

Cheerleaders Win Awards

Both the varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders from Kings Mountain High won top honors at the Eastern Cheerleaders Association Clinic at Shelby High on August 14-16. Learning activities included cheers, stunts, sidelines, chants, partner stunts, spirit boosters and fund raising lessons. Competing for awards were cheerleaders from Kings Mountain, Chase, Shelby, and

East Rutherford.

Varsity cheerleaders from Kings Mountain won the 1983 ECA Spirit Meg, showing the most pep, spirit, enthusiasm, confidence and cheerleading ability during the 1983 summer camp. Their other awards included: Sunday: Superior for Cheer Execution, Superior for Cheer Evaluation, and the spirit stick.

Monday: Superior in Spirit and Pep; Excellent in Cheer Evaluation, and the spirit stick. Tuesday: Superior in Projection, Superior in Cheer Evaluation, and the spirit stick.

Varsity cheerleaders include: Angel Allen (Captain), Spring Young (Co-Captain), Liza Blanton, Tina Brown, Lee Ann

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PREACHING SERVICE - Campers listen attentively as Sidney Dixon of Kings Mountain brings the morning message at Sunday morning's worship service at Kings Mountain State Park. First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain has been providing the ministry for 10 years.



WELCOME - Sidney Dixon shakes the hands of campers who attended worship services at Kings Mountain State Park Sunday morning. Dixon and Paul Fulton, both members of First Baptist Church, provide a sermon each Sunday for weekend campers at the park.

Laymen Provide Sunday Services For Campers

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First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain is providing a unique ministry for campers at Kings Mountain State Park.

For the past 10 years, laymen from the church have held Sunday morning worship services at the park's recreation building during the summer camping season. They begin their ministry the first Sunday in May and continue until the last Sunday in September.

The service is conducted in a relaxed, come-as-you-are setting, which worship leaders feel add to the service.

Sidney Dixon and Paul Fulton alternate Sundays as lay speakers. Fulton, a cablevision salesman, has been involved in the ministry for five years and Dixon, a barber, has been in it for three years. Herman Green led the services for the first five years after it began under the pastorate of Rev. Robert Mann.

Services begin each Sunday around 9 a.m., with the laymen playing taped music for 15 minutes as the campers walk to the rec building from numerous campsites at Lake Crawford. The preaching service usually runs from about 9:15 until 9:45, giving Dixon time to get back to First Baptist to teach his 40 to 50 men's Bible class, and Fulton time to get back to the Kings Mountain Convalescent Center for his 10 a.m. Bible class.

Both speakers are dedicated, accepting no pay for their services. They go to their own expense to furnish gasoline, taped music and sheet music, which Fulton often uses to lead group singing.

"It's just a mission that Paul and I enjoy doing," said Dixon Sunday as he drove to the park. "The people who attend are from all denominations and are just good, dedicated people. They come as they are. Some of them bring their coffee cups and just sit down and enjoy it. Sometimes you wish the church would do that."

The crowds range from 12 to 75. Before opening the rec building for services, Dixon makes a point of driving around the campground and waving to the campers who are relaxing outside their campers or cooking breakfast. He waves to each as if he's inviting them to the service.

"The drive down here is worth it all," he says. "It's so peaceful."

By the time he's made his tour of the campground, campers are walking toward the rec building. Most of them wear bermuda shorts and tennis shoes. Dixon shakes each person's hand and jokes with the children. One woman from Pleasant Ridge, N.C., tells Dixon she's mad at First Baptist for "stealing" her preacher, Dr. Joel Jenkins.

"Many of the campers are here about every weekend," Dixon says. "You get to know them and look forward to seeing them again. You often have camping groups of 40 to 50 who go on weekend trips together. Sometimes the size of the crowd will depend on the weather or time of the year. This time of the year is usually good because people are wanting to get that one last camping trip in before school starts. But you never know what kind of crowd you're going to have. It's just like going to church on Sunday morning."

