

# TESTS

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Kings Mountain's eighth graders declined from 55 to 48 in reading, 60 to 58 in language and 58 to 53 in total battery, but improved slightly from 55 to 56 in math.

Mrs. Thrift said she and Asst. Supt. for Instruction Jane King were holding workshops with principals, identifying scores of low achievers and planning ways to improve their scores. In addition, she said three Kings Mountain teachers are on a state criteria test committee involved in workshops to develop tests. She also predicted the implementation of the Effective Schools program next year will result in better scores.

"If you look at the state testing program for 1986 through '91 you'll see some gains in some grades, but we're not seeing consistent gains," McRae said. "We're up one year and down the next. You shouldn't see great deviation."

McRae said the end of course testing in 10 courses at the high school "look real good." Kings Mountain made gains in most areas and made significant strides in chemistry and U.S. history. The only areas in which KM students declined were geometry and English I.

Board chairman Billy King said the 1990-91 test results could cause Kings Mountain to slide in the next state report card, which reflects a three-year average of test scores. "We could move to above standard if we improve in some areas, but some of these scores could bring us down," he said. "We need to level out. We're going up and down too much."

"If we're going to get where we want to be on the report card our reading scores have to improve," McRae said.

# FILING

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Terms of Commissioners Elvin Greene, Fred Finger and Scott Neisler do not expire this year. In the new ward alignment Greene is in Ward 3, Neisler is in Ward 4 and Finger is in Ward 5. Terms of Mayor Kyle Smith and Commissioners Al Moretz, Norma Bridges and Jackie Barrett are expiring. In the new ward alignment Bridges and Barrett are both in Ward 2 and Moretz and Neisler are in Ward 4. Ward 1 is the new minority/majority ward.

# STORM

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Mountain Streets but scattered power outages were reported in most sections of the city. Lightning hit a transformer at Canterbury and King Street. Some flooding was reported on Bridges Drive and most all catch basins in the city were overflowing, he said.

City police worked traffic at stop lights and at downed power lines.

McGill Wastewater Treatment Plant was without electricity for a brief period of time, said Howard. The outage didn't hurt the operation.

Kings Mountain Hospital and Kings Mountain Police Department operated on emergency power generators.

"There were some small pockets in town that we worked until 12:30 p.m.," said Howard. He said there were no major damages and accidents due to the storm.

# GROVER

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tag. When Amesbury Road, the newly annexed area of Grover, gets water and sewer hook-up Aug. 31, it will mean that all residents of the town are on city water and sewer, have garbage pickups, city police and fire protection. The town installed its water system in 1962 as one of the first big projects of the McCarter administration. A new town hall expansion has just been completed. Grover employs two full time policemen and operates on a \$350,000 budget with five members of the board, the town upping membership of the board from three to five in 1979.

McCarter, a retired Minette Mill employee, has two children and two grandchildren and is active in Grover First Baptist Church.

Terms of Grover commissioners Ronald Queen and Sandra S. Ellis also expire this fall. Members with unexpired terms on the board are Jim Howell, Norman King and Tim Rowland.



WINNERS ALL-Ricky Danielle Youngblood, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Youngblood, was first place winner, Justin Lewis Byers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Byers, was second place winner, and Whitney Elizabeth Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Jones, was third place winner in the recent Charity Chapter 548 Order of Eastern Star Little O. E. S. Contest at Galilee United Methodist Church. Also participating were Marcus Belk, Timothy Boyd, Sherita Curry, Jessica Dawkins, Robert Shaver Floyd, Jordon Guyton, Carlton, Caro, and Carson Roseboro and Christianna Nicole Washington. The contestants ranged from seven months to seven years. The proud mothers hold the winners on their laps. Each child was given an appreciation gift and refreshments were served. Worthy Matron is Hattie Smith and Galilee pastor is Rev. Dewey Smith.

# DRUGS

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cognizant of the feeling of employees, but also make a commitment to our patrons to assure them their children will go to school in a safe environment," Supt. McRae said.

Board member Doyle Campbell said the matter needs to "be kept in front of us. We need to look at the cost and continue to add information with the goal of having some type of program."

Board member Ronnie Hawkins said a drug testing program would be "another step to protect teachers and students in the school system. All enterprises are trying to protect the work place."

In other matters Monday, the board:

\*Amended several items in the 1990-91 budget. Finance officer Terry Haas explained that the matters are routine each year and reflect additional allotments and grants that were not anticipated

when the budget was approved.

