

## Superintendent Viewpoint

By Bob McRae



### Summer Is Important For KM District Schools

This will be my last column for the 1986-87 school year. I want to thank the Herald for allowing me this space to talk with you about our school system. I hope to continue the column when school begins this fall.

This summer will be a very important time for us. The state legislature and our county commissioners will be making many decisions about the funding of schools which will impact directly on our system. Also, there are many non-funding bills currently being considered by the legislature which, if passed, would affect our operation.

Our Board of Education will be debating some policies that would affect our system, especially in regards to student health. One issue involves the debate over whether or not the use of tobacco by students should be banned at our high school. Many systems have already taken this measure, and it deserves our attention. Another policy to be discussed will involve how to deal with instances of communicable disease among our students. A policy which is not only clear but also fair to all concerned needs to be developed. As always, policies will be open for discussion between first reading and the final adoption. Also as always, your opinion is valued.

Our summer school program will be expanded this summer. You may remember that last year we were able to offer a tuition free summer program to students in grades 3, 6 and 8 who failed to meet state standards for promotion. The same will be the case this summer. However, we are going to also be able to offer a tuition free summer school to all students in grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8 who fail to meet local standards for promotion. I think this will be a great help in reducing our failures in these grades. I realize this approach leaves out the students in grades 5 and 7. This is a program funded with state dollars, and the legislation which provides the program does not allow for expenditures at those two grade levels. I regret that is the case, but we really have no way to avoid it. We will have a tuition summer school available to students in grade 7, and I believe the state program will be expanded to cover grades 1-11 in the summer of 1988-89.

As always we will be attempting to upgrade our facilities during the summer. I've already mentioned to you that we are resurfacing our track at John Gamble Stadium. Some of the other tasks for this summer include painting on some campuses, needed renovations in some of our buildings, and meeting roofing needs. Of course, these are just representative of many facility projects which will be going on.

It will also be a busy summer for our students. Our Community Schools program will again sponsor its summer day camp. In addition several week-long camps for various sports are being held. You may not know that many of our high school athletes spend long hours in the summer in training for the fall sports season under the direction of our coaches.

Summer is also a time when many of our teachers attend graduate classes, workshops, clinics, and other in-service opportunities in efforts to upgrade their certificates and to improve their skills. We need to remember that these people are not paid for the two months of summer vacation and that they often have to keep their schedule free of a summer job so that they can attend staff development sessions. I appreciate their efforts.

It looks like a busy summer. I hope each of you have a safe and productive few months. I appreciate your support this year and hope that next year will be even better. Our office and the individual school offices will be open, and you are welcome to contact us when the need arises.

### Moore's Announce Birth Of Girl, Alecia Denise

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin B. Moore of Shelby announces the birth of their daughter, Alecia Denise, May 26, Cleveland Memorial Hospital, Shelby. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Harmon of Grover and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moore of Gastonia. Great-grandmothers are Mrs. Marie Harmon of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Bertha Gibson of Mount Holly. Mrs. Moore is the former Karen Harmon.

# Summer Day Camp Slated

The seventh annual Community Schools summer day camp will open June 15, at North Elementary School for children ages 4-13. The camp program consists of supervised recreation, educational movies, swimming, field trips, library programs, museum programs, story hour, educational games, drama, table tennis, new games, badminton, organized softball, kickball and basketball teams.

The participants are grouped by age and grade and will be supervised by a qualified staff.

The camp will have the following activities:

- June 17 - Crowders Mountain Park.
- June 19 - First Aid - Cleveland County EMT.
- June 24 - Cleveland County Museum - Shelby.
- June 25 - Good Grooming - Mrs. Betty Masters.
- July 1 - Skating - Kate's - Shelby.
- July 3 - Hat Day.
- July 8 - Discovery Place - Charlotte.

July 15 - Carowinds - Charlotte.

July 22 - Schieles Museum - Gastonia.

July 24 - Show Biz - Charlotte.

July 29 - Chimney Rock Park - Chimney Rock.

July 31 - Charlotte Nature Museum.

Aug. 5 - Riverbank Zoo - Columbia, S.C.

Aug. 7 - Cookout - Super Hero Day - Kings Mountain Military Park.

The camp will operate from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Lunch will be available for those who do not bring lunch at \$3.50 per week. Lunch may be included in the cost of camp. The cost of camp is \$20.00 per week for the first child and \$10.00 for each additional child in the same family. Camp fees must be paid in advance of week of attendance.

