

GROVER FOURTH GRADE A/B/HONOR ROLL STUDENTS -Pictured are fourth grade A/B honor roll students at Grover School. Front row, left to right, Mark Baity, Teia Bowen, Brandy Greene, Craig Ledford, Heather Mauney, Tiffany Robinson, Joseph Williamson, Tamela Wright, Jeffery Craig, Angeline Sisk, Vernon Bell and Justin Sheppard.

McMillan

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dorsed a mandated health care pro-

"It's premature at this point to make a judgment and the Congress hasn't been asked to act on the matter," said the Congressman, who said he has targeted the high costs of health care and wants to make health care available to all through continuing efforts in the private sector. "We need to make health care affordable to all and cut the high costs," he said.

Charles Webber, personnel director for the City of Kings Mountain, called on the Congressman to help reform socalled welfare and domestic programs to keep taxes from going up. He said he is in favor of helping the needy but he is also in favor of all able people working if jobs are available. McMillan agreed and is pushing for reform in these programs.

Webber also asked McMillan to vote against lifting the ban on gays in the military. McMillan says he is opposed to gays in the military. "I may be in favor of not questioning those applying for the military about their sexual preferences," he

McMillan also agreed with Webber that the Army Reserve budget should not be lowered. McMillan said he spent two years on active duty. He favors current funding at the same level.

Rev. M. L. Campbell, active Democrat, said he is also concerned with affordable health care for all citizens and speculated on President Clinton's universal coverage plan and wondered if that approach might not be too expensive.

He asked the Congressman to continue his fight for annual increases of at least 2-3 percent in Social Security payments. Campbell thanked Congressman for his hospitality to local people who attended the January 20 inaugural activities in the nation's capitol.

Ruby Alexander asked McMillan to keep local realtors apprised of any change in housing legislation. "Building codes have become stricter and we need to know of changes as they occur," she said.

Charles L. Alexander, retired federal employee of the postal system and a senior citizen health care volunteer, also expressed his concern about the rising costs of health insurance.

Darren Blevins, owner of Environ Tire in Kings Mountain, apprised the Congressman of his new recycling business and asked about the availability of local funds for people to recycle and on helps for small companies like his to stay in business in a new venture.

Harold Herndon, of Shelby Road, told the Congressman he is an expert on high health costs. Herndon and his wife were involved in an automobife accident in November 1991 and his wife lived 29 days in the trauma unit of a major hospital before her death. He said the bills were astronomical and hospital officials didn't file for Medicare assistance until almost a year after the accident. Attempting to settle up the claims, he wanted advice from McMillan on what avenues to pursue. Herndon said the government has frozen the insurance payments. McMillan said he would look into the matter further.

The Congressman told his constituents that health insurance should be affordable to all and that assistance should be given to those unable to pay. He said the Congress must make the high costs of health insurance a high priority in this administration.

McMillan reiterated that he was against raising taxes to balance the budget. "We must deal with the spending problem and it can't be accomplished by just cutting the White House staff," said the veteran Republican legislator alluding to President Clinton's proposals to cut White House staff. "That's like Lyndon Johnson unscrewing the light bulbs back during his administration"

the Ford dealership in Kings Mountain in 1970. Sine then, he has served as the dealership's president and general manager. Nominated to receive this year's

TMQDA by the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association, Tyner has been an active member of that organization for 22 years, having served as secretary and a member of its board of directors. He served a three-year term as trustee of the NCADA Insurance Trust and a four-year term as Director, NCADA Service. He is also a long-time member and past president of the Cleveland County New Car Dealers Association. A frequent Dealer Council participant, Tyner has been presented with Ford's distinguished

Achievement Award numerous times in recognition of his organization's outstanding service to cus-

In addition to the Chamber of Commerce, Tyner is also active in the Kings Mountain Rotary Club and is a director of King Mountain United Fund. Additionally, he is supportive of local educational efforts and serves as a committee member of the Cleveland Community College Advisory Board and the Kings Mountain Vocational School Educational Advisory Board. He has also led the drive to finance and build the new worship center of the First Baptist Church of King Mountain.

The Tyners, who reside at Moss Lake, are parents of three sons. Tyner's stepson, T. Kevin Queen, is the dealership's vice-president and general sales manager.

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Police Chief to speak at Tuesday's PQE meeting

Kings Mountain Police Chief Warren Goforth will talk on 'Weapons in Schools," as the program for Tuesday night's Partners for Quality Education at 7 p.m. in Weir Auditorium of Mauney Memorial Library.

Goforth will show a brief video in connection with his presentation and will respond to questions of parents and students.

Interested parents, students and the public are invited.

- World Hunger Day will be observed Sunday morning at the 11 a.m. worship service at Oak Grove Baptist Church. Rice bowls of love offerings on Valentine's Day to help the hungry of the world will feature the service.
- The annual winter North Carolina Gun Collectors' Show will be held February 13-14 at the Charlotte Merchandise Mart. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on

Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$4.

For more information, contact Bill Grist, secretary, North Carolina Arms Collectors Association, 158 Union St., Concord, N.C. 28025, or call (704) 788-8717.

Swinging reminiscent of the 1930s and '40s will return to Gaston College when the Frank Love Orchestra performs in Myers Center Auditorium on Thursday, April 8. The 7:30 p.m. program will feature tunes that recall the Big Band sounds of Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller and Duke Ellington.

Tickets are \$5 and are on sale at the college bookstore and Community Arts Office. Call 922-6247 for more information.

A Winter Bird Hike will be held Sunday, Feb. 21 at 2 p.m. at Crowders Mountain State Park.

Participants will hike and look for the year round and winterized feathered residents of the park. Sightings will be easier due to the absence of leaves. Take binoculars and dress for the cold. The hike

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■ The U.S. Census Bureau will collect data on employment and unemployment from area residents the week of February 14-20,

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