



MIDDLE SCHOOL PLANNING-Jane King, left, Director of Instruction, welcomes Nancy Farmer of Raleigh to a planning meeting on program for the proposed Middle School. Mrs. Farmer is a consultant with the State Department of Public Instruction.

Schools

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Middle School is a different approach to teaching and you have to give it all you've got, she said.

Two, three, or four teacher teams will share a small group of students in the new concept to give individual attention to students. Teacher-based guidance is also a part of the

program. Flexible scheduling will also be a big part of the program. More classrooms will be built at the Junior High plant to accommodate the Middle School of grades 6, 7, and 8. Ninth graders will move to the Senior High School. Farmer compared the middle school concept to a one-room schoolhouse but unique and building a bridge from one program to another. "Middle School can't cure all ills but it can help kids at a time in their lives when they need it."

Kindergarten Orientation Slated In Local Schools

Orientation for incoming kindergarten students will be held at all elementary schools on Friday, May 12. Children who will be five years old on or before October 16 are eligible to attend.

Parents are to take their children at 8:15 a.m. and remain for an orientation session with the principal, which will last approximately one hour. Children will experience a typical kindergarten day culminating with lunch in the school cafeteria as guests of the system. Parents are to pick up their children at 11:30. Regular kindergarten children will not attend school on this day.

Applications and Kindergarten

Health Assessment forms are available at all elementary schools. The application should be completed and returned to the school as soon as possible. The Health Assessment form, to be completed by the child's physician or the Health Department, is due on or before October 9, 1989.

Parents are to take the child's legal birth certificate (not hospital copy) to the school on Orientation Day. No student can be enrolled without this official document.

Questions relative to kindergarten can be answered by calling the school's administrative office, 739-4589.

Demos Select Holland

Cleveland County Democrats elected Tommy Holland of Boiling Springs their new party chairman Saturday.

Other new officers are Karen Bennett of Kings Mountain, first vice chairman, Harold Ramseur of Mooresboro, second vice chairman, Reggie Pruitt, secretary, Linda Thrift, treasurer, and Tommy Holland, Clarence Brantley, Betty Burton and Donna McKinney, state executive committee members.

State Democratic Party Chairman Lawrence Davis of Raleigh, the convention's keynote speaker, said the 1990 elections would be critical and the delegates to the convention pledged party unity.

Holland, who had been the top contender for the top post for several months, defeated 10th district chairman and former party chairman Bobby Rogers who said he had been contacted on Friday about running for the position.

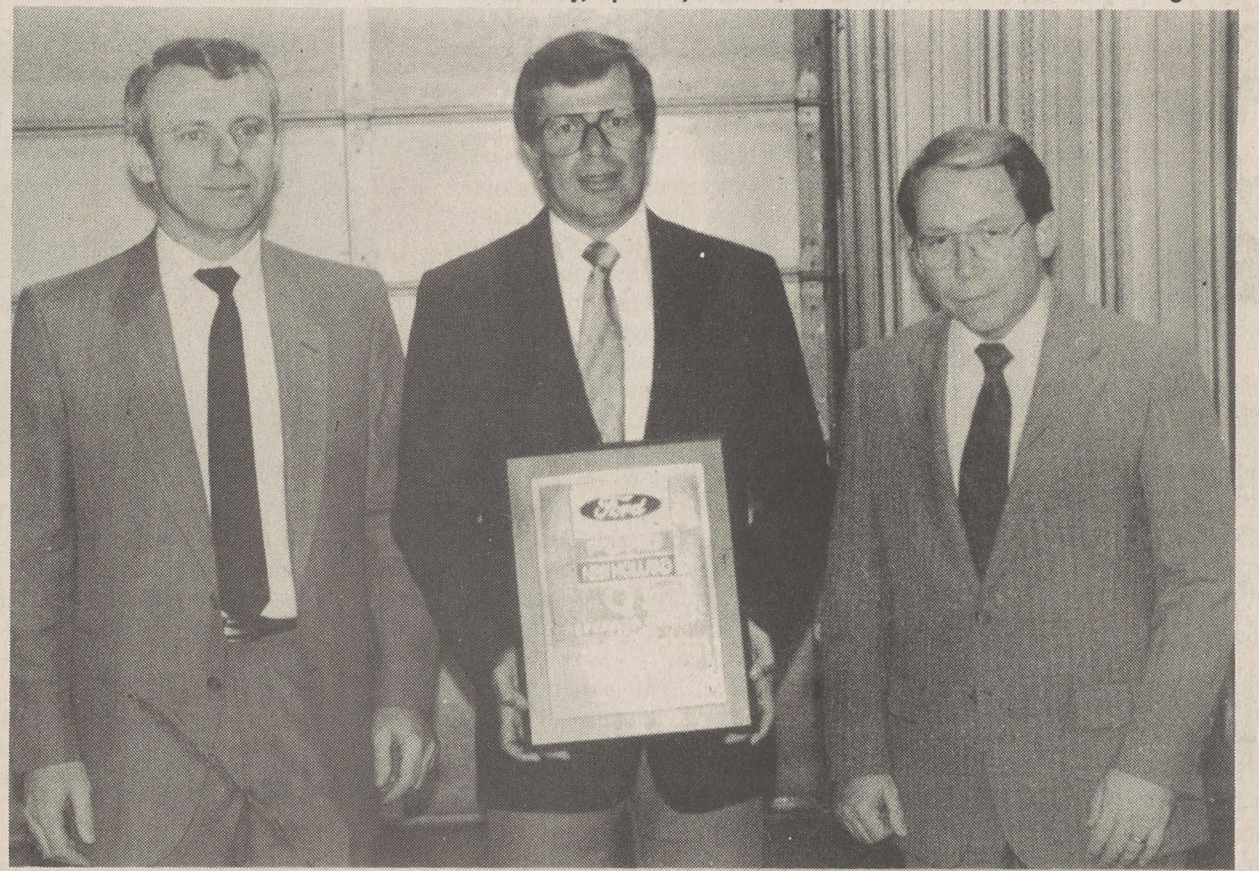
Holland is a Boiling Springs real estate agent, Burns High School guidance counselor and former newspaper publisher. He called for precinct rebuilding, citing the need for workshops, a monthly newsletter and more frequent meetings of the executive committee. He also called for a permanent headquarters building.

