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Photo by Gary Stewart

FINGERPRINTED - Angela Huskey, second from left, and Angela Hawkins, second from right, fifth graders at Grover School, are fingerprinted Thursday at the school by Cleveland County deputies Raymond Hamrick, left, and Keith Brackett, right. Looking on in back are Cleveland County Sheriff Buddy McKinney, left, and Grover Principal Jim Scruggs. Over 400 students were fingerprinted as part of a safety program for children sponsored by the Sheriff's Department. The prints were given to parents of the students to be used in case of future emergencies.

Lenten Services Set

Beginning February 27 at 12:05 and for the five following Wednesdays, six of the downtown churches of Kings Mountain will offer midday devotions for the entire community.

Each service will be within Central United Methodist Church. The length of the ser-

vice will be 20 minutes. A light lunch will follow each service and \$1.50 donation is suggested for the lunch.

This year the theme for each meditation will be "Lenten Themes in the Psalms."

Feb. 27, Liturgist will be George Auman, Preacher

Harwood Smith; Text, Psalm 19:7-14.

March 6, Liturgist will be Eric Faust, Preacher

March 13, Liturgist will be Joel Jenkins; Preacher Eric Faust; Text: Psalm 25:1-10.

March 20, Liturgist Harwood Smith; Bill Tyson Preacher; Psalm 137:1-6.

March 27, Liturgist Phillip Squire; George Auman Preacher; Text: Psalm 51:1-17.

April 3, Liturgist Bill Tyson; Phillip Squire Preacher; Text: Psalm 118:19-29.

"As the Kings Mountain Community has experienced for the past two years, this midday worship opportunity is a helpful moment in the press and scurry of our too-full schedules. The time is designed for the lunch-hour women and men. Those who

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Public Meeting Slated On Annexation Topic

A public meeting on "The Advantages and Disadvantages of Community Incorporation" will be the topic of discussion for anyone interested at Bethlehem Fire Department at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday night, Feb. 26th.

The speaker will be a representative of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and will lead the question-answer program.

The City of Kings Mountain has recently announced long-term expansion plans which include annexation of some outlining areas around the perimeter of the city, including the Greater Kings Mountain area.

"This proposed annexation in future years could affect you," said a spokesman for the community spokesman, inviting all interested people to attend.

Apartment Units To Be Built Here

Kingswood Associates will break ground within the month a \$1,500,000 48 unit apartment complex at the corner of Gaston Street and Spruce Street.

Joint announcement was made by Michael G. Williams, general partner in the private development firm, and Kings Mountain Mayor John Henry Moss.

The five acres was acquired from W.K. Mauney, Jr.

Owned by First Palmetto Associates of Lancaster, S.C.

in a partnership with Michael G. Williams, Kingswood Apartments will include 16 one bedroom "flats" and 32 two-bedroom townhouse apartments. The one bedroom apartments will rent for \$191 monthly and the two bedroom apartments will rent for \$213 monthly. They will be of brick veneer construction, all-electric, air-conditioned, and stove and refrigerators will be furnished. The apartment complex construction is Farmers Home Administration financed, and is not subsidized by the government, said Mr. Williams. "Our contract gives us 300 days to complete the project and we are aiming for a Dec. 1 ribboncutting in Kings Mountain", he said. The grading contract is expected to be let by March 1 and all bids from contractors and sub-contractors are expected to be let by March 1, he said.

Anchor, Inc. of Lancaster, S.C., construction contractor, is advertising this week in The Herald for sub-contractors for the project, including carpentry, plumbing, electrical, painting, grading and paving. Gerald Bowers, construction coordinator, is receiving all inquiries at P.O. Box 1280, Lancaster, S.C. 29720 or call 803-285-9409 Monday through Friday.

Troy Herring, III of Raleigh is architect for the complex.

"I am very pleased that Kingswood Associates is coming to Kings Mountain and in the East Gold Street area", said Mayor Moss.

Kingswood officials say they are looking forward to beginning construction and becoming Kings Mountain citizens. The company has just completed a similar apartment complex in Dunn in eastern North Carolina.

Post Office Purchases Property

The property for the future new home of the Kings Mountain Post Office has been acquired from W.K. Mauney, Jr.

Workmen were drilling for footing sites on the property at the corner of East Gold and Gaston Streets on Tuesday.

Mr. Mauney said that the U.S. Post Office purchased 72,000 square foot or one and two thirds acre which runs all the way from the corner of Gold and Gaston to the Gene Steffy home and back behind the Kings Mountain Woman's Club.

The Herald was unable to contact postal officials at presstime Wednesday but Mayor John Henry Moss said that he was very pleased that the postal service had made a site selection on the building of a new post office at the corner of Gold and Gaston would greatly enhance the total development of that area, which is just across the street from the Kings Mountain Governmental Facilities Building, the new City Hall.

Shriners To Sponsor Donkey Game March 2

The White Plains Shrine Club will sponsor a cookout and donkey basketball game Sat., Mar. 2 at the Kings Mountain Community Center.

