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Computer Age Goes To School

Undeniably, computers are on the scene today. They are being increasingly used in business and industry and with the coming of the home computer, they are now available on a widespread basis.

Computers are also showing up in this "Age of the Computer" in the schools and there are computers now in about every school in town.

North School is the city's only elementary school with six Texas Instrument 994A Personal Computers. These, along with the television sets and software were purchased with PTA funds. Principal Connie Allison says plans are underway to expand the facilities and materials to allow more students the opportunity to learn about computers.

Fifth graders use the computer at North School on a regular basis and on a recent afternoon Jane Talbert, instructor for this class, had divided her students into squads of six. Each classroom has no more than five squads and each squad, according to Jane, comes to the Computer Lab once a week. One student in each squad is in charge of the squad. On Friday Ami Butler was responsible for making sure everyone was working and for ensuring that the equipment and material was properly used. Melody Webb, Jeff Queen, Amy Carriga and Vickie Ramsey were working math problems.

Many adults feel uncomfortable with computers and some people call this anxiety "cyberphobia" or "computer anxiety." By any other name, it's still a fear of computers.

The North School Faculty is no exception, accord-

ing to Miss Talbert and Principal Allison. To help the teachers deal with this new technology, afternoon classes are held for them. Each teacher spends two afternoons learning about computers, how to use them and how to do some simple programming, says Jane. Teachers also looked at the computer software the school purchased and learned how to use it.

North School's Lab is called a CAI (Computer Assisted Instruction) Lab. Software is used here to teach and reinforce skills in various subject areas and mainly deal with math. Students have the opportunity to practice addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Principal Allison says the new computers are helping students master math and is especially needed by fifth graders who find when they move on to Central School, the Junior High and Senior High they will need to have some prior knowledge of this useful wonder of modern technology.

And, according to Jane, teachers are enjoying computers too.

It's impossible to escape from computers, which are permeating society's daily activities. They are used to increase office productivity, to provide itemized bills and bank statements, to collect taxes to turn appliances on and off, to entertain in the home and in hundreds of other ways to produce consumer goods and services.

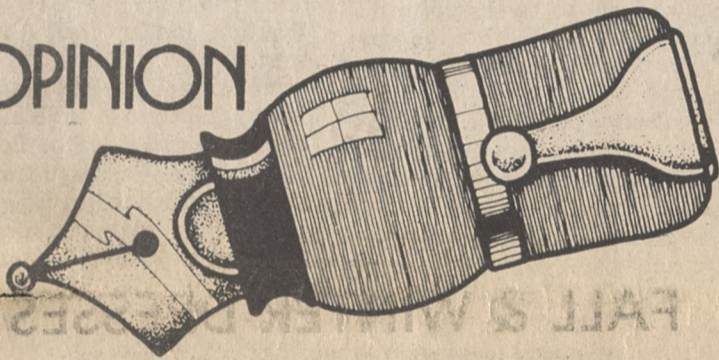
Now computers are in the Elementary Schools and 10-year-olds are learning math and having fun.



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COMPUTERS AT NORTH - Fifth grade School Lab. students above use the computer in the North

EDITORIAL OPINION



TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Take heed, watch and pray. For ye know not when the time is. St. Mark 13:33

At Long Last It's Nice Traveling King Street

Kings Mountain citizens who live or work on King Street are finding it easy to navigate the road now and get in and out of driveways for the first time in our lives.

For folks like Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mauney, who have lived on the busy road all their lives, and for businesses like the Kings Mountain Herald, the opening of the U.S. 74 By-Pass of Kings Mountain has been the best thing that's happened to our area of the Piedmont.

After 30 years of talking about it, more than 25 years of planning it, and five years of hard work, not to count the millions of dollars that have gone into its completion, the nine mile Kings Mountain By-Pass was open to traffic Friday afternoon. King Street travelers and residents can tell the difference this week. We don't miss the heavy truck traffic at all!

Since there isn't as much traffic on King Street now, it would be nice if those motorists who have been using side streets such as Gold and Mountain to keep off congested King Street and U.S. 74 East thoroughfare, if you would return to traveling King Street again. Traveling down the old route on King Street isn't bad at all now. It's quieter and pleasant. At long last! Mayor John Moss announced at Monday's city board meeting that King Street would be re-paved in a short time.

The Kings Mountain By-Pass is a beautiful super highway. We are promised that a dedication ceremony will be held soon and conducted by the Governor, Department of Transportation and city officials.

City officials have been getting a good bit of good-natured ribbing about the name of the By-Pass. Some say it should be called Harris Freeway, Moss Boulevard, Tootie's Lane, and/or James-Donald Freeway, etc. and etc. after the mayor and current and ex-commissioners. But most all agree that it is the Kings Mountain By-Pass and a ride on the By-Pass will save motorists traveling to Western North Carolina headaches. They won't have to stop at a single stoplight until they reach Dixon Boulevard in Shelby. We suspect that before long tourists will be talking about all "those stop lights in Shelby" and our neighbors to the west will inherit the same reputation we've earned of being the town where traffic is snarled during the fall color season.

