

School Discipline Is Improving

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Editor

Discipline problems are on the decrease in local schools and some school officials feel in-school suspension programs are the reason.

Central, Kings Mountain Junior High and Kings Mountain Senior High have state-funded I.S.S. programs and all have shown drastic improvement since their beginnings.

Central School, which has 701 sixth and seventh grade students, began its program three years ago and has seen a 95 percent decrease in the amount of school days lost because of suspension.

The junior high school has had the program for just more than a year and has had about 30 fewer students placed on suspension so far this year. The high school had an I.S.S. program briefly last year and recently began another.

In-school suspension involves taking misbehaving students out of the regular classroom setting and putting them under the supervision of one teacher. They lose all extra activities they would normally participate in, such as sports, free periods and lunch periods. I.S.S. students go to the cafeterias to get their meals, but must return to the I.S.S. classroom to eat them.

They cannot talk to any other student on campus, nor on the school bus.

The isolated setting, in many cases, has meant an improvement in grades, since students must spend all of their time working, and none talking and cutting up.

Many teachers say they have also seen great improvements in students' attitudes.

Central began its program in 1980-81 after a group of local educators traveled to Fayetteville and Charlotte to see other programs operate. The year before, Central had 204 suspensions and over 600 days of school lost because of suspen-

sions.

During 1980-81, the number of out-of-school suspensions dropped to 20 and lost days dropped to 93. Last year, total number of out-of-school suspensions dropped to six and lost days to 26. So far this year, the school has had 10 out-of-school suspensions, but according to Assistant Principal Greg Paysour, five of those students would have been placed in in-school suspension had their parents permitted it.

The schools' administrators work closely with their guidance counselors in that all students who are placed in I.S.S. also must work on their problems

with a guidance counselor. At Central, Guidance Counselor Lynn Ledford works closely with Paysour to head off any potential problems.

"There are a lot of things I can do to help prevent something from becoming a problem," she said. "If we know about it, we can take care of it before it gets bigger."

Mrs. Glenda O'Shields, Central Principal, credits effective teaching and a school handbook with helping cut down on discipline problems.

"We have our rules in writing," Paysour says. "A student knows what to expect if he

disobeys them. We try to be as consistent as possible."

According to Mrs. Ledford and Beulah Carroll, I.S.S. teacher, the students also know that Paysour is strict and will give them their due punishment.

"Students know he will do something if they violate the rules," Mrs. Ledford says. "But at the same time, he has a good relationship with the students," Mrs. Carroll added. "Students know, even if they're the ones who have been disciplined, that they can go and talk to him about their problems."

Mrs. Ledford gives a lot of

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CANCER GIFT - Bill Hager, left, chairman of the Kings Mountain Cancer Drive for 1983, and Darrell Austin, right, chairman of the recent Cancer Society Jail-a-thon, are pictured above presenting a check for \$10,078.70 to Burrell Harris, chairman of the Cleveland County

Cancer Fund Drive. The check represents the proceeds from the recent two-day jail-a-thon. Kings Mountain had a goal of raising \$10,000 for the Cancer Society this year but thus far has raised \$14,860.

KMHS Coach Resigns

Dan Brooks, head football coach and athletic director at Kings Mountain High School for the past five years, has resigned his positions there to accept an assistant coaching position at a major university.

Brooks hand-delivered his resignation late Wednesday morning to Principal Bob McRae. Brooks could not be reached for comment.

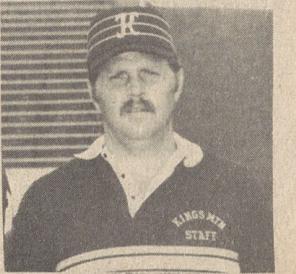
McRae said he was not at liberty to reveal the colleges Brooks has received offers from, but according to some sources, they are the University of Florida and Clemson University.

"He is considering at least two offers with major universities and both are outstanding situations," McRae said. "I hate to see him leave but I'm not surprised."

McRae said a decision has not been made on a replacement for Brooks. "We don't know what directions we'll pursue," McRae said. "Although Dan's been considering this for several weeks, we didn't know for sure until today what he was going to do. We don't know if we'll open it up or promote someone from our staff."

Brooks compiled a 25-25 record in his five years at KMHS, including an 8-2 mark in 1979. The leading rusher on that team was Kevin Mack, now a starting running back at Clemson.

Brooks served as an assistant to Bob Jones during his first two years at KMHS and helped coach the 1976 team to an 8-2 record. Prior to coming here, he was an assistant coach at Western Carolina University, his alma mater.



DAN BROOKS

If You've Moved, Change Voting Address

Luther Bennett, chairman of the Kings Mountain Board of Elections, advises that persons who have moved since registering to vote must have their addresses changed on the county voter registration books in order to be eligible to vote in future elections.

Bennett said there are several instances where people living in one Kings Mountain precinct have moved into the other Kings Mountain precinct and have not changed their addresses on the registration books.

