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OLD TIME ROCK-N-ROLL - These Central School students tied for first place in the recent "Puttin' On The Hits." From left, Cindy Robbs and Jayda Biddix, on floor; with Laura Bell in middle on front row. Second row, from left, Melanie Bumgardner and Christy Robbs, right, and Jada Brown, standing on top row with both hands raised.

Central
News

By JADA BROWN AND JAYDA BIDDIX

Central Puts On Hits

Friday, Nov. 18, Central students, had a Puttin' On The Hits show. This is where students pick a favorite song and lip-sing it. Some songs people sang were: Old Time Rock-n-Roll Medley performed by Christy and Cindy Robbs, Laura Bell, Melanie Bumgardner, Jada Brown, and Jayda Biddix; and Sweet Child of Mine performed by Gina Sabucco, Jason Trammell, Stephen Lemmons, Jeremy Moretz, and Exxon Silapeth. These two groups tied for first place. Congratulations to these winners!

During this assembly, Mr. Rhoney gave out Hornets tickets to Sidney Bridges and Scott Hawkins. Each teacher nominated a student, that had good behavior for the tickets. Then, two names were drawn out of the box.

"Do yourself a favor, stay in school, get that high school diploma and get yourself a good job with a future," said Ethel Whittington. When she addressed Central School's Career Exploration Club recently in the school cafeteria. Both Ethel Whittington and Marlene Reynolds of Glen Raven Mills spoke to over 30 Central Student on textile careers and the importance of a high school diploma.

Ms. Reynolds, Personnel Director of Glen Raven, related to students personal qualities that helped prospective employees get jobs, and qualities that reduced an applicant's chances of getting a job. Some positive qualities were good posture, good grooming, a respectful attitude and a good work record. Undesirable qualities included poor grooming, a record of "job-hopping," and any hint of drug abuse.

Ms. Reynolds also advised students to get a high school diploma. Jobs in textiles, she

says, are becoming more and more technical in nature. She predicted that very soon, the better textile jobs will be available only to high school graduates. Ms. Reynolds told Career Club members of a program in which Glen Raven and several other mills in Kings Mountain are participating. In this program, mill employees are learning their high school equivalencies (or GED's) by taking courses at their plant sites. This program was begun to help valued mill employees get the skills they needed to continue succeeding in their jobs with the mills' rapid technological advances.

Ms. Reynolds then introduced Ethel Whittington, who is a third shift supervisor at Glen Raven and is presently earning her diploma at the Mill's instruction site. Ms. Whittington told attentive club members how she dropped out of high school and the many difficulties she faced in the job market without a high school diploma. Ms. Whittington spoke of the hopelessness and helplessness of her own life and those of other high school dropouts. She also expressed her desire to see every student at the meeting succeed in finishing high school. "Getting that high school diploma," said Ms. Whittington, is a lot easier when you're young than when you're my age and have the responsibilities of a family and a full-time job."

Ms. Whittington concluded her remarks by relating the excellent advancement possibilities in textiles for both men and women who are willing to work. She says, with gratitude and excitement, that "...Glen Raven is helping me get one of the things I've wanted most in my life -- my high school diploma.

