



NEW BETA MEMBERS - Kings Mountain Junior High held induction ceremonies for new Beta Club members Wednesday. New members include, back row, left to right, Holly Smith, Karen Helms, Danielle Nolen, Gail Hardin, Diron Bell, Cristy Love, Kelli Bowes, Douang Mounghane, Laura

Beth Moss and Brooke Scarborough. Front row, Stephen Black, Matt Heavner, Blake Lewis, Brad Melton, Derrick Williams, Pam Martin, Genora Taylor, Emily Campbell, Jane Whisnant and sponsor Judy Gibson.



MORE BETA MEMBERS - Students pictured above were inducted into the Beta Club Wednesday at Kings Mountain Junior High. Front row, left to right, Jonathan Jones, Jason Rayfield, Matt Kostek, Matt Rikard, Greg Bowen, Paige Brown, Dawn Hardin, Michele Corn and Jay J. Downey. Back

row, Kimberly Hoyle, Holly Harmon, Jennifer Ann Gibson, Missy Herndon, Angela Blanton, Leigh Anne Stewart, Aaron Allen, Angela Hawkins and Sarah Dilling. Sponsor is Barbara Lovelace.

Hunt Receives Kidney Association Award

Rep. Jack Hunt, Lattimore dentist, received the President's Award for his service to kidney patients of Cleveland County at the annual banquet of the Cleveland County Kidney Foundation recently at Brackett's Cedar Park in Polkville.



DR. JACK HUNT

The award went to Hunt for his efforts in obtaining \$25,000 grant for the association. Funds were used to purchase a second van for the transportation program. The program has now expanded and includes transportation to kidney patients in Rutherford County.

Another highlight of the meeting was presentation by Association President Shirley Huffman of certificates of recognition to 100 volunteers for their continued faithful service in helping with various projects throughout the year. Recognition certificates were also presented to individuals and organizations who had contributed \$100 or more during the 1987 year by Association Vice President Bob Davis.

Margaret Ledford, executive director, presented engraved plaques to individuals and organizations who donated \$1,000 or more during the year. She also recognized Prince and

Princess contest winners Dean Stinchcomb and Mandy Emory with specially engraved plaques. Skate-a-thon winner Ronnie Tessener was also recognized and presented a plaque, as was Mrs. Blanche Bowman who designed and made the quilt which was raffled off as one of the many association projects.

Volunteer of the Year awards were presented to Ray Ledford, treasurer. One of these awards went to Jean Wall and Walter McIntire, owners and operators of Rollerama Skating Center in

Polkville for their sponsorship of the annual Skate-A-Thon.

The second volunteer of the year award was presented to Shirley Huffman. This was in recognition for outstanding service and dedicated efforts in the fight against kidney diseases.

In the closing comments, Mrs. Huffman again recognized the many faithful volunteers who give so generously of their time and talents in the struggle to raise funds through projects. Highlights of the year included the hiring of Dr. Frederick Adams; the formation of a Kidney Support Group; the addition of a second van which has allowed expansion of service into Rutherford County; and the opening in September 1987 of the Dialysis Unit at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

Fund raising events scheduled for 1988 included the Skate-A-Thon which was held Sunday; the second annual Womanless Beauty Pageant April 8 at Malcolm Brown Auditorium; Letter Campaign now in progress; golf tournament, junior Hee Haw show, quilt raffle, prince and princess contest, auction and hotdog sale, walk-a-thon, and grocery shopping spree.

Many advances have been made in combatting kidney disease. However, to continue the progress more research is needed to better understand the disease and discover new and improved treatments. More funding is urgently needed for research. The public needs more education regarding kidney diseases in order to help unsuspecting victims recognize the symptoms. There is a great need for improved treatment including expanded donor and transplant programs; more efficient and less expensive dialysis; and the use of new diets and drugs. Citizens are urged to give their continued support to the Cleveland County Kidney Association as it is their own best protection against kidney disease," Mrs. Huffman said.

Currently, Kings Mountain has eight patients who are receiving dialysis and being furnished transportation.

