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**HONORED** - Betty Roberts Gamble of Kings Mountain has been honored as North Carolina Home Economics Teacher of 1978. She has been a member of the faculty here for 26 years.

## Cook Is Spelling Champ

Marvin Cook, Kings Mountain Junior High School eighth grade student, won the spelling contest for Kings Mountain District Schools.

He will represent Kings Mountain at the Charlotte Observer 24th Annual Regional Spelling Bee on April 21 in the Observer Auditorium.

The contest was held in the Administrative Office Building with Howard Bryant, Director of Instruction, calling the 100 words to be spelled.

Marvin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cook and is in Mrs. Betsy Wells' homeroom.

Other contestants were Eddie Ray Blanton representing Central School, follow-up winner; Lin Putnam representing Bethware School; Tony Wright representing East School; Randy Garner representing Grover School; Candice Hunter representing North School; and Kevin Scott Ingram representing West School. The staff sponsors from each school served as judges for the contest.

The regional winner will win a trip to Washington, D. C. June 5-9 to the National Spelling bee.

## Horse Show Set April 8

The Kings Mountain Saddle Club will present its first horse show of the season on Sat., Apr. 8, with performances at 1 and 6 p. m.

Classes will be offered in English, Western and Games with trophies and ribbons in all classes and High Point Trophies to be awarded in all three divisions.

Championship classes will be judged in English Pleasure and Western Pleasure during the evening performance, which will be enhanced by the addition of new

lights ringside. Joel Owensby of Grier, S. C. will judge the Western classes and English classes will be judged by Floyd Kirby of Taylorville.

The club is located off Waco Rd. in Kings Mountain.

The Saddle Club will hold four horse shows this season, with High Point Trophies based on points accumulated during the entire season to be awarded at the close of the final show, Sept. 2.

For information and class lists call Kings Mountain 789-2108.

## Brown, Davis Appointed

Hazel J. Brown and William F. Davis of Kings Mountain have been

### Rick Hatcher

### Lions Speaker

Rick Hatcher, Park Technician at Kings Mountain National Military Park, will be guest speaker at Tuesday night's Lions Club meeting at 7 p. m. at Kings Mountain Inn.

Mr. Hatcher will illustrate his role as a Civil War soldier and will demonstrate with uniform, weapon and other Civil War regalia while presenting the program.

Lions Clubbers are asked to call Bill Bates for reservations.

appointed to the Cleveland County Correctional Unit Advisory Council.

The appointments were made by Gov. Jim Hunt. The council will work with the Superintendent of the unit and advise him on matters pertaining to the unit and its relationship with the community.

Brown is employed by Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission and Davis is superintendent of Kings Mountain District Schools.

Other countians named to the council are Cline W. Borders, Leslie A. Farfour Jr. and Mrs. Eloise H. Greene of Shelby; Thomas B. Hord Jr. of Lawndale, Kenneth Ledford of Polkville, James McKinney of Mooresboro and Brooks Percy Sr. of Bolling Springs.

# Betty Gamble Is Named Home Ec Teacher Of Year

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The work may be as simple as hemming a dress or as complicated as monogramming clothing freehanded.

Whatever the duty, according to Betty Roberts Gamble, the purpose is to provide the skills and knowledge that will enable the students to get additional training or go directly into a job after graduation.

Mrs. Gamble's individualized home economics program was the basis for her selection last week as North Carolina's Home Economics Teacher of the Year.

She is the first Kings Mountain teacher and second Clevelander to attain the coveted award by American Home Economics Association and Family Circle Magazine. As the state winner she will vie for national awards.

Mrs. Gamble, home economics teacher at KMSHS for 26 years, has seen far-reaching results of her individualized instruction. A recent survey revealed that 80 percent of local businesses and industries employ students from her program, these statistics substantiating that Mrs. Gamble has been a constructive influence in many lives.

All her senior students have been placed in local jobs or plan to attend technical schools or colleges after graduation.

The versatile teacher has developed in her four classes of home economics and clothing classes a variety of innovative materials for students, individual packets emphasizing goals and student interaction in home economics.

On any given day of the week a visitor to the classroom can observe students making drapes for a local customer, stitching pretty frocks,

learning how to monogram and create beautiful clothing plus learning good grooming among a multitude of activities.

