



TEACHER OF YEAR-North School Principal Joey Hopper, left, Principal of the Year, and Susan Elmore of Bethware School, Teacher of the Year, are congratulated by Supt. Bob McRae at the annual Service Awards Banquet Monday.

## AWARDS

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classifications were: Betty Alexander, School Food Service Employee of the Year; Ray Howell, School Maintenance Employee of the Year; Don Fite, Custodian of the Year; Mary Payne, Bus Driver of the Year; Janie Crosby, Teacher Assistant of the Year; Vivian Duncan, Office Support Employee of the Year; David Owens, Instructional Support Employee of the Year.

With the close of the 1990-91 school year five employees will leave the profession after collectively accumulating 140 years of service to Kings Mountain District Schools. Those retiring personnel by position and years of service in the KM system are Sarah Adams, North Second grade, 37 years; Rebecca Alexander, Grover, kindergarten, 23 years; I.G. Alexander, KM High biology, 28 years; Garnell Bailey, West, fourth grade, 30 years; and Glista Young, KM Middle School Career Explorations, 22 years.

Supt. Bob McRae, assisted by Associate Supt. Dr. Larry Allen and Assistant Superintendents Ronnie Wilson and Dr. Jane King and board of education chairman Billy King, presented the various awards.

Four teachers received framed certificates and gift items for their two year service as a mentor teacher for beginning teachers required to participate in the initial certification program. They were Ann Brant, Craig Mayes, John Pettus and Steve Ellis.

Prior to the awards presentations, patriotic music was presented by school personnel. Cindi Wood sang "God Bless America," and a "Wildcat Ensemble" presenting special music included Sarah Adams, Kathryn Blanton, Anita Brannum, Linda Byrd, Janie Crosby, Dot Dixon, Patricia Elliott, Anne Futterer, Susan Goforth, Peggy McDowell Doneese Owens, David Owens, Connie Phifer, Pat Regan, Jane Talbert, Marilyn Williams and Judy Whisnant.

Jerry and Steve Edmonson presented "American Medley" on bongo and Martha Sloan sang "Goodnight Kiss." "Chairman of the Board and Friends" presented special numbers including oldies and patriotic medleys. Musicians included Billy King, chairman of the Board of Education; Mary Accor, Treda Berry, Gene Bumgardner, Bill Hager, Sherrill Toney, Judy Whisnant, Ronnie Whisnant and Larry Wright.

A "Mixed Revue" sang "The American Dream" to close the patriotic show. They included Eugene Bumgardner, Chris Cole, Lynn Echols, chairman of the program arrangements committee, Tim Echols, Nancy Hughes and Kay Lovelace.

The red, white and blue patriotic theme was carried out in table decorations of American flags. A huge wall Stars and Stripes was background for the bands and singing groups. Heading up the decorations committee were Patsy Rountree, Peggy Baird and Jeanne Beam. Stella Ware, Joyce Hord and the KMHS cafeteria staff served turkey and dressing with all the trimmings. Eddie Lockhart gave the invocation.

McRae took the occasion to recognize 1990-91 school committees.

Basic reading vocabulary -Susan Elmore, Sandra Mullinax, Cindy Kiser, Marie Ballard, Susan Beam, Lynn Ellis, Doneese Owens,

## Stop smoking classes to begin

Tired of tobacco controlling your life? Attend the American Cancer Society/Cleveland County Health Department's "Fresh Start" classes for smokers, dippers and chewers who are ready to kick the habit.

The series of free classes will be held at the Cleveland County

Connie Phifer, Juanita Lutz.

Calendar-Rev. Billy Houze, Jackie Fisher, Robert Curry, Greg Payseur, Steve Wells, Barbara Lovelace, Laura Beth Moss, Dr. Larry Allen.

Certification -Jerry Hoyle, Suzie Roberts, Ed Ervin, John Pettus, Jean Thrift, Gail Baber.

Crisis Intervention-David Owens, Anita Izzi, Paula Goforth, Kevin Plonk, Florrie Hamrick, Chuck Gordon, Amy Ross, Cindy Borders.

Effective Schools-Dr. McRae, Dr. King, Glenda O'Shields, Joey Hopper, Denise Buchanan, Sara Simpson, Theresa Briggs, Hilda Kiser.

