

SENIORS HONORED FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT—Pictured are KMSHS seniors who were honored at Monday night's KMSHS Awards Night. Back row, from left, Mark Lovelace, Timothy Setzer, Mark Deese, Thomas Barnes, Richard Gold, Jimmy Moretz, Kevin Ingram, Karen Penner, and Dale Putnam. Middle row, from left, Brenda Green, Charlene Reese, Toni Goforth, Erica Woods, Lisa Edwards, Brenda Wright, Bettina Harry, Stephanie Moss, and Lisa House. Front row, from left, Victoria Sims, Robin Warlick, Angela Blackwell, Angela Hutchins, Liza Blanton, Kelly Eubanks, Christy Huffstetler, and Anita Hoyle.

Academic Awards Fete Honors Top KM Students

Twenty-six Kings Mountain Senior High students were honored for academic achievement at the fifth annual Academic Awards Banquet Monday night at KMSHS Cafeteria. Leading the group were five students who rank top scholastically in the senior, junior and sophomore classes.

Seniors Liza Blanton and Kevin Ingram tied for top honors among seniors, Lisa Buchanan is number one in the junior class scholastically and tied for junior scholastic honors are Daryl Chen and Eric Faust. All 26 honored students rank 3.5 average or higher and received plaques and certificates and the top five students received gifts in addition to plaques and certificates.

Principal Ronnie Wilson and Assistant Principals Blaine Froneberger and Jackie Lavender presented the awards as a crowd of parents looked on.

