



GIGANTIC TV — Bryant Grier is posing with his low cost but gigantic television system at his home on Lake Montonia. Behind Grier is the seven-foot diagonally screen purchased independently of the set (in the foreground). The dalmation, Tuffy, also likes to watch the giant color images on the wall.

## BIGGEST Screen In Two Carolinas

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Bryant Grier of Lake Montonia Club claims to have the largest and brightest home television screen in the two Carolinas.

I was at first skeptical of Bryant's claim, but no more! Accompanied by Lib Stewart, we were greeted at the door by Bryant's voice coming over a very elaborate home intercom music system. Ushered into his living room, and seated in swivel captain's chairs, Bryant slowly dimmed the center chandelier hanging from the cathedral ceiling, and pressed a button. Instantly the room was flooded with a color television picture of truly gigantic proportions.

Bryant had long yearned for a projection TV system, but the price tag — \$2,500 was just too high. Prompted by an article published in Popular Science Magazine, Bryant set out to build his own — and at a price of a good 26 inch set.

Bryant explains that several technological breakthroughs in the past two years have placed projection TV within the price reach of nearly everyone. An RCA 15 inch ColorTrak set with a simple \$5 conversion forms the basis of his set. A unique six and one-half inch BETA II lens purchased from U. S. Precision Lens of Cincinnati is then attached to the front of the picture tube. The BETA II lens is made from space-age acrylic and costs approximately \$150. Bryant explains that a similar lens made from glass would cost \$1,000.

Finally, Bryant, wanting the best screen available, compared six of the major brands. After painstaking research, Bryant chose a totally new and revolutionary screen manufactured by SIVA Products, Inc. of Miami.

The screen is King Kong in size, as bright as a Cinemascope movie, and

built like a Sherman Tank. With reasonable care the screen should last a lifetime.

The parabolically curved screen measures 5 ft. x 6 ft. or a full 7-ft. diagonal, and is easily hung on the wall using only a screwdriver. The SIVA screen has several unique features not found in other screens. It is constructed of rugged ABS — the same material used in making football helmets. The aluminized screen is pure optically polished aluminum bonded to the ABS backing, and what's more is washable. A thin coating of optical plastic coats the aluminum surface, preventing oxidation and contributes to the brightest screen on the market today — a full six times brighter than the typical home movie screen.

Bryant has added high fidelity loudspeakers and claims that he is able to hear Walter Cronkite breathe.

In addition, Bryant says that a good picture is highly dependent on having a good strong signal feeding the TV set. His antenna tower, 55 feet in height, is topped with a huge Winegard Super-Colortron antenna controlled by a pushbutton rotor manufactured by Cornell Dublier of Raleigh. Bryant plans to add VTR — a video tape recorder with camera and a home library of movies.

As a footnote, a friend plagued with thick lens glasses, read the small print on his screen without the aid of his glasses for the first time. Pass the popcorn please!

## KMHS Band Rated Superior

The Kings Mountain Senior High School Blazer Band won a rating of Superior at the North Carolina State Band Contest Festival at Catawba College in Salisbury Friday.

Eighty-nine students performed in

Cleveland County Commissioners were asked to comment on proposed statewide water policy recommendations at their Mar. 20 meeting.

## Easter Services Planned

First Presbyterian Church has slated two services during Holy Week, on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

Worshippers are invited to meditate between 7 and 9 p. m. on Thursday evening at the church while being served the Sacrament of Holy Communion by Pastor Gary Bryant and Elders of the Session.

Good Friday Tenebrae service, which moves from light to darkness, will be held at 7:30 p. m. As the 10th candle, representing Jesus' Last Words from the Cross, is extinguished it symbolizes the suffering and death of Jesus on the Cross and the fading loyalty of His disciples and friends.

Worshippers depart from the darkness of the church.

"It is hoped that each worshiper present will become more aware of the sadness and despair evident before and during the Crucifixion," said Pastor Bryant.

## Sunrise Service Slated

Traditional community-wide Easter Sunrise Services will be held on Easter morning, March 26, at 6 a. m. in Veterans Park of Mountain Rest Cemetery.

The service will be conducted by the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association.

Rev. Dwight Edwards, pastor of First Wesleyan Church and President of the Minister's group, said the community is invited to join in the special service. Rev. S. W. Avery is chairman of special events committee.

Full program will be announced in Thursday's Mirror-Herald.

## Students Out All Next Week

The school calendar has been rearranged so that the make-up day which had been scheduled for Fri., Mar. 31 will be made up on Apr. 7 instead.

This means that Kings Mountain District Schools will be closed the entire week of Mar. 27 for Easter Break.

The District Schools Administration Office will be closed Mar. 27 and 28. The school calendar now calls for students to complete the 1977-78 school term on Fri. June 9.

competition at 10:40 a. m. in the Grade Six category, the most difficult in competition, playing "The Klaxon March" by Fillmore, "Symphonic Dance Number Three-Fiesta" by Clifton Williams and "Zampa Overture" by Herold.

John Sutherland, environmental engineer, Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, presented recommendations listed in the North Carolina Water Resources Framework Study at the Courthouse. Sutherland is with the Division of Environmental Management.

Recommendations included development of a State flood management program, revision of State water use laws, and more State input into the location of electric power plants.