Educational Foundation: Martha Bridges, Howard Champion, Billy King, Charles Mauney, Dean Westmoreland, William Herndon, Emily Suber, David Neisler, Bettye Corry, Katherine Hardy. Health Council-Cindy Borders, Barbara Bridges, Gordon Edwards, Warren Goforth, Dr. G. K. Howard, Dr. Staley Jackson, Sharon Jennings, Billy King, Dr. Jane King, Betty Masters, Barbara Ormand, Rev. Richard Plyler, Twyla Robinson, Peggy Sealander, Debbie Smith, Sherrill Toney.

Kindergarten Task Force-Hugh Holland, Mary Anne Gibson, Brenda Wright, Sue Wilson, John Goforth, Penny Anthony, Donna Martin, Jim Scruggs, Anita Phifer, Rev. Billy Houze, Patti Jolly, Joey Hopper, Ann Lefevers, Shay Hall, Sherrill Toney, Hilda Leonard, Patti Barnett.

Math/Science Fair-Patti Weathers, Beverly Moffitt, Linda Humphries, Jané Bryson, Dana Blalock, Connie Bell, Garnell Bailey, Sally Hendricks, Joy Smith.

Parent Involvement-Francine Henderson, Joyce Williams, Patti Jolly, Jimmy Jolly, Emily Suber, Krista Smith, Pat Potter, Shearra Miller.

Personnel Policies-Betsy Wells, Ann Bennett, Cindy Wood, Mike Smith, Penny Anthony, Sherrill Toney, Ann Scism.

Reading Program-Hilda Kiser, Dorcas Beasley, Jackie Blanton, Kathryn Blanton, Juanita Lutz, Carol Wheeler.

SAT Task Force-Jane Bryson, Jackie Lavender, Anita Campbell, Becky Champion, Tim Echols, Judy Gibson, Sally Hendricks, Mary Ann Lattimore, Annette Parker, Nellie Smith, Julia Wood, Ethel Bumgardner, Jean Thrift.

Senate Bill 2 Planning-Janet Smith, Gary Blake, Sara Simpson, Lynda Stewart, Tim Echols, Julia Wood, Carol Parker, Jackie Hope, Mike Smith, Wayne Thompson, Dora Heavner, Glenda O'Shields, Priscilla Mauney, Dr. McRae, Dr. Allen, Dr. King, Ronnie Wilson, Beulah Carroll.

Staff Development-Mary Accor, Cheryl Lutz, Sherrill Toney, Nancy Hughes, Joey Hopper, Ann Scism, Susan Denton, Gail Baber, Sara Simpson, Dr. King, Ethel Bumgardner.

Superintendent Liaison-Brenda Wright, Van Canipe, Kaye Jolly, Theresa Briggs, Lisa Olson, Beth Hembree, Susan Denton.

Symphony-Shirley Austin, Emily Suber, Mary Neisler, Priscilla Mauney, Hallie Blanton.

Teacher of the Year-Juanita Goforth, Theresa Briggs, Carolyn Roark, Rev. Billy Houze, Hugh Holland.

Textbook Selection-Kay Lovelace, Dorcas Beasley, Jackie Blanton, Beth Hembree, Jodi McDaniel, Carol Elliott, Sherrill Norris, Annette Parker, Lisa Olson.

Waiver-Dora Heavner, Sara Simpson, Joy Ellis, Carol Dye, Jackie Hope, Lynda Stewart, Tim Echols.

Health Department (2nd floor conference room), for one hour each on May 14, 21, 28 and 30, from 7 to 8 p.m.

To register for the classes, call the Health Department at 484-5108 or the American Cancer Society, at 482-1566.

## WOOD

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Two term Commissioner Fred Finger agrees that Wood's strong points are in administrative and staff development. "When you ask George something he can quote you from the book without even looking it up," said Finger. "He has a good relationship with the board and 95 percent of the time we are in full agreement with his suggestions."

