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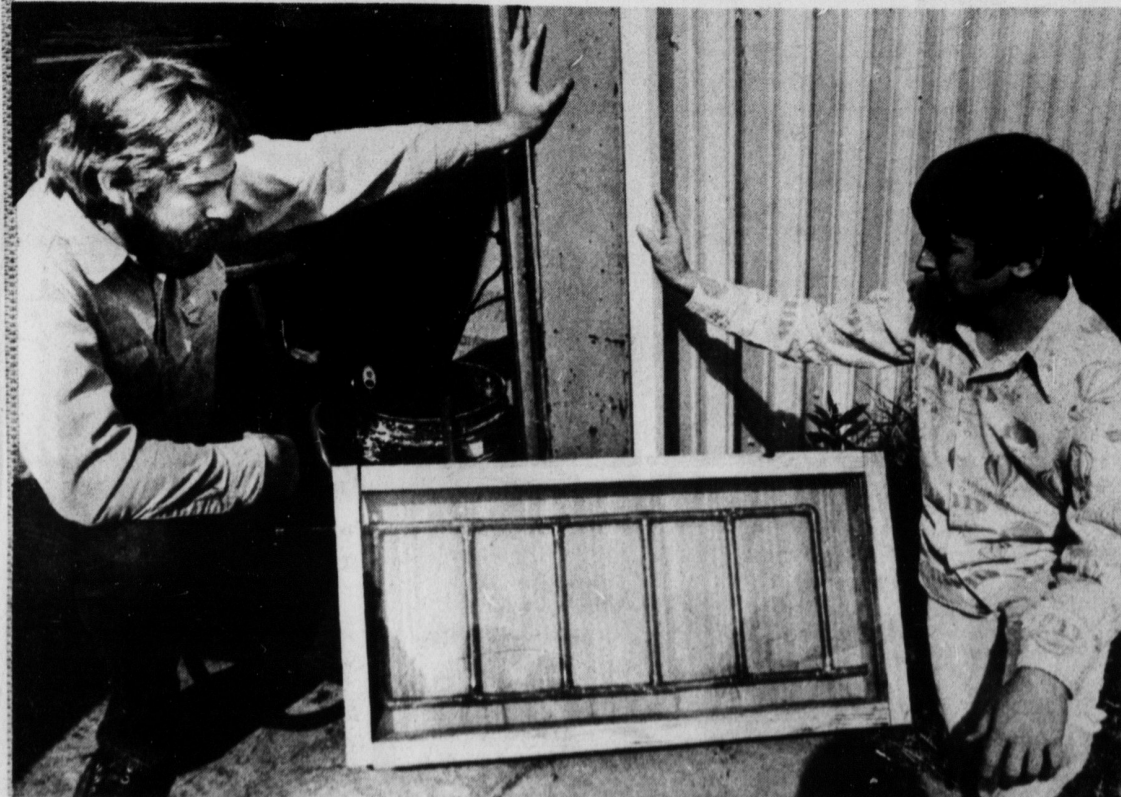
# Where Students Prepare For Life



**LIFE SCIENCE CLASS** — Tom Potter, left, Roger Grant and Kelly Goodson observe protozoan specimens under a microscope and Kelly holds a cow skull in seventh grade life science class in which 99 students are enrolled at Central.



**PERSONAL SERVICES LAB** — Clint Retchson shampoos Keith Wilson in the Personal Services Lab at Central where students learn about many areas of career exploration.



**SOLAR SELECTOR** — Instructor Gene Alexander, left, and Scott Stawls show off the solar selector which

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calls the program "very good and meets the needs of the exceptional child." Mrs. McDowell said numerous activities are underway daily in the Learning Lab. There are language arts and math sessions, educational TV in the morning with "Sesame Street," games which teach, and even macrame and other skills.

The positive results of these students is most encouraging, said Mrs. McDowell, an eight year veteran of the KM system who is in her third year at Central. A favorite spot for Central seventh graders is the Art Lab where Mrs. Jo Ellis is instructor. The popular teacher, in her fourth year at Central, started the program here and students are invited to choose from one unit. Most of them choose macrame and are turning out beautiful Lions, poodles, owls, wall hangings, necklaces and pocketbooks. Margrace Mill donates the yarn for these classes, KM Brick donates wax for candlemaking.

Ninety-seven seventh graders are involved in Art this nine-week period and love it. "We offer the widest variety of subject matter for this age group of any school in our area," says Jo, who is quite proud that

her students always bring home blue ribbons from Spring In Shelby Art Festival and from area fairs. "By the time students reach seventh grade, they have only learned about paints, crayons and drawing and their knowledge of other arts like stitchery, weaving, crocheting and rug-making is very little," said Mrs. Ellis.

Purpose of the textile unit, of course, is to relate to the future — careers exploration, a starting point for perhaps a life-style for the children.

Personal Services Lab is also a popular spot as kids learn to prepare fast foods and short orders, use the sewing machine and learn other skills.

