



Poet Lucinda Grey leads a poetry workshop for English students at Kings Mountain High School.

Poetry seminar popular at KMHS

Extra-curricular activities like the four poetry seminars last week at Kings Mountain High School give English students extra credit.

Wednesday night 22 seniors, including more males than females, took advantage of the creative opportunity and before the two-hour session was over they had written their own poetry, including in each one a piece of themselves.

"Poetry sounds like a scary subject but it isn't," said the instructor and accomplished poet Lucinda Grey.

Susan Patterson, who helped coordinate the event, said it was exciting for all the English teachers who learned new teaching techniques by being involved in the seminars pro-

vided by a mini grant from the Kings Mountain Educational Association.

"The English Department sponsors events like this workshop because they enrich student life and are available to every student in the school," said department chair Betsy Wells.

A state mandate on end-of-course testing prevents teachers from doing things like poetry workshops in the classrooms but that didn't stop the variety of programs planned for students this year which were extra activities for students and what Julia Wood Hunt described as commitment from teachers to give extra creativity for students.

Chamber repertory theatre, a jazz musician, a trip to the

opera for "Micado," a trip to Lenoir Rhyne College for "The Glass Menagerie," and a visiting artist plus four poetry workshops led by Grey have attracted many students this year.

Barter Theatre of Virginia will perform on January 30 and two authors are on the program for early spring.

"We're so happy that we can do something extra to enhance the English program," said Patterson, who is a consultant to the gifted and academic program.

In addition to Hunt and Wells, other English teachers are Nelson Conner, Donna Russ, Becky Champion, Sheila Wyont, Annette Parker, Keith Gammons and Conrad Martin.

Alexander president of AARP

Retired teacher Bill Alexander was elected president of the local AARP Chapter Tuesday at the annual Christmas luncheon at the Senior Center.

Rev. Morris Jordan, Minister of Music at First Baptist Church, presented a program of Christmas music. Ellen Elam

was pianist.

Other officers are Jeanette Suratte, vice-president; Lucille Wells, secretary; and Mary Ethel Wells, treasurer. Members of the board of directors, in addition to the officers, are Carolyn Bell, Eunice Meservey, Sarah Adams and Willie

Marable.

Committee chairmen include: nominating, Willie Marable; legislative, Pearl Pressley; community service, Andrew McClain; membership, Rosalie Garvis; program, Carolyn Bell and Sarah Adams; and social, Dorcas McClain and Allene Sellers.

Eaton purchases interest in Mallory


Eaton Corporation announced today it has acquired a 51 percent interest in Mallory Controles Ltda. of Sao Paulo, Brazil, with an option to acquire the remaining 49 percent. The purchase price was not disclosed.

The new business, which has been renamed Eaton Controles Ltda, initially will be operated as a joint venture between Eaton and Mallory Ltda., the parent company of Mallory Controles Ltda.

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QUEEN OF DEBUTANTE BALL - Heather McDowell, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Robert McDowell, was crowned Queen of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Zeta Mu Chapter debutante ball recently at Ashbrook High School in Gastonia. Robert Wingo Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wingo Sr., was her marshal. A junior at Kings Mountain High School, Heather won a scholarship which will be presented to her in 1995. Kenya Froneberger, 1993 Queen, crowns the new Queen.

Christmas services at St. Matthew's

There will be a children's Christmas Eve service Saturday at 4 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 102 N. Piedmont Avenue, Kings Mountain.

Special music will be presented by the Children's Choir.

The Christmas Eve candle-light service will be held at 11 p.m. with Christmas anthems by the Senior Choir.

On Christmas Day at 10:15 a.m., there will be a Sunday School Christmas birthday party with light refreshments for everyone. The Christmas Festival Service will be held at 11 a.m. with special Christmas anthems by the Senior Choir. There will be a Christmas message at each service.

The public is invited to attend all services.

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Lester Welch, 86, of 1710 Bethlehem Rd., died December 20, 1994 at home.

A native of Cherokee County, SC, he was a retired electrician and son of the late John W. and Susan McConnell Welch. He was widower of Flora Caldwell Welch.

He was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church.

Surviving are one son, Don Welch of Kings Mountain; three daughters, Barbara Stroupe and Sue Horton, both of Kings Mountain, and Joy Tolbert of Stanley; one sister, Lena Goforth of Grover; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at Macedonia Baptist Church. Rev. David Philbeck will officiate. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

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