Councilman Elvin Greene, new commissioner, agrees with Finger and Neisler. "I think the city manager form of government is working very well. The staff, city manager and the members of city council are working to serve and make Kings Mountain a much better place to live. The projects the city is involved in are going very well. The T. J. Ellison water plant improvements, the new 5 million gallon water tank at Public Works,

the electrical improvements, Bridges Drive phase I, sewer improvements at Pilot Creek and Crowders Creek and the computerized billing system are just few of the projects undertaken and virtually all completed during the past three years.

"The redistricting the city is involved in now is a good reason why I like the 5-2 Mayor set up on he board because it takes away the voting power of the mayor if we are all present at board meetings," said Greene. "I give George Wood an excellent grade as city manager. If I see something that needs repairing or get a complaint from a citizen I tell George and I can depend on him to get the problem solved."

"Going to the city manager/mayor form of government is one of the greatest things we have ever done in Kings Mountain," said Commissioner Norma Bridges. "Council members don't have time and should not have to run the every day business of the city. I feel

it's our job to set policy and hire a professional to carry them out. I think George Wood is that person and has done a tremendous job," said Bridges, who thinks Wood has already made his salary in what he has saved the city in dollars. "I hope we never go back to the old form of government."

"Due to the complex operations of the finances of a city these days including the additional complexities of the electrical and gas systems you need a well trained and professional manager to operate these systems and George most definitely qualifies for that responsibility," said Commissioner Al Moretz, chairman of the utility committee. "The city manager form of government is functioning very well," says Moretz.

"The Council backs George 100 percent," said Smith. "There's no doubt he'll get his annual merit raise Thursday."

Smith said the council's faith in the city manager is seen in the fact that of all recommendations pre-

ented by Wood to the council for passage the council usually passes 95 percent of the requests. "One or two times we shot him down on something but not often."

Smith said the city didn't require Wood to sign a contract when he was hired three years ago but conducts annual evaluations. All city employees are eligible for a merit raise on their anniversary date with the city.

Wood praised the mayor and Council for acting on tough issues and Kings Mountain voters who approved a major bond issue for major utility construction projects, some ordered to comply with state and federal guidelines and expected to be completed in 1991. Wood thanks citizens for their fine spirit of cooperation.

Wood runs the city like big business and it is--with 170 full-time employees and 24 seasonal employees and a \$17 million budget.

Some of the headline projects recently:

## GROVER

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enjoyed the classroom and coaching, he says he prefers the principal's role where he sees more students than he did in a traditional classroom setting. A native of Cliffside, he coached at Ellenboro three years when he came out of Western Carolina University with a degree in 1950. The Cliffwellers basketball team was the top team in the county and he had both winning boys and girls teams. He served two years in Uncle Sam's Army and came to Grover from Burlington's Walter Williams High School where he taught and coached.

Scruggs won an athletic scholarship to Western Carolina University and played on the Catamounts basketball team two years and before that on the Bulldogs team for two years at Gardner-Webb. He earned his masters' and principal's certificate from Appalachian State University and his advanced certificate from WCU. For two summers he supervised a ward at Broughton State

Hospital as part of his psychology courses at Gardner-Webb. It was at Gardner Webb as a sophomore that he met the love of his life, Martha Scruggs, who was then a freshman.

Recalling some of the early years at Grover, Scruggs reminisced about the potbelly stoves in the old Agriculture/Home Economics Building. One of the responsibilities of a teacher was keeping the fires going throughout the day after a janitor started them in early morning. He hired his secretary, Shirley Valentine, in 1967 on a parttime basis and recalled that Shirley was paid \$1 for every child in school or \$350 on a yearly basis and earned the balance of her salary by working at Bethware, West, Park Grace, and East Schools.

Since 1966 Scruggs has held a parttime job as a ranger at Kings Mountain National Military Park and loves it. "It's very relaxing and something that a number of former school people have done over the years in addition to their regular duties," he says. Scruggs alternates weekends at the park and also plants and works a small vegetable

garden. His flower garden is one of the prettiest on Hawthorne Road in Shelby. Woodworking is his hobby. The family is active in Shelby Episcopal Church of Redeemer.

Scruggs is married to Martha Hudson Scruggs, executive director for 13 years with the Cleveland County Chapter of the American Red Cross. They have two children: Becky Scruggs Wylie, who teaches exceptional children in Duluth, Ga. and is married to Bill Wylie and they are parents of the Scruggs' first grandchild, Sarah Katherine, who will be one year old in July; and Chris Scruggs, a student at Western Carolina University.

