



MUSICAL PROGRAM - Bethware first and second grade students presented the musical, "This Is Christmas." Music teachers Lynn Echols and first grade teachers and assistants, Nancy Hughes, Betty White, Hilda Kiser, Dora Heavner, Doris Williams and Glenda Ivey worked with the students to prepare the program.



GOOD CITIZENS - Good Citizens for the third month of school were recently honored with the Principal's Award at Bethware School. Front row, from left, Alex Dahl, Chad Wishon, Aaron Pullen, Kasey Sizemore, Brandon Hendricks, Issac Hill, Mark Strickland; second row, James Biddix, Jamie Camp, Tiffany Collins, Michael Adams, Leah Clark, Pam Lovelace, Hannah Ware; back row, Emily Welborn, Ashley Funderburk, Carrie Sizemore, Patrick Ware, Melissa Caldwell, Crystal Smart, Cassie Bell and Kelly Reed.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH - Bethware School PTO served a Christmas lunch to the staff recently while parent volunteers supervised classes. Left to right, Judy Bowen, Barbara Puceta, Jan Welborn, Kay Lovelace and Betty Blalock and Brenda Blanton with PTO volunteers Jean Ware and Julie Miller.

STOCKING

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Employees of Home Savings Bank, in honor of Tom Tate,	\$129.00	Anonymous	\$25.00
Margaret Wise	\$25.00	Dixon Presbyterian Church, in honor of Sidney Dixon	\$160.00
Kim and Royce Peeler	\$25.00	Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Lee III	\$700.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harrison, in memory of William Harrison and Robert and Lindsey Champion	\$50.00	Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Hawkins	\$50.00
Cathy and Don Powell	\$25.00	Mr. and Mrs. Gary Stewart, in memory of L.H. Stewart and Annette Hughes,	\$50.00
		Total this week	\$1,798.00
		New total	\$3,098.00

Teacher awarded computer program

The Division of Vocational and Technical Education Services, N.C. Department of Public Instruction, has awarded a free computer program for career guidance to Ann D. Bennett, Career Exploration teacher at Kings Mountain Middle School.

The program, North Carolina Careers, will be used to assist students in learning about jobs and educational opportunities available

in the state.

The award was made on a competitive basis to those applicants who currently have quality career development programs and plans for expanding career development services to more students.

N.C. Careers is published by the North Carolina Occupational Information Coordinating Committee.

Tribute to King slated at CCC

Cleveland Community College's Black Awareness Club will sponsor a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. tribute January 13 at 11

a.m. in the college auditorium. Aileen Ford of the County Schools is guest speaker. The public is invited.

Church services slated

Christmas Eve church services at seven Kings Mountain churches will highlight the Christian celebration of Christmas.

Both Resurrection and St. Matthew's Lutheran Church plan 11 p.m. candlelight services Thursday featuring carols and scripture readings. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed at the Resurrection service and at the 9 p.m. candlelight service at First Presbyterian Church.

Central United Methodist Church choirs will sing the cantata, "Silent Was The Night" at 7 p.m. The Sacrament of Communion will

be observed.

At St. Matthew's Lutheran Church a special children's service will be held at 4 p.m. featuring "Coming of the Christ Child." The sanctuary will be decorated with red poinsettias and a Christmas tree.

Trinity Episcopal Church will hold a "Festival of Carols" and Boyce Memorial ARP Church will

hold a candlelight service at 7 p.m.

Rev. Dan McCaskil will lead the Episcopal service which will include readings by Larry Muench, Steve Marlowe, Jo Ann Ware and Pat Wood. Yvonne Parker will be pianist. A Christmas party will be held after the service.

Bethlehem Baptist Church will hold a Christmas Eve service at 5:15 p.m.

Commissioners endorse plan

Cleveland County Board of Commissioners endorsed facility improvement plans for all three county school systems Monday morning.

Supt. Dr. Bob McRae and Associate Supt. Larry Allen presented the Kings Mountain plan which projects expenditures of \$9.4 million for school facility improvements over the next 10 years.

McRae said the plan was requested by the state as part of its 10-year program for school facility improvements.

"There is no interest at this time in looking at another county bond referendum or local financing plan," said McRae. "Anything beyond normal resources would have to come from a state bond referendum which could come as early as next year."

Funds will be sought for such projects as renovations at the old Central School for a district office, roofing, furniture replacement, computers, and paving. At this point the board of education hasn't prioritized the wish list but is giving an estimate of needs covering a 10-year period.

Kings Mountain Board of Education approved the plan at the recent meeting. The plan must be in Raleigh by January 1.

Many agencies helping needy

Many Santa helpers help the needy at Christmas.

The Crisis Center, a clearing house for assistance to the needy year-round, is helping to insure that families get assistance at the holiday season also.

Rev. Bill Barron, chairman of the Ministerial Association's Helping Hand fund, said that church members from various congregations have been ringing the bells in the business district and collections have doubled last year's donations.

Barron said that another program that is a part of the Crisis Ministry is the help given to transients. This program is administered through the Kings Mountain Police Department. Barron said that police do background checks of travelers who ask for assistance and then fill out vouchers for them and send them to the Crisis Center at the Community Center.

Sherry Hamrick heads up the Crisis Center.

"It's been real exciting to see the tremendous response of people to our bell ringers this season," said Barron.

The Kings Mountain Empty Stocking Fund, Salvation Army bell ringers at Cleveland Mall, toy collections by Cleveland County Jaycees and most churches are other Santa helpers making the holidays merry for the less-fortunate.

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