Banquet speakers were Dr. Hunt and Dr. Frederick F. Adams, Medical Director of Dialysis Clinic, Inc., and also a specialist in internal medicine and nephrology. Dr. Hunt is speaker Pro Tem of the North Carolina House of Representatives.

Strong Winds, Dry Weather Contribute To Forest Fires

County Forest Ranger John Hunt of the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development's Division of Forest Resources is asking citizens of Cleveland County to be especially careful with use of fire out-of-doors during April. Strong winds and bright sun dry forest fuels rapidly and forest fires often start a day or two after a rain.

Hunt said that Cleveland County had 12 fires during March and nine in April last

year. Most were started by burning leaves and trash. Most of the others were started by fireplace ashes.

Hunt reminds all citizens that a burning permit must be secured from the County Ranger or other issuing agent before any burning is done within 500 feet of any woodland between the hours of midnight and 4 p.m. except when materials are burned in a safe container within 100 feet of an occupied dwelling with a competent watchman present.

Hunt said that practically all forest fires can be prevented if all citizens refrain from using fire out of doors during periods of high fire danger and take all safety precautions when burning

is done during less dangerous times.

Hunt will appreciate your calling and letting him know when and where you plan to do any outdoor burning.

It's A Boy For Deatons

Rodney and Susan Deaton of Beijing, People's Republic of China, announce the birth of their first child, a son, Joshua Rodney, March 6, at Seventh Day Adventist Hospital, Hong Kong Island, Hong Kong. Grandparents are Clarence and Janice Deaton of Kings Mountain and Jay and Grace Ward of Manassas, Va.

The baby weighed five pounds, six ounces.

The Deatons are serving with the U.S. State Department in China.

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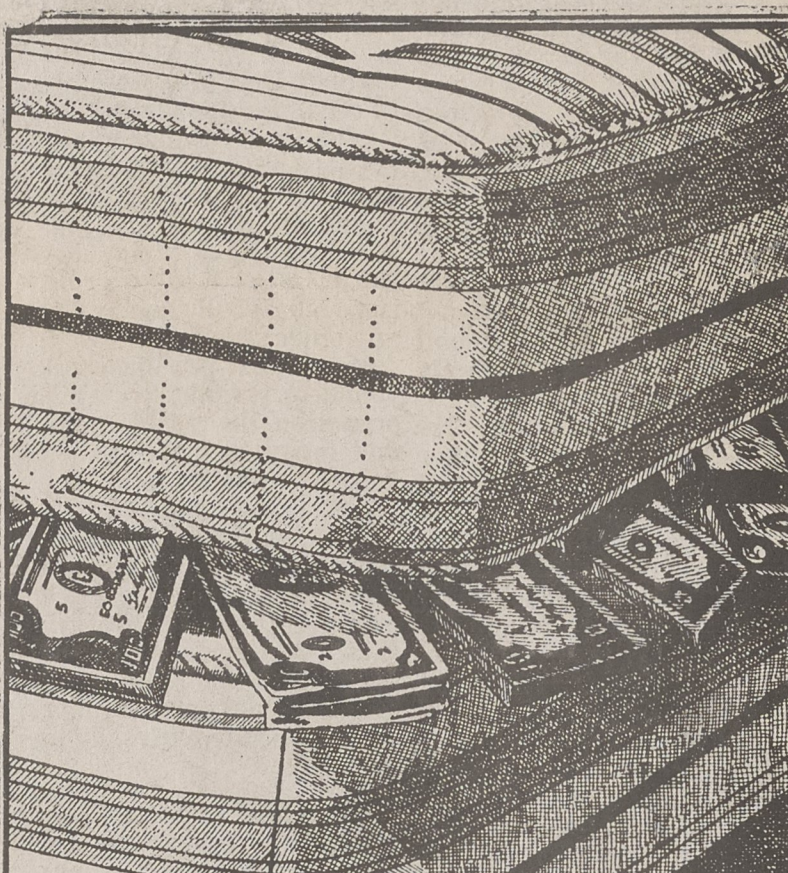
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