West School News

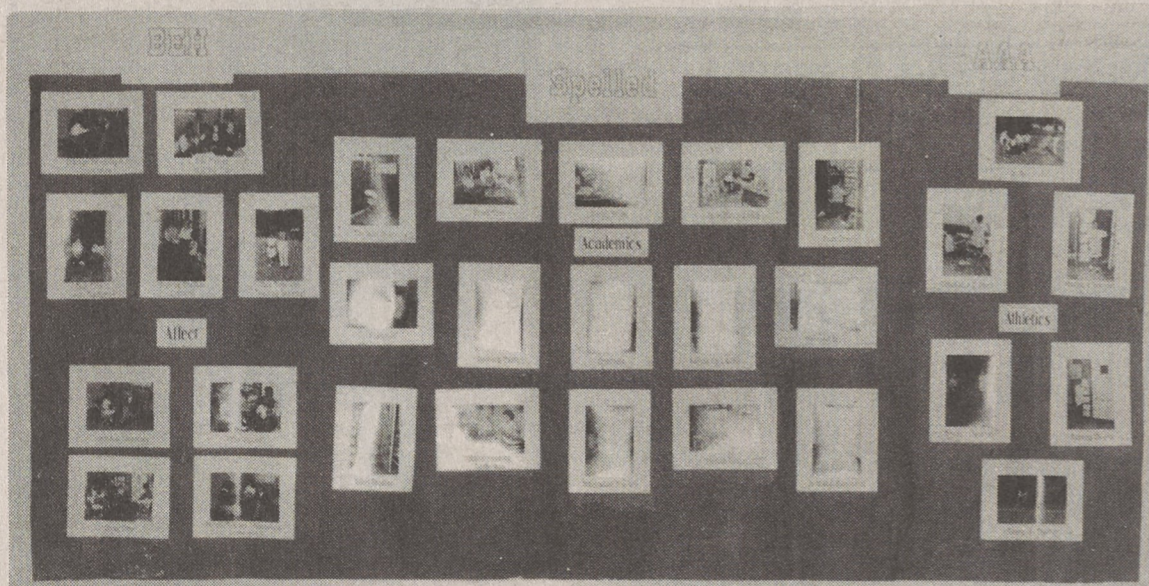
Pictures To Be Made

On Monday, December 5 the students at West Elementary School will tell Santa what they want for Christmas and will have their pictures made with him.

Younger children are also invited to do this from 8-9 a.m. The cost of the pictures is \$3.50 for a 4"x 6" color print or two color

prints of the same size for \$5. Ms. Cathy Whitworth of Park Place Photography will be making the pictures.

This event is sponsored by the parents of the fifth graders at West to help the entire class raise money for a trip to Washington, D.C.



BEH PROGRAM EXEMPLARY - The Kings Mountain District School BEH program got high marks at a recent state conference for teachers of Exceptional Children in Charlotte. A unique feature of the North School program is its running aspect. The students and teachers run a mile a day twice a week.

Hurricane Smith To Open At KMHS

"Hurricane Smith" is all the name implies and 200 KMSHS seniors and Drama students will present the hilarious takeoff to the dramatic spoof of the Steven-Spielberg-George Lucas-Indiana Jones film series Thursday and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. in Barnes Auditorium.

During the two-act comedy a cast of 27 students will swim rapids, climb mountains and chase gorillas through the audience and visit the village of Lemonmeringue.

Shane Hammett, who plans a career in stage and music, has the title role of "Hurricane Smith" and supporting roles are played by Jeff Muench, Jackie Plonk, Chantel Davidson, Clint Spicer, Larry Stone, Tommy Putnam, Michael Jenkins, Betsy Tessner, Alice Owens, Greg Williams, Mike Clinton, Cheryl Perkins, Tammy Houze, Tammy Varner, Jeremy Evans, Kathy Krueger, James Adams, Debbie Gore, Michelle Taylor, Sandra Grant, Roberta Van Dyke, Brandy Allred, Mizrak Gursoy, Audi Spenser, Tim Griffith, Jon Summey, Brad Herndon, Aaron Anderson, Jennifer Mullinax, Michelle Small, Tammy Cook, Evonne Parker and Audrey Leach.

