



**SANTA AND FRIENDS** - Pictured are some of the students of Jane Campbell Dance Academy at a recent Christmas party. Front row, from left, Elizabeth Logan, Catherine Logan, Stephanie Edwards, Jada Bickley, Lisa Gregory, Carrie Kelly and Emily Edwards; second row, Tiffany Shockley, Sabrina Jones, Amber Sisk, Alecia Moore, Karen Mayes, Kelly Mayes, Karmen Huskey, Angeline Sisk, and Rachel Carman. Back row, from left, Brandi Adams, Laura Cloninger, Aaron Lovelace, Diamond Adams Amber Bennett on Santa's lap, and Kristen Parker. Instructor Jane Campbell is in background.

## Schools' wish list

A 1992 Christmas wish list for our school system:

■ The continuation of the current county commission plan to redistribute sales tax receipts based on taxing effort. The school facilities plan we will submit to the state in January contains almost \$10 million in needs we currently have - items such as roof repairs, paving repairs, computers, furniture, athletic field improvements, and the renovation of Central School for a new district office. If we lose any of the approximately \$500,000 we currently receive yearly from redistribution of sales tax, our progress on these projects will be severely impeded.

■ Extra presents for our Chamber of Commerce's new Education Committee which, under the leadership of Glee Bridges, is working very hard to find positive ways the school system and business community can work together to make things better for our kids.

■ More adults who are so concerned about the availability of weapons to young people that they are willing to do whatever it takes to make it much more difficult for students to use those weapons indiscriminately.

■ Great joy for the dozens of individuals and agencies in our community who work together at this time of year to make Christmas better for our less fortunate students, and a special joy for Hallie Blanton from our office who coordinates so much of this work.

■ A higher priority for the connector road from Phifer Road to 74 West. It seems that only Kings Mountain officials can see how really important this project is.

■ Computers, computers, computers, and more computers for the classrooms of this system. That's the only way I know of to effectively meet the individual needs of academic students.

■ Some well deserved credit for a very hard working group of school system employees with who it is my great privilege to work. They have a job which is more difficult that education has ever been before. They are not always perfect, but they work very hard to get better when they are not.


■ A really nice surprise for the folks who carry the banner of the Mountaineer Club, our athletic booster organization. Many of the most active members of the club don't have children involved in our sports program - they simply love the game, and more importantly, the kids. Most of them work year after year for nothing but the satisfaction of knowing it helps us provide for our students and coaches. Thanks, guys and gals!

■ Success on each of our board of education's eight goals for this year. They are very important to our work - and by the way, something nice for a really fine board who developed the goals and works in a very dedicated way throughout the year.

■ Less recognition for the small percentage of stu-

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ents who don't care about school and more for the large percentage who try very hard to do well.

■ Enough money for the Indoor Pool Foundation to retire the debt on Neisler Natatorium. I've never seen a group work more diligently to assure the community of such a special facility. I'm sure their time could be put to even better use if fund raising wasn't still an issue.

■ Whatever they want for those children whose smiles constantly brighten the superintendent's day. There is such an energizing effect in the school buildings of this system. Even a real "down" day can be uplifting when I visit with students.

■ Peace, compassion, and cooperation.  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!

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## Bloodmobile successful

The Red Cross bloodmobile collected 78 pints of blood at Friday's visit sponsored by The Kings Mountain Herald.

"The response of Kings Mountain donors was terrific," said Sandi Bollick, blood program director, who said that 85 people volunteered to give a pint of blood.

Donors were processed at First Baptist Church.

## Carillon '92 set in Shelby

Uptown Shelby will come alive once again on New Year's Eve with music, theatre, visual arts and much more as the Cleveland County Arts Council kicks off its fifth annual non-alcoholic, family focused "Carillon '92" celebration from 7 p.m. until midnight.

The celebration will center around the new Arts Center on the Courthouse in the former 1916 Post Office. Other warm and comfortable locations for the myriad of events will be inside bank lobbies, uptown churches and the historic old courthouse, now the home of the Cleveland County Historical Museum.

Barbara Brock, executive director for the Cleveland County Arts Council, calls the celebration is an exciting approach to community New Year's Eve. She invites the public to come out. The 10:15 p.m. finale will feature Dr. Bobby and the Riverbend Blue Grass Band. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children under 12. Tickets are available locally at McGinnis Department Store.



## Bridges Hardware

will become a drop off point for anyone who would like to contribute can goods or toys for the needy. One day of the drive (Dec. 20th) the store will contribute 10% of its gross sales to The Empty Stocking Fund. Toys will be donated to the Cleveland Co. Jaycee's and canned goods will be donated to the Crisis Assistance Ministry.

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*Happy Holidays!*