Davidson Reunion Has KM Flavor

Last weekend's reunion of the Davidson College 1946-49 basketball teams had a distinct Kings Mountain flavor.

Two members of the team, Bob Maner and Henry Neisler, live in Kings Mountain. A third team member, Ed Hopper, did his summer student preaching at First Presbyterian and Dixon Presbyterian churches here in 1951 and is now the pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Lexington, Ky. The current Davidson coach, Bob Hussey, was head basketball coach at Kings Mountain High School in the late sixties and early seventies.

Members of the 1946-49 teams were recognized during halftime of Saturday's Davidson-South Carolina game at the Charlotte Coliseum. The Wildcats climaxed the homecoming celebration by defeating the favored Gamecocks 53-52.

Hopper, who arrived in Davidson Friday night after driving all day, missed most of the celebration after suffering a heart disorder shortly after arriving. Two members of the Davidson team who are now doctors worked with him and took him to a Charlotte hospital. He was released Sunday.

Maner, now a Kings Mountain insurance man and realtor, did not play high school basketball but worked his way into the starting unit at Davidson as a junior. The Wilmington native is best remembered for his speed, aggressive play and ballhandling abilities.

Neisler served as a reserve point guard and was instrumental in a big upset victory over North Carolina when he scored 10 points.

Hopper, who was Davidson's number one hurdler on the track team, had good height and was one of the team's top rebounders.

The 1946-49 Davidson basketball teams were the school's finest before the Lefty Driesell era of the sixties. The school compiled a 54-25 record during those four years, including wins over Duke, North Carolina and a tournament upset win over Maryland.

Over 25 members of the four teams were present for the homecoming festivities.

A sports story coming out of Wilmington last week may be of interest to area sports fans.

New Hanover County District Judge Elton G. Tucker ruled that Vision Cable of Wilmington must show ACC basketball games that have been sold as part of an ACC "Season Ticket" and that if the games are not shown Vision Cable and the Entertainment and Sports Programming Network (ESPN) may be found in contempt of court.

Cable vision companies all over the ACC broadcast area have been selling season ticket packages of some 23 ACC basketball games for \$64.95 while broadcasting those games in other areas of the country as part of the basic ESPN charge.

Persons in the ACC area who have not paid for the season ticket package have had those games blacked out.

Alley Hart, George Chadwick and Billy H. Mason brought a law suit against Vision Cable, charging that the company has not shown all of its sports programming because of the pay-TV package.

Judge Tucker ordered Vision Cable to provide Wilmington area ESPN subscribers will all ACC basketball games transmitted by ESPN.

Kings Mountain cable subscribers have not been able to see the season ticket games because Jones Intercable of Kings Mountain did not participate in ESPN's season ticket promotion. Officials of the KM company said they did not feel right charging their customers for something they've already paid for.



Stewart's Slants

By
Gary Stewart

I took my first ride on the new Highway 74 bypass Monday. The drive from Kings Mountain toward Shelby isn't all that great (no drive toward Shelby is) but the drive east toward Kings Mountain and Gastonia is beautiful.

Approaching Piedmont Avenue, a traveler sees a breathtaking view of Crowders Mountain and Kings Mountain. The road appears to be going into the mountains.

I can imagine the scene being much more beautiful on a snowy winter's day or during the fall when the leaves are changing colors.

And, speaking of the bypass...
A couple of weeks ago, we reported that we were having trouble coming up with a name for the new road.

We got the following note in the mail the other day. We don't usually run unsigned letters, but in this case we'll make an exception, since it's all in fun anyway.

"A few of the Kings Mountain taxpaying citizens were at a local I.N.S. store discussing how nice the new bypass was to travel, but it was strange not to have a name. So since the boys at the barber shop could not come up with one, they thought it would be nice to name it after two great ex-commissioners, The James-Donald Bypass."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY: 12:00 - Kings Mountain Rotary Club at Holiday Inn. 12:30 - 6 p.m. - Red Cross Bloodmobile at First Baptist Church. 6:45 p.m. - Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club at Holiday Inn.

SATURDAY: 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. - American Legion-sponsored dance at the American Legion Building. "The Legend" to play. Public invited. \$10 per couple.



Peeps Into The Past

From the Jan. 15, 1953 edition of The Kings Mountain Herald Mayor Garland Still broke a tie vote Monday night, thereby enabling the city board of commissioners to refuse by 3-2 vote a recommendation of the city planning board that steps be taken to set up a city manager form of government. A motion of C.P. Barry, seconded by B.T. Wright, to seek a legislative amendment calling for an election on a modified Plan D or city manager form of government for the city,

had failed to carry.
Dr. Nathan H. Reed and Grady Howard are serving as co-chairmen of the 1953 March of Dimes campaign in Number 4 Township.

Bobby Earl Patterson of Kings Mountain is among 68 students at Baylor University initiated in the school's chapter of Alpha Chi national scholastic society.

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