Grover school, with a population of 450 students and 55 staffers, including custodial and cafeteria employees, is gearing up for a big open house Thursday night. Scruggs and his staff are rolling out the red carpet for visiting local and state school officials who will officially open the classroom/cafeeteria addition to the public. The popular principal will be at the front door with his big smile to greet visitors. Warm hospitality Grover style is typical of Scruggs and his school.

## BUSINESS

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in an eight mile radius of town," says Cozart.

"We've been working for a year to recruit businesses to the downtown area but the biggest challenge is population. Most chain stores are looking at an area of 30,000 people within a five mile radius of the site. We can quote 15,000 for the greater Kings Mountain area with-

Wood agrees that population is a determining factor but says that when all utility improvements are in place that the city can offer more city services to industry moving into the area.

Cozart said that the Chamber has talked with several restaurant owners and is aggressively pushing recruitment of small business. She calls attention to renovation of several businesses in East Kings Mountain, where store fronts have been refurbished on Piedmont Avenue. Robbie Eng recently built a new School of Defense in the area of the Depot and Butler's Refrigeration has improved corner lots across from the Depot Center. Peggy's Restaurant has also com-

pleted interior renovations.

Cozart said the Chamber is pushing sites along I-85 and 161 as ideal locations for new industry because 30,000 vehicles move north and south on I-85 in a given day and 12,000 move in either direction on 161 in a given day.

This is National Small Business Week. Small businesses looking for information about loans can obtain applications for a 504 loan at the local Chamber of Commerce at the Depot or from the Cleveland County Economic Commission in Shelby. "This is a very positive program and we encourage local businesses to apply for these loans which can be used for improvements to facilities," said Cozart.



TESTING THEIR SKILLS - Kings Mountain Middle School 8th graders recently completed a study of North Carolina history, airplanes and the Wright Brothers. They made creative paper airplanes and flew them during a special time outside Friday afternoon. The students will learn more about North Carolina this weekend when they travel to the Outer Banks.

## McGINNIS

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University in December, is now affiliated with NCNB in Charlotte; Kimberly and Ashley McGinnis are students at UNC Chapel Hill; Anne Campbell is a sophomore at Clemson University and Emily Campbell is a junior at Kings Mountain High School. John's wife, Carolyn Strickland McGinnis, is a teacher at Kings Mountain Middle School. Anita Campbell is guidance counselor at Kings Mountain High School.

Both families and Mrs. Ethel McGinnis are active in Resurrection Lutheran Church and both John and Doyle served as chairman of the church council and as Sunday School teachers. A graduate of Lenoir Rhyne College, John served a tour of duty with the Army. John is president of the KM Men's Golf Association and is active on the Baseball Hall of Fame committee. Doyle graduated from Carson-Newman College and both he and Anita worked as social workers in the Hickory area before returning to Kings Mountain. Both Anita and Doyle hold masters in social work from Tulane University in New Orleans, La. Son of Mrs. Noble Campbell of Oakridge, Tenn., Doyle served 4 1/2 years in the USAF and graduated from Carson-Newman College. He is past chairman of the Kings Mountain Board of Education and a past president of Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club and Kings Mountain Little Theater.

McGinnis Department Store first located at the site of what is now Dellinger's Jewel Shop and then moved further down West Mountain street to a building below Griffin Drug Store. After several years the firm moved back to the old Dellinger location and then when McGinnis Furniture relocated McGinnis Department Store occupied two buildings on West Mountain. Another expansion occurred when the firm moved to South Battleground Avenue when Winn Dixie relocated and expanded again in August 1963 to include the old Cato Store. Three of the big buildings on South Battleground are owned by the McGinnis family and Doyle and John are affiliated with their cousin, Louis Sabettie, at C&S Mart.

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## BUDGET

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new fiscal year will be new tipping fees ordered by the county and some increase in water and sewer rates.

Residential customers using an average 7,000 gallons of water will pay approximately \$3.00 more per month, including a \$1.50 tipping fee.

The county will start charging the city \$19 per ton for garbage disposed at the county landfill and the July 1 utility bills will reflect the extra charges.