Bennett, wife of Jim Bennett, is employed by Gaston County Department of Social Services.

Senator J. Ollie Harris presented the speaker.

The convention delegates adopted a resolution honoring the service of the late County Commissioner L.E. (Josh) Hinnant of Kings Mountain.

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PRESENTATION TO INDUSTRY-Commercial Intertech officials, above, receive a QI Preferred Quality plaque and flag from Ford New Holland, Inc. at a plant barbecue Thursday. Richard E. Sari, local plant manager, center, accepts the awards as John Gilchrist, Vice President of the Hydraulic Pump Division, left, and Sam Langfill, Group Vice President, Hydraulic Products, right, offer congratulations to employees.

Commercial Receives Award

Commercial Intertech Corp. has been presented the Ford New Holland, Inc. "QI Preferred Quality Award" for continued excellent quality performance in providing parts.

Commercial Intertech produces hydraulic pumps at its Kings Mountain plant for Ford New Holland, a subsidiary of Ford Motor Company and the world's third largest manufacturer of agricultural and industrial equipment.

The 220 local employees celebrated the occasion Thursday with a plant barbecue at which Plant Manager Rich Sari exhibited the QI plaque and a "Flag of Distinction" to fly at the local plant. At a ceremony in New Holland, Pa., Paul Powers, chair-

man, president and CEO, and Rich Sari had been presented the awards by Ford New Holland president Robert M. Gerrity. Officials of the companies were also present for the local celebration ceremonies Thursday.

In recognizing Commercial Intertech among 15 award-winning companies, Gerrity said, "We are committed to a concept we call 'continuous quality improvement'."

So the QI program is an important way for us and our suppliers to work together to make sure Ford New Holland really satisfies its customers in the nearly 120 countries in which its products are sold."

Gerrity noted that as a QI preferred quality supplier, Commercial Intertech will be given preferential status as a source of additional work.

Dance Classes Offered

Due to overwhelming response to the Gastonia Recreation Department's shag dance classes, summer students may choose to take classes on Monday or Wednesday nights. Monday classes

will begin on June 12 and Wednesday classes on June 14. Classes meet eight weeks, 7-9 p.m. Pre-registration is required by calling Cynthia Simpson at 866-6842 for more information.

Demo's Executive Committee To Discuss Josh's Successor

The executive committee of the county Democratic Party will tackle the question Thursday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. in Cleveland County Law Enforcement Center on the identity of the late L. E. Hinnant's seat on the county board of commissioners.

Since the retired banker and county commission chairman died last week speculation as to his successor has grown and a list of candidates for his board seat continues to mount.

A state statute that applies to Cleveland County stipulates that if the committee recommends a name, the county commission is obliged to approve it. Hinnant had over a year left of his four-year term to serve. At his death he was county chairman.

Mentioned as possible contenders from Hinnant's hometown

of Kings Mountain are former board vice chairman Joyce Falls Cashion, former mayor and publisher John Henry Moss and insurance-realtor Larry Hamrick Sr.

Ralph Gilbert of Fallston is still optimistic about his chances for appointment. In last fall's general election, he was the third top vote-getter among the Democratic candidates for commissioner.

At least one black candidate is in the race-the Rev. R. E. Devoe, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Shelby.

Other names on the growing list of potential candidates are Bobby Rogers, Democratic party district chairman and a member of the local executive committee, and Charlie Greene and Gene LeGrand, former county commissioners, all of Shelby.

Hamrick Boss Of Year

Larry D. Hamrick Sr. was chosen Boss/Associate of the Year by the Gaston-Cleveland Association of Insurance Women April 11 at the organization's annual Bosses Night banquet at Public Service Building in Gastonia.

Hamrick is co-owner of Warlick and Hamrick Associates in Kings Mountain.

