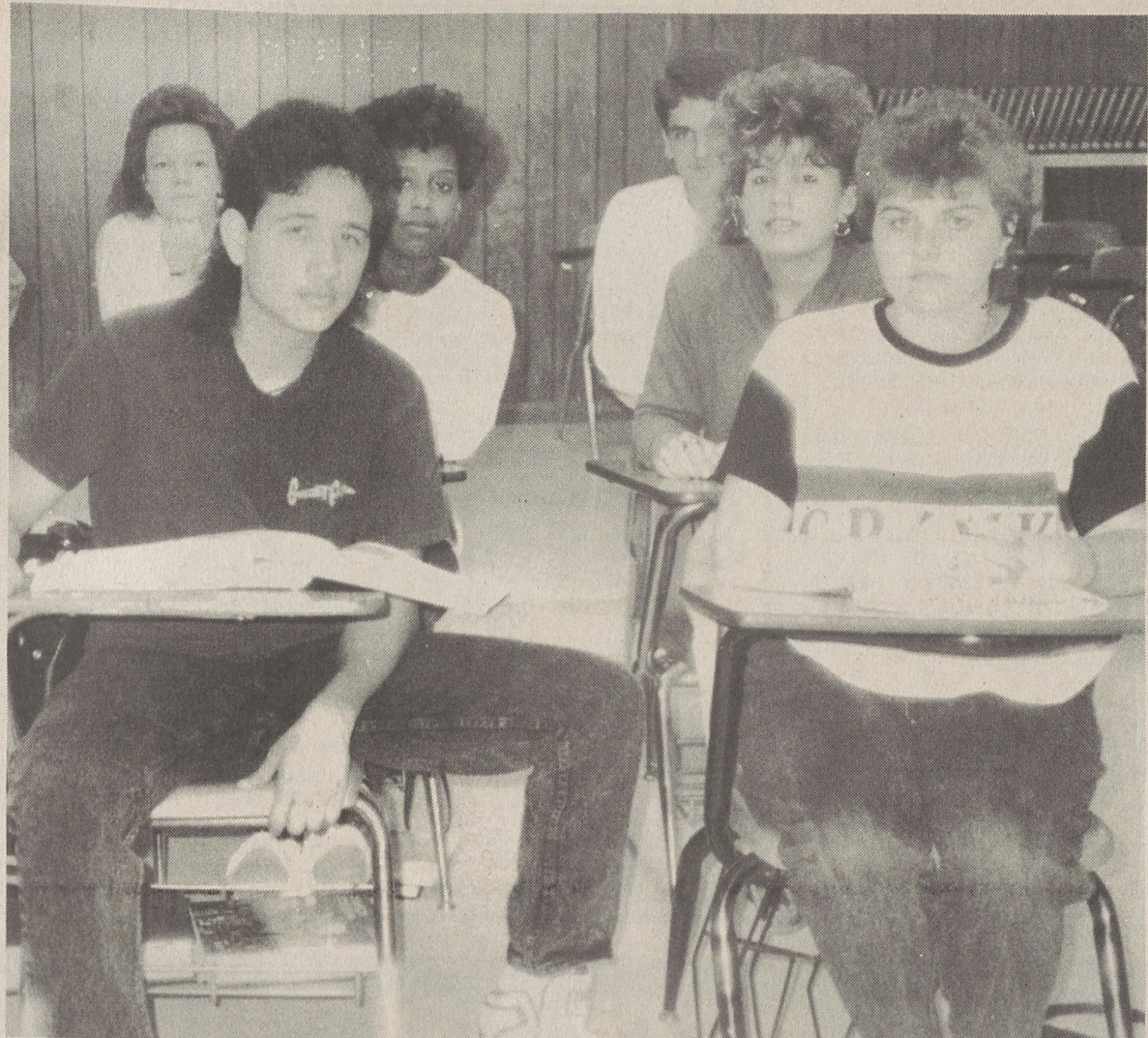


★ **Central**



**STUDENTS LEARN WHAT WORK IS ALL ABOUT** - These students are among the growing number of vocational students who report to classes and jobs every day. Front row, from left, James Goad and Janet Ledford. Middle row, Stacey Goode, left, and Alison Parizo. Back row, Tammy Vestal, left, and Shannon Sanders.

★ **Education**

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females and helped to pay for salaries and a brochure, "Learning a Living," a 25 page illustrated 9x12 brochure that gives an overlook at the total program in the school system.

A \$12,000 grant for VOCATS test banks for home economics competency based curriculum was also approved last year and Linda Dixon, chairman of the Home Economics Department, presented a program at a conference for all teachers.

