

# End Of Year Events Slated

The school year is rapidly drawing to a close. In my final column for the year, I would like to update you on several pieces of information that you may already be hearing about. And of course, please remember to support our Class of 1989 with your attendance at the Baccalaureate Sermon on May 29 and at graduation on May 30. Both events begin at 7 p.m.

We are still relishing the wonderful support our community gave the bond issue. As we told you, our first building projects are to be those at the junior high school and high school which will result in Central School being discontinued as a permanent site for students. By the time you read this column, our board should have approved construction plans for this work. If bids come in as projected, the work should begin sometime in June. Everything looks good at this point. Of course, the bids for construction determine if we can proceed as planned, so those openings will be very important to us.

The other main construction work to be done this summer will be the asbestos removal work at North School. This is our largest asbestos removal project, and it will begin soon after school is out.

Design work on the first elementary projects can begin soon after the final decision is made relative to the elementary attendance line question. The board can now return to that issue since the bond campaign was successful. We will keep you posted on those deliberations as they progress. At this point, no final decision has been made. Three general possibilities exist: (1) Leave things as they are now; (2) Leave East School open and re-draw elementary lines so that racial percentages will be more equal among the five elementary schools; and (3) Close East School and re-distribute those students among the other four schools.

I know you have read a great deal in recent weeks about lead in water fountains and radon in schools. You need to know how that affects us. We have identified five water coolers in our system which are among the brands which are potential problems. They have been cut off pending testing by our Health Department. If unacceptable lead levels are found, the coolers will be replaced. Three of these are in Barnes

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Auditorium, so bear with us as you attend special events there. One is at the junior high, and one is at North School. Our maintenance department is dealing with this situation in a very responsible manner.

We will test for radon levels in our schools. However, we have been advised by federal representatives to wait until the next heating season to conduct that testing. We plan to do the testing at that time. By then our state department will be able to recommend to us appropriate kits for use in the testing.

By now many of you have noticed Officer Melvin Faucett directing traffic on Phifer Road immediately before and after the high school day. This will continue at least through the end of this year. The situation there has gotten worse and worse during peak traffic times, and this is an experiment to see how we might make conditions safer for students, staff members, and citizens at large. Thank you for your cooperation in this endeavor. I also appreciate the cooperation of our police department in getting this trial period set up.

West School parents, work is scheduled to be completed by the end of June on the covered walkway at the main loading and unloading area of the school which is adjacent to the Primary building. The contract has been signed, and materials are ordered. Construction will begin as soon as they arrive.

It's been a super year. Thanks to everyone for all of the support given to our schools, employees, and kids. Our final special thank you goes to the Herald for the outstanding coverage of our school system and for allowing me space again this year for my column.

Have a great summer!



**MORE GOOD CITIZENS**-Pictured are Good Citizens for the fifth six week's grading period at East School. Front row, from left, are Cassie Dowda, Torez Leach, Brian Wells, Betsy Booth and Jason Williams. Back row, from left, are Jessica Brown, Lekeshia Leach, Johnsie Adams, Bret Burger and Brian Odums. Absent from picture are Angela Strickland and Tamelia Williams.

## KM Area Students Earn Degrees

Four Kings Mountain area students received degrees May 6 from Wingate College.

April Annette Hoyle, who graduated summa cum laude and received her B. A. in communications studies, was recipient of the C. C. Burris Award, presented an-

nually to the graduating senior woman who represents the ideals of scholarship, leadership and service and the H. K. Helms Award, presented annually to the graduating senior achieving the highest scholastic average.

Jo Anna Boheler, of Grover, re-

ceived her B.S. in parks and recreation administration.

Mary Beth Stevenson, of Grover, received her A.S. in medical assisting.

Tonya Rebecca White, of Kings Mountain, graduated cum laude with B. S. in history.



**GOOD CITIZENS AT EAST SCHOOL**-Pictured are Good Citizens for the fifth six week's grading period at East School. Front row, from left, are Toysha Talbert, Amy Ramsey, Deana Ard and Vincent Young. Back row, from left, are Nikki Reid, Ericka Watson, Cindy Wilson and Miranda Smith.

