



REPLACING LOCKERS - Summer is the busiest time of the year for the Kings Mountain Schools maintenance department. Employees perform duties which are not able to do while school is in session. Eddie

Lockart, right, a full-time maintenance department employee, and a summer assistant are pictured her removing old lockers at Kings Mountain Senior High.

Summer Busy Time

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spring of 1982, every classroom in the school system will be air conditioned. Four classrooms, hallways, and offices received replacement carpet this summer.

These improvements have been achieved through the efforts of many maintenance and custodial employees. Robert Scism assumed his role as director of maintenance for the Kings Mountain School System in 1978. Under his leadership, maintenance and custodial services have steadily improved.

Assuming responsibility for the care and operation of eleven campuses and numerous buildings is certainly a challenge. This challenge is being met head on by a dedicated team of hard working employees.

Cool buildings in summer and warm buildings in winter are taken somewhat for granted until a boiler or air conditioner shuts down. The maintenance

staff must be on call 24 hours/day to respond to any and all emergency calls that might be received.

The schools maintenance staff has proven their effectiveness many times as they respond to the needs of all schools and to the different facets of the total program.

The maintenance and custodial staff of each school is to be commended for a job well done. The magnitude of the task is by no means small. Renovations, repairs and necessary cleaning responsibilities provide the job description necessary for each of the employees as they perform their assignments regularly.

The very conservative allocation of funds received by the Kings Mountain District Schools may influence the availability of funds for maintenance and custodial services. It is anticipated however, that savings in energy use and other areas

may offset the decreased funding and not interfere with the facility care and maintenance. The maintenance staff along with all other school personnel will be striving to eliminate energy waste and provide the necessary savings.

The skill level of the maintenance staff is clearly exemplified by the fact that very little contract work is issued to the bid process. Many times, the sheer work load and time allotment influences whether a project is contracted or completed by the Kings Mountain staff.



CONNIE PHIFER

Attends National Convention

Connie Phifer, president of the Kings Mountain unit of the North Carolina Association of Educators, was a delegate to the National Education Association convention July 2-7 at Minneapolis, Minn.

The theme of the convention was "Public Education: America's Strength."

"The NEA Convention was a terrific learning experience," she said. "We had two excellent keynote speakers, George McGovern and Charles Bolden. They praised the public education system in America."

North Carolina received an award for the highest percent increase in membership in the nation.

Grover Approves More Bids

Grover Town Council voted in a special meeting Monday night at Town Hall to receive three additional bids on a new Police Department building which was approved at last week's board meeting.

The board last week approved constructing a new PD onto the side of the Grover Fire Department. The only bid received at that time was for \$17,780.

Commissioners Quay Moss and Edward Philbeck were appointed by Mayor Bill McCarter to receive the additional bids.

The board also approved adding five feet to the existing plans and the addition of a rest room.

The building is to house the three-man police department (two full-time officers and one reserve) and a storage room for Town Hall.

In another matter Monday, the board agreed to hold a meeting with Charlie Harry of Grover Industries, which has requested that a portion of Maple Avenue be closed to allow the industry to expand its facilities.

The board wants Harry to give it definite plans for expansion and to come to an agreement on who would be responsible for re-routing water and gas lines.

The meeting will probably be scheduled as a workshop.

IT'S A GIRL

Mr. and Mrs. James Michael Mauney of Gastonia announce the birth of a daughter, Amy Marie, July 29 at Gaston Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are James I. Mauney of Gastonia, Katherine W. Spearman of Kings Mountain and Hunter T. Spearman of Hendersonville. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. F.O. Carroll of Kings Mountain and the late Charles A. Spearman. Amy has a four-year-old sister, Ava Michelle, and two-year-old brother, James Michael Mauney Jr. Her mother is the former Ava Spearman of Kings Mountain.

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