The woodworking shop is also a busy lab and here kids learn about brick-laying and welding, among other things. One of the projects of this enthusiastic group is a Solar Selector which they have built under the leadership of Gene Alexander to conserve energy by storing up heat. It's been a real "fun" project as well as a learning project, said one of the students.

A student's first emphasis on specialized education is seen at Central School.

There's something for everyone, says one student: football, basketball and volleyball, wrestling, gymnastics, folk dancing, and ideas of basic

education continually stressed.

The "back to basics" idea, declares Principal Allen, is very misleading in that we have at Central in the past and will continue to teach the basics of education.

The techniques, methods, and the variety of educational experiences are basically all that have changed.

Central School, which is a Century old, has seen many students come and go; as a K-12 school, a Senior High School, a Junior High School and in just the past several years a middle school that houses all sixth and

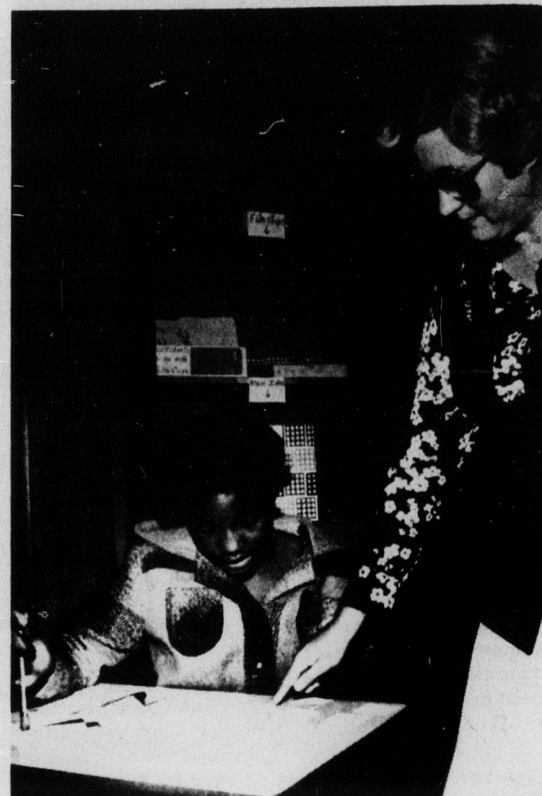
seventh grade students in the system.

The academic portion of the curriculum is given a strong emphasis on all levels. A block system of scheduling gives a child language arts and social studies instruction from one teacher and math and science from another.

Principal Allen would like to see more classroom space (a mobile unit and three metal buildings are now utilized for special programs) and "dreams" that someday the students can enjoy swimming, along with their other programs, and a typing class. He also hopes that a program can be added for emotionally disturbed children and that the staff for exceptional kids can be increased.

Children are preparing for life everyday at Central School.

Central School is a special place.



**READING LAB** — Glenda Ivey, aide, instructs Janine Miller with phonics survey cards in a sixth grade reading lab. Fifty-five children are enrolled in this program of which Carolie Wheeler is teacher.

## Troop Takes Camping Trip

Troop #1 Boy Scouts took its first Fall camping trip Sat., Oct. 22 and the two patrols competed in contests of Scouting skills.

Eagle Patrol won the Log Raising-Knot Tying and Fire Building contest. Tiger Patrol won the Fuzz Stick Relay.

The Troop also conducted a drawing for a knife given to the troop by Scoutmaster Wayne Putnam. Glenn James won the prize.

## Boggan Will Sing At Meet

Jeff Boggan, Kings Mountain Senior High senior student and son of Rev. and Mrs. Bob Boggan, will sing with the Honors Chorus at the state Music Educators Conference in Winston Salem this Sunday night at 8 p. m. at Convention Center.

The Kings Mountain music student was selected from auditions conducted throughout North Carolina schools. He is a member of the KMSHS Chorus, which is directed by Mrs. J. N. McClure.

## SHC Sets Annual Bazaar

Saturday, Nov. 12 has been set as the date for the Annual Bazaar for the benefit of the various endeavors of the Sisters of Mercy of Belmont.

The Bazaar will be held according to tradition in the Alumni Gymnasium at Sacred Heart College in Belmont. Clothing, hand-crafts, fancy work, baked goods, home-made candy, cakes, pickles, hand-made afghans, aprons, hosiery, white elephant items, gifts, novelties, canned goods, stationery, toys, knitted goods, also hand-made dolls, and other items will be on sale.

A Buffet of hot and cold dishes salads, desserts and beverages will be served from 5 to 8 p. m. Snacks and treats will be available all day. The Buffet is an ideal way to end an afternoon of bargain shopping.

"While enjoying the Bazaar you can help to perpetuate the works of the Sisters of Mercy in education, health care, and social welfare. The Sacred Heart Bazaar is a good place to meet and greet old friends because many Alumni, relatives and friends plan to attend this Annual event in Belmont," said Sister Mary Joan.

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