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NEW ARRIVAL—Cristan Lee Stefanick, pictured here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Stefanick of Kings Mountain, will have a story to tell someday. The Stefanick's second son was delivered last Friday in the back seat of the family's station wagon...by his father.

Man Delivers His Own Child

By GARY STEWART
Editor

When he was a member of the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad, Terry Stefanick faced a number of life-and-death situations.

But, none that can compare with the one he encountered when he arrived home from work Friday afternoon.

Stefanick, who is employed at Foote Mineral and lives in the Woodbridge section, delivered his own son 30 minutes after getting home.

Cristan Lee Stefanick entered the world at 4:55 p.m. in the back seat of the family's station wagon and in the driveway of the Stefanick's next-door neighbors, Bill and Linda Sanders.

Mother Sandy, and the baby, were taken shortly afterward to Cleveland Memorial Hospital, where both were checked and reported in great condition, and returned home Sunday.

The Stefanicks, whose day Friday was helter skelter, recalled the event with calmness—but with the gleam of excitement still in their eyes—Monday.

Mrs. Stefanick, who had gone to her doctor for a regular checkup Thursday and was told the baby would not be born for at least another week, had gone out early Friday morning to pick strawberries with her next-door neighbor, Linda Sanders, a nurse at Hendricks-Durham-Lee-Crowley Clinic in Kings Mountain.

After returning home around noon, she began cleaning her strawberries and preparing lunch for their 2½-year-old son, Trevor, and began to feel uncomfortable.

"I felt there was nothing to be alarmed about," she said, "because I had just had the checkup the day before and was told it would be another week."

She called her husband at work around 2 p.m., she recalled, and the two decided there was nothing to worry about. After all, with their first son, Sandy had had labor pains for six to seven hours before going to the hospital, and it was four hours after that before Trevor was born.

So Terry decided he'd wait and come home at his usual time (about 4:30) and Sandy decided to continue her work with the strawberries.

The Stefanicks had been attending Lamaze classes at Cleveland Tech and she decided to do some breathing and walking in the meantime.

She turned on Sesame Street to entertain Trevor and started walking. "The pace was picking up," she said, "and I was beginning to feel more uncomfortable. I was really alarmed until I went into the blowing."

Sandy knew she would be going to the hospital soon after Terry came home from work, so she arranged for Lee Ann Sanders to keep Trevor, and got her suitcases packed.

"When I came into the house, I heard her moaning and knew something was wrong," Terry said. "She was hyperventilating and I told her she'd have to take it easy."

The couple then put their Lamaze training to work while getting Trevor ready to go to the babysitter's.

As they began walking toward the car, Sandy said she "felt the baby between my legs." She asked her husband to put her in the backseat so she could lie down on the way to the hospital.

"I looked and thought I could make out the top of the scalp," he said. "We got in the car and I had left the back door open because it was so hot in there. When I went back to shut it, she said she had the urge to push and I could see the baby's head."

They rode quickly to the Sanders' house. Lee Ann went inside to get her mother.

"We all agreed that we were going to have the baby right there," Terry said. "We sent Lee Ann inside to get some towels and shoestrings and I pulled Sandy up so she could grab the back of her knees."

"With just one push, the baby was out and was breathing right away," he went on. "Linda dried him off and warmed him up and I tied the cord off with the shoe laces and put the baby on Sandy's chest."

In the meantime, Lee Ann had called the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad and Cleveland County Sheriff's Department, but with the baby in seemingly good health, the Stefanicks chose to drive themselves to the hospital.

"None of us thought to look at our watches when the baby was born," Terry recalled. "When Linda thought about it, she said it was 4:55, and that's what we had to put on the birth certificate. But he was actually born before that."

Stefanick said he was not scared during the delivery, and felt his training with the Rescue Squad, his background as a

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Students Hurt In Bus Wreck

Several Kings Mountain junior and senior high students received minor injuries Tuesday morning when the school bus they were riding collided with a car on Lee Street, crashed through a wood fence and overturned.

