



BUSY PLACE - The greenhouse at Kings Mountain High School is a busy place this week as students of Craig Mayes have plants available to the public at bargain prices. The students have planted marigolds, petunias, Impatiens, geraniums, tomato, and pepper plants and all are ready for the public. From left, Sylvester Johnson, Christi McDaniel, David Jenkins, Michelle Wright, and Steve Murphy.

Personnel policies approved

The Kings Mountain Board of Education approved almost all of the recommended personnel policies as they were presented by Supt. Bob McRae during the board meeting Thursday night.

There were some minor changes to the grievance section, said McRae, but the rest were accepted "pretty much" as they were presented.

The policies included the controversial reduction in force section, which the Personnel Policy Committee had taken issue with.

The PPC wanted seniority to be the guiding force in the laying off of teachers, while McRae said, "I don't think we should make any personnel decisions without considering quality. Although I think seniority is an important part of it."

In a statement before the board heard the final reading of the policies, Janet Evans, a representative of the Kings Mountain Association of Educators, said that in reading the policies, she found that the tone of the manual did not reflect a positive attitude toward the system's

employees as it had done in the past.

McRae said that the tone of the policies was not intended to be cold. He said that the wishes of the school system's employees were always paid close attention.

McRae added one new policy dealing with board operations on how to handle administrative concerns. That policy must stay on the table for one month and will be voted on during the May board meeting.

School budget is approved

The Board of Education approved a \$3,616,154 budget for the county for the 1992-93 school year Thursday night.

Supt. Bob McRae said the system was only asking for two new items this year: money to move West Elementary School back to its new campus; and an additional five percent supplement increase for teachers.

Teachers did not receive a raise in pay last year, McRae said.

There was no increase asked for in capital outlay, he said.

In other action:

■ The board heard three proposals from Asst. Supt. Larry Allen for the elementary reassignment plan.

North is right on the edge of the five percent plus or minus board policy and students must be moved

from North to other schools, said Allen, to achieve a better balance.

One plan called for the Carolina Gardens section of the city to move to East. The second plan called for the nodes (a section of town containing 15 to 20 students) along Waterson, Cansler and King to move to Bethware. And the third proposal was to move Waterson only to Bethware.

"In some ways, it's the lesser of evils as we struggle for the appropriate balance," said Supt. Bob McRae.

■ The board approved the plans for the expansion of the North School media center and a recommendation by Dr. Allen to get bids. The library will be expanded into the courtyard adjoining it and roof will be constructed. The project is to last two months during the sum-

mer. And bids will be approved at the May board meeting.

■ The board declared Park Grace property as surplus property, and the next step, according to Dr. Allen, will be to offer it to the county. If the county does not want the property, an auction will be conducted.

■ A change in the 1992-93 calendar was approved to move Veteran's Day holiday for students from Monday, Nov. 9, to Wednesday, Nov. 11.

■ Student transfers: Kelly Anne Smith to Cleveland County Schools; Jonathan T. Sellers from Iredell-Statesville Schools.

■ Personnel: contracts, Lisa Batchler and Heidi Crawford; classified, Thomas Gardner and Joe Greene; leave of absence, Beverly Moffitt; resignation, Albert Head and Bob Stephens; long term disability, Dorcas Sinclair; substitute teachers, Mary Ruth Bridges, Sharon Leigh Fraley, Joyce S. Rash and Daniel J. Rice.

Elementary talent show held at Barnes Auditorium

Four elementary students won top awards in the annual Kiwanis Talent Show Thursday night in Barnes Auditorium.

The winners were Charlotte Allen and Virginia Neisler, K-first grades; Kristen Feemster, second and third grades; and Deena Martin, fourth and fifth grades.

Jay Rhodes was master of ceremonies. Kiwanian and KM Middle School Co-Principal Jerry Hoyle gave the welcome.

Other participants were Pamela Randall, who jazz danced to "Jailhouse Rock" and Allison Hoppes who performed a gymnastics routine in Division I won by Charlotte Allen who sang and Virginia Neisler who played piano.

In Division II, other participants were Amber Dotson, who clogged; Brandon Panther, Justin Rippy, Daniel Brock, Jonathan Ammay,

and Stuart Heffner who sang, clogger Kristen Van Pelt, and Maegan Spicer who presented a baton routine. Kristin Feemster sang "From a Distance" to win the competition.

In Division III, Deena Martin danced to "Too Legit To Quit" to win and other contestants were pianist Justin Chan; Kevin Young who sang "Pretty Brown Eyes," tap dancer Dee Ann Champion, and Lakeisha Jordan who presented a dance routine to "Snake In the Grass."

The talent show for students in grades 6-12 will be held May 6 in Barnes Auditorium.



Happy 6th Birthday
Joshua Ray Bryant
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Shrine BBQ set April 25

The annual White Plains Shrine Club spring barbecue will be held Saturday, April 25 at the vacant lot beside City Auto and Truck Parts.

