

Dawn Hardin, left, President of the Kings Mountain High School Beta Club chapter, inducts sophomores into the club in ceremonies Monday night at B.N. Barnes Auditorium. Students who achieve and maintain a 3.2 grade point average are eligible for the Beta Club.

## Beta Club holds induction

The Kings Mountain High School Beta Club inducted new members Monday night at B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

Sophomores who achieve and maintain a 3.2 grade point average are invited to become members.

Inducted were Micheal Bell, Jayda Biddix, Ginger Blalock, Amanda Blanton, Kenny Bunch, Melissa Carpenter, Shannon Caveny, Carlee Chambliss, Nikki Christopher, Binh Davis, Aaron

Ford, Courtney Goforth, Melissa Griffin, Windi Goode, Jennifer Halter, Amanda Halmes, Robert Heath, Tiffany Howze, Melanie Hoyle, Michelle Jones, Stephanie Jones, Jim Depew, Jody Putnam, Chuck Kaylor, Allison Kiser, Michelle Martin, Betty Mellan, Susan Melvin, Janey Ollis, Chan Phanthalack, Simphone Phanthalack, Jason Powell, Stacy Reynolds, Christy Robbs, Tracey Robertson, Ann Marie Sanders, Jennifer Sloan, Denise Small,

Sheldon Smith, Travis Smith, Dee Stewart, Molly Subler, April Thornburg, Anita Whitaker and Shani Smart.

Dawn Hardin, President, inducted the new members. She was assisted by Aaron Allen and Principal Jackie Lavender.

Seniors received their cords from Mrs. Lavender. They included Aaron Allen, Allison Allen, Stephen Black, Kevin Blalock,

Kelli Bowen, Kelly Broome, Paige Brown, Emily Campbell, Michelle Corn, J.J. Downey, Alexandra Ely, Jennifer Gibson, Jamie Goforth, Dawn Hardin, Gail Hardin, Holly Harmon, Angela Hawkins, Matt Heavner, Karen Helms, Kimberly Hoyle, Leigh Kendrick, Maranda Ledbetter, Christy Love, Lori Lewis, Douangchit Mounghane, Gina Lewis, Danielle Nolen, Jason Rayfield, Jonathan Sherrill, Sengdeuane Silapheth, Leigh Anne Stewart and Chastity Williams.

## WELCH

From Page 1A

sweetheart just after he graduated from high school. Bobbi Welch, a homemaker most all their 40 years of marriage, worked at Griffin Drug Store. She was 16 and Don was 20 when they tied the knot.

The three children are Don Jr. and Ricky Welch, both of Kings Mountain, and Linda Wilson of Bessemer City. There are three grandchildren. Don Jr. runs a car body shop in a building behind their home where his father opened his first TV repair shop 35 years ago.

During his spare time Don sings with the gospel group, "Singing Disciples", a trio in which he sings "lead baritone or bass or whatever is needed." He started singing at

age 16 and loves it.

Singing requires practice and the group rehearses on a regular basis and is in demand for singing engagements at churches. The Welch family is active in East Side Baptist Church but Don and his sisters, Joy Tolbert, Pat Black, Sue Horton, and Barbara Ann Stroupe grew up in Macedonia Baptist Church.

Another important part of Don's life is Bethware Progressive Club, which he joined 20 years ago. The immediate past president, he is the voice on Radio WKMT during fair season with live broadcasts from Bethware School, site of the agricultural fair. The Progressive Club, a vital part of the community since 1947, has helped many children and underprivileged families of the KM School District with proceeds from the fair.

Except for one year in the service Welch has always lived in Kings Mountain. He loves the community. When friends come to his shop to chat or seek his advice on appliances he gives his father the credit for being the fix-it man in the family but customers say he runs a close second.

## POULTRY

From Page 1A

Rev. Wayne Attes, Arabia, GA humorist, was the entertainment speaker and interspersed his remarks with serious philosophy. He said a healthy sense of humor will help you cope with life's problems. Don't take yourself too seriously and laugh. Love unselfishly, work productively, and laugh appropriately, every dark cloud doesn't have a tornado in it. Be proud of what you do in life. To live without worry, have a positive attitude. The most important thing about you is not what happens to you but how you take it.

Poultry Council President John Hendrick presided. Randy Sweating, Cleveland County Agriculture Extension Chairman, recognized guests. The National Anthem was sung by Lynn Bryant.

Local poultry farmers Jack Hughes, Jim Yarbro, James Childers and Robert Childers were among those in attendance. Hughes and Yarbro are on the advisory committee of the Council which also includes Hendrick, Sweating, Frank Spencer and Jerry Scruggs. Yarbro is vice-president and Gary A. Hastings is secretary-treasurer.