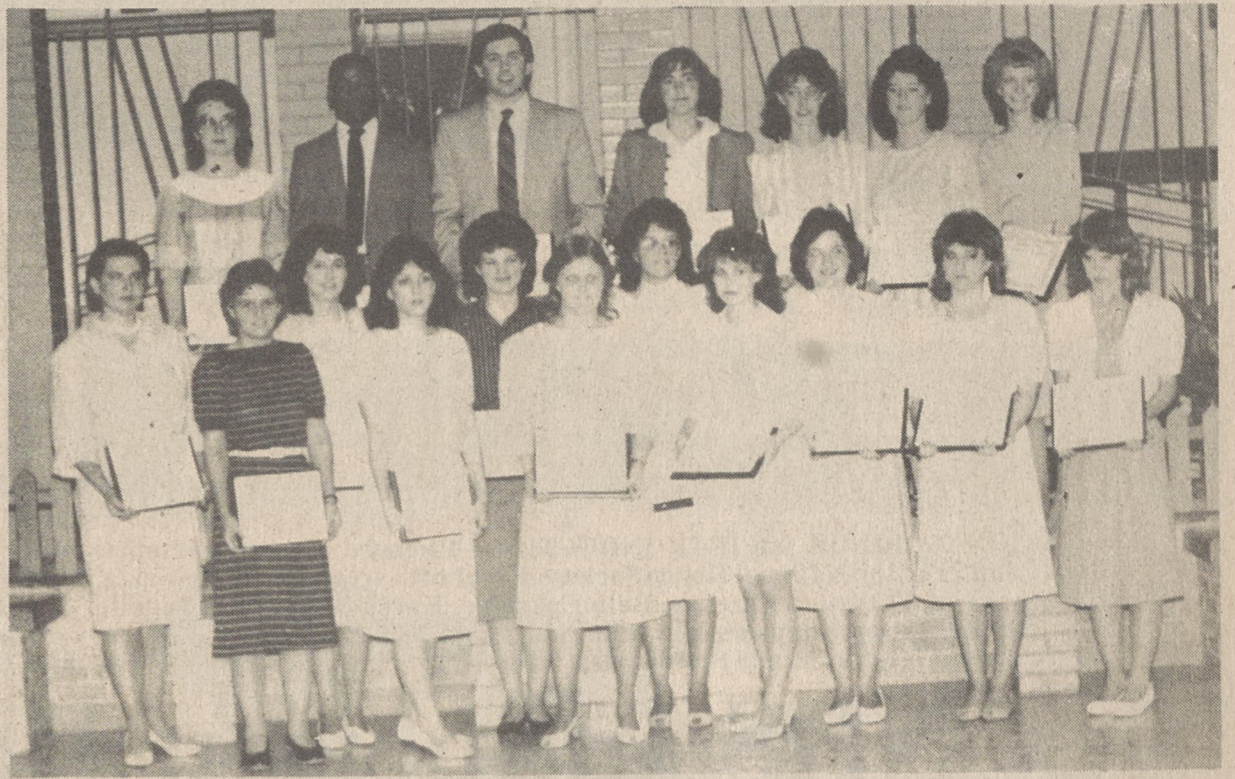
The Banquet was sponsored by the city's

financial institutions, including Branch Banking and Trust Co., First Citizens Bank and Trust Co., First Union National Bank, Home Federal Savings and Loan, and First Federal Savings and Loan.

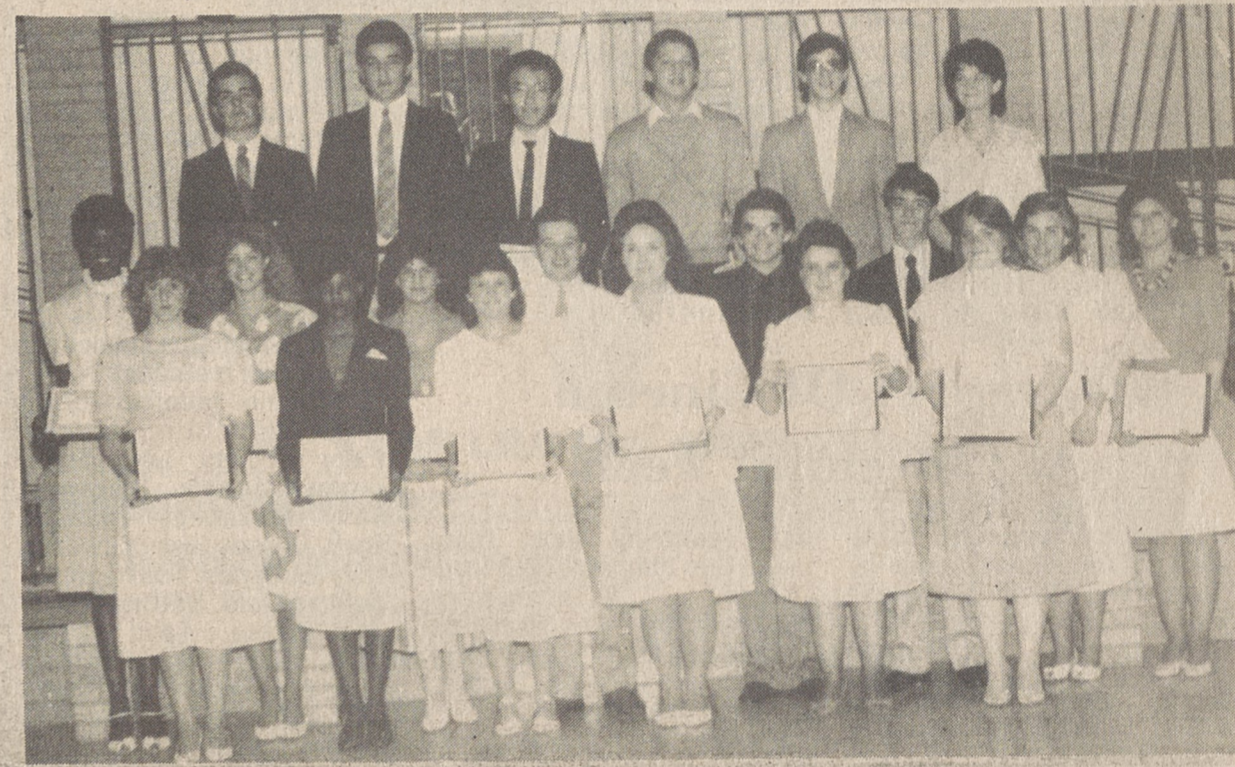
The King's Revue presented musical entertainment for the banquet and humorist Randy Kilby, Director of Admissions at Gardner Webb College, was principal speaker. In a program filled with humor, he also challenged the students and congratulated them for achievement. SPO President Ritchie Gold gave the invocation.

