

# Mirror-Herald Living Today

## Who Will Be Kings Mountain's Teacher Of The Year?

### Will It Be:

Who will be Kings Mountain District Schools Teacher of the Year?

The winner will be decided by a selection committee from eight nominees and announced at a district-wide breakfast Thurs., Aug. 23, at 8:30 a.m. at KM Junior High School Cafeteria.

The local competition is sponsored by the Kings Mountain Unit of the Association of Classroom Teachers. Last year's Teacher of the Year, 1978-79, Mrs. Steve Wells, is

president of the ACT and will present the 1979-80 winner at the breakfast. The local winner will receive an engraved plaque and will

advance to district competition.

The eight nominees, all of whom represent the eight schools in the KM system and were chosen to compete by their respective schools, are Constance Dixon (Mrs. Mickey) Bell, North; Jackie Anne Hoff (Mrs. James Phillip) Hope, West; Kaye Jolly, East; Billy Lemons, Bethware; Barbara Bridges (Mrs. Robert) Lovelace, KM Junior High; Carolyn Linder (Mrs. Freddie) Mitchell, Grover; Sherrill Durant Toney, Central; and Mary Lillian Payne (Mrs. E. Bain) Whitworth, Kings Mountain Senior High School.

Each candidate is preparing a scrapbook detailing her professional career which will be the basis for judging by the selection committee.



CONNIE DIXON BELL

### Connie Bell

"Teaching involves a lot of disciplined love. . ."

Mrs. Bell, who has taught fourth grade at North School for eight years, is a Kings Mountain native, daughter of Mrs. Mable Dixon and the late Charles Dixon. She holds a B.S. degree from Western Carolina University and is active in Resurrection Lutheran Church, North School P-TA and Good Earth Garden Club. She is mother of two sons, Matthew, age five, and Michael, age three. According to Mrs. Bell, "teaching is a satisfying,

rewarding and even frustrating career but working with children fills your day with excitement." Her approach to teaching is to work with each child on his or her level and try to advance the child as far as he or she can go for that year. "Teaching", according to Mrs. Bell, "involves a lot of disciplined love so that each child can feel accepted and wanted." Knowing and understanding each child helps her work with the child better.



JACKIE HOPE

### Jackie Hope

"Working with children exhilarates and stimulates me."

Mrs. Hope, daughter of Herbert and Anne Libby Hoff of McComb, Mississippi, holds a B.S. degree from Mississippi College at Clinton and has taught fifth grade at West School for five years. She came to Kings Mountain from Cross City, Fla. where she taught eighth grade for one year. The Hopes are Baptist.

Because her parents worked for many years in the Mississippi school system, Mrs. Hope said she was directed toward the teaching profession. Her father, a school superintendent, and her mother, a teacher, shared their love for teaching with their daughter. Seeing the personal gratification of her

parents, Mrs. Hope decided to follow in their footsteps and chose the teaching profession as a life's vocation. "Working with children exhilarates and stimulates me," says Mrs. Hope, who pointed out that each day presents new challenges for her as well as her students. "Watching a child grow intellectually and socially and knowing I've had a part in this process fulfills my goals as a teacher," she adds. Mrs. Hope's approach for a "total learning experience," strives to offer a well rounded curriculum which focuses on individual needs of the student and relevant training experience.



LILLIAN P. WHITWORTH

### Lillian Whitworth

"...before I can teach a student, I must first be her friend. . ."

Lillian Whitworth was in business for herself in Bessemer City when she was offered a teaching position in the Cosmetology Department of KM High School in 1965. It was a "great challenge" and she accepted.

Said Mrs. Whitworth, "I believe that teaching requires thorough knowledge of your subject areas, dedication and a love for youngsters. I've found that before I can teach a student I must first be her friend, learn the strengths and weaknesses of the individual, then motivate and teach those students as elementary as necessary that each student will receive success in some given area. She participates in three seminars

annually to improve her teaching methods.

A native of Bessemer City, Mrs. Whitworth, wife of Bain Whitworth, served as president of the High School Cosmetology Educators of N.C. and was instrumental in achieving a charter for the N.C. Cosmetology Educators. She is a graduate of Charlotte Beauty College, Gaston College and Pivot Point International of Atlanta, Ga. She is a member of Bessemer City First Baptist Church, Order of the Eastern Star, White Shrine of Jerusalem and American Legion Auxiliary. She has a daughter and three grandchildren.



