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Athletic Competition Important Part Of Education....

PE, Sports Help Educate

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The Kings Mountain District Schools are committed to the idea that an on-going program of physical activity is an important part of a child's educational development. A student who is educated in the Kings Mountain school system is guaranteed the opportunity to develop physically through sound programs in physical education and athletics. Kathy James and her assistant, Barbara Jones, direct the overall program for students in

kindergarten through the fifth grade. They visit each elementary school one day a week. Each child in the elementary grades receives physical education instruction from these teachers on the day that they visit his particular school. Kindergarten, first grade, and second grade students receive instruction in basic movements. Third through fifth graders use the different skills they have learned earlier as they rotate through various activities during their physical education period. A physical fitness test is given at the end of the year to all students in grades three, four, and five. Capitalizing on the skills taught the children by the rotating teachers, the individual elementary schools conduct their own programs on the days when the physical education coordinator is at another school building.

At Central School the program is expanded, and each child in grades six and seven participates in physical education on an every other day basis. Students participate both in team activities such as volleyball and basketball and in individual activities such as gymnastics, wrestling, and dance.

Competition begins to be stressed at the middle school level. At Central students participate in intramurals, competition among themselves, in most team sports and in wrestling. Also, seventh grade students are eligible to try out for interscholastic teams at the junior high school.

The physical education program at Central School gives students in Kings Mountain an opportunity to further develop basic motor skills, to learn new activities and games, and to begin to learn the important concepts of teamwork and sportsmanship.

Students attending Kings Mountain Junior High School are offered an even more extensive physical education program. During both years at the junior high, students take physical education three days per week. The program is enhanced at this level by the addition of health education the other two days. Physical education classes expand on the activities the students have learned during previous years. The sophistication of activities begins to be quite high as the students' skills become more refined.

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United Fund Pledges Inch Closer To Goal

The Kings Mountain United Fund is inching closer to its goal of \$62,150.

Rev. Clyde Beaden, chairman, announced today that \$55,953.07, or 90 percent of the goal, has been reached.

"We hope by next week to reach the goal," he said. "Several factories have not reported yet, and some other division leaders have some pledges still to collect."

Kings Mountain Hospital is the first division to exceed its goal and the industrial division,

which raises the majority of the UF funds, is within one percent of reaching its goal.

The hospital thus far has raised \$2,769.84, surpassing its goal of \$2,500 by 11 percent. The industrial division has raised \$40,604.38 of its \$41,000 goal.

Several other divisions have reached around 80 percent of their goals.

"We have discovered that there are several areas that we haven't touched," Rev. Bearden said, "so if there is anyone else who would like to pledge, they

may notify me or our secretary, Joyce Wyte."

The United Fund aids a number of local and state agencies, and only \$2,733 of the \$62,150 budget for 1982 will go to administration.

Local agencies receiving funds next year will be the American Red Cross, Piedmont Council Boy Scouts, Pioneer Council Girl Scouts, Grover Rescue Squad, Kings Mountain Rescue Squad, Cleveland County

Shelter Home, Ministerial Association Helping Hand Fund, Ministerial Association Chaplain Program, Child Abuse Program of Cleveland County, Community Organization for Drug Abuse Prevention, and the United Way Emergency Fund.

North Carolina agencies receiving funds will be the Arthritis Foundation, Children's Home Society, Epilepsy Association of N.C., Florence Crittenton Services, United Health Services, Research Fund and N.C. United Way.

Mrs. O'Shields Gets New Job

Glenda O'Shields was named principal of Central School at the monthly meeting of the Kings Mountain District Schools Board of Education Monday night at the Administration Building.

Mrs. O'Shields was elevated from her post of assistant principal to replace Richard Greene, who resigned as of October 1 to accept a position as coordinator of the North Carolina Alternative Energy Corporation's electrical load management program.

Mrs. O'Shields has been employed by the Kings Mountain Schools System for 19 years. She taught for 13 years at Kings Mountain High School and is in her sixth year at Central.

Mrs. O'Shields served four years as assistant principal at Central, and last year served as Acting Principal while Greene was on a leave of absence to work in the North Carolina Leadership Institute for Principals.

Mrs. O'Shields is a Cleveland County native and is a graduate of the University of South Carolina. She received her master's degree from Western Carolina University. She taught one year in Columbia, S.C., before coming to Kings Mountain.

Central School houses all the sixth and seventh grade students in the system, and has 685 students.

The board has now begun a search for an assistant principal. In other action Monday, the board:

*Approved a sale of surplus property for Sat., Oct. 31, at Compact School.

