



Members of the Kings Mountain Livestock Judging team which placed third in the state and, left to right, Brent Herndon, Chris Nations, Todd Hewatt, Keith Dixon and Keith Morris.

## KM Team Finishes Third

The Kings Mountain Chapter of the Future Farmers of America, concluded the years activities by traveling to the state F.F.A. convention in Raleigh. While at the convention the K.M. Livestock Judging team wrapped up a very successful season by finishing third in the state.

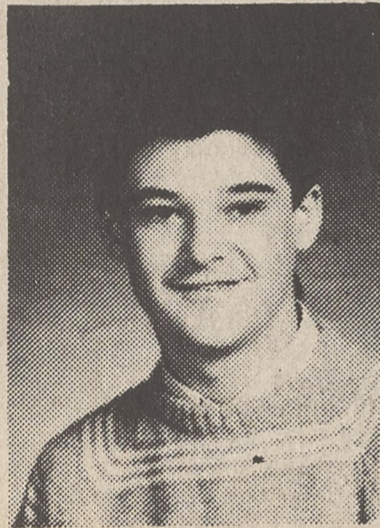
The team earned a berth in the state contest by placing

first in the Piedmont Federation, and then first in District six. Approximately one hundred teams compete each year in the Livestock contest.

In the contest the students are required to place six classes of livestock, (cattle, swine, and sheep). They also grade slaughter cattle and swine according to standards set by the United States Dept. of Agriculture. Then they

give oral reasons to justify their placings in the livestock classes.

For their third place finish the team received a plaque and one hundred dollars from Ralston Purina Co. and the N.C. Pork Producers Assoc. Team members are Brent Herndon, Keith Dixon, Keith Morris, Todd Hewatt, and Chris Nations. They were accompanied on the trip by their advisor Dennis Martin.



GREG WILLIAMS



PAUL CHEN



FRAN WILLIAMS

## KM Junior High Students Selected To Youth School

Three students from Kings Mountain Junior High have been selected to attend the newly created Legislator's School for Youth Leadership Development at Western

Carolin University. Participating students are Greg Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Williams of 1404 Merrimot Ave., Paul Chen, son of Dr. and Mrs. K.F. Chen

of 405 Garrison Dr., and Francina (Fran) Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Williams of Rt. 5, Kings Mountain.

The school was established by the General Assembly to work with potential leaders of North Carolina. Students throughout the state in grades 7 through 12 were nominated by their schools.

Three hundred students from across the state were selected to participate. During the three-week program the students will be involved in activities designed to develop leadership, thinking, and communication skills.

## KM Auxiliary Unit Wins Awards At N.C. Convention

A number of state awards were presented to Unit 155 of Kings Mountain during the state convention last weekend of the American Legion Auxiliary in Raleigh.

They included the Martha Wardlaw Trophy for the best history, the personal award of the state historian to Unit 155 historian Lib Stewart, and the "Stars and Stripes" award to Miss Stewart and the Unit which will be forwarded to national competition.

Myrtle Christenson's "Stars and Stripes" entry in community service will be forwarded for national judging. Mrs. Christenson's report on the Unit's efforts

for senior citizens and in the area of child and spouse abuse, received first place. She also received a personal award from the chairman.

The Unit received a second place ribbon for its legislative efforts during the year, a second place award and ribbon for foreign relations, and a flag set for early goal in membership. In addition District 23 President Ruth Ruff received a cup for having all units in her district goal in veterans contributions and the Unit received a department citation for completing all state requirements in membership and other programs.

## Capital Items Praised

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quested \$88,800 including four patrol cars and one used highway patrol car, is also requesting five walkie talkies and two mobile radios at additional cost of \$13,000. Commissioner Harold Phillips questioned the need for the cars but Police Chief J.D. Barrett said city police had been to buy two new cars every year because by the time the cars are ready for use that the current cars are retired because of high mileage. Chief Barrett said the additional used car is needed for undercover operations.

Funds totaling \$60,000 for a computer system are included in the budget but Comm.