Mrs. Gamble affirms that knowing the student, his family background, general academic development and current learning needs are an important part of the individualized program which she initiated at KMSHS five years ago. School records, home visits, conferences with guidance staff and other agencies are utilized. In addition to commercial aids, she has

devised individual capsules, tapes, slides, games, learning packages and other media to enrich teaching and learning.

Former students praise Mrs. Gamble for making outstanding contributions to the total occupational program, not only in Kings Mountain and Cleveland County, but North Carolina as well, our community using the services of her classes, particularly the occupational sewing course, to great advantage. Every day of the week the students in her Clothing V class

can be found at a variety of activities.

Some of her students are already working outside the classroom, which the course encourages them to do.

Betty's class combines the Clothing Service program and home economics - the clothing Service is currently in its 10th year, part of a three-school pilot program initially recommended by the State

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Set April 15

## KMers Signing Up For Bike-A-Thon

A long list of Kings Mountians have already applied to enter the 20-mile Bike-A-Thon here Sat., Apr. 15 to raise funds for St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Robert Dodge, Kings Mountain Police Youth Officer and chairman of the event, said this week "Many citizens have already begun signing up sponsors. We have one entry who already has pledged to him up to \$17 per mile completed in the bike-a-thon and there are others closing in on that amount."

The event will begin at 9:30 a. m. on Apr. 15 at Kings Mountain Senior High. Dodge said two courses will be available; one for entrants up to 10-years of age and the other for 10-years old and up. Applicants must supply their own bikes for the event.

Application forms to enter the event are now available at Wade Ford, Griffin's Drug Co.; Myers Printing Co., KM Police Department - city hall, and the Mirror-Herald offices. Forms are also available at all schools in the principal's office.

"Local merchants and businessmen have been most generous to us in this worthwhile project," Dodge said. "They have donated over 50 prizes for the riders, including a grand prize of a 10-speed bike."

The 10-speed bike is being donated by Clark Tire. Free lunch to the bike-a-thon participants is being supplied by Kentucky Fried Chicken, Pizza Hut and Hardee's.

Dodge said riders who plan to participate must solicit their own

sponsors (individuals, businesses, or industries) to pledge certain amounts of money for each mile of the course.

Sponsor forms may be turned in at the police department or to event officials on Apr. 15 at the senior high school.

All proceeds will go to St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. for continued research into cures for cancer. St. Jude's is the only research center in the world dedicated exclusively to conquering childhood cancer and other deadly diseases of children.

Founded by entertainer Danny Thomas, St. Jude's is non-sectarian, non-discriminatory and provides treatment free to patients admitted after referral by a doctor.

Mark Brooks, a Boy Scout representative, is assisting Dodge in the bike-a-thon planning. Other committee heads include Ronnie Hawkins and Ralph Grindstaff - route and checkpoints; Betty Clark, Jerry White and Tommy King - recruitment and followup; Kentucky Fried Chicken, Pizza Hut and Hardee's - food and supplies; Jim Downey and Gene Tignor - prizes, Tom McIntyre and Jonas Bridges, publicity and promotion.

In case of rain on Apr. 15, the bike-a-thon will be rescheduled the following Saturday.

## Connor Elected Chairman

Nelson Connor of Kings Mountain was elected 10th Congressional District chairman of the Young Democrats of North Carolina last weekend during the annual state Young Democrats convention in Winston Salem.

Connor assumes his new position May 1.

He is presently serving as state vice president, the first Cleveland County person to hold a state Young Democrats office since David Royster was state treasurer in 1948.

Active in the Democratic party, Connor has served as chairman and as secretary-treasurer of the Bethware precinct. He has also been a delegate to the Democratic county and district conventions.



**DANCE-A-THON GUESTS** - Pictured are some of the Muscular Dystrophy patients and chapter members from the Muscular Dystrophy regional office who were in attendance at the Mar. 18 Dance-A-Thon held at Kings Mountain Senior High School. Front row, from left, Mark Ledford, Robin Heffner, Miss North Carolina Wheelchair; Dean Capps, South Piedmont Poster

Child; Lyn Arrowood and Joshua Cross. Standing, from left, Marjorie Capps, Bobby Heffner, Jeanette Glass, and Mayor John Henry Moss, honorary chairman for the event. KMSHS students danced, rocked and walked to raise \$6,352.44, a record for high schools in the state participating in Dance-A-Thons for Muscular Dystrophy.