

## Bessemer City Girls "Springtime" Winners

Beauty contest held at Huss High School where she won "Teen Miss Piedmont Springtime" plus the title "Miss Piedmont Talent." She performed on stage in a routine dedicated to the music, "We've Got the Fire." She also holds titles in Miss Carolina Beauty, Little Miss Bessemer City, Sunshine Talent and Miss Photogenic.

In the "Springtime Queen" beauty pageant held recently in Kings Mountain, Hope Doster won the title "Wee Miss Talent" and Missy Burgess, "Teen Miss Springtime Queen 1982."

For her talent, Hope did a baton routine to "We've Got The Beat." A rising 5th grader at Central School, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Doster.

A rising 9th grader at Bessemer City Junior High School, Missy is the daughter of Linda and Ronnie Burgess.

After winning her title in Kings Mountain, Missy competed in Gastonia's Parks and



HOPE DOSTER



MISSY BURGESS

## City Council In Action In Dealing With Agenda

Although the actions they made are not considered major, city council members accomplished important matters when they met Monday night for their regular monthly meeting at the Community Building.

In regards to a zoning situation concerning the construction of a proposed garage on the corner of Maryland and 9th Street, no action was made until after the required public hearing takes place. Attorney Jim Funderburk was present for the meeting to represent Junior Richardson who owns the property. Funderburk pointed out that the delays in settling the matter were costing his client time and money.

The council approved rezoning property on Virginia Avenue between 8th and 9th Street to permit small businesses.

The council approved a request by the police department to build a pistol range near Lithium Lake. In reality, it would be to re-establish a range in the location where one previously was located. With a range, trained instructors and certify policemen in the use of fire arms.

City Manager Neil Barnes and an engineer from the company that recently laid sewer lines on North 6th Street, came to an

agreement with property-owner Dan Moore concerning a drainage problem that developed on Moore's property by the sewer line construction.

City Attorney Arthur Blue advised the council on legalities pertaining to the city's letting a group of Vantine citizens use the Vantine Community Building. Councilperson Grace LaDuke was appointed to work with Vantine residents in organizing a group that would assume the responsibility involved in re-opening the center.

The Center had been built by Vantine residents and had been later taken over by the City Recreation Department. When the city closed the center, a group of residents in the area requested to have the Center open with the group financing the utilities.

Councilwoman LaDuke requested that the city enact subdivision regulations to prevent builders from building in flooding areas, which in turn would result in complaints being made to the city for correcting.

The council will have Centralina to make a study.

After discussions concerning citizens placing such items as discarded furniture, stoves, etc. on curbside for city workers to pick up, the council voted that whenever such large items were

placed at the curbs, the city would charge a \$15.00 fee to haul it off. Should renters leave town with such items left behind by the street, the owner of the property would be responsible for paying the \$15.00 fee.

Donny Kincaid, recreation director, requested the town to clear the grounds in back of the Community Building for practice ball fields. The council approved contacting the National Guard to see if the clearing work could be done free of charge.

Mayor Tim Helms read a proclamation proclaiming "National Police Week."

City clerk Mary Jane Kane in making her monthly report on delinquent bills owned to the city, reported that the amount for the past month was \$8,335.02, with some of the bills being two months over-due.

The council decided to make its own studies in regards to sewer and water rates.

Councilwoman LaDuke pointed out that the street light controlling traffic at Central School, the corner of Washington and 9th Street, flashed red, green and yellow at the same time. The council voted to purchase a new street light.

Linda Willis, Alvin Searcy and Al Froneberger were re-appointed to the Planning and Zoning Board.

## Central Students Make To

Fourth graders and sixth graders at Central School have been making out-of-state tours.

Students in the 6th grades who maintained a required number contained on a point system made a one-day trip to Washington, D.C. on May 6. They boarded Amtrak Thursday at midnight to arrive in Washington to spend all day Friday. They returned after midnight on Saturday.

This marks the second year that Central 6th graders have made a one-day tour of the capitol. They were accompanied by 6th grade teachers, parents and assistant principal David White.

The 6th graders staged a barbecue sales to defray part of the costs of the trip.

The 4th grade students traveled by chartered bus on Monday, May 17, to Knoxville, Tennessee where they made a one-day tour of the Worlds Fair.

