

Bethware second grader Kimberly Stinchcomb keeps a close eye on the Killdeer bird which is nesting two eggs on the gravel in front of the school gym.

Now that's a brave bird

It was a typical race day for Richa Clark's second grade class at Bethware School.

Children running in the relays were going as fast as they could. Others lined the paved road in front of the old gym and cheered their classmates on to victory.

But, in all of the excitement, the attention of young Kimberly Stinchcomb and teacher assistant Judy Bowen was caught by a small killdeer which landed in the gravel just off the edge of the pavement and laid an egg.

The teacher assistants sent for Mrs. Clark, who was inside the building. Soon, most of the children were more interested in the bird than in play time.

After the kids went back to class, from time to time one of the assistants would go back outside and check on the bird. About 30 minutes later, the bird laid another egg.

Concerned that it had made its nest in the area where children await for their car rides after school, Mrs. Clark sent for the school's custodian, Jerry Edmonson. He built a roped-off area where the cars couldn't run over the eggs.

Occasionally, something will come along to upset the expectant mother but she never ventures more than a few feet from her eggs. The next morning after the arrival of their new friend, Mrs. Bowen chased a dog away from the nest.

"We're just hoping nothing will come along and hurt the bird or destroy the eggs," Mrs. Bowen said. "In three weeks we hope to have two more friends out there."

Mrs. Clark turned the excitement into a learning experience. The children went to the school library and researched the killdeer and adopted it as a pet.

The class later learned from other staff members that the bird had been nesting in the past on the top of the building.

"We're undergoing a lot of new construction," Mrs. Clark noted, "and all the noise from that must have caused her to look for a new home. Little did she know that she was moving into an area where there is a lot of traffic every day after school."

By now, though, all of the parents have learned what the roped off area is and they're making sure they don't disturb the little momma.

Good citizens

Good Citizens for the third nine weeks grading period have been announced for Kings Mountain District Schools by the Kings Mountain Association of Educators.

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Middle School - Saengmani Philavanh, Kewan Smith, Beth Denlinger, Dorothy Jo, Casey Sipe, Susan Smith, Maurice Jarrett, Laddie Phanthalack, Karen Queen.

High School - Siavone Phanthalack, April Thornburg, Edie Hicks, T.G. Goforth, Leigh Kendrick, Aaron Allen, Andy Hollifield, Susie Hardin.



DONNA CLINTON

Donna M. Clinton gets scholarship

Donna M. Clinton has been named the recipient of the \$1,000 scholarship given by the Grand Chapter, and the Twenty-Fourth District Order of Eastern Star (PHA). Donna plans to attend Barber-Scotia College.

Donna is a senior at Kings Mountain High School, where she is active in the band, a varsity cheerleader, a member of the FCA, FBLA and the Letterman Club. She was listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Donna is also a member of Mount Zion Baptist Church, where she serves as president of the Youth Department, youth secretary of the Sunday School, and on the Youth Usher Board.

Donna is the daughter of Melba Clinton and Jasper Jefferson of Gastonia.



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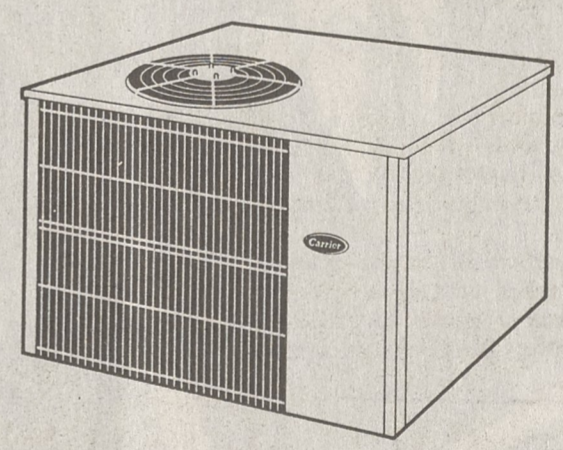
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HEARING

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for Ward I on city council. That representative would represent 16% of the population on the 4-2-1 plan and 14% of the population on the 5-2-1 plan.

Council members Jackie Barrett, Elvin Greene and Norma Bridges supported the 5-2-1 plan. Council members Scott Neisler and Fred Finger supported the redistricting committee recommendation. Councilman Al Moretz was absent during the discussion and voting.

Elections Board Chairman

Becky Cook, who supported the 4-2-1 plan because it means, she says, more choices for the voter and gives the minority board a higher percentage of representation, said the move was political. Mayor Kyle Smith disagrees. He says committees are appointed to make recommendations to council. An uneven number of commissioners on the board will assure, he concurs with other council members, to deny the mayor a vote and strip a mayor of power. "The rules, regulations and ordinances are passed on by the board of commissioners and they ought to be the one to vote on them, not the mayor" said Smith.

WILDFLOWER HIKE - There will be a spring wildflower hike Saturday at 10 a.m. at Crowders Mountain State Park. A ranger will lead the group through lush bottomland in search of colorful wildflowers. Participants should wear hiking boots and old clothes. The hike is limited to 30 people and reservations are requested. The hike will last 1-1 1/2 hours. For information call 867-1181.

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