Superintendent of Schools William Davis said 11 students were treated and released at Kings Mountain Hospital, and the driver of the car—Jonathon Page, 16, of Route 4, Kings Mountain—was admitted with head injuries.

Page was charged with running a stop sign after his car came

Graduation Held Tuesday

Diplomas were presented to 251 students at graduation exercises Tuesday night at John Gamble Stadium.

The graduates entered the stadium as the Kings Mountain Junior High Ninth Grade Band played the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance."

Robert R. McRae Jr., Principal, presented the diplomas, assisted by Superintendent of Schools William Davis and Joan Finger, Chief Junior Marshal.

McRae, who pointed out that he began his duties here the same time the Senior Class

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Baccalaureate Service Held

The Rev. William Tyson, pastor of Boyce Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, told 254 seniors Sunday night that they have different personalities and therefore will have different impacts upon others.

The Rev. Mr. Tyson, speaking during Baccalaureate services held at 8 p.m. in B. N. Barnes Auditorium, said if the seniors will give their lives to God, they will have the greatest opportunity to make an impact in the world by winning others to Christ.

Dr. T. A. Powell, pastor of Galilee United Methodist Church and St. Paul United Methodist Church, gave the invocation, and scripture was read by the Rev. Paul T. Baliles of First Assembly of God.

Special music was presented by the Kings Mountain Senior High Chorale and Ensemble, who sang "Immortal Love" by Butler and "O Magnum Mysterium" by Vitoria.

The Rev. Eugene Land of Second Baptist Church presented the Rev. Tyson, and benediction was given by the Rev. Kenneth Ray Looney of Kings Mountain Church of God.

through the intersection of Scotland Drive and Lee Street, and hit the school bus, which was being driven by Page's cousin, Michelle Hamm of Route 4, Kings Mountain.

The two vehicles hit a deep culvert, ran through a wooden fence at the residence of Charles Neisler, and the bus tipped over on its side.

The axle and front wheels of the bus were knocked completely off, and both vehicles were listed as total losses by investigating officers from the

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KM Considers Budge

By GARY STEWART
Editor

Mayor John Henry Moss, in a special called meeting Tuesday afternoon, presented a \$12.5 million budget for consideration by the Board of Commissioners for fiscal year 1982-83.

The budget, presented in two parts, amounts to \$2,851,468 for the general fund and \$9,659,117 for utilities. The overall budget is about the same as last year's but the budget for the general fund, which Moss says covers "operation of the City of Kings Mountain general government", is 13 percent less than the current fiscal year's budget.

The city's tax rate will continue to be 50 cents per \$100 valuation, the same rate that has

been maintained for a number of years.

Moss, who praised city department heads and consultants for their efforts in compiling the budget, called the presentation "one of the most complete budgets I've ever presented. It's the most complete in regards to detailing items to the particular departments. I think citizens will find that the cost of running the city is very comparable to other communities of the same size, and that we will be able to provide services at a cost that will be reasonable and acceptable."

Moss said utility funds have been budgeted autonomously to include all direct costs relating to their operation.

"The dominant concern of the

city's leadership is that of sustained fiscal responsibility," Moss said. "This dictates cost efficiency in the delivery of services."

Moss said a number of concerns, activities and facilities have been designated for particular attention during the coming year.

Capital expenditures of \$234,688 for general government purposes is significantly lower than last year's amount of \$285,894, utility capital expenditures have been reduced from \$621,650 to \$321,000; however, capital budget funds have been provided for essential equipment and improvements in the various departments.

FICA tax, group insurance,

retirement, gas and oil, and general insurance for the city have been included in the general fund in prior years, but for 1982-83 have been budgeted to each fund based on the actual cost incurred by each fund, Moss said.

The budget reflects a three percent pay increase for all full-time employees, Moss pointed out.

