



Students compete in the Keyboarding category of the N.C. FBLA District VI competitions held at Kings Mountain High School last Friday.

BUILDING

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September \$1,157, 724; October \$346,300; November \$1,015,902; December \$142,195 for a total of \$7,679,824.

Permits for 1991 totaled

\$30,989.55., slightly lower than \$35,379.93 for the 12 months in 1990.

Tap fees for 1991 totaled \$38,559.20, slightly higher than the total for 1990 which was \$38,343.35.

In 1991, the number of inspections totaled 2,699, down from

2,880 in 1990.

A total of 278 building permits were issued in 1991 for \$13,639.15 in fees and for a total valuation of \$7,207,906.83.

In 1990 a total of 269 building permits were issued for a total valuation of \$7,679,824.00 and permit fees of \$16,804.23.

WATER

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Chairman Billy Williams, Secretary Marvin Lutz, Treasurer Ed Patterson and James Petty, Gene White, and Manager Mike Richardson. Hayward Shuford is superintendent of construction.

"Talk to your neighbors in the next 2-6 weeks," said Cline who said bids will be let for the project by mid to end of March and the start up date for construction could be as early as late April. Water would be fed from the upper end of the county from a line installed from Keeter Corner to 74 at Celanese.

Richardson said the authority draws its water from the First Broad River north of Lawndale where the authority's only treatment plant can pump out as much as 2.25 million gallons of water each day. The water treatment plant now treats one million gallons each day.

Expansion projects by the authority are being paid for through a \$18 million bond approved in 1990.

"We've got the money to put the water out here," said Richardson, who said the water authority currently charges households \$11 for the first 2,000 gallons of water used. The average billing is about \$20 monthly, he said.

Those wanting to hook on the system now are charged a \$100 connection fee and must pay a \$15

deposit. Renters are charged a \$50 deposit.

Homeowners are also required to extend water mains from their house to the district's water main, a project that typically costs between \$1 and \$1.50 per foot, he pointed out.

"A project like this usually takes 240 days to complete," said Cline and is based on the number of developed homes who sign up now. The authority, said Cline, has 6200 active accounts and anticipate 14,000 to 16,000 active accounts.

"We're here to stay," said Richardson who told the group that he could not promise that the minimum monthly rate would never go up.

Residents of the David Baptist Church area said they were interested in water and asked if they could circulate petitions to the authority to extend the service in their area. Richardson says the authority could add on to the project if feasibility exists.

Others wanted to know what they could do to advance the project and were told to contact their neighbors.

Richardson explained that if residents had paid old tap fees that those contracts would still be honored.

"We have good water and we're glad to see this interest," said Cline.

White noted that residents of Woodbridge wanting water had formed a homeowners group that went to the authority asking for water. He said the Oak Grove pro-

ject is part of a larger effort in east Cleveland County that will bring water service to 840 homes in areas including Woodbridge, Mary's Grove Church Road and Marshall Wolf Road.

"Were in the potable water business and once the construction passes your house the cost goes up," Richardson said in response to a question. Responding to another question, Richardson said the project does not tie in with Kings Mountain's water project and there are no plans for a merger of the district with either Shelby or Kings Mountain. "We might have to look at an emergency tie-in at some point down the road if an emergency existed," he said, explaining that the Cleveland County authority is a separate political entity and often must work harder to sell itself to county residents unfamiliar with the authority than it works to sell water.

Responding to another resident, Richardson said the Cleveland County Sanitary District will own the water lines and adjoining municipalities like Kings Mountain and Shelby would probably not jump in to annex the area.

Richardson said property owners must bear expense of pressure reducing valves which brought concern from a resident of Bell Road. Richardson said the box and meter belong to the district which repairs the service line up to the meters. The main lines are located inside the Department of Transportation right of way, otherwise property owners would also be responsible for easements.

Crusade planned

More than 300 people kicked off plans for the big May religious crusade of evangelist Rick Gage Tuesday night at Kings Mountain High School Cafeteria.

Pledges and donations of \$4,000 were received and committee chairmen signed up volunteers to help out in the Greater Kings Mountain crusade.

Rev. David Philbeck, crusade chairman, was master of ceremonies and special music was presented by Rev. Morris Jordan, Patti Collins and Mike Chambers. Steve Beeler was pianist for the congregational singing led by Jordan and Rev. Harold Bumbce offered the opening prayer.

Gage was principal speaker for the evening and said church and individual participation is key to the success of the campaign, urging the representatives of the 40 churches in the area to pray for a great revival in Kings Mountain.

Hearing slated

Public hearing on a request by White Oak Manor for rezoning of property at Kings Mountain Convalescent Center for a 60-bed addition is on the agenda for Thursday night's meeting of the Planning and Zoning Board.

The meeting is at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

The board will also consider a request from Mrs. Florence Swain, administrator for the estate of Elizabeth Rhea, to rezone property at 1404 Shelby Road from NB to GB.

Joe R. Smith is chairman of the board. The public is invited to attend.

Final action on the requests will come at Tuesday's meeting of city council at 7:30 p.m. at city hall.



Kristina Wheeler, fourth-grader at Bethware Elementary, gets started on besting the Kangaroo Club record of 383 consecutive jumps.