The Shriners will begin cooking hamburgers, cheeseburgers and other items at 5 p.m. From 5 until 7 p.m., cookout items will be sold and youngsters can come to the center for free donkey rides and have their pictures made on the donkeys.

The ballgame will begin at 7:30 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in Greenville, S.C. Children are treated at the hospital free of charge.

"We really appreciate the support the public has given to our other fund-raising events," said Shrine Club President Carl Champion. "This promises to be an exciting evening and we hope everyone will come out and have a good time and support the crippled and burned children."

Champion said the cookout will be held outdoors if the weather is good. In case of bad weather, it will be held inside the community center gym.

The donkey game will be brought to Kings Mountain by Thurston Hamrick of Boiling Springs, who gave the fans who attended last year's game an outstanding evening of entertainment.

Advance tickets may be purchased from any Shriner or by calling the office of Champion's Contracting of Kings Mountain. Advance tickets are \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Tickets at the door will be 50 cents higher.

Dyslexia School For KM Is Goal Of Browns

When Cindy and Mike Brown discovered three years ago their youngest son had a learning disability they knew nothing about the subject of dyslexia or anyone who did. Now they want to share their experience with others.

The Browns, parents of Preston Brown, 15, Jason Brown, 10, and Jada Brown, 8, are interested in opening a Kings Mountain school for children with learning disabilities and Mrs. Brown wants interested people to contact her if they are interested in hearing a trained speaker on the subject of dyslexia, having a child tested or seeing a school brought to this area. She can be contacted at P.O. Box 1132 or by calling 739-4417.

Mrs. Brown, who has recently joined the Association for Specific Learning Disabilities, is now attending seminars and will be trained herself to test children and to read the tests. She is not a certified teacher but is looking into all the necessary steps for establishing a school, hiring teachers, and obtaining a place to house the students.

For the past year, the Browns' two sons have attended Charles L. Shedd Academy in Mayfield, Ky. and that program has opened a world of opportunity to the boys and much information on dyslexia which the Browns want to share with others in similar situations. During his first year there, Jason moved from kindergarten to second grade level in

spelling, gaining two years and four months in a short four months time. He also came home for a holiday and displayed seven trophies, was graded excellent in computers, learned to type and was doing his multiplication by chrisanbop. Prior to that time, he had repeated grades in school. Preston had been an A student up to fifth grade but in the sixth grade had to repeat a grade. Both boys required much individual attention and had been enrolled at both Crestwood Hall in Gastonia and at a school in Statesville before they entered Shedd Academy.

"A mother asked me how we could afford to send our children to Kentucky and have them live away from home during an entire school year," said Cindy, who replied, "how could we afford not to try to give them every available opportunity." Mike Brown concurred with his wife, noting that the cost of sending two children away from home to school was expensive and represented more than is customarily paid for a college education. "But it's worth it to see how quickly they are learning and how much they are learning," he said. "We could not selfishly keep them at home even though they are over 500 miles away from us," said Mrs. Brown.

Said Cindy, "I believe the public school which Jason attended had great concern for him. The teachers knew something was wrong and did all they could to help him. All

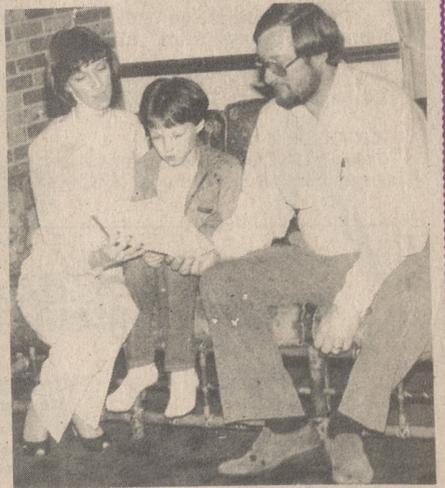
of them expressed keen interest. They said he was a very pleasant child and worked as hard as anyone but was unable to achieve."

Explaining how she wanted to start a local school to help her own sons and others, she said, "It will be up to parents to learn about dyslexia and seek the necessary tests and schooling. I want to help provide information and offer a place of remediation. I have gained lots of literature and tapes on dyslexia and have talked with Dr. Shedd himself and have talked with various people from as far south as Florida and as far north as Iowa. I still have a lot to learn but there are a lot of people out there who can help and want to help give you and your child a chance at a productive future."

Before enrolling their sons in the Kentucky school, Mrs. Brown had called every school in the country, except California, which gives help to children with learning disabilities. She learned about the Kentucky school from the past president of the state dyslexia association who was working at Carolina Western, where Mrs. Brown was formerly employed.

The Browns would like to see a school established in the Kings Mountain area for Children with learning disabilities to attend through elementary and high school levels.

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REPORT CARD TIME—Cindy and Mike Brown and daughter, Jada, look over report cards and letters from Jason and Preston Brown, who are students in special classes for learning disabled in Kentucky. The Browns are interested in forming a Kings Mountain school for dyslexic students.