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Principal Home To Be Rented

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The Kings Mountain District Schools Board of Education at its regular monthly meeting Monday night at the Schools Administration Building voted unanimously to rent the home of Grover School Principal Jim Scruggs.

The question of renting or selling the home has cropped up a number of times in the past several months, but was apparently settled in February when the board voted to allow Scruggs to continue to live there rent-free.

Since that meeting, however, Scruggs and his wife, Martha, have purchased a 50-year-old home in Shelby and are in the process of re-modeling it. They expect to move there by November and will continue to live in the Grover School home until then.

Scruggs, who has been principal at Grover for over 20 years, will commute from Shelby. Mrs. Scruggs is employed by the Cleveland County Chapter of the American Red Cross, which is based in Shelby.

Scruggs was given the use of the Grover home as a part of his salary package when he accepted the position in the 1950s. The home was not built at that time but Scruggs had an oral agreement with what was then the Grover School Board that it would be built and he would have its use rent-free.

Grover School consolidated with Kings Mountain in 1962 and the Kings Mountain School Board at that time, and several times since, upheld that oral agreement.

Last winter, the subject came up again, and after much discussion and investigation, the board voted to leave the arrangement as-is until the time of Scruggs' retirement.

Scruggs' decision to purchase his own home, however, changed that course of direction.

Mrs. Scruggs said the house question last winter came at a time when she had undergone surgery and at the time of their daughter's wedding.

Since that time, she said, she and her husband have discussed the matter at length and felt it would be best for them to own their own home.

"I would need a place for myself and my nine-year-old son in case of family sorrow," she said.

At Monday's meeting, all five board members and Supt. William Davis were in agreement that the school system couldn't gain much by disposing of the house and property. Kyle Smith, who favored renting or selling the home last winter, made the motion to rent it.

"Renting it to someone who could look after the school property would be to our advantage," Supt. Davis told the board. "Someday, we may need room for expansion. With all the industry that is locating in the area, it may someday increase the enrollment."

Portraits To Be Made At School

Portraits for Kings Mountain High School seniors will be made on Wed., Aug. 20 and Thurs., Aug. 21 at B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

Seniors with last names A through Ford should report Wednesday morning and students with last names beginning Fort-Le should report on Wednesday afternoon. Students with last names beginning Leo-Se should report on Thursday morning and students with last names beginning Sh-W should report Thursday afternoon.

If there is a conflict, students should report at the earliest convenience. A participation fee of \$3 will be charged to help defer the cost of proofs, film and mailing.

Ladies are encouraged to wear a Sunday dress. All young men wishing to use tuxedos that will be furnished must bring a white shirt. All other men are requested to wear a coat and tie.

Davis, in response to a question from board member Harold Lineberger, said the home should not require much maintenance in the near future. Scruggs maintained the home well during his 20-plus years there, Davis said.

Davis said he would do some research on current rent figures and make a recommendation on the monthly rental rate at a later meeting.

In other action Monday, the board:

- Approved salary schedules for certified and non-certified personnel. Supt. Davis said the schedules represent a 10 percent increase for non-certified personnel and an average of 14 percent for certified.

- Approved a substitute teachers list for the 1980-81 year.

- Approved lunch prices for the new year. They are 30 cents for breakfast and 60 cents for lunch for grades K-5; 35 cents for breakfast and 65 cents for lunch for grades 6-12; one dollar for adult lunches; 10 cents for extra half-pints of milk. Except for the milk price, which represents a three-cent increase, all prices are the same as last year. However, Food Coordinator Martha Wright said the prices will probably increase after Congress acts on a funding bill which is now before it.

- Approved changing the name of the Food Services Office to Division of Child Nutrition.

- Accepted as information a letter from a local resident advising the board of a property encroachment at West School. Supt. Davis said the fence around the West playground is on the land of a citizen. "They're not asking that we move the fence, but recognize that it is on their property," Davis said.

- Accepted the following teacher resignations: Virginia Kirby, Freida McGinnis, Ken Napier, Joy White, Cliff Whitfield and Barbara Stepp.