Fourth grade teachers and parents accompanied the students. Fourth grade teachers are Mesdames Hodge, Jones, Carpenter and Mr. Froneberger and Mr. Leslie.

Frank Fortenberry is Central School principal.

## BCHS Elects SPO Officers

By Wanda Kiser

Candidates for Bessemer City High School Student Participation Organization officers presented their campaign speeches Wednesday morning to the student body.

Elected to serve as student body officers for the 1982-83 school term were, Tommy Swife, president; Amy Adams, vice president; Veronica Lewis, secretary-treasurer; Lisa Carpenter, reporter; Julie Wise, assistant reporter; and Marie Hovis, parliamentarian.

They were inducted into offices during induction ceremonies held the following week.

SPO officers serving for the 1981-82 school term were: Rhonda Bridges, president; Kermit Hutchins, vice president; Karen Lowery, secretary-treasurer; Tina Barnes, parliamentarian; and Wanda Kiser, reporter.

Maurice Bush is faculty advisor.

## 50 And Older Take Notice

Persons who would like to attend different summer outdoor and indoor programs and are 60 and older have been notified that they can take advantage of the "Governor's Complimentary Ticket Program."

Persons in groups of twenty or more will receive reduced admission to the state's ten outdoor dramas and three indoor dramas. These offers are made by the North Carolina Professional Theatre Companies.

Information can be secured through the Bessemer City Recreation Department at 629-5111 or through the county Office on Aging, 866-3802.

## Rec Classes Registrations

Registrations are being taken by the Recreation Department for classes in swimming, tennis, arts and crafts.

Persons wishing to participate are asked to register at an early date so that classes can be arranged to meet the demand.

To register, call 629-5111.



## BCHS HONORS BANQUET SPEAKER

Dr. Robert M. Howard is pictured speaking to the top academic seniors in Bessemer City High School Class of 1982 who were recently honored by the Chamber of Commerce at a banquet that also honored parents of the 15 students. Pictured with Dr. Howard from left to

right are Charles Gray, chairman of the County Board of Education, Mrs. Pameen Froneberger, Al Froneberger, Chamber president, Dr. Howard and Leonard Eury, far right, chairman of the Chamber education committee.

## Birds And Cat Survive Blazing Residential Fire

By LOIS SMITH

When the former Lee Hayes residence was consumed by a blazing inferno at midnight Sunday, a miracle took place when a nest of robins and a house cat survived the fire.

Located on the corner of North 12th Street and Maryland Avenue, the house had recently been purchased by the Hayes' grandson, Calvin Johnson, who was in the process of renovating the house.

Johnson who had been placing varnish on kitchen cabinets, had left the house thirty minutes prior to its bursting into flames.

The tree holding the bird's nest is located on the west side of the house and stands between the house and a utility pole that caught on fire, burning cablevision and telephone cables. The lines served customers along N. 12th Street and on into Dallas. Repairmen worked around the clock repairing the lines through

Tuesday. While repair work was made to the lines, the mother of the bird kept feeding worms to her fledglings. The leaves around the nest are scorched.

There was a hole in the window where the cat slept. It is assumed the cat was blown through the window from the explosion.

Neighbors reported the fire. The first report was that a house at 106 E. Md. was burning. This was quickly followed with the information that it was "the Calvin Hayes' house." The caller did not know the address but correctly reported it to be across the street from the city's branch library.

Johnson who had stopped en route to his parents' home at Larry Woodall's, head the fire report on his scanner. His aunt lives at 106 - he thought it was her house until he heard the second report and then knew it was his own house.

Johnson's mother, Mrs. Roy Johnson, and sister, Fran, also heard the reports on their scanner. They assumed Calvin was trapped inside his house.

Calvin was in the process of doing a handsome job on redoing the house. He had painted the exterior, placed paneling and was in the process of finishing the kitchen cabinets. He had taken cautionary measures and had left the windows open. It is assumed the fumes were ignited by a pilot light on a stove.

The house was originally built by the Gambrill & Melville Mills. The late Lee Hayes had purchased it from the late Ernest Carroll. The two-story frame house was vacant when it was purchased by Johnson.

The survival of the birds and the cat - and Johnson's leaving at the right time, the fire could be termed a three-way miracle.

Tronota VFD assisted the Bessemer City Firemen in fighting the fire.