase, Francis said, "this property plus the other parcel we own adjacent to it would give us enough land for the proposed junior high. It's a good piece of land and I recommend we buy it now." It was also noted that the fall of the land would make grading fairly easy and a spillway could be installed at a lower cost than underground pipes. The price of the land is to be slightly over \$2000 per acre and the only step now is the actual amount to be bought which will be between eight and nine acres. The land is owned by Ray Plonk, a McGinnis group and Carlyle Beam of Cherryville.

A proposal drawn up by an administrative counsel at the high school was discussed by the board. The proposal is designed to alleviate absenteeism at the high school by various scales of point deduction and actions on tardiness and truancy. Superintendent Donald Jones told the members that he "hated to see points used as a means of discipline," but that the guidelines were drawn so as to deduct points that a student would miss if he was absent from school. The theme of the various proposals is that "a student can't learn unless he is in attendance and that somewhere along the line a child must learn responsibility and commitment." These thoughts were praised by the board and the guidelines were adopted.

In other business the board approved the resignation from Mrs. Gail DeAnn Powers, second grade instructor at West and the election of Mrs. Marjorie T. Woodall for the position.

Donald Jones also reminded the members about the N.C. School Boards Association Membership State Meeting in Asheville on November 2-4 and the A.M.A. Workshop November 19-20.

Bill Bates, currently working for his masters degree at UNCC was approved by the board to act in the stead of Donald Jones in the October 16 school board meeting.

Four Arrested For Marijuana Possession

Patrolmen Meadows and Dodge arrested four people Sunday night on charge of possession of marijuana. Those arrested were Judy T. Smith, 24; Johnny F. Hutchins, 26; Danny Edwin Martin, 20; and Cathy J. Hasings, 17. The arrests occurred at 3:15 a.m. Other arrests listed by the Kings Mountain Police include:

Elden Loughridge, Jr., 37, red light violation; Francis Ledbetter, 21, 40 in 25 zone; Keith G. Price, 23, no operators license; Fred Nixon, 23, exceeding a safe speed; Thelma P. Ramsey, 39, public drunk; Ernest L. McNeil, 21, inspection violation; Charles J. Reading, 19, inspection violation; John Allyn Chesire, 25, violation of restricted license; Douglas West, 37, 47 in 35 zone; Lewis Dean Scruggs, 22, 50 in 35 zone; Larry William Bennett, 26, 48 in 35 zone; Clarence Wayne Grant, 30, 46 in 35 zone; Stephen M. Hope, 26, driving under the influence; Robert Short, public drunkenness; Joseph R. Williams, no operators license; Ethel Lee Ayers, 20, expired inspection sticker; Willis M. Bagwell, 69, public drunkenness; Fred W. Crockett, 26, assault with a deadly weapon; Margie Berry Hill, 20, no operators license; Michael E. Dalley, 23, public drunkenness; Billy J. Johnson, 24, public drunkenness; Michael E. Dalley, 23, driving under the influence; Babe Ruth Byers, 20, 50 in 35 zone; Bert Calvin Smith, 22, 49 in 35 zone; Edward Theodore Cook, 38, violation prohibition law and driving under the influence; Clyde D. Hannon, 21, driving under the influence; Billy M. Bagwell, 42, trespassing; David C. Carroll, 36, 50 in 35; Paul Evans, 18, driving under the influence; Timmy L. Williams, 27, 50 in 35; Mark Dunn Mitchell, 21, 50 in 35; Richard W. Rigdon, 24, 49 in 35; Jonnie F. Hutchens, 26, carrying a concealed weapon; Judy T. Smith, 24, carrying a concealed weapon; Albert John McKinney, 44, speeding violation; Arzella Dawkins, 44, public drunk; Willie C. Hayes, 36, public drunk; Robert Carthen, public drunk; Ross Junior Gregory, 46, driving while intoxicated; Bobby L. DeGree, 24, no operators license; Willie G. Wilson, 20, aiding and abetting no operators license.

Robbery Investigated At KM Brick Yard

A robbery at the Kings Mountain Brick Yard south on Highway 29 was investigated last Tuesday by Wilbur Benton of the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department. Benton reported that at 11:40 p.m. he answered a call to the brick yard on a complaint by Martin Wilson, Jr. Wilson told the deputy that he had been working near the door when two black men came in and asked for his money. One of the robbers carried a chrome plated pistol, believed to be a .22. The other man was thought to be carrying a hawk bill knife. Wilson said he gave the men \$25 from his wallet and then they fled. One suspect was described as being about six feet tall with a one and a half inch scar on the right cheek. The other was reported as being 5'6" of 5'7" about 20 years old and weighing approximately 160 pounds.

The Sheriff's department also reported the following area people arrested last week.

Kenneth Smith, 40, 611 Meadowbrook, obstructing cartway; Elnora Montgomery,

52, Route 1, Box 416, shoplifting; Steve Carroll, 20, 519 South Battleground, Capias instant; Herbert M. Hunter, 36, 158 P.O. Route 2, public drunk; Belvie Bishop Ledford, 56, Route 1, driving under the influence and Charles Lee Alexander, 18, 404 Childers Street, public drunk.

Bound Over

Judge Oscar Mason heard evidence in the preliminary hearing of Elford Guy Coker Friday in District Court and ordered him bound over for Superior Court on a charge of rape.

Coker, recently tried in South Carolina, received five years on charges of escaping prison and breaking and entering. He will be tried during the December session of Superior Court and will be kept in prison in South Carolina until the trial begins.



New Look!

Gene Tignor, Troop 294 Scoutmaster, admires the new selection of Scouting Skill Awards being shown by Joe Hartsell (right) District Training Chairman, of Shelby. The occasion was the

district training workshop for scoutmasters last Thursday night at Kings Mountain's First Baptist Church. (Mirror Photo by Rodney Dodson)