\*Approved an interim budget for the 1991-92 school year because in some cases state allotments are not known because of the budget shortfall. The final budget will be approved later. The interim budget totals \$15,043,868, including \$9,552,895 for state general expenses; \$678,677 for federal programs; \$3,534,335 local current expense; \$300,000 capital outlay and \$977,961 for child nutrition. The local current expense and capital outlay figures, which are granted by the County Commissioners, are official.

\*Approved bids for milk, bread and general food supplies. Food services director Stella Ware said a price increase for school lunches should not be necessary this year.

\*Approved a bid of \$96,630 from Barsotti's Inc. of Norfolk, Va. for asbestos removal at West School. Asst. Supt. Larry Allen explained that the removal of asbestos is required because of the new building program to begin at West this fall. This is the system's last major asbestos removal project,

he said. The asbestos removal will begin within the next 10 days and completed by August 15 when the board expects to take bids on the new construction.

\*Approved a new attendance policy for Kings Mountain High School. The board said it hopes the policy will improve attendance, give students better opportunity to make up work and help students achieve satisfactory grades when they've had unavoidable absences.

\*Approved bids from the Doug Rudlinger Company for scholastic and football insurance coverage. Dr. Allen said the company's local agents will handle all paperwork and claims but any parents having problems with a claim may contact the Superintendent's Office for assistance.

\*Gave permission for Director of Personnel Ronnie Wilson to pursue the system's participation in a new cafeteria benefits package for state employees. If the plan is later approved by the KM board, participation would be voluntary on the part of individual employees, Wilson said.

# BECK

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Mountain and Ginger White of Rock Hill. Wright has a brother Robert Wright, and a sister, Bernice Simmons, both of whom live in Kings Mountain.

Some of his most pleasant memories of the barber shop were in Kings Mountain and he recalled names of well-known citizens who visited his shop which was located near Herman Blalock Grocery on Grover Road. Those were the days when friends stopped in for a chat and a regular visit to the barber shop was a special time for friends and kin to get-together. "Oh, yeah, we gossiped some, too. You could find out all the news in town by going to the barber

shop," said Wright.

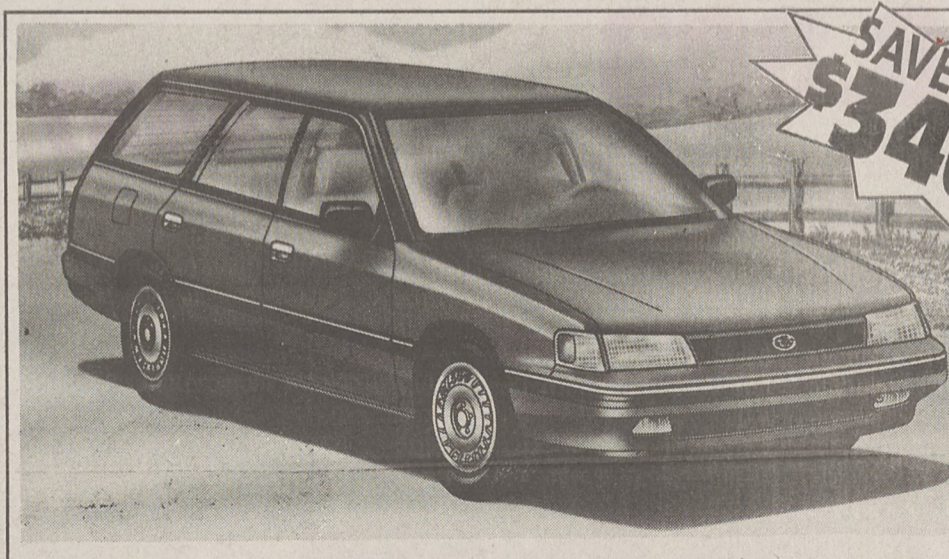
When he isn't working, Wright likes to relax on the golf course with friends like Gary Stewart, Editor of The Kings Mountain Herald. Golfing at Grassy Valley apparently kept Wright fit and trim. He has never had a weight problem and is in apparently good health. He wears the same size pants he wore when he married, a size 34-31.

City Commissioner Fred Finger, a longtime acquaintance of Wright, got a good hair cut and a "sing" from Wright recently. A "sing" keeps the hair ends from splitting and is one of the more popular old-time methods that some hair stylists don't use these days.

Willis Davidson, a customer this week, asked for a short haircut and Wright obligingly cut his long tresses to a short, short cool style.

Wright loves his work and delights in pleasing his customers.

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