The Business Department is also participating with McDowell County, Rutherford County and Shelby Schools in electronic mail networking following receipt of a grant by the Rutherford County system. Local personnel have attended workshops and Mrs. Gamble said the purpose of the system is better communication among the various systems.

Last year 42 KMSHS vocational students attended vocational student organization conferences and last year the staff attended 52 professional development workshops which represented two conferences each for the instructors. "Our instructors are just tops and on top of what's current in vocational education," she said.

Mrs. Gamble said that local industry and business have always cooperated in the Co op program, noting that Combustion Engineering loaned Buddy Humphries as an instructor for several months in the welding department at KMSHS during the illness of Bud Bumgardner.

Students in the various vocational courses said

this week they are benefitting from their vocational experiences and after graduation the vocational backgrounds will improve their chances of finding employment.

A statewide survey conducted this year by the N.C. Department of Public Instruction quoted students surveyed as saying that vocational experience was a main reason they stayed in school. The Division of Vocational Education of the State Department of Public Instruction each year surveys students who completed secondary vocational programs.

Vocational education is one area being highlighted during American Education Week, Nov. 13-19. During the 1987-88 academic year, 323,147 students-nearly two thirds of the young people in grades 7-12, were enrolled in vocational classes.

Statewide, the survey showed 94 percent of those seeking employment find it. And 43 percent of program completers continue their education beyond high school. Ninety four percent of the more than 28,000 students who responded to the survey said they were "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with their vocational experiences in high school. Only 82 percent said they were "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with their other high school experiences. Only 6 percent of the 1986-87 completers were unemployed and seeking full-time work when they were surveyed this year. The unemployment rate for the 16-19 year-old category statewide is 13.6 percent.

Mrs. Gamble said that many KMSHS vocational students attend college after high school graduation.

**KM Students To Be Rewarded**

Students in all grades in the Kings Mountain District Schools can be rewarded for outstanding contributions in two programs announced Monday night by Supt. Bob McRae.

Students in grades K-5 may participate in the Terrific Kids program being sponsored by the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club and McDonald's Restaurant.

Students who make outstanding accomplishments will receive certificates of achievement from the Kiwanis Club, and a special certificate worth goodies at McDonald's. Contributions may be in the areas of good grades, citizenship, improved attendance, or through many other contributions. Winners will be selected by teachers and school employees.

"This is not necessarily a program for making straight A's," said McRae, "but, of course, that's included in it. But students can be rewarded for many other accomplishments. Our principals are really excited about this program and we thank the Kiwanis Club and Bill Sherwood of McDonald's for making it available to our students."

Students in grades six through 12 may receive tickets to



**BUSINESS EDUCATION** - Sham Gardner, sitting at computer, and Mitzi Hinson receive computer instruction from Sheila Sisk, instructor, center, at KMSHS.

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The school store was opened last week.

We have started the year off with a wham, selling school supplies. We are also having a toy drive. Bring any new or fairly new toys to school for needy people.

speaker during activity period November 9. It was Marlene Reynolds. We would like to thank her for taking time out to talk to us.

Future Teachers is a new club this year. Mrs. Wheeler is over this. The students run errands, grade papers, and help teachers with special projects.

The intermurals are not through yet. But we will inform you on the winners.

The book fair was a great success. They made \$1,500. The school got to keep \$300 to buy new books for the library. We will have another book fair in the spring. We hope it will be as big a success.

Coming up, we have a Cans for Kids competition. It's competition for the Boy Scouts.

The president of the Student Council is Michael Bell. The vice-president is Lamont Littlejohn. The secretary is Cindy Robbs. The treasurer is Miki Black.

The I Love America Club is going to have a program called "Struttin' for America." This will be held November 22 at 9 a.m. There will be a guest speaker from Laos. He is going to tell about how he escaped the communist country to come to America. His name is Ted Silapeth.

The Career Club had a guest

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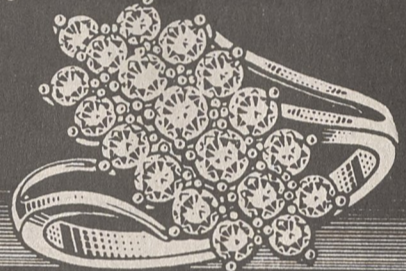


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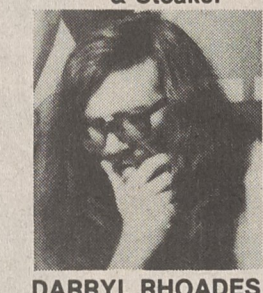
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