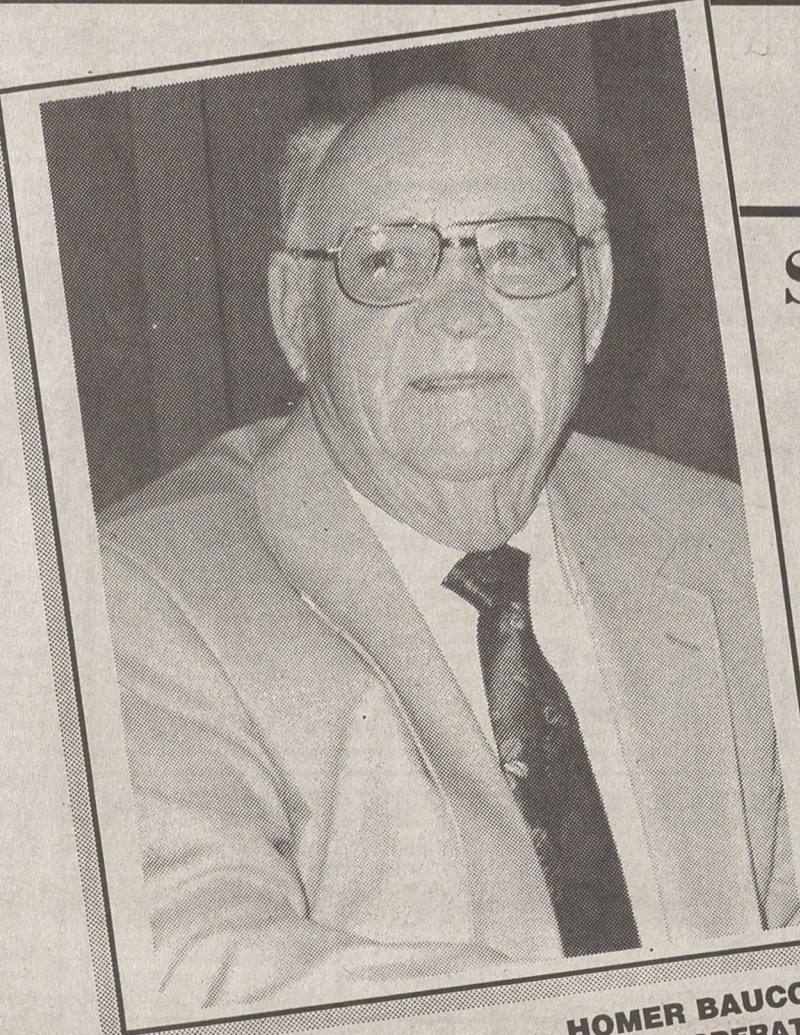
Shriners will begin serving barbecue at 10:30 a.m. and will continue until all barbecue is sold.

The prices are the same as last year, said Shriner Larry Carringer. Whole shoulders are \$30, including slaw and barbecue sauce. Plates are \$4 and two sandwiches are \$4.

All proceeds go to help crippled and burned children.

Tickets are available from all Shriners, but you do not have to have a ticket to purchase the barbecue. Carringer suggests that customers come early because the barbecue, especially the shoulders, goes fast.

ANNOUNCEMENT
CSM Johnny F. McBee of Columbia, S.C. announces the engagement of his daughter, Monika D. McBee to Harold P. Spurling II of Gastonia, N.C.



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Driver education is taken out of regular school day

Drivers education classes at Kings Mountain High School will be held outside the five and a half hour school day beginning the new school year, in accordance with a mandate from Raleigh.

Bo Goforth, coordinator of the program, presented his plans for the classroom and behind-the-wheel parts of the course to the school board Thursday evening. The board approved the plans, which provide for teaching during holidays, the summer and on Saturdays.

The state requires 30 hours of classroom instruction. Kings Mountain offers 36 hours in class. There are six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction.

Every student in North Carolina must pass the course before the age of 18. The course is taught to rising ninth graders and students must be 14 and a half years old before taking the behind-the-wheel class.

The classroom part of the course will be taught for two hours each day for 18 days. Goforth structured the 299 students, which is the number the state has funded, in birth-date order to ascertain when and with which instructor each student will take the course.

Goforth said the state found that instruction during the school day interrupted the educational process.

Video seminar at KM church

Family Worship Center, located across from Mountain View Farms at 1818 Shelby Rd., is sponsoring a special video seminar which is open to everyone. The seminar will be shown on a 100 inch screen beginning at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

All five parts will be shown in one continuous showing. Breaks are included in the scheduling and the seminar is scheduled to end at 9:30 p.m.

The seminar is based on the best selling book Children at Risk written by world renowned Christian psychologist Dr. James Dobson and Gary L. Bauer.

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