"We could really expand the ministry if we'd really bring it out," Dixon says. "You could come down here the evening before and really have a ball with them. I can see why they want to come here. It's quiet and they have their freedom."

For his text each Sunday, Dixon uses the scripture which is found in his weekly Sunday School lesson. "But, I don't teach a Sunday School lesson," he says. "This is more evangelistic. When I go into the Sunday School class, I want it to be more of a discussion time."

Dixon uses his entire 30-minute period as a preaching time. No offerings are taken, no songs are sung, and no invitations are issued except during the course of the sermon. "Some of the people don't like to sing, so I just play tapes before the service," he said. Sunday's special tapes were by recording star B.J. Thomas and Rev. Allen Jolley, minister of music at First Baptist.

At the conclusion of the service, the people shake Dixon's hand and head back for their campsites. Dixon locks the rec building and heads to First Baptist for Sunday School.

"This is a dedicated bunch of people," he says. "They're a good bunch of people. You'll never see a more attentive group. The

majority of them are just wanting a quiet weekend but they don't want to get away from worship."

KM Teacher Honored

Lillian Whitworth of Kings Mountain Senior High Named North Carolina Master Teacher in the field of cosmetology. The award was presented by Leonard Goforth of the North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction on August 3 at the 1983 Summer Workshop for Trade and Industrial Education. Prior to receiving this honor, Mrs. Whitworth was selected to represent District VI, which is comprised of nine counties, in the competition for the state award.

"Mrs. Whitty," as those who have studied under her lovingly know her, has taught at Kings Mountain High for the past 18 years. She is responsible for planning and setting up the cosmetology program at the high school which is recognized as outstanding on both state and national levels.

The recognitions she has received include Leaders and Organizer for the Association of Cosmetology Teachers, President of High School Cosmetology Educators of North Carolina, Chairman of the Legislative Commission to High School Cosmetology Educators of North Carolina, member of the District VI, VICA Advisory Committee, and Cosmetology Consultant to the State of Louisiana Department of Vocational Education.

Always working to improve instructional programs for students, Mrs. Whitty has contributed significantly to the field of education. Mrs. Betty Gamble, Vocational Director of Kings Mountain District Schools, describes Mrs. Whitworth's professionalism as "a model for



MASTER TEACHER - Lillian Whitworth, left, is pictured above showing student Marsha Green some of the finer tips of hairdressing in her cosmetology class at Kings Mountain High School. Mrs. Whitworth has been named North Carolina's Master Teacher in cosmetology.

other teachers," and she also adds that Mrs. Whitworth shares expertise and information with others, shows a positive attitude in working with others, is always

willing to give more than what is expected during the normal work week, and has done a tremendous job in establishing a rapport with teachers.



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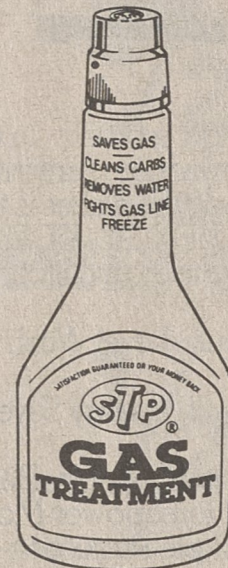
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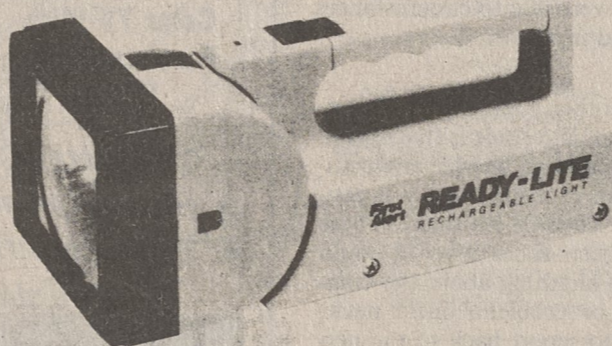
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