

Bennett

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ment of our educational system. In my Boys Club work, I have met and worked with many fine and dedicated educators in the Kings Mountain School System and I would like to be a part of their continuing effort to provide quality education and leadership for our community. I also feel that my business, engineering, and construction background could be of particular service to the Board of Education during the upcoming period of renovation and construction. I believe the students in the Kings Mountain School System deserve, and are entitled to, nothing less than the best of educational processes conducted in the best of educational facilities in order to successfully meet the com-

plex challenges of the future. I consider it an honor to be involved in helping to accomplish these goals and will work diligently to this end," he said.

Bennett, a Kings Mountain native, is son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Thomas Bennett Jr. A 1972 graduate of Kings Mountain High School, he received his degree in Ceramic Engineering in 1966 from Clemson University. He is self-employed at Bennett Brick & Tile Company.

Founder and secretary-treasurer of Kings Mountain Boys Club, he is active in Kings Mountain Jaycees and serves as area coordinator of IPTAY. He is a member of the North Carolina Brick Distributors Association, Gaston County Homebuilders Association and North Carolina Amateur Athletics Association.

Bennett is married to the former Marlene Hartsoe. Mrs. Bennett has been a teacher's assistant 14 years in the Kings Mountain District Schools and works at Bethware School.

The Bennetts reside on Phifer Road.

Hearing

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dence in the school board to make the decision that's best for everyone. Of course, that could also be the case if there's a large turnout."

The board will offer anyone an opportunity to speak, McRae said. Persons wishing to speak should come a few minutes early to sign up. Speakers will be allowed five minutes.

"The board won't be there to make any decisions or comments," McRae said. "Citizens' questions can be

answered, if needed, but it's primarily a chance for the board to listen to the community.

"This is the kind of issue that generates a lot of interest," he added. "Anytime you're talking about closing a school or changing attendance lines you want to be sure the community has an opportunity to be heard."

McRae said no members of the board have requested that the matter be put on the agenda for the August board meeting. But, he said, they may make that request after Monday's public hearing.

"I think all members of the board are interested in making the decision in a timely way," McRae said. "We have some decisions to make about some building programs that cannot be made until this decision is made."

ad average of \$10,921 annually for the full period of the program.

Lawndale will receive \$18,540 in 1990, from \$15,267, average for the program of \$26,576 each year.

Shelby will receive \$422,614 in 1990, from \$348,009, an overall average of \$605,809, each year.

Kings Mountain will receive \$267,313, from \$220,124, and average overall of \$383,188 per year.

Waco's allocation in 1990 is \$12,208, from \$10,053 and allocation for the full period of 13.5 years averages \$17,499 yearly.

Officials working on the Transportation Improvement Program will meet this fall to make final decisions on some of the road improvements programs. Some of the improvements have already been approved at TIP hearings.

"We've been told that every unpaved road will be paved with monies from this bill," said Kings Mountain Senator Ollie Harris.

Roads

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to improve city streets. The amount of money earmarked is based on the number of non-system street miles or non-state roads in a city and the population.

The current allocation, the increased amounts projected and the averages over the road-building program period:

Boiling Springs will receive \$62,736 in 1990, from \$51,661, average over the 13.5 year program of \$89,930 each year.

Fallston will receive \$17,821, from \$14,675, an average over the 13.5 year program of \$29,692.

Lattimore will receive \$7,618 in 1990, from \$6,273,

gasoline tax in the country at 21.15 cents per gallon. The North Carolina increase also barely brushed by the 20.8 cents per gallon tax currently being paid by Wisconsin motorists. Until this year, Wisconsin had the highest state levy in the U. S.

"It makes no sense to tax gasoline, which everyone needs who drives," said a local station owner. "Why didn't they tax alcohol or cigarettes?"

Combined with a federal tax of 9 cents per gallon paid by motorists in all states, North Carolina drivers will pay a combined total of 30.15 cents in state and federal taxes on each gallon purchased, according to AAA Carolina Motor Club.

Based on an average price of

\$1.076 paid by Tarheel motorists for self-service unleaded grade gasoline on the Fourth of July, the increase will boost the average cost per gallon on this popular grade of gasoline to \$112.9.

DARE

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lating to self-esteem, interpersonal and communication skills, decision making and positive alternatives to drug abuse behaviour. Identifying peer pressures and knowing how to say no to drugs is emphasized.

"Most 5th and 6th graders are not now faced with social pressures but this age child is vulnerable and by the time he or she reaches Junior High and Senior High they are faced with some of these problems that we want to help them avoid," said the officer.

Students in DARE classes will be encouraged to write essays at the end of school next year on the subject, "What DARE Has Meant To Me" and to conduct special graduation exercises in which they act out in skit or songs what the program has meant to them.

Mascot of the program is a DARE bear which will also be used in the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program in the classroom.

Ptl. Hardin will also be visiting students in K-4 grades during the year. "We want to take the message to kids at a formidable age and, in effect, dry up the demand for drugs," said Hardin. "If we save one young life, we will have succeeded."

The DARE project was started in 1984 by the Los Angeles Police Department in a pilot program with the Los Angeles Unified System.

"I won't be carrying a weapon but I will be in uniform in the classroom," said Hardin, a sworn officer since 1974.

Thirty-three North Carolina officers graduated from the DARE program in Durham recently and were told by SBI Deputy Director Charles Dunn and Attorney General Lacy Thornburg that the DARE program will work. "I'm just real excited that we're able to offer this program in the Kings Mountain Schools," said Hardin, who met with Schools Health Coordinator Cindy Borders this week to go over the curriculum. Chief Warren Goforth and Borders said they are both excited about the program.

"Kids learn to feel good about themselves," said Hardin, father of four daughters and grandfather of 14-month-old Chad Bridges. Daughter, Charlene, 17, who returns home from Governor's School East on Saturday, says she is very supportive of her father and excited about the DARE program as are her sisters, Angela, 24; Dawn, 15; and Julia Bridges, 21, and their mother, Margie Blanton Hardin.

Hardin, a patrolman at Moss Lake, joined the Kings Mountain Police Department in May 1988. He had been out of law enforcement on a full-time basis for nine years because he wanted to be with his family. "I was rotating shifts at the Shelby Police Department and felt I needed to be with my children more," he said. Hardin went to work with his father at Hardin's Magnavox in Shelby and joined Sheriff's Department Reserves. He became interested in law enforcement after serving with the Shelby Rescue Squad.

Tax

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Tennessee's 21 cents per gallon tax. The money is to be used to build roads and give teachers a pay increase.

Most Kings Mountain service stations operators were adopting a "wait and see" attitude about whether to implement the full tax charge immediately.

There were no lines at the gas pumps here on Tuesday before or after the new prices went into effect.

Beginning at midnight Tuesday, North Carolina motorists began paying the second highest state

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