## G-W Graduation Held

**BOILING SPRINGS, —** Gardner-Webb College held its 82nd annual commencement Saturday, May 6, in the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center, with 295 students graduating.

Gardner-Webb President, Dr. M. Christopher White, delivered the keynote address for the 10 a.m. program. In addressing the group, Dr. White's topic was, "Make No Little Plans."

Dr. White quoted Daniel H. Burnham, the city planner and architect who designed the Chicago World's Fair, "Make no little plans. They have no magic to stir men's blood, and probably themselves will not be realized. Make big plans; aim high in hope and work."

Dr. White shared that those students who will be most successful in the coming years will be those who have mastered certain disciplines. "You will have disciplined your minds, your bodies and spirits in the pursuit of aspirations and dreams," he told the group.

Examples of success cited by the speaker included Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Edison, Olympic gold medalist Wilma Rudolph, who excelled in track although she had been crippled as a child, and Pete

Strudrick, who mastered the world's most difficult marathon at Pike's Peak despite having no arms or legs.

Gardner-Webb College graduates from the area, their degrees and their parents' names follow:

**CHERRYVILLE:** Amy Danette Dellinger, B.S. in physical education, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chick Dellinger of Route 1, Cherryville; Kathleen Jiamachello Lovelace of Cherryville, B.S. in management information systems.

**KINGS MOUNTAIN:** Carl Alexander Burris of Kings Mountain, B.S. in business administration; Norma Ellen Davis, B.S. in business administration, daughter of Norman and Mary Davis of Kings Mountain; Peggy Virginia Oates, B.S. in business administration, daughter of Jeanette M. Oates of Kings Mountain; Grady Eugene Penner, B.A. in religious studies, son of Mr. and Mrs. O.G. Penner of Kings Mountain; Curtis O'Neil Pressley, B.S. in management information systems, son of Betty Pressley of Kings Mountain; Janet Bolin Walker of Route 5, Kings Mountain, B.S. in nursing, Teresa Ann West, B.S. in middle school education, daughter of Betty and James Merritt of Kings Mountain.



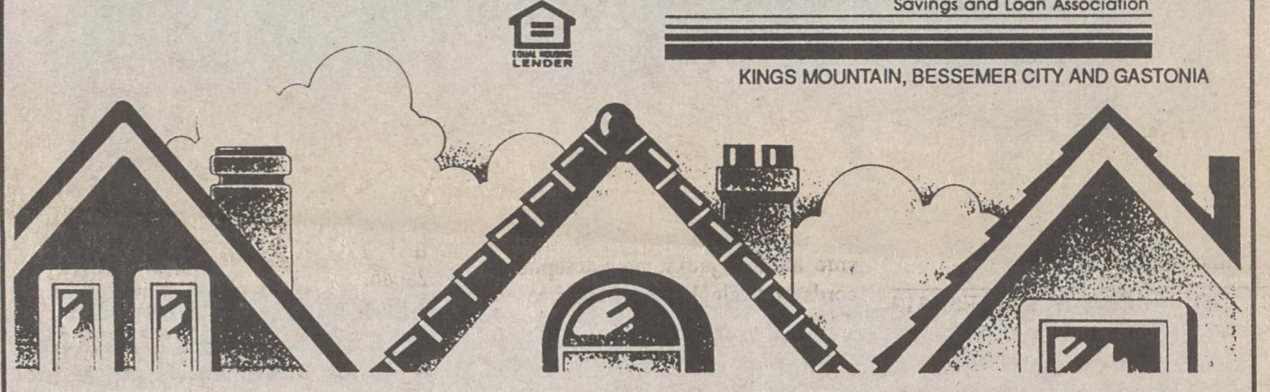
These girls are practicing hard for the Dance Academy of Jane Campbell's Recital to be held Saturday, May 20, at Malcolm Brown Auditorium in Shelby. Left to right: Lynn Eskridge, Shirley Brutko, Pam Cheshire, Sandy Senter.


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