According to Alex Brock, State Elections Board Chairman, those persons are not eligible to vote until they change their addresses.

"This has always been a problem for us," said Bennett. "We're going to have a lot of it. Some people come back year after year and still haven't changed their addresses."

Bennett said addresses must be changed with the Cleveland County Elections Board, and not the City Elections Board. Persons may go directly to the Elections Board in Shelby, or may contact any of the six county registrars and make an appointment. County registrars are Hilliard Black, Grace Talbert and Margaret White in East Kings Mountain precinct, and Becky Cook, Louis Hovis and Jerri Myers in West Kings Mountain precinct.

Bennett said voters have about another month to change their addresses and still be eligible to vote in the fall elections.



LIB STEWART

Editor Elected

Chapel Hill, N.C.—Cherryville Eagle Editor Lib Stewart was elected state president of North Carolina Press Women at the annual Spring Institute last weekend at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

Miss Stewart served as Institute chairman and planned the weekend program which included all-day workshops Saturday in newspaper-related topics at the School of Journalism, an Awards Banquet Saturday evening at State Dining Room of Morehead Building, and a Sunday morning business breakfast meeting at Carolina Inn.

A native of Kings Mountain, Miss Stewart had been a member

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Bloodmobile Is Visiting

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit Kings Mountain High School Monday, May 2 from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Location is Barnes Auditorium.

Goal of the visit is 200 pints. The public is encouraged to give blood. To make an appointment and be processed quickly, call Kings Mountain High School at 739-5401.

The visit is being sponsored by the FHA.

Services Held Tuesday For Bob Hambright, 55

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 3 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Grover for Robert Edgar "Bob" Hambright, of Laurel Avenue, Grover, who died Sunday morning at Cleveland Memorial Hospital after an illness of several weeks. He was 55.

Services were conducted by the Rev. Bobby Gantt and the Rev. L.A. McManus. Burial was in Grover Cemetery.

Hambright was a native of Grover and the son of Flora Fain Hambright of Grover and the late Robert Edgar Hambright. He was owner and manager of R.E. Hambright Hardware in Grover and served 25 years on the Grover Town Council.

He was a member of the Cleveland County Industrial Relations Board and a former member of the Kings Mountain Hospital Board of Trustees and the Cleveland County Social Services Board.

He was a member and deacon at First Baptist Church in Grover, a member of the Grover Lions Club, and a Mason. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II.



BOB HAMBRIGHT

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Joan Wylie Hambright; two daughters, Carol Hambright of Shelby and Dawn Hambright of Grover; a brother, Fain Hambright of Arlington, Va.; and two sisters, Mary Frances Nunnery of Charlotte and Edna Meharg of Macon, Ga.

Memorials may be made to the Oxford Masonic Orphanage in Oxford or First Baptist Church in Grover.

Waste Treatment Plan Open For Inspection

The City of Kings Mountain's proposed plan to treat wastewater is open for public inspection each weekday from 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Citizens Service Building on Piedmont Avenue.

Kings Mountain is one of 118 municipalities in the state which must develop a plan and have it approved by State and Federal agencies by July 1.

According to Walt Ollis, Water and Sewer Supervisor for the city, Kings Mountain has 15

industrial users who contribute about 60 percent of the sewage flow.

The city operates two wastewater treatment plants. The Pilot Creek plant off U.S. 74 west has the capacity to treat four million gallons per day and the McGill Plant off Stone Street has the capacity to treat one million gallons per day.

The plan, which will be submitted to the State and EPA for final approval in 30 days, will require industries to do a certain amount of pre-treatment before

their sewage is allowed to flow through the city system.

The city began working on its plan in December of 1980 by sending out surveys to all industries to learn what kinds of waste they were putting into the system. All but one of the industries replied.

Ollis and other city officials have attended various seminars to learn state and federal guidelines.

"You have to come up with a

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Love, Sex And I.R.S. Set At Little Theatre

And you think you've got troubles! Pity poor Leslie Arthur. His girlfriend hates him. His other girlfriend thinks he's been committed. The I.R.S. is in the kitchen. His roommate's mother has passed out on the living room couch. His landlady is about to evict him. And all because his roommate, Jon Trachtman, wanted to save a little money on their income taxes.

You see, Jon has been filing both his and Leslie's returns - as man and wife! So when the I.R.S. auditor comes to dinner, Leslie must appear, not as Leslie the man about town, but as Leslie the little woman at home.

And just where does all this nonsense take place? Why, no the stage of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre, of course. A comedy of errors describes this comedy called "Love, Sex, and the I.R.S." to be presented this month by the KMLT at Park Grace Theatre, located on Park Grace Rd. in Kings Mountain.

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REHEARSE PLAY - Jim Champion and Terry Morrow rehearse a scene from Love, Sex and the I.R.S. which will be presented this weekend and next at the Kings Mountain Little Theatre at Parkgrace School.