

## More Dixie Youth Queen Contestants



**BRENDA REESE**

Brenda, age nine, is the Optimist Club's representative. She's the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Reese. Brenda is a rising fourth grader at North School. Her hobbies are swimming, singing, dancing and playing putt putt.



**JULIE BARRETT**

Julie, age 11, represents the Kiwanis Club team. She's the daughter of Ann and Ed Allison and is rising sixth grader at Central School. She attends First Wesleyan Church and her hobbies are swimming, skating, softball and gymnastics.



**SUSAN MOORE**

Susan Maria is the 11 year old daughter of Louise Moore and Garnett Moore. She is a rising sixth grader at Central School and attends Bethlehem Baptist Church. Her hobby is gymnastics. Susan represents the Jaycees.



**NICOLE GNANDT**

Nicole is 10 years old and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Gnanndt. She's a rising fifth grader at West School. Her hobbies include dancing, swimming and skating. She's representing Plonk Oil Co.



**PAM CONNOR**

Representing the Rotary Club is Pam Connor, daughter of Sandra and Gene Connor. She's a rising fourth grader at Bethware School. She attends Oak Grove Baptist Church and her hobbies are dancing, reading and boys.



**TRACY BRYANT**

Tracy represents the Police Club. She is eight years old and the daughter of Julie and Larry Bryant. She's a rising third grader at West School. She attends Christian Fellowship Church in Shelby and is a member of Brownie Troop 189. Her hobby is dancing.

# King Mackerel Tourney Set

What billfish are to Hatteras, the king mackerel will be to Southeastern North Carolina October 4-6 when the \$40,000 U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament is held in Southport.

Upwards of 400 boats and several hundred pier fishermen will test their luck in waters off the Brunswick County coast, trying to catch that big king mackerel worth \$10,000. The second largest king will be worth a Jeep CJ5 Renegade, while third prize is a McKee Craft boat, with motor and trailer.

The tournament, the largest fishing event in North Carolina, is sponsored by the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce. John Barbee is chairman of this year's event.

"We must have 400 boats at \$100 apiece to match our purse," Barbee said. More than 40 businesses in the Southport-Oak Island area—which includes Long Beach, Yaupon Beach and Caswell Beach—have signed guarantees of \$1000 each that the event will meet expenses.

Barbee said the "unofficial goal" of the tournament is 600 boats. "We will be fishing out of two inlets—the Cape Fear River and Lockwood Folly Inlet," Barbee said. "Many boats will come from western Brunswick County and from the Wrightsville Beach and Carolina Beach area. But our goal, of course, is to attract fishermen to the Southport-Oak Island area."

Barbee said the early October date was chosen because "it is still warm enough for other family members to enjoy the beach. Many cottage owners will have stopped using their vacation homes for the year, so we will have an abundance of low-cost rental cottages that can accommodate family groups."

But there will be plenty of new faces in the area regardless of how many families take a long weekend vacation, Barbee noted.

"We are expecting at least 400 boats, with six fishermen per boat included in the \$100 entry fee," Barbee said. "That's 2,400 people right there."

Deadline for entries is September 30 and an organizational meeting for entrants will be held Wednesday, October 3. Fishing will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on October 4 and 5, with Saturday, October 6, as a "weather day" if one of the first two tournament days is cancelled. An awards program will be held Saturday night.

"When you consider that six fishermen can fish from any entered boat," Barbee pointed out, "it means that each fisherman is paying about \$8 a day for a chance to win \$10,000. And whether or not he wins, he has enjoyed the competition and the gathering with other fishermen."

Pier fishermen can enter for \$35. The U.S. Open event is the North Carolina counterpart to the Arthur Smith tournament held at Little River, S.C. The winning fish in the Smith tournament last year was caught just off Yaupon Beach on Oak Island and weighed 41 pounds. At the same time Yaupon Pier was holding a king mackerel tournament and the winning fish tipped the scales at 47 pounds.

This means two things, according to Barbee. "First, pier fishermen stand an equal chance of bringing in the biggest fish. Second, the large king mackerel are found close inshore here so you don't have to have a 50-foot

sports fishing boat to go after them."

Barbee said that whatever it takes to make the tournament a success, it will be worth the effort. The director of the Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce, S.C., estimated that the first Smith tournament brought a half-million dollars to that area during the event.

"That kind of income for this area would be nice," Barbee said, "but we are concerned about other things as well. We want to showcase an area of the state, and we want to show that, when it comes to fishing, North Carolina has the best—whether it's blue marlin or king mackerel!" Information and entry forms for the \$40,000 U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament are available Dowling, Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce, Box 52, Southport, N.C. 28461.

Pier entrants should understand that pier space for the tournament will be limited. Space on the piers will be awarded on a "first come, first served" basis.

## Commissioners Okay Budget

Cleveland County commissioners Monday approved a \$32.6 million

budget. The tax rate will remain the same, 83 cents per \$100 valuation.

The tax rate is based on properties estimated at value of \$1 billion.