The well-known Kings Mountain businessman is a long-time member of the Kings Mountain Rotary Club of which he served as president. He is a mem-

ber of the Board of Directors of Cleveland County Chapter American Red Cross. He is a long-time, active member of Central United Methodist Church and has served as chairman of the administrative board and a member of the pastor and church renovation committees. He is active in Kings Mountain United Way and has held several leadership positions. Active in Scouting for 20 years, he received scouting's highest honor recently.

He is married and has two sons.

Greason

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two vehicles were estimated at \$2700. The Wood car was struck in the passenger side.

"Our investigation is continuing," said Cleveland County Medical Examiner Ralph Mitchem who said Greason died while he was being taken to an operating room at Kings Mountain Hospital. Mitchem said Greason suffered broken ribs and possible internal

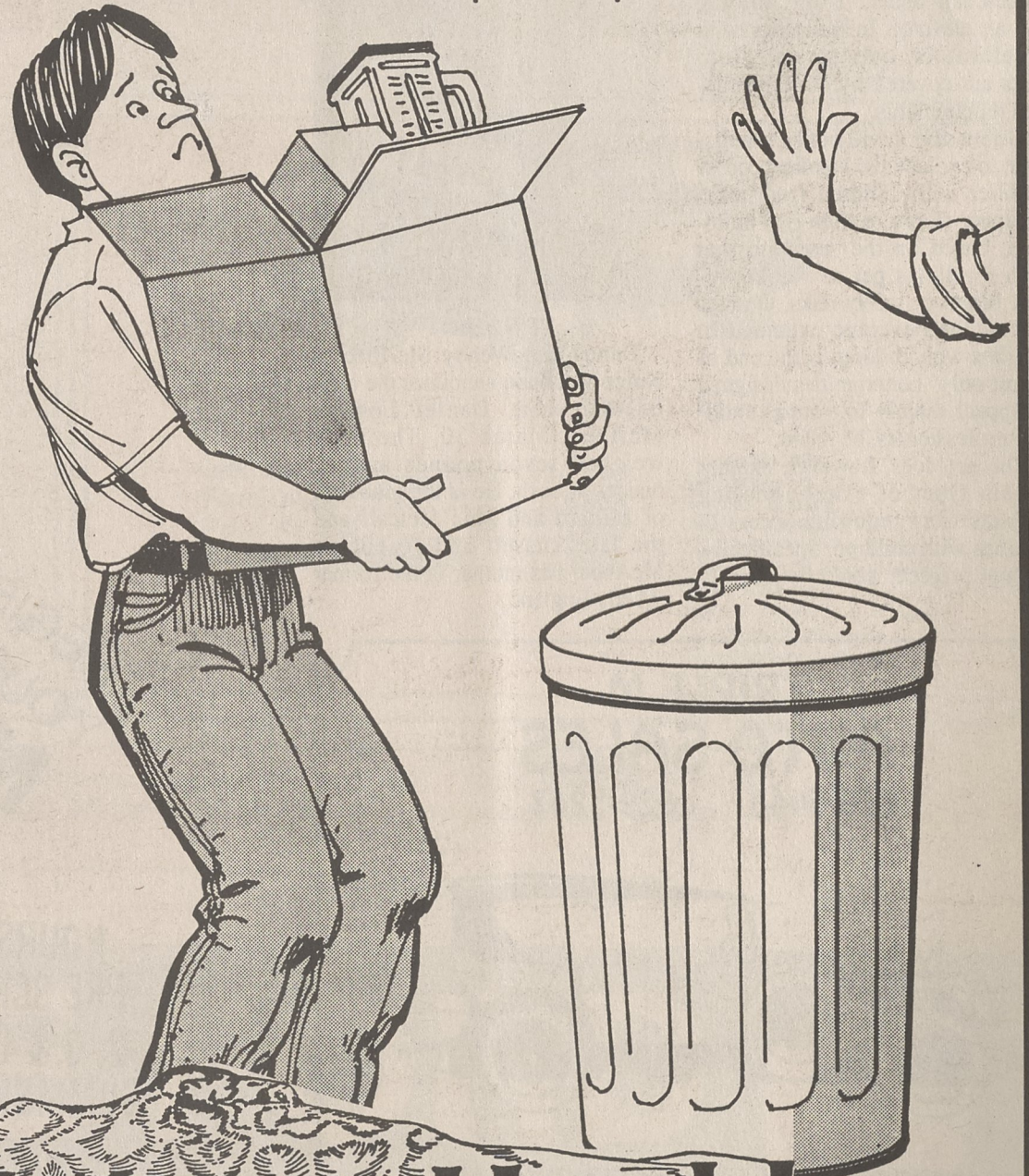
injuries and that Greason's heart stopped once in the emergency room where he was revived and again while he was being taken into an operating room. He was not revived a second time. "I understand he may have had some heart problems but we won't know the cause of death until the results of an autopsy which has been conducted," he said.

Greason was a watchman in a textile plant and a member of Cherokee Street Baptist Church where funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m.

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