Jumping rope is fun, and good exercise too

Some Bethware Elementary students are getting a jump on their friends by qualifying to be in the Kangaroo Club.

The club is for students in physical education class who have jump roped the required number of jumps for each grade level. For instance, kindergartners must jump 15 consecutive times, while fifth graders must complete 80 consecutive jumps.

Jump roping is good for the cardiovascular system, said teacher Barry Webster, who got the idea for the club while visiting another school in the area.

"It's the best exercise for the cardiovascular system besides swimming," said Webster's assistant Rick Fortner.

To make jumping rope more interesting, there are 26 different kinds of jumping that the students are taught, including double Dutch jumping where two ropes are used.

There are 202 students at Bethware in the club, and they all have their names on the wall of the gym with the highest amount of times they have jumped.

Fifth-grader Bridget Barrett holds the record with 383 jumps.

"I have to beat 383," said

Kristina Wheeler, whose personal best is 200 jumps.

Three teachers are involved in the club so far, Webster said, and he hopes to get more jumping during the year.



GINGER BLACK

Ginger Black two years old

Ginger Victoria Black, daughter of Dennis and Vickie Black of Grover, was two years old December 18. She celebrated her birthday at Show Bizz Pizza in Pineville. A decorated clown cake, pizza, and cold drinks were served.

Other members of her family are her brothers, Rodney and Jody, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hamrick of Grover and Major Black of Blacksburg, S.C.

GRISSOM

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started by his father in law over 50 years ago. Now instead of using cast iron pipes, plumbers install plastic pipes. In addition, the firm has expanded to the commercial line, a unique part of Goforth Plumbing today. Goforth was the low bidder for the plumbing contracts for the new East and Grover Elementary and KMHS additions and at Chase High and Southwest Elementary in Charlotte. Goforth has the contract for plumbing at the new West School and holds the plumbing contract for the new Cleveland County Financial office building next to the courthouse in Shelby and the new county jail, outbidding the second lowest bidder by \$234 for a total bid of \$110,000. Goforth donated the plumbing work for the new Habitat for Humanity house in Kings Mountain and for the new bathrooms at the walking track at the Community Center. Bill has long been active in the Recreation program, having coached Midget football and Teener baseball through the city recreation program for a number of years. He served on the building committee for the new city hall and Community Center while serving eight years on the city board of commissioners representing Ward 5 in the late 1970's and early 1980s.

Whirlpools are also big items for plumbers now as well as plumbing more than one bathroom in a house. It isn't unusual for Goforth plumbers to install plumbing in 6-8 bathrooms in one house. They used to go under the house and plumb through the floor. Now the job starts on the second floor downward in the floor and under, says Grissom. In addition to plumbing for homes, businesses and schools, the firm also does a big amount of repair work. For good repairmen now, the trucks have radios and improved communication systems. The telephone still rings at night but plumbers can expect that. It goes with the job.

Long active in the KM Jaycees, Grissom was Kings Mountain Young Man of the Year. After roosting out of the organization at age 36, he still sold Christmas trees from his business for the Jaycees. A charter member of the Kings Mountain Booster

Club, he has spearheaded projects to help pay for insurance for all players and to buy new mats for the wrestling team, in addition to other items for the high school athletic program. He is an Elder and Sunday School Superintendent at First Presbyterian Church and a past president of the Kiwanis Club.

His wife of 31 years, Claudia Goforth Grissom, laughs when football season rolls around each year. She prepares two sets of clothing for her husband: orange, purple and white when Bill departs for Clemson and black and gold when he heads for John Gamble Stadium. His vivacious school spirit is a hobby he relishes and hopes to share with grandchildren, Brandon, 7, and Meagan, 4.

Bill is quite proud of Claudia, who married him at the age of 16, went back to school to earn both her high school and college diploma, and has been reading coordinator at East School for 13 years. Their daughter, Sondra, works in the office at Goforth Plumbing. Their son, Tommy, died at age 15.

Quail hunting is a new hobby for Bill who killed nine during the weekend in Valdosta, Ga., earning the nickname, "Boom Boom" from associates who were also attending a four-day Bath Craft Tub convention.

Playing tennis is a hobby Bill started five years ago with Henry Neisler, Raegan Harper and Jerry Eskridge who play Monday and Thursday nights at the Neisler composition court on Neisler Drive. The foursome has played a number of tennis matches.

Grissom feels every man in his profession can learn by starting at the bottom. He now employs 16 people in a busy shop on York Road where he was among about five employees hired by Ben T. Goforth when Goforth moved the business there from Grover in 1961. Grissom, son of Mrs. W. H. Grissom of Clover, S.C. and the late Mr. Grissom, was dating Claudia and the summer job came open when he was a sophomore at Clemson. He said working and raising a family didn't give him the opportunity to return to school but soon he found that every day was a challenge because he was learning something new every day in the business.

Plumbing for Grissom is an exciting, rewarding occupation, he says. With the changes in the industry he diversified to meet the demands of the times.

"It's a good, tough life," says Bill, who admits that his wife kids him good-naturedly about never being around when she needs a plumber.

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