

Package Concerns Marvin



SPELLING CHAMP—Eighth grader Chris Allen, above, is congratulated by Mrs. Glee E. Bridges after he won the KM District Schools Spelling Bee Monday in the Administrative Office Building. He now advances to regional competition April 12 in Charlotte.

Chris Allen Spelling Champ In KM Schools

Eighth grader Chris Allen, 14, is Kings Mountain Spelling Champion and will represent KM District Schools in the Charlotte Observer-sponsored Regional Bee April 12th in Charlotte.

He outspelled six other elementary students to become the champion Monday.

Both Chris and runnerup Dawn Hardin, Grover fifth grader, misspelled the word, auger, then Dawn spelled cordial correctly and Chris spelled narcotic correctly. Dawn then misspelled legible and Chris spelled that word correctly and then went on to spell correctly the word vaguely which made him the champ.

Chris is son of Yvonne Patterson of Route 5 and Kenneth Eugene Allen of Kings Mountain and stepson of Butch Patterson. He is an honor student at KM Junior High and social studies is his favorite subject.

All winners from the Kings Mountain schools will be guests of the KM Board of Education at lunch in Charlotte April 12th while attending the Regional Bee at which Chris Allen will compete with other winners and vie for a trip to Washington, D.C. and the national spelling bee.

Other students competing in Monday's Spelling Bee in the Administrative Offices were Lisa Droz, sixth grader, representing Central School; Jimmy Raines, fifth grader, representing East School; Chad Huntsinger, fourth grader, representing West School; Jennifer Carroll, fifth grader, representing North School; Melonie Dixon, fourth grader, alternate Bethware student who took the place of Karen Helms, the Bethware winner who was out of school due to illness; and Dawn Hardin, fifth grader, representing Grover School.

DRIVER TRAINING

There will be a Bus Driver's Training Class at Barnes Auditorium, Kings Mountain Senior High School, on April 16th & 18th. The classwork will be from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Pronouncers for the contest were Mrs. Charles Mauney and Dr. Eric Faust. Judges were Mrs. Wilson Griffin, KMSHS Librarian, chairman; Mrs. Jackie Lavender, Assistant KMSHS Principal and C.A. Allison, retired North School principal.

RALEIGH—Senator Helen Rhyne Mavin (D-Gaston) is a strong supporter of public education. She has expressed concern that the proposed tax package being prepared by Governor Jim Martin will endanger North Carolina's chances of achieving educational advancement.

"We are focusing on education and the resources which will be available to implement the proposed new programs for assuring quality public school education for every child in North Carolina," Senator Marvin said.

She outlined those programs: the basic education program for all school systems; a career development program for teachers and principals; restructuring of the state board of education; a long term program for funding the public schools.

"The bulk of the much talked about \$400 million surplus in state government revenues last year went to the beginning of the implementation of many of the recommendations of former Governor Hunt's North Carolina Commission on Education for Economic Growth," Marvin said.

That commission was composed of leaders from

business, education and government. Many of its initial recommendations were funded, including a 14.8 percent salary increase for certified educational personnel at \$196.6 million; a reduction in class size in grades 4-6 at \$31.3 million; educational equipment in science, math, vocational and computer labs at \$13.4 million; school bus replacements at \$6.2 million; vocational education in grades 7-8 at \$2.4 million and

enrollment increases at \$6.4 million.

Marvin said that the current budget considerations of the legislature would build on these initiatives including increasing salaries for school teachers and reinstating the salary increment program.

Other initiatives currently being considered are further reductions in classroom size, offering remedial summer school, increasing funds for textbooks and increasing

vocational educational equipment.

"The big question which everyone here in the General Assembly is discussing is how much of the Commission recommendations will be endorsed by the new governor. What concerns me is how the governor proposes to fund our educational needs while at the same time advocating repeal of taxes which contribute hundreds of millions of dollars in state revenues."

North Show Set Tuesday

North School's annual P-TA Talent Show will be held Tuesday, March 26, at the school at 7 p.m.

Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.

Winners from the talent event will represent North School in the Kiwanis Schools Talent Show in April.

Special entertainment will feature The Cloggers under direction of Mrs. Kathy James, West School Physical Education Teacher.

Marlene Reynolds, PTA President, said the public is invited to attend.

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