Each participant must have some type of insurance coverage to participate. Cost of insurance is \$5.25.

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Summer classes in CPR, beginning, intermediate and advanced swimming, CPR renewal, and standard first aid are being offered by the Cleveland County Red Cross Chapter in Shelby and registration cutoff is June 9 and June 15.

aid will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 until 5 p.m. and an evening class is scheduled with registration cutoff June 9th. Beginner swimming, advanced beginner, and intermediate swimming classes are all scheduled at Shelby High School and registration deadline for classes is June 15th.

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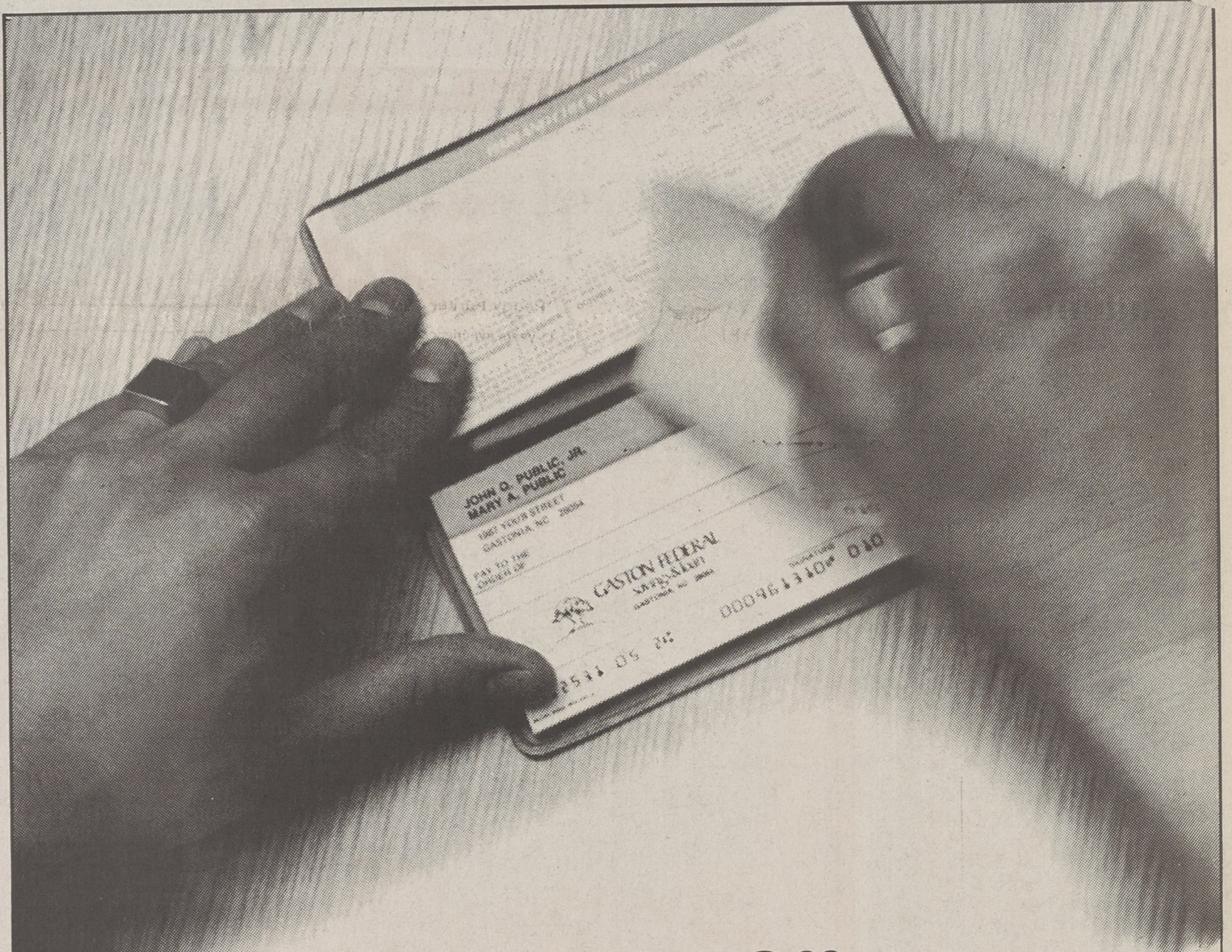
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