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these with Senate and House members and on several occasions at the request of local legislators has met with Senate and House Committees on issues of importance to Public Health. She promotes public health by speaking to local medical, civic, church and professional groups. In doing so, she articulates the needs of the Health Department and invites dialogue that builds understanding and support that is available for problem solving.

Each year over 1,000 ninthgraders in the county schools participate in health screenings offered by the Health Department and educational opportunities offered by the Red Cross, Cancer Society, Lung Association, Drug Abuse Prevention Council, and law enforcement officers.

Denese has assumed a leadership role in AIDS education and the county agency is recognized for having a well trained staff which is responsive to requests for meetings and in-service programs.

Before coming to Cleveland County, Mrs. Stallings was director for 2 1/2 years at the Alexander County Health Department. She also was a health nurse 6 1/2 years at Catawba County Health Department.

One of the most recent achievements Mrs. Stallings has carried out is getting full-time nurse practitioners or physicians assistants at each high school in the county. She feels this program is an outreach program that can make the biggest impact on

prevention. "The earlier we can work with kids and their families, the more we can get them to change their lifestyles and be headed toward a healthier life."

Stallings and her husband, Dr. Martin Stallings, have both been health care specialists for many years. Dr. Stallings is a Kings Mountain pediatrician.

Out of the office, Denese is busy with family activities. The couple's two children, Jackie, 12, and Kenny, 10, are active in sports. Weekends find the whole family traveling and enjoying tennis tournaments in which the daughter is involved and baseball in which the son is involved.

"I'm my family's biggest fan," says Denese.

Indigent care is a big concern for Denese, who has tapped community resources to meet some of the needs. There have been 615 women screened at the free mammogram clinics and a number of indigent adults have received free dental care. Jail Health Care is another program that was upgraded early after Denese arrived in the county. Recently, Denese worked with the three board of education to expand school health services to include primary care clinics.

"Denese takes to public health like a duck to water," says associate Eunice Davis, public health nurse. "She is always in motion, thinks fast, moves fast, and is always looking to provide more and better service to Cleveland County residents."

Stallings said her love for children got her involved in Project Graduation and she was instrumental in its organization in the county in 1989. Her job was to enlist volunteers and schedule assignments for the night's activities.

Her "can do" attitude motivates those around her.



PET SHOW - The kindergarten classes at Bethware School recently had a pet show. Shown with their pets, left to right, are Lee Smith, Kyle Short, Kasey Sizemore, Jessica Spiering, Kristin Chapman, Maria Peralta, Tara Harris, Richard Champion, Richie Parnell and Michelle Queen.

KM and Grover students make Dean's List at Gaston

Thirty students from Kings Mountain and Grover are listed on the President's List and Dean's List for the spring quarter at Gaston College.

Listed on the President's List with a 4.0 grade point average with at least 12 credit hours are Diane Condry and Chastity Tindall, both of Grover, and Lisa Buckner,

Janice Bullard, Kimberly Butler, Don Crocker, Mary Dilling, Amy Dixon, Ann Gray, Sue Kelly, Jimmy Maney, Jennifer Moretz, Pamela Moss, Michael Rainey, Tina Thombs, Andrea Tucker and Derek Ware.

Listed on the Dean's List with a grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale are Jennifer Greene, Kimberly Roper, and Teresa Roper, all of Grover, and Robert Bruss, Revonda Crockett, Kim Day, Toby Deaton, Ricky Dellinger, Glenda Henderson, Kimberly Huffstetler, Leigh Humphries, Tessie Ruff, and Sandra Tessener.

BUDGET

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drug control and system grant, a typewriter, replacement of outdated portable radios, and replacement of three police vehicles.

Funded for Parks and Recreation is a restroom, concessions building at City Stadium, Deal Street pool repairs, playground development and equipment at cost of \$55,000.

The Community Center will get five tables and 50 chairs, aerobic dancing replacement flooring, and a marquee sign at cost of \$10,500; the Lake Authority will replace lawn mowers, install an audible alarm system, and rip-rap to protect existing boat ramps and repair the missing interior paneling of the picnic area restrooms at cost of \$2700.

Public Work Administration will get \$55,500 for design of storm water runoff at the garages, and for engineering design standards, and roof and cupola repairs at the old post office.

The Central Garage will get a freon recycling system, improved structural integrity of the garage canopy, and money for required fuel tank inspections and state permits and an antifreeze recycling system.

Street Department is funded for \$7,000 for Hawthorne Street railroad crossing signals.

The Fire Department will receive \$9,800 to replace a riding lawnmower, fireworks remote firing system, airpicks and radios replacement, and early warning siren.

Powell Bill funds will account for \$126,953 and will be used to pay for street overlays, two traffic signals, biennial bridge inspection, a map update, and for one pickup truck for the Street Department.

The Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund of \$14,225 will pay for a new chain link fence between Fulton and Dwelle Gates; replace old power tampo; replace 555 giant trail vacuum; buy two rear baggers with twin hoppers; and fill in and landscape the old pool.

The water and sewer fund of \$153,000 will pay for dam maintenance at Moss Lake; permit fees, dam inspections at Moss Lake and Spillway; Davidson Lake and City Lake dam repairs, inflow/infiltration contract services; and wastewater permit fees.

The electric fund will receive \$38,425 for PCB testing and disposal and \$28,425 to increase the existing supplies account from \$120,000 to \$148,425.

The natural gas department will receive \$89,500 to complete the Cansler Street tie in project, replace one vehicle, pay for a computer upgrade, and to install and rebuild two regulator stations.

MORETZ

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group is to see what role the county will play in regional growth.