Fred Finger estimated cost of equipment will be much higher. Finger said the results of a feasibility study, expected to cost \$8,000, will determine how much the computers will cost. Finger said he doubted the computers could be installed by Fall of 1987. Mayor Moss said that budgeting demonstrates there is a commitment by the city board for a computer system. Moss said he felt if the feasibility study is completed by Spring of next year that the computer system could be installed in about 90 days thereafter.

Mayor Moss told the board that based on current indebtedness, the city is in excellent position financially, pointing out that the city owes \$1,525,000 plus \$42,436,

and \$165,000, expected to be retired in this year's budget.

Based on anticipated increased cost of purchased power from Duke Power, the Mayor said that the city's plans to proceed with building and operating its own hydro-electric plant on Moss Lake "looks better every year." Cost of energy to run the water and sewer facilities is currently \$415,993 annually.

The new budget provides for no increase in the ad valorem tax rate of 50 cents per \$100 valuation. The budget of \$14,379,954 represents a 9.5 increase over last year's budget for governmental funds and a 3.3 increase in the Utilities District Funds that covers the city's utility systems, water, sewer, electric and gas.

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## Local Women Installed

new officers on Saturday afternoon, using a candle ceremony.

Officers of Kings Mountain Unit 155 assisted in the ceremonies, including Myrtle Christenson, Mrs. Barrett's personal page, and Ruth Ruff, re-elected District 23 President, who were color bearers, and Clara Rhea, Margaret Dover, Daphne Starnes and Maybelle Jones, who were the color guard from Unit 155. Also attending the ceremonies were members of the Barrett family including Chief Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. David Butler and David Barrett, children of the couple; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schneider of Corydon, Indiana, brother and sister-in-law of Mrs. Barrett, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schneider of Corydon and their children, Nicole Schneider recognized as Little Miss Poppy 1987 and Kiel Schneider as the Department 1987 Mascot. Mrs. Howard Blanton of Durham, daughter of Mrs. Gamble, was also present and assisted in serving refreshments at the reception hosted by KM Unit 155 after the installation.

Mrs. Barrett, secretary at First Presbyterian Church, is the second woman from Kings Mountain and the fourth from Cleveland County to head the 11,000 member state auxiliary. They included Unit 155's Lib Stewart, who served 10 years ago; the late Mrs. Griffin Smith of Shelby; and Mrs. B.M. Jarrett, of Shelby, who also served as national president of the one million member organization in 1973-74.

## Gospel Sing Is June 27

Young people of First Wesleyan Church will sponsor the annual gospel sing on Friday, June 27th, at 8 p.m. in B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 6 to 12. Children under six will be admitted free.

The program will feature "Sweetwater", "The Regals" and "Melodyaires."

## City Board Inspects Proposed 1986-87 Budget

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ment and Commissioner King questioned the higher cost of telephone service in the police department since the city installed a new communication system. Mayor Moss said the projection in some cases "might be a little heavy" but it's better to anticipate more than not to have enough projected funds to meet the budget."

The Mayor, responding to questions, said the budget reflects the actual projections in its entirety."

Responding to question of Commissioner Harold Phillips, the mayor said the budget does not show the anticipated 14 percent reduction that residential gas customers are expected to receive, which he said will amount to \$100-\$110 per month for each of 1,823 residential users on July 1, or a savings of more than \$100,000 annually. "Will Duke Power's anticipated increase wipe that out?", asked Com-

missioner Fred Finger. Mayor Moss replied, "Well, let's hope Duke doesn't get the increase they're asking for". Mayor Moss said it is not known when the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will rule on the request for decrease of the city's gas supplier, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation.

Mayor Moss said he "has no problem with incorporating this anticipated reduction in the budget."

Mayor Moss pointed out that biggest single drop in the budget is the decrease the city will get from revenue sharing, from \$90,000 last year to \$2500, and responding to question of Comm. Phillips, said that the city, as of May 31, had collected 95.9 percent of taxes for the last fiscal year. The Mayor said this figure will probably go up to 97 percent. "We're pretty constantly high in our collections of taxes," he told the board and department heads who were present for the informal session.

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