Joel Rountree, history teacher at KMSHS, received the coveted Excellence in Teaching Award at the conclusion of the banquet, always a highlight. Mr. Rountree received a handsome engraved plaque.

A menu of turkey and dressing with all the trimmings was served with cheesecake before the awards program.



JUNIORS HONORED FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT—Pictured are KMSHS Juniors who were honored for academic achievement. Back row, from left, Lynn Grigg, Roderick Boyce, Patrick Hamrick, Jennifer Bradley, Patti McGinnis, Beth Webster, and Fulvanna Ferebee. Front row, from left, Ela Milewski, Lisa Buchanan, Karen Biddix, Kathy Simpson, Lisa Hambright, Becky Penley, Sybil Patterson, Sandra Lynn Batchler, Wendy Green, Tracy Smith, and Lynn Eskridge.



SOPHOMORES HONORED FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT—Back row, from left, Russell Bumgardner, Stephen Mauney, Daryl Chen, Daniel Hamrick, Eric Faust, and Linda Hambright. Middle row, from left, Regina Brown, Kimberly McGinnis, Kamie Wiggins, Paul Grigg, Robert Duncan, Gregory Conner, Tracy Horton, and Ginger Whaley. Front row, from left, Kimberly Moretz, Paris Floyd, Linda Green, Amy Stewart, Loretta Price, and Lisa White.

Mother Goose Visits KM Schools

"Mother Goose" visited elementary school children this week at Grover, Bethware, East and North Schools and the kids loved her.

"Mother Goose" in real life is Jean Baldwin of Gastonia who visits children's groups, reads favorite nursery stories and rhymes for about 30 minutes, and then hugs the children.

"I feel that I am passing on literature to the future generation", said Mrs. Baldwin who came to Kings Mountain on the occasion of National Library Week in special programs sponsored by the various libraries in the schools system.

She even dresses like Mother Goose except for a tall hat which she said made her look like a "witch." She doesn't feel a bit

embarrassed by the costume and everywhere she goes she is delightful in the role. Mrs. Baldwin thinks probably Mother Goose is anyone who coordinates people's favorite stories and rhymes. Her mother, 92, has a big Mother Goose book and Mrs. Baldwin tapes nursery rhymes and sends them to her own grandchildren.

There is no charge when Mother Goose reads nursery rhymes at schools. The fee for day care centers and institutions for profit is \$20-\$25 per visit.

"Jack and Jill" was the favorite of youngsters in Kings Mountain. But she also included a bit of Dr. Seuss and Sesame Street.

There were a number of stories about who and what Mother Goose was.

"A lady I met recently said she had read about Mother Goose's grave in Boston", said Mrs. Baldwin. And in the graveyard were several tombstones bearing the name of Goose. The real name of this Mother Goose was Elizabeth Vergoose, whose printer son-in-law is said to have published in 1719 the songs and rhymes she sent to her grandchildren. Since no copy has ever been found of this book, most scholars doubt the story, according to Mrs. Baldwin.

Mrs. Baldwin said that while there are many stories about where and how Mother Goose originated, her Mother Goose originated in England centuries ago. "Mother Goose's Melody" was reprinted in 1785 in the United States and among these 52 rhymes is the familiar "Little Tom Tucker"

and "Jack and Jill ran up the hill to get a pail of water."

When Mother Goose recites the familiar rhymes, the children are spell-bound and they remember every story and ask questions of their teacher even after they return to the classroom.

Special displays and activities during National Library Week underway in the schools and Wednesday was School Library Media Day.

Various librarians heading up the special celebration are Mary Plyler at Bethware; Barbara Smith at East; Joyce Van Dyke at Grover; Jane Talbert at North; Barbara Byers at West; Harriet Hagan at Central; Frances Hedden at KM Junior High; and Sara Griffin at KM Senior High.



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TOP SCHOLARS—The five young people above received top academic awards at Monday night's Academic Awards Banquet at Kings Mountain Senior High. Front row, from left, junior Lisa Buchanan and senior Liza Blanton. Back row, sophomore Eric Faust, sophomore Daryl Chen, and senior Kevin Ingram.