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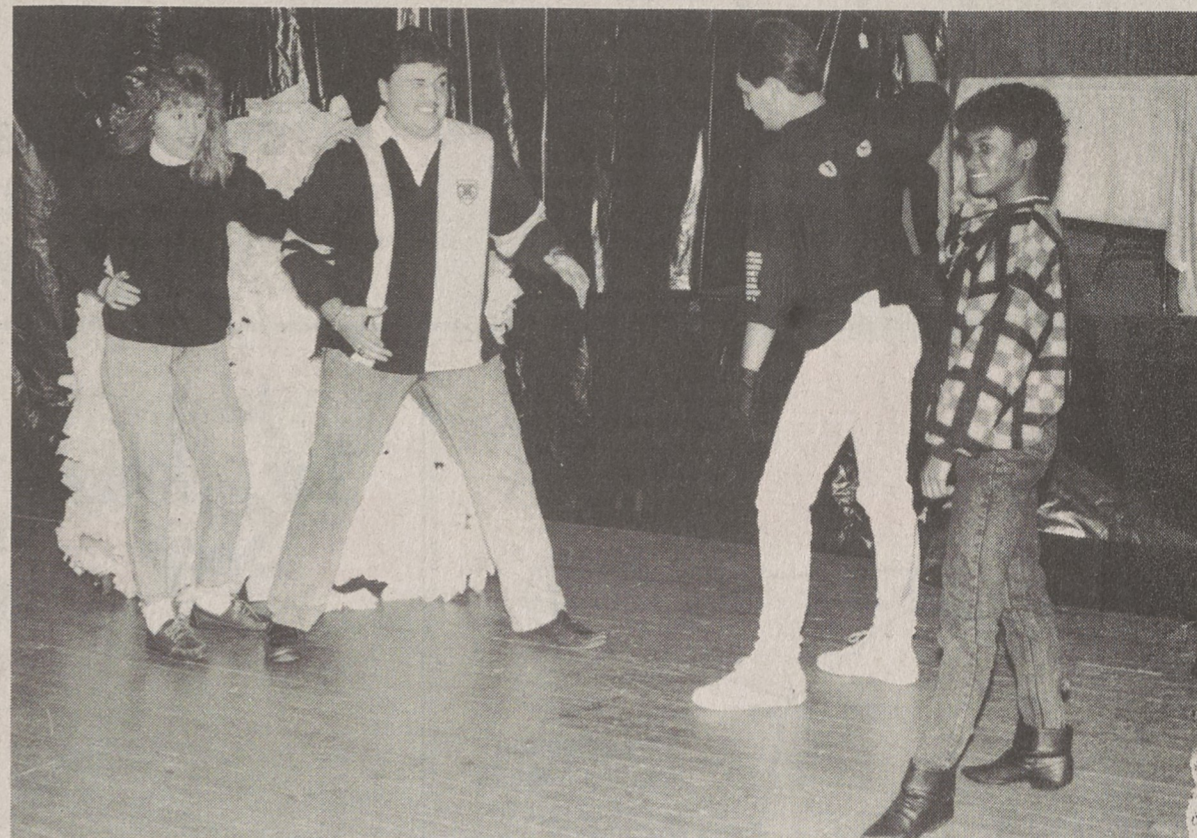


Photo by Gary Stewart

REHEARSE FOR PLAY - Debbie Gore, Shane Hammett, Mizrak Gursoy and Michelle Taylor, left to right, rehearse a part for the play "Hurricane Smith" to be presented Thursday, Saturday and Sunday at Kings Mountain High School.

KMHS Cheerleaders Have Active Year

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By GAYLA JONES

cheerleaders with a means to raise necessary funds, but it also provides an enjoyable day for the girls who attend.

During the day the young cheerleaders were taught the basic techniques of cheerleading. In addition the girls were taught two cheers,

three chants, and a dance in which these techniques were incorporated. To add to the events of the day, the varsity cheerleaders awarded girls with ribbons, spirit sticks, and trophies. Ribbon winners included A'me Mauney, Brenda Collins, Maggie Dellinger, Leslie Phifer, Amber McGill, Annie

Robbins, Miranda Smith, Amy Guerrant, and Nicole Williams. Spirit sticks were awarded to Jennifer Hickman, Haley Bridges, Amy Guerrant, and Heather Barrett. Trophies were awarded for outstanding performance to Katie Subler, Molly McRae, and Charity Moss. The project was very successful both in raising funds and raising spirit. The Kings Mountain varsity cheerleaders would like to thank Western Auto, McDonalds, and the participants for helping to make the second Annual Cheerleading mini-camp a success.

Hey, Tough Guy! Be Smart, Stay In School

This week, we would like to share with you our philosophy of education.

We feel that everyone should have the opportunity to receive a full education. In our opinion, this education will help everyone progress throughout their lives. An education makes daily obstacles become easier and hard to understand tasks seem more attainable. Many people have fallen down from their self-esteem and buried themselves under stress, because of not having the ability to grasp their goals in life. This is from lack of education, but they aren't willing to admit this, this mainly comes from drop outs who cover themselves up with an image of "Mr. Tough Guy," who doesn't

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really need an education! WRONG.

These young adults don't realize how important their education is to them. Sure, now they've got mom and dad, but what about later. A full education basically controls the rest of your life. Your choice in your teenage years is the choice of your future. Education is a part of life.

Everyday someone learns something and learning is a part of education.