Kings Mountain, says Moretz, is perfectly positioned to benefit from a new BMW auto plant at Spartanburg, SC, which is only about 40 miles from the proposed site.

He said he is optimistic that Kings Mountain will get some of the spillover development and that new jobs will be created for Kings Mountain people.

"This should have a ripple effect on this whole area," he said. He said the plant will initially employ 2,000 people with a prediction that 2,000 more will be utilized for support services. "Kings Mountain has a number of trucking terminals here and we're positioned at the intersections of US 74, I-85, and Highway 216," he said.

"I'm excited about what's developing for Kings Mountain and see us coming out of the recession," he said.

Kings Mountain, which straddles Cleveland and Gaston Counties, also benefits from membership on the Gaston County EDC, said Moretz.

MORRISON

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square dance music. Butch wanted to mention his friends -- Earl Clay, Roy Burns and Garland Patterson from Shelby and Noble Evans and Gary Byers from Grover.

Butch received his high school diploma after studying at home with a special teacher. He graduated like every other student, wearing a cap and gown and his father, before he died, wheeled him across the stage.

The Morrisons are a close family. Butch has a sister and a brother and for his birthday he will visit his relatives in Atlanta for two Braves games.

Butch likes to get out of the house and go out to eat and shop. He is hoping to get a motorized wheelchair, which will allow him to be more independent. Christine said a company out of Charlotte somehow got his name and has offered to give him a new chair. It hasn't come about yet, but...

"We're just hoping," she said, "it's going to happen."

SUMMIT

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well by the schools. The system used to be acceptable because there were low skill, low wage jobs available for these students. Now more jobs are becoming automated and highly mechanized. Students need to stay in school, said Causby.

"I don't think there's a more important challenge in communities today than to sit down and face these problems, said Causby. The whole community needs to come together to tackle the problems, he said.

Williams cited a speech by Hugh McColl, chairman of Nations Bank, which outlined seven things communities could do to raise the quality of students coming out of the schools.

The first was to get rid of assembly line education. The second was to stop measuring accomplishment by inputs. In other words, focus on what students learn, not on how teachers taught.

The third is to give principals

and teachers training and flexibility and the support they need, then hold them responsible for the job.

Stop writing off some students, was the fourth suggestion.

Fifth, don't measure the schools by the amount of money put into them -- measure them by the product.

The sixth suggestions was not to succumb to delusions that all the problems are somewhere else.

And seventh, remember that the first step in making an omelet is breaking an egg -- we need radical change.

"The object of public education is not to make professionals happy," said Williams, "but to educate children."

"If schools are going to change, it will be because of a community mandate to do so."

Between speakers, the audience broke down into eight groups, which discussed important issues and goals for the school board.

McRae concluded by saying that as he sees it the most pressing issues confronting the schools in Kings Mountain are student achievement and the drop-out rate.

McGILL

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Norman McGill started pumping gas at age 11. He graduated from Kings Mountain High School and Erskine College, Class of 1952, and joined his father as a partner in the business in 1953. The two McGill sons, Trip McGill and Chip McGill, have both worked in the business, as well as Norman's wife, Nancy, who will continue to help her husband in his new work building on their farm. A service area and pit have been installed in the spacious building furnished with tools and equipment. Stan McCrary will continue with the firm as service technician.

McGill notified his customers this week that no gasoline would be sold at the King Street site after Monday. He has changed the name of his business to McGill's Service beginning July 1 and will operate from Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. offering pickup and delivery service at no extra charge.

McGill, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fuller McGill Sr. and a Kings Mountain native, confessed to mixed emotions about leaving the Kings Mountain business district. "I will miss the close contact with the folks downtown," he said.

McGill said his earliest memories of the store were occasions when his father and the late Clarence Plonk and the late Grady Patterson got together around the kerosene stove which centered the station. "Although we were working 12 hours a day, it was fun," he said. Born in 1892, Fuller McGill Sr., Kings Mountain native, died in 1976. He was 38 when he opened the station, built in 1924. The father-son team received a 40-year service award. A life-long member of Boyce Memorial ARP Church, Norman McGill is a Mason and Shriner.

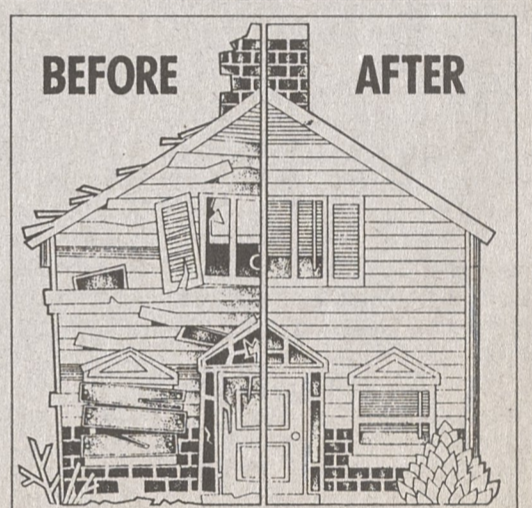
McGill, 63, who has worked on one corner in town for 52 years, is a popular merchant with adult customers and children, always handing out candy to the kids when their parents pull up at the gas pumps. One of his favorite visitors is his two-year-old granddaughter, Hannah, daughter of Poppie and Chip McGill.

McGill's across-the-street neighbor J. Ollie Harris at Harris Funeral Home and his next door neighbor, W. Donald Crawford, said the service station would be missed. "You don't stay in one place that long and not feel you lost a part of yourself when you move," said Crawford.

"That corner just looks dead this morning," said Harris.

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