- Accepted the following resignations from non-certified personnel: Carolyn Evans, Debra Goforth, Julia White and Wanda McAbee.

- Approved the following leaves of absence: Martha Bridges, Cynthia Kiser and Geraldine Byers.

- Appointed Jerry Hoyle as acting assistant principal at Central School for 1980-81.

- Approved the following teacher appointments: Ann Alderman, Grover; Karen Burton, West; Gayla Bucher, Central; Joel Cloninger, Junior High; Beth Fender, North; Janice Jarell, Central; Debra Kiser, Bethware; William Lazenby, Central; Sherrie Moore, Central; Joy Moskal, East; Donna Pierce, North; Janet Suber, Bethware; Jennifer Williams, Central.

- Approved the following appointments of non-certified personnel: Karen Bell, Linda Ramsey, Pam Turner, Joyce Wheeler, Connie Byers, Emily Harris, Martha Bell, Carolyn Cobb, Susan Donald, Terry Putnam, Lillian Hanks, Sandra Shockley, Linda Yarbro, Chris Odoms, Gail Dixon and Carolyn Hicks.

- Approved a number of student transfers within the district on the condition that space is available, and approved several transfers to and from the district.

- Heard a report on statistical data comparing the Kings Mountain Schools with other surrounding school systems.

- Heard a report on the annual test results for second, third, sixth and ninth graders.

- Approved several limited budget transfers.

- Was told by Supt. Davis of several new programs for 1980-81.

- Approved the purchase of two used mobile homes.

- Approved the appointment of a committee to study the dispensing of medication to students.

- Approved increasing travel and expense figures for 1980-81. Teachers and others on school business will be paid 25 cents per mile traveled and \$31 to \$35 motel rates in-state and \$45 out of state. Supt. Davis said efforts will be made to minimize travel by all personnel.

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October bills will reflect higher rates to Kings Mountain citizens for natural gas and electricity.

The projected natural gas hike is a whopping 59.12 cents per mcf to all classes of customers and the proposed electric hike will reflect a 1 1/2-12 percent increase.

"I think all of us regret to get rates like these," Mayor John Henry Moss remarked after presentation of the new proposals by the city's new gas consultant, Charles Heath of Shelby, and W.H. Little Jr., electrical engineer for Southeastern Consulting Engineers of Charlotte.

The board approved the natural gas increase effective Sept. 1 after Heath explained that the city's supplier of natural gas, Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation, has filed a request for a pipeline gas adjustment with the federal regulatory agency (FCC) and that these types of requests are automatic

City Will Seek Funds For Plant

The city board of commissioners Monday night authorized Mayor John Henry Moss to apply for federal funds to build a \$1 million hydroelectric generating plant on Moss Lake.

"We're buying \$200,000 worth of energy now," said Comm. Jim Dickey, a member of the committee, "and we've got the water going downstream and might as well use it. There's no way for energy to go but up. I think this project is worthwhile and after reading the feasibility study think we should pursue the project."

Another member of the study committee, Mayor Pro Tem Jim Childers liked the 10 year "pay out" idea expressed by Harza Engineers of Chicago, Ill., hired by the city to do a feasibility study in 1978 and declaring in their report that the plant was feasible and economically sound. Since the completion of the initial study, the Mayor appointed Commissioners Childers and Dickey to a committee with him to make recommendations to the board.

The project, according to the Mayor, is already drawing considerable attention. Representatives of the N.C. Department of Energy met with the Mayor prior to Monday's city commission meeting and told him they see the proposed plant as very feasible and promised to assist

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Subscription Rates Increase

Mail subscriptions to the Kings Mountain Herald will increase slightly, effective September 1.

New rates include:
One year in North Carolina, \$12.48. Six months in North Carolina, \$6.24.

One year out of state, \$13.52. Six months out of state, \$6.76.

Nine-month student subscriptions, \$8.50.

Also effective immediately, the Herald is beginning a policy of charging \$3.00 for processing of birthday pictures, and \$2.00 for printing Cards of Thanks. This is due to the ever-increasing costs of photo paper and printing supplies.