Among options identified for Cleveland County are three flood management systems, two preserved corridors and two regional water and sewer systems.

Flood management programs are to be established and funded by local governments. Their purpose is to limit or prohibit construction in the floodway and thereby reduce property damage. The Study indicates these programs for Lawn-dale, Shelby, and Kings Mountain. Casar Reservoir provides water supply and flood control benefits on the upper First Broad River. A

floodway below this reservoir, and below the Kings Mountain water supply reservoir, would further protect these areas.

Preserved corridors to serve Shelby-Bolling Springs and Kings Mountain would insure open space in areas where urban growth is occurring. These corridors could also provide recreational and educational opportunities, and can serve as floodways.

Another option identifies a portion of the lower Broad River, from Rutherford County to the South Carolina State Line, as a suitable location for industries requiring large amounts of water.

The Study also shows areas around Shelby-Bolling Springs and Kings Mountain as dense enough to be served by regional water and sewer systems.

Another alternative designates as a water trail the Broad River from Lake Lure through lower Cleveland County to the South Carolina border. Public access will be provided at certain points. Primitive camping areas may be provided at some location.

## East Talent Show Tonight

Annual East School Talent Show will be held Tuesday night at 7:30 p. m. in Central School auditorium.

Andrew Schorr, WBTV personality who hosts "Carolina Camera," will serve as master of ceremonies for the event, which will feature talented East students, the winner to compete in the city-wide Talent Show sponsored by Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club this spring.

Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students. All proceeds are earmarked for school projects.

The talent show is sponsored by East School Parent Teacher Association.



MERESA SUE CARTER

## KM Girl Is Missing

Have you seen Meresa Sue Carter?

The 12-year-old daughter of Sara and Larry Hord of 300 Stowe Acres, Kings Mountain, has been missing since 9 p. m. last Thursday night.

The Central School student left the Hord household at 9 p. m. Thursday to visit with her aunt, Barbara Mashburn at 118 Stowe Acres. At 10 p. m. Mrs. Hord sent her son, Timothy, to the Mashburn residence to bring Meresa home. Mrs. Mashburn had not seen Meresa that evening.

On Friday morning Mrs. Mashburn found a letter from Meresa in her mailbox. In the unmailed letter Meresa said trouble at home had her upset.

Mrs. Hord said Meresa had been trying to reach her father, Tony Carter, who lives in Michigan and that it is possible the girl had runaway to try to find him.

Meressa is five feet, one and weighs about 100 pounds. She has blond hair and green eyes. When last seen she was wearing white denim pants, earth shoes and a green Army shirt over a white gauze shirt with light

pen stripes.

Anyone with information concerning the missing girl's whereabouts is asked to contact the Kings Mountain Police Department at 739-3636.

## Training Session Today

## Students To Be Tested

If you have a student in grades 1-3, 6 and 9, then your child is one of approximately 500,000 that will take part in the annual testing program April 4.

At 9:30 a. m. today, Howard Bryant has scheduled a training session for local principals and teachers serving as coordinators for the testing program.

The work session will be held at the Kings Mountain District Schools administrative offices on W. Parker St.

Students in the five grades will be asked to demonstrate their skills in the basic subjects this spring in order to help teachers and other administrators identify and correct student needs in these basic areas.

The testing is a result of 1977 legislation passed by the General Assembly and was designed to enable parents and teachers to find out what children in these grades have learned and what they need to learn in the basic subjects of reading, language arts, and math. Educators hope that this information can be used, in combination with other school records, to better decide what needs to be done to help each child improve in the basic subjects and make plans for remediation.

Governor Hunt appointed an Annual Testing Commission, chaired by Dr. Frank Yeager,

superintendent of the Durham County Schools, to examine and recommend to the State Board of Education, the specific tests to be used. Members of the Commission have been hard at work during the past year examining suitable tests to be administered in the five grades. The Commission, which is composed of teachers, other educators, and measurement specialists from across the state, will review the validity and suitability of the tests each year.

First and second graders will take a criterion-referenced test. This type test is designed to reveal whether or not students have mastered, or learned, certain specific objectives. This format will indicate specific skill weaknesses and strengths of students, which will help educators in the planning of instruction. Third and sixth graders will take a norm-referenced test, which will compare the performance of North Carolina students with the performance of a national sample representing students at these same grade levels.

Individual student scores will be returned to the school around May 8-26 and then sent to parents. Parent-teacher conferences will be held as well as other methods of informing parents about their child's achievement and progress or plans for remediation. Each local school

system will release grade and school scores around July 24. State scores are scheduled to be released at the August meeting of the State Board of Education.

The Annual Testing Program will be given in the spring of each year. In addition to the annual tests, eleventh graders across the state will be administered a competency test in the fall and spring of each year. Passage of this minimum competency test will be necessary in order to graduate. The Competency Test Program is a counterpart to the Annual Testing Program.

Educators point to the benefits of the annual testing as being improved planning and decision-making, better identification of program strengths and weaknesses, improved identification and correction of student deficiencies, improved opportunities for making schools accountable to the public, and more and better parental involvement.

Individual student scores will not be considered as public record according to legislation and Chapter 132-1 of the General Statutes. The legislation goes further to state that the scores shall not be made available to anyone including any member or employee of state or local boards of education except as permitted under the provisions of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 USC 1232g.