Kings Mountain district schools will receive \$927,000 in current expenses and \$221,000 in capital outlay as over half the taxes collected will be spent on the three county school systems. The school tax levied for KM district is 18 cents.

The tight budget has little funds marked for major projects. County employees will be getting a 7 percent cost-of-living increase.

## C Of C To Meet

Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce will hold a general membership and breakfast meeting Monday morning at 7:30 a.m. at Kings Mountain Motor Inn.

The breakfast meeting will be hosted by several local companies and an official with Duke Power Co. will be guest speaker.

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## Police Wins 6-3

Scotty Bryant and Tim Sanders teamed up for a four-hitter to lead Police to a 6-3 victory over Nationwide Insurance in Dixie Youth major league action Tuesday night at Deal Street Park.

Sanders started for Police and left in the fifth inning. Bryant came on to get the win in relief. Denorris Wilson, Kenny Davis and Shane Shockley had two hits each to lead a seven-hit Police plate

attack. Doug Shockley had the other hit. Williams, Young, Brooks and Chitwood had the four Nationwide hits.

## Putt Putt Is Opening

The Putt Putt Golf Course's opening day will be this Saturday, from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. The golf course will then be open every day of the week from 4 to 9 p.m. The charge for one round (18 holes) will be one dollar for adults and 50 cents for children under 12.

## BC Class Of 1969 To Gather

The Bessemer City High School Class of 1969 will hold its 10th year reunion Saturday beginning with a family picnic at 10 a.m. at the Bessemer City Recreation Park.

A dinner and disco will be held Saturday evening at the Coachman Inn in Gastonia. For more information, call Jimmy Colvin at 629-2085 or Ronald Burleson at 629-3205.

## ON DEAN'S LIST

Bruce E. Canipe of Kings Mountain is listed on the President's List for outstanding academic achievement during the recent spring quarter at Catawba Valley Technical Institute.

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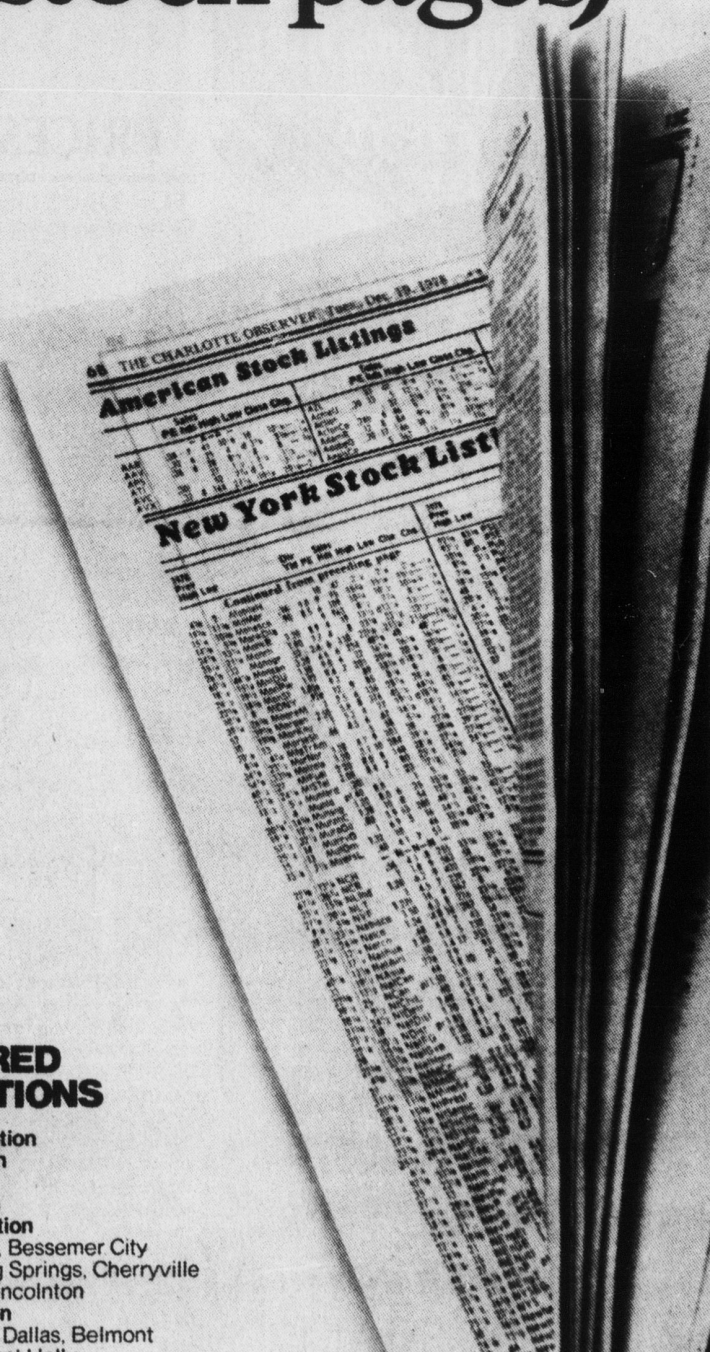
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