**See  
Page  
5A  
For A  
Great  
Deal!**

## Teacher of the week



CAROL PEELER  
KMHS French teacher

## Peeler makes French fun

When first year French students enter Carol Ann Peeler's class at Kings Mountain High School, they have no idea what she's talking about.

Peeler speaks in French -- no English -- that first day.

"I can point things out and they'll pick up on things like that," she said.

Peeler has taught French at Kings Mountain High for 19 years.

She says, "I wouldn't teach anywhere else. The people are just so open and friendly. We've really become friends."

Peeler, a native Cleveland Countian, graduated from Shelby High and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

She said she really liked French and thought teaching was just what she wanted to do.

"I like to vary things," she said.

"Play games. They think they're having a free day."

"Some students find it boring -- they have to take it," she said. But Peeler allows them to do things like learn French cooking and watch French commercials.

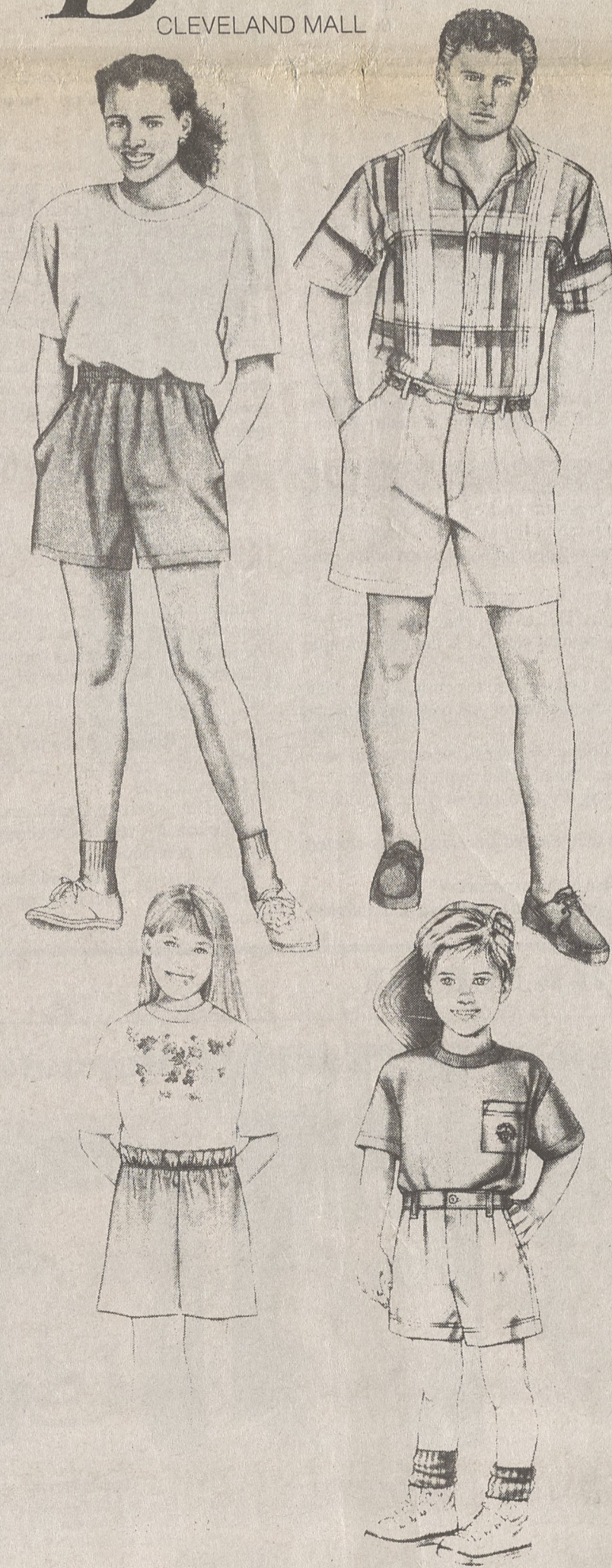
She takes a group to France every other year. This year they leave June 15 for 10 days. They'll travel to Nice, Paris and Monaco.

"I want them to learn the importance of foreign language and to be open to other cultures," said Peeler. "Other cultures are just as important as ours."

Peeler lives in Shelby with her husband, Greg, who is maintenance supervisor at Kemet Electronics, and Jonathon, 16, and a sophomore at Shelby High.

She likes to water ski, read and travel when she's not busy grading papers.

**Belk Stevens**  
CLEVELAND MALL



## Memorial Day Sale

May 21-25

**50%**

**Savings On**

Beat-the-Heat Fashions and Homewares for the Entire Family  
Save on Selected Ladies, Girls, Boys, Mens and Home Store Items