

**COMING OF AGE**-Students at Kings Mountain Middle School presented the musical about being 13, "Coming of Age" Friday night. Front row, Katanya Roberts; middle row, Sayphonn Phannareth, Vicky Prasongphime, Antonio Roberts, Jason Cartee, Jonathan Jackson, and Hart Wells; back row, Nikki Gladden, Melissa Whitson, Sloan Goforth, Becky Taylor, Patricia Freeman and John Leonard.

## Students 'Coming of Age'

"Nobody understands me" was the common complaint by teenagers in the musical, "Coming of Age," Friday night at Barnes Auditorium. By the end of 11 scenes the 13-year-olds matured as they made friends and discovered they didn't have to dress like everyone else to be "cool."

A large cast of Kings Mountain Middle School students sang, danced and talked in classroom and hall settings about peer pressure under direction of Assistant Principal Mary Accor. A choral concert at intermission was presented by music students.

Taking part in the production were Katanya Roberts, Kenya Houze, Jeremy Scarborough, Nikki Gladden, Melissa Whitson, Sayphonn Phannareth, Sarah Tignor, Sloan Goforth, Kristie Small, Jason Cartee, Kelly Moore, Nicole Ellis, Becky Taylor, Vickie Prasongphime, Hart Wells, Sherika Lockhart, Kristin Sees, Jonathan Jackson, John Leonard, Patricia Freeman, Charity Moss, Namkhang Phannareth, John Bryson, Mary Beheler, Antonio Roberts, Michael Crocker and T. J. Beam.

## Local students get G-W awards

Two Kings Mountain students were among the winners at the 36th annual Awards Day last Tuesday at Gardner-Webb College.

Timothy Wayne Setzer received the Mathematics Education Major Award, which is given to a senior who has excelled in both mathematics and student teaching.

Karen Biddix received the Recognition for Outstanding Service, given by the Department of Education and the Teacher Education Committee to a graduate assistant for outstanding service to the department, committee and the college.

## Brandon wins Diaper Derby

Brandon Michael Mitchell, 14-months-old son of Sgt. Michael and Rhonda Mitchell, won the recent Diaper Derby at Belks at Eastridge Mall.

His grandmother, Nancy Ross, local post office employee, said Brandon outcrawled the other contestants in his division and won a cash prize and other prizes.

He is the grandson of Lewis and Pat Mitchell and Nancy and Richard Ross and great-grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Adam McDaniel, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ross and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Conner, all of Kings Mountain.

Brandon's father recently came home after a tour of duty in Saudi Arabia and the family has returned to Green Ridge, Mo., where he is stationed.



BRANDON MITCHELL

## KM police not members of group

Kings Mountain Police Chief Warren Goforth says the Police Benevolent Association is not affiliated with the Kings Mountain Police Department and local people receiving calls for donations by this agency may want to make their donations instead to the DARE program of Kings Mountain Police Department.

Goforth said that local officers are not members of the state association but are receiving calls from numerous citizens asking about donation requests in annual fund drive underway.

**WATER SAFETY COURSE**-A water safety instructor and lifeguard instructor course will be taught May 13-28, 1991 from 6:30-10 p.m. each night at Belmont Abbey College. You must be a certified lifeguard to take the course for which the cost is \$48.00

# SMITH

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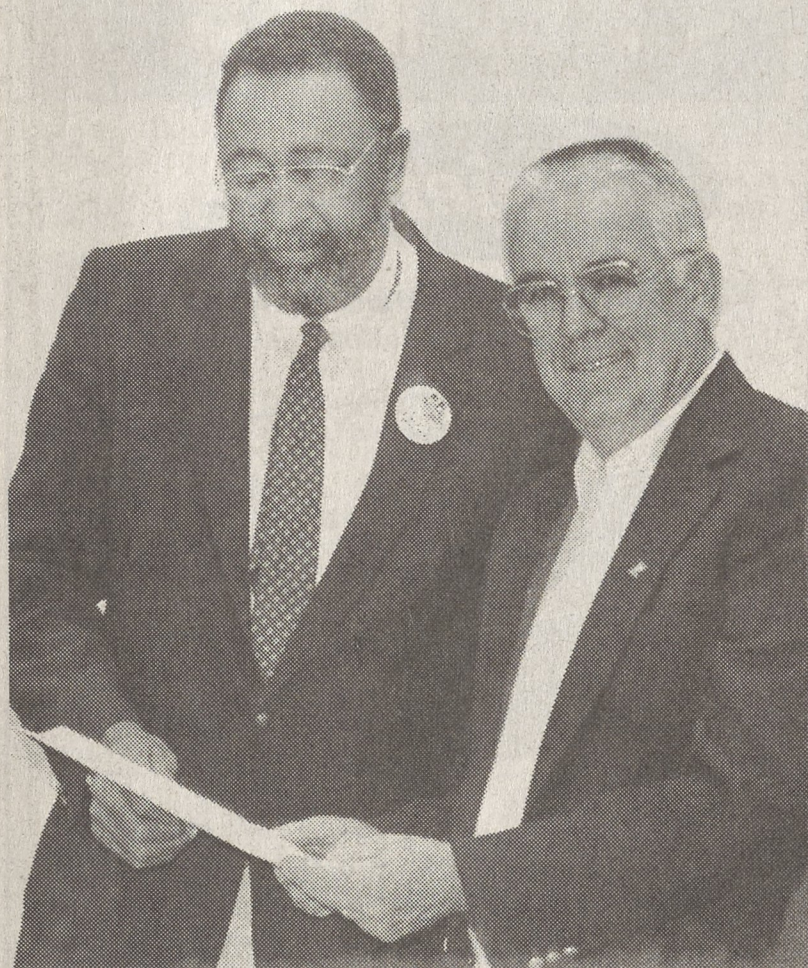
bit unhappy with people talking to me at ball games about utility bills but I am always courteous and transfer their requests through proper channels," said Smith.

Smith advocates the board as policy makers and said the administration has followed through with leaving the administrative matters up to the city manager and staff.

"We think we're getting it across that all service calls should be lodged by calling city hall."

Smith said he had seen a complete 'turnaround' in the attitude of department heads and employees at city hall "now that they are left alone to do their jobs. "I am proud of the professional people we have working for the city. Our board has faith in George Wood and the people who work with and for us and we're proud," he said.

"I didn't run for office to be mayor forever," said Smith, who wants to travel with his wife, Mikie.



**SALUTES TEACHERS** - Kings Mountain Mayor Kyle Smith, right, presents a proclamation to Community Schools Coordinator Bill Hager proclaiming Tuesday as National Teacher Day in Kings Mountain.



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