

## Accelerated Reader program is popular

Kings Mountain Middle School students are book worms