Students who think, "I don't need to do well in school," are wrong.

Education is a very important part of your life. Remember this:

You are in total control of your mind. What you believe and con-

ceive can be achieved. (Author Unknown).

By STEPHANIE LYNN JONES SHEILA BRYSON

OTHER NEWS

Here at the Jr. High the second six weeks has already ended and report cards were issued Tuesday. Most students were well pleased.

The girls volleyball team has done extremely well this year. Their record is 3-1. The boys wrestling team is doing very well also. So far they have an undefeated season.

At KMJHS, we share the felief of the district in saying, "Kids Make the difference in our Schools."

By: STEPHANIE LYNN JONES

Book Week Activities Held At Grover School

During National Children's Book Week two special events were held at Grover School Library. All of the Grover School students were given the opportunity to get a library card for Mauney Memorial Library. Mother Goose visited on Tuesday and told Mother Goose rhymes and stories. She also told the history of Mother Goose. She challenged students to turn off the television for an hour and read a book each week. Students received bookmarks with the theme, "Hug a Book-Read!"

This year the cafeteria is very interested in teaching good eating habits. The staff is very conscientious about high blood pressure and high cholesterol. They are working toward cutting down on salt, oils, and other fatty foods. They appreciate the cooperation of parents and teachers toward this situation. They invite all parents to come eat with us anytime!

Last week Mrs. Shaffer's class did a bulletin board making a turkey with hand prints as feathers. In Spanish they worked on learning the days of the week.

Mrs. Keeter's class finished up an incentive reading program the last of October. It was sponsored by the World Book Encyclopedias. Each student was sponsored by relatives and friends. Mrs. Keeter, Mrs. Houze and Miss Blalock were very proud of their class. Each student won a gold medal. Their room raised enough money to receive a set of new World Book Encyclopedias for their room. They also raised enough money to receive a set of science books. They are now reading in the "Book It" program sponsored by Pizza Hut.

Grover School News

By KENYA HOUZE Student Reporter



Miss Blalock, Mrs. Keeter's student teacher, is helping the boys and girls to gain an understanding of communities by letting the students build a community with teepees and log cabins. They have enjoyed Miss Blalock being a member of their class and faculty. They will truly miss her when she leaves in December. We wish her well with her future class.

Mrs. Mitchell's class is studying about verbs and learning how to write a friendly letter. They will get pen-pals. In math they are working in multiplication. They had a Thanksgiving play. They are going to make thing-a-ma-jigs or what'cha-ma-call-its. In art they are drawing landscapes.

The fourth and fifth grades worked hard last week. Students in Mrs. Canipe's class wrote diary entries about Christopher Columbus's voyage and made time lines. Mrs. Stewart's class learned how to make thermometers. Mrs. Martin's class is keeping a diary of the foods they eat each day. They are trying to find out if they are eating balanced diets.

North Program Is Example

Each student in Terry McCollum's BEH Spelled AAA program at North School decides each month if he is going to run and sets a goal. The running component of the program won for the local students the distinction of having their program illustrated with a poster display at the recent Exceptional Children's Conference in Charlotte.

The five students in K-5 run a mile a day on the two days a week they don't have regular PE classes. Running, according to the class teacher, has shown to benefit disruptive behavior, and in this program it also teaches students to set goals and strive to accomplish them. It also provides recognition in the

mainstream for the students. Walking as well as running is allowed, but students may not stop. Their progress is marked each day on a graph in the classroom.

Patricia Elliott, Assistant teacher, also participates in the running part of the program. Ms. McCollum was already a marathon runner when the program started three years ago.

Behaviorally; Emotionally Handicapped classes are also underway at both Central Middle School and at Kings Mountain Senior High School. Penny Anthony is instructor at Central and Suzanne Goforth is KMSHS instructor.

Jean Thrift, Director of Exceptional Children's Program in the

Kings Mountain District Schools, said she is well pleased with the progress that local students are making and praised both students and instructors. Individual counseling is a big part of the program but the running concept, in its second year, was what earned the local groups high praise at the recent conference. The children run a mile twice a week and earn t-shirts and personal goals. They run against their own time, not against each other or the teacher and they run on the track at school. Role-playing is another big part of the program. The students "mainstream" to get in their regular classes at school.

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