Items provided for in general capital projects fund include Municipal Administration Department, \$5,000; Police Department, \$51,200 for purchase of a generator for the Law Enforcement Center (old city hall), police cars and a truck for

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CLASS GIFT—Leigh Anne Baliles, treasurer of the Kings Mountain High Senior Class, presents a \$1,000 check to School Board Chairman June Lee Tuesday night at graduation exercises at Gamble Stadium. The check will be used to launch a fund drive for an indoor swimming pool at the high school.

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Bryant Retiring

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Howard Bryant, Assistant Superintendent and Director of Instruction for Kings Mountain District Schools, Monday submitted his letter of resignation to Superintendent William Davis.

Bryant plans to retire July 31. The Board of Education will act on his request at its meeting on Thurs., June 10.

Bryant has been employed by the Kings Mountain schools for the past 23 years, and for the past 12 years has worked in the Administration Office.

He came here from Person County Schools to be principal and teacher at North Elementary School. He held principal positions for 11 years prior to taking the Director of Instruction position.

His immediate retirement plans include taking care of some property he owns in his native South Carolina, to work around his home and travel.

"I'm a great tinkerer," he said. "I like to fool with things and love to work in the yard and garden."

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RETIRING—Howard Bryant, shown here working in his office at the School Administration Building, has announced his retirement. Bryant served in public education for 35 years, including 23 in Kings Mountain.

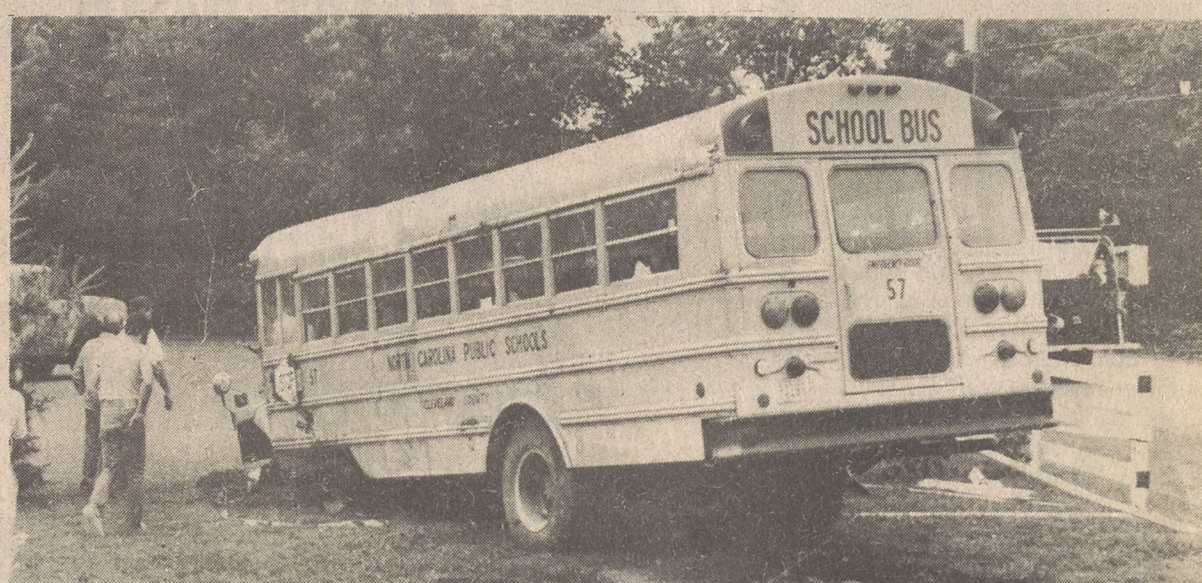


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BUS WRECK—Bus number 57, carrying junior and senior high students, overturned Tuesday on Lee Street after being struck by a car.

Eleven students were treated for injuries at Kings Mountain Hospital and several others received minor scrapes and bruises.