

Back Abnormalities Screenings Scheduled

Fifth graders in the KM School System will begin Tuesday the first day of 10 days of screening designed to find back abnormalities among school children.

The simple examination for Scoliosis will be handled by professionals and will require about 30 seconds, says School Supt. William Davis, between 9 and 11 a. m.

The schedule at the five schools will include Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 9 and 10th at Bethware; Jan. 11-12 at West; Jan. 16-17 at East; Jan. 23-24 at Grover; and Jan. 30-31 at North.

School officials are urging local parents to grant permission for the simple tests. School children will bring home special forms for

parents to sign, giving their approval.

The objective of the program, according to Supt. Davis, is to detect spinal irregularities which can more easily be corrected in young children. Too often, the officials say, back curvatures are not discovered until so late that permanent damage has been done and drastic treatment is required.

Signs of Scoliosis, the medical term for spinal curvature, are found in approximately five to ten percent of young people examined. Continued follow-up or treatment is needed in only about two percent of the cases.

Spinal deformities often develop during the years of early

adolescence, when the young person grows very rapidly. The treatment, when necessary, usually consists of a back brace which helps to correct the condition and keep it from progressing. A brace does not interfere with most activities, including non-contact sports.

Supt. Davis said that parents of students found to have signs of Scoliosis will be notified and urged to take their child to a physician for further evaluation.

The examination, itself, requires only that the child bend forward and bend to the sides. The examining personnel observe the spine and usually do not have to touch the body.



H. L. RUTH JR.

KM Man Promoted By Bank

H. L. (Jack) Ruth Jr., formerly of Kings Mountain, will become president of Cabarrus Bank and Trust Co. Feb. 1, according to CB&T board of directors.

Ruth is expected to be elected to presidency at the Jan. 18 annual meeting in Concord.

Ruth is an experienced banking executive who is now Senior Vice President of Southern National Bank of Lumberton. He first joined SNB in 1966 as vice president and city executive of the Fayetteville office before moving to Lumberton in 1969.

He currently serves as president of the North Carolina Bankers Association. An active participant in NCBA affairs since 1957, he has served as president of the Young Bankers Division, and chairman of the following committees: publication, structural study, nominating and education. He was elected vice president for 1978-79.

Ruth began his banking career with American Trust Company in 1953 as management trainee, and was vice president of the national division of North Carolina Bank (American Trust's successor) when he resigned to join Southern National Bank in 1966.

A native of Rock Hill, S. C., Ruth, 48, grew up in Kings Mountain and attended public schools here. He is a 1953 graduate of Davidson College where he served as president of the student body, on the varsity football team, belonged to Imlcon Delta Kappa leadership fraternity, and Beta Theta Pi social fraternity.

He has a graduate certificate from the American Institute of Banking, and is a 1964 graduate of Stonier Graduate School of Banking where he served on the board of regents for a period of three years.

Ruth is a commissioner to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the U. S., an elder and Sunday School teacher in the First Presbyterian Church, Lumberton, and a trustee of Queens College, Charlotte.

He also formerly served as chairman of the Robeson County Boy Scout membership drive, treasurer of the Fayetteville YMCA, president of the Fayetteville Chapter of the North Carolina symphony and president of the Davidson College Wildcat Club.

He is married to the former Betty Kate Jones of Greenwood, S. C., and they have three children, Libby, a 1978 graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill; Trip, a junior at Davidson; and David, a sophomore at UNC-Wilmington.

Reports For Duty

Marine Corporal Charles T. Sisk, whose wife, Cynthia, is the daughter of Robert B. and Annette Cabaniss of Rt. 4, Box 178, Kings Mountain, has re-

ported for duty at the Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point. He joined the Marine Corps in April 1975.

90.6 Percent Of Juniors Tested Earn Passing Grade

A total of 290 junior students passed the reading tests or 90.6 percent and 267 passed the mathematics, or 83.4 percent, in competency tests taken by 320 KMHS 11th graders.

Director of Instruction Howard Bryant said that five students achieved a perfect score of 120 in reading. Two students achieved a high score of 119 out of a possible 120 in mathematics.

The median scores were 104.1 in reading and 95.8 in mathematics.

Falling the tests were 30 (9.4 percent) students on reading and 53 (16.6 percent) on mathematics.

Twenty five students failed both parts of the competency tests.

Mr. Bryant said that most of the students who failed the tests are in remedial classes and plans are being made so that all who failed will be enrolled in appropriate classes for remediation during the second semester.

All over the state 11th graders were administered the tests on Nov.

1-2. Make-up testing was on Nov. 7-9.

The Competency Testing Program was legislated in the 1977 General Assembly through House Bill 204. This law provided that, beginning in the fall of 1978, competency tests be administered to all 11th grade students in the state as a requirement for graduation.

The N.C. Competency Test is a basic skills test designed to measure minimum competency, not ideal achievement.

City To Hold Public Hearing Tonight On Funds

How will the city spend \$338,000 in CD funds for 1979?

Public hearing to hear citizen input on the question is slated for Tuesday (tonight) at 7:30 p. m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Citizens are invited to submit

proposals on how the city should spend the allocated monies, fourth year for which Kings Mountain has qualified for a total allocation of \$4,180,000 in block grants for community development from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban

Development.

The intent of the Community Development Act is to assist low and moderate income areas through activities designed to help eliminate and prevent slums and blight, and to provide improved public facilities and services.

Dr. Tom Haggai To Speak Sunday At Central Church

Dr. Tom Haggai, author of the religious radio series, "Values For Better Living," will fill the pulpit at the 11 o'clock morning worship hour Jan. 14th at Central United Methodist Church.

Better Living." Interested citizens are invited to

Need anyone to rake leaves and do odd jobs after school?

Kings Mountain Junior High cheerleaders are trying to earn

join the local congregation in the special service.

Students Are Seeking Odd Jobs

funds for new uniforms and are available for after-school duty.

Call Mrs. Bailey at 739-8957 to make arrangements.

Grover Board Meet Postponed

The January meeting of the Grover Town Board has been rescheduled for Mon., Jan. 15th.

The Town Board meets at 8:30 p. m. in the Town Hall.

Effort Made To Stop Dropouts

The North Carolina Association of Educators is urging its 50,000 members to intensify their efforts to keep in school those students who fall the state's first competency test.

"Even though the failure rate is apparently much lower than some had expected, educators must redouble their efforts to assure that no child is abandoned," Lloyd S. Isaacs, NCAE executive

secretary, said.

He said NCAE is concerned that many students who fail the first competency test will lose heart and drop out of school. He said the Association is requesting its members — particularly high school guidance counselors — to concentrate their efforts to help children who failed the first test.

Isaacs said NCAE "has no idea how many students will fail the first test, but one failure is one failure too many. He said the Association's Board of Directors — largely composed of teachers — has expressed grave concern that the drop-out rate will accelerate substantially after the first testing period.

"It's a fact of life that we have too many borderline students, and failure on this first test could be the final blow for many of them," Isaacs, who has endorsed use of the competency test, said.

The NCAE executive secretary said failures on

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