CAROLYN MITCHELL

### Carolyn Mitchell

"...teachers are 'models of education which pupils copy' . . ."

Mrs. Carolyn Linder Mitchell, who is beginning her 18th year as a primary teacher, is a third grade teacher at Grover School. She previously taught at Washington School in Waco, Fifth Avenue Elementary School and East Highland School in Columbus, Ga., at the Early Childhood Center and at North School here before going to Grover two years ago.

Educated at Benedict College, Columbia, S.C., Johnson C. Smith University and Limestone College, she is daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth B. Linder and the late Hazel George Linder. She and her husband are

Baptists and are parents of a daughter.

Mrs. Mitchell affirms that teachers are "models of education which pupils copy" and reminds that children always remember how the teacher performs and if the example is worthy. "The learning process must be a joint effort between student and teacher," declares Mrs. Mitchell, "and not always games and entertainment." "Every child should be considered as an individual", she says, and assessed accordingly. Animative, communicative and craft ideas enhance her teaching methods.



BILLY LEMONS

### Billy Lemmons

"I try to make learning as interesting as possible."

Lemons, who has taught fifth grade at Bethware School for 14 years, holds an A.A. degree from Gardner Webb College and a B.S. degree from Appalachian University. Son of Bemus Lemons of Shelby and the late Mrs. Lemons, he has served as organist of Bolling Springs Baptist Church for 14 years. He is married to the former Sarah Blanton and they have one daughter, Carol Michele, age nine and a fourth grader at Elizabeth School in

Shelby.

"In helping students develop skills and abilities to their fullest potential, I try to make learning as interesting as possible," says Lemons. Students in his classroom are provided opportunities to use creative skills and varied activities and materials are used to instruct students in order to meet their individual needs and to provide enjoyable experiences.



SHERRILL TONEY

### Sherill Toney

"...it's important for a student to trust me. . ."

Sherrill Durant Toney, who has taught seventh grade at Central School for 10 years, holds a B.S. in secondary education and biology from Appalachian State University and is working toward a master's degree which he expects to earn in December. As head of the Science Department at Central, he attempts to instill in each student from the beginning of the school year a measure of confidence in himself. "I feel it's important for a student to trust me" he affirms, "and then I

can reach him."

Toney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Glenn Toney of Ellenboro, graduated from Ellenboro High in 1965 and decided to pursue a career in dentistry. After college graduation, Toney elected to teach several years before furthering his life-long ambition to become a dentist. He liked the teaching profession and remained. Toney was married to Elizabeth Pettit of Polkville June 23.



KAYE JOLLY

### Kaye Jolley

"...every child (should) develop a positive self-concept. . ."

Kaye Jolley, who holds a B.S. in primary education from Appalachian State University and a Masters' in reading, is beginning her tenth year at East School and in a new position as reading teacher. Miss Jolley taught fourth grade at East for four years and second grade for five years. She is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Jolley of Hiddenite, N.C. and is a member of Patterson Grove Baptist Church. Miss Jolley stresses in her

classroom that every child develop a positive self-concept, and believes, she says, in a positive approach to teaching. "As a teacher I must establish a trusting and respectful relationship with the child. It is my duty to see that he does succeed by

teaching him on the level that he can succeed while challenging him. My students and I must establish expectations of success and work to meet them," she added.



BARBARA LOVELACE

### Barbara Lovelace

"Teaching should be personalized to meet individual needs."

Mrs. Barbara Lovelace, who has taught eighth grade American History at KMJH for five years, formerly taught sixth grade at Bethware and American History and Civics at Lincolnton High School. She received her AA degree from G-W College, her B.S. from ASU and her Master's in history this summer from Appalachian University. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lyman Bridges of Bolling Springs, she is married to Robert Lovelace and they are active in Trinity Baptist Church where she teaches a Senior Adult Sunday School class.

"Teaching should be personalized to meet individual needs," affirms Mrs. Lovelace, who bases her instruction on developing the total student, utilizing community and home resources along with school resources.

History has always "come alive" for Mrs. Lovelace and she tries to do just that for eighth graders who have what she calls an inquiring nature and a marvelous capacity to learn. "Their quick minds present me with a never-ending challenge to do my best to present the story of our country in a meaningful and enjoyable way", says Mrs. Lovelace.