*Was told by Supt. William Davis that a Cleveland County deputy had contacted him requesting that the system participate in a safety and drug control program. The project would require that local merchants be contacted to give their support through advertising in publications. The board agreed that much was already being done through the classroom, and delayed participation at this time.

*Approved the release of Christine Shelby to the Shelby City Schools.

Accepted the resignations of Kenneth Blanton and Gail Dixon, and elected the following teachers: Joe Hopper Jr., Bethware; Ann Scott, junior high; Vergie Eaker, interim teacher at West; and approved a leave of absence for Ella Sanders, Central.

Kings Mountain High School teacher Kenneth Blanton was sentenced to 18 months in a federal prison last Wednesday after being pleading guilty to one count of possession of unregistered machine guns.

He pleaded guilty to the charge Tuesday in exchange for dismissal of two charges of aiding and abetting possession of unregistered firearms and aiding and abetting transfer of an



Photo by Gary Stewart

POLICEMEN CERTIFIED - Mayor John Moss, left, and Acting Kings Mountain Police Chief J.D. Barrett, right, present the Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate to Detectives Richard Reynolds, second from left, and Robert Dodge.

The men are the first two Kings Mountain policemen to receive the award, which is the highest certification available through the N.C. Criminal Justice Training and Standards Council.

KM Cops Certified

Two Kings Mountain police officers have received the Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate, which is the highest certification awarded by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Training and Standards Council.

Detectives Richard Reynolds and Robert Dodge received the awards last week from Mayor John Henry Moss and Acting Police Chief J.D. Barrett in a

brief ceremony at the new Governmental Services Facilities Center.

The two are the first Kings Mountain policemen to ever receive the certification.

Certification is based on a police officer's experience as a full-time, sworn police officer, and points accumulated through education and training.

Reynolds was certified by having 12 years of experience and 60 points accumulated through training and education, and Dodge was certified by having six years experience and a B.S. degree from Gardner-Webb College.

Both men held Intermediate Law Enforcement certificates prior to obtaining the top certification.

Parade Set Nov. 29

City Commissioners Monday night gave its approval to the city joining the Kings Mountain Fire Department and Merchants Association in sponsoring the 1981 Christmas Parade.

The board also set the date of the annual event on Sun., Nov. 29 at 2:30 p.m.

In other business Monday night, the board:

*Heard the official result of last Thursday's canvass of the city commissioners' election of Oct. 6.

*Approved a request from Charles and Ruby Alexander to rezone property located at the intersection of West Mountain and South Watterson streets from R-8 to R-6.

*Approved a request from William Fulton to rezone two tracts of property on the east and west sides of Highway 161 at the Highway 74 bypass interchange from R-8 to G-B.

*Approved a contract with Isothermal Planning and Development Commission for Title III services (Meals on Wheels program) for the Kings Mountain Aging Program.

*Awarded a bid for \$9,295 to Pinnacle Electric of Gastonia for a 400 horsepower electric motor for the water plant. The motor, which will be covered by insurance, will replace one which was recently struck by lightning.

*Awarded a bid of \$25,192.50 to Musco of Asheville for

materials for the Stowe Acres water project.

*Authorized advertisement for bids for four vehicles for the Police Department.

*Approved entering into an agreement with the State of North Carolina for inventory, inspection and analysis of the old overhead bridge subject to Federal requirements of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act.

*Approved advertising for light poles for City Stadium.

Haunted House Set

Kings Mountain's Jaycees will give area youngsters and young-at-heart a sneak preview of their haunted house Friday and Saturday at the Jaycee building on East Gold Street.

The haunted house will be in operation from 7:30 p.m. until

people are too scared to re-enter.

The house will be in operation each night the week of Oct. 23-31.

Admission is \$1.50. Fifty cent discount tickets are available from Jaycee members.

KMHS Teacher Sentenced

unregistered firearm.

Blanton, 35, a teacher in the Industrial Cooperative Training program at KMHS and an employee of the Kings Mountain District Schools since 1971, submitted his resignation to Supt. William Davis Thursday morning.

Blanton will report to prison within two weeks and will be eligible for parole in six months. He could have received a 10 year

sentence and \$10,000 fine.

Testimony in the hearing revealed that Frank Small, a KMHS custodian, was a paid informer for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and helped set up meetings which aided ATF agents in the case.

Robert Allen Patrikios of Apex, a Raleigh gun dealer former police officer, and Michael E. Meszaros of Raleigh,

a school teacher, also received 18-month prison terms.

Patrikios pleaded guilty to a charge of transporting a firearm without transfer tax and failure as a licensed gun dealer to keep required records.

Meszaros pleaded no contest to charges of possession of an unregistered firearm and transport of a firearm without transfer tax.