

Gardner to campaign in area Staff reduction concerns vocational teachers

Republican gubernatorial candidate Jim Gardner will visit Gaston County on Saturday to meet with local campaign workers and build support for his campaign.

Gardner is scheduled to be at Karyae Park at Linwood Road and Crowders Mountain at 4 p.m. for a Gaston County GOP barbecue dinner.

"To win this race, I will need strong support from Republicans and conservative Democrats in Gaston County," Gardner said. "I am confident that when we inform voters about the issues, the majority of them will agree with us."

On education, Gardner calls for more local control and less bureaucracy. "Local parents, teachers and principals know more about their local schools than the Raleigh bu-

reaucrats," he said. "That's why I want to cut bureaucracy to ensure that more education authority and more dollars reach the classrooms."

To alleviate North Carolina's rising crime rate, Gardner advocates a plan to build more prisons so the state can keep criminals locked up longer. "These new prisons don't need basketball courts and color television," Gardner said. "I want to see barracks-style prisons and have the prisoners put in eight hours of work a day."

Gardner has also taken a strong position to control government spending and hold down taxes. "Too many tax dollars are getting tied-up in the Raleigh bureaucracy," Gardner said. "We don't need more spending and more taxes. We need better management."

Cleveland Memorial sets Open House

Cleveland Memorial Hospital officials will hold open house Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. to show the public the new \$35 million facility which held ribbon cutting ceremonies Monday.

Patients will be moved into the

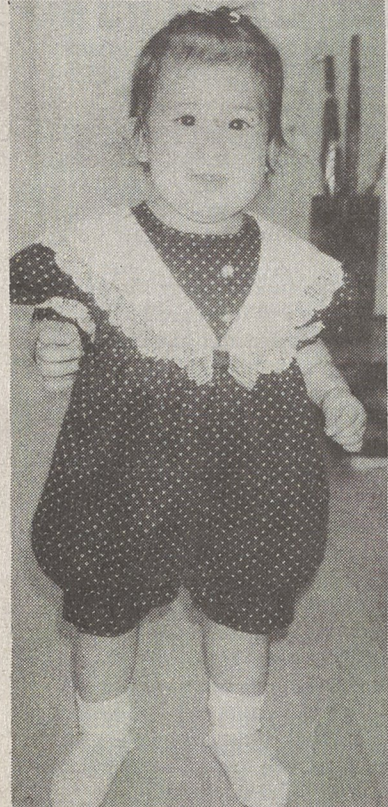
facility Saturday, September 26. All patients admitted after that date will be admitted to the new facility.

The light-colored brick building reaches five stories and extends 244,000-square feet. The 230 patient rooms are private with private baths.

"This is the newest, most modern facility in the state," said CMH President Curtis Copenhaver. He called the hospital a dream of 12 to 14 years ago.

Construction of the hospital began three years ago after voters approved a \$25 million bond issue. Another \$10 million was raised through contributions, savings and grants from the Duke Endowment.

"Cleveland Memorial now compares with any major medical center," said Copenhaver.



MICHELLE TIMMS
Michelle Timms is one year old

Michelle Timms, daughter of Gene and Ely Timms, celebrated her first birthday August 10.

A birthday party was held at the Timms home August 8. Native Oriental dishes, as well as cake and ice cream, were served to friends and children of the family.

Festive balloons decorated the home and patio.

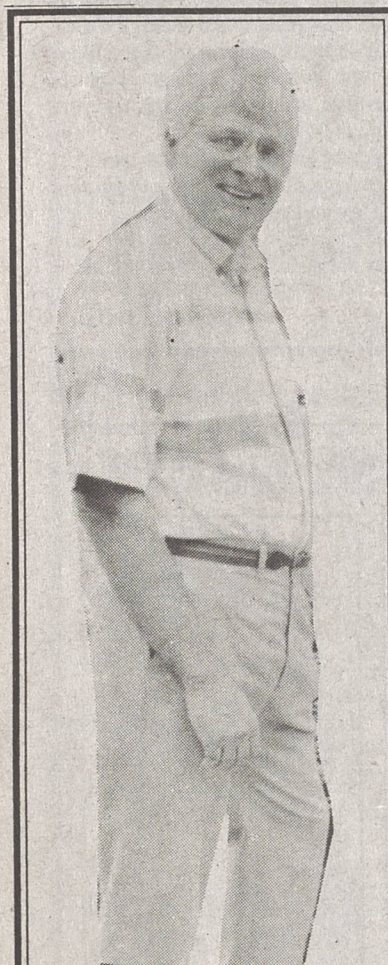
Michelle is the granddaughter of the late Irene and Joseph Timms of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Aleja Areallano and the late Guillermo Areallano of Ilocos Norte Philippines.

It's a boy for Clemmers

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Clemmer of Kings Mountain announce the birth of their first child, a son, Austin Gray Clemmer, July 28, 1992. He weighed seven pounds, nine ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Glenda Belk and Johnny Belk and Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Clemmer, all of Kings Mountain.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Claude Butler of Kings Mountain.



If you know or have seen this person in the last 50 years, please call and wish him a Happy Birthday. August 18, 1942.

Vocational staff members in the Kings Mountain school district are concerned over a State Board of Education action to reduce state staff positions in the Department of Public Instruction, according to District Vocational Director Betty Gamble.

Similarly, teachers across the state are upset over the plan to expend \$1 million less for state administration of vocational education than previously planned for 1992-93, says a press release from North Carolina Vocational Association.

The \$1 million would be sent to the local level on a competitive basis in the form of grants, the release said.

"My teachers have been discussing it," said Gamble, "and they're pretty upset."

Gamble said she feared services such as the annual summer workshop, which was just held this

month, would be sacrificed without state coordination from administrators.

"We need that week's time to keep up with what's going on in vocational education," she said.

Furthermore, the state is now responsible for curriculum development, and Gamble said that responsibility could not be addressed on a local level.

Gamble said that it would definitely come down to hurting the students in the long run.

"The impact will eventually be on the students," she said, adding that student organizations on the state level would be affected.

"We certainly could lose a whole lot more than we could gain," said Gamble.

System Superintendent Dr. Bob McRae said he would take a wait and see stance. He said it could be positive but it was too early to tell.

If the support services could run

as usual without being hurt, McRae said the money could be a boost to the local level.

McRae said that he believed the state board's philosophy was one of trying to move money down to the local systems.

Gamble said final action would

take place at the state board's September meeting on Sept. 3 in Raleigh. Local vocational educational personnel have been asked to come to the meeting to express concern over the action.

"We need somebody to guide us through things," said Gamble.

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