The Herald will continue to print all other pictures, including brides and engagements, free of charge.

Pictures submitted to the Herald for publication will be kept on file one month from date of publication. Pictures not picked up by that time will be destroyed.

and "there's very little that we can do about it." Heath called the new rate "simple and substantial." He said that gas customers will be billed on the new rate for all gas sold after Sept. 1.

"That's rough," said Comm. Jim Dickey as commissioners passed the recommendation by the gas consultant.

Engineer Little, who presented a preliminary review of the city's electric rate structure, will present a final report on Aug. 26th when the board is expected to adopt the new rates which Little says "barely provides the city with new revenue of some \$9,000 in net profits."

Little estimates that the average residential customer who uses 825 kilowatts of electricity per month will see his bill jump from \$39.40 to \$44.13 plus

an adjustment for the wholesale fuel charge. Little is recommending that the city adds on the fuel charge, adjusted about 10 percent, because the city did not take in as much as it paid out last year. Little estimates that residential all-electric customers using an average of 1,425 kilowatts of electricity would pay \$64.04 plus the fuel adjustment as compared to \$58.45 per month previously.

Little told the board that he recommends that the city adopt Duke Power's winter rates which are lower than the summer rates. Little said that from June through September, residents would pay the winter rates and "this would continue Kings Mountain's trend of trying to offer citizens the lowest possible rates it can afford."

"You can't stick with your

present rates," Little said in his presentation which cited statistics which showed a deficit from the prior year. Little said that Duke Power Co., the city's supplier, is proposing an increase in its wholesale cost effective Sept. 1.

After the presentation, Mayor John Moss observed "we'll get somewhat of a break in the electric rate."

In adopting the Little recommendation, the board will be departing slightly from previous policy in establishing electrical rates lower than its competition, said Little, who said adopting of Duke's winter rates will mean the city comes very close to generating enough revenue to pay for the purchase of electricity and realizing a \$9,000-\$10,000 net revenue for next year.



Photo by Gary Stewart

GIFT FROM CHURCH - Edwin Moore, right, chairman of the Fellowship of Deacons of Patterson Grove Baptist Church, presents the keys of a station wagon to Rev. and Mrs. Ron Wilson and their three children as Mrs. Moore and Pastor and Mrs. Richard Plyler look on. The Wilsons, missionaries to the Dominican Republic, are supported by the Patterson Grove congregation through the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

They began supporting the Wilsons in 1976. The Wilsons will use the automobile, leased for them by the congregation, while they are in the states on furlough. The Wilsons will reside in Columbia, S.C., and will return to the Dominican Republic in June of 1981. They are scheduled to visit with the Patterson Grove congregation during nine weekends while they are in the states.

Formerly Kings Mountain Drug

Cornwell Drug Employees Boast 155 Years Of Service

The nine employees of Cornwell Drug Company, formerly Kings Mountain Drug Co. in downtown Kings Mountain, boast a record of 155 years of service to the Kings Mountain public.

operates 14 drug stores and a Hallmark gift shop. Other drug stores are located in Dallas, Shelby, Lincolnton, Stanley, (Turn To Page 8-A)

Cornwell Drug Company, which was founded by G.T. Cornwell in Shelby on Sept. 10, 1932, will sponsor an Appreciation Day sale this weekend in celebration of the name change from Kings Mountain Drug Co. to Cornwell Drug Company.

Allan Propst, pharmacist and manager of Cornwell Drug in Kings Mountain since July 1977 when the firm was purchased, said that "All of the people of Cornwell Drug Co., Inc. wish to thank the people of Kings Mountain for the fine support they have given the Cornwell store and to tell you that the prime desire and wish of all those connected with the Cornwell Drug Store in Kings Mountain is to give you the best service we have to offer."

Propst said the name is being changed to conform the Kings Mountain store to the other stores in the corporation which



SAME FOLKS, NEW NAME - Kings Mountain Drug Co. has changed its name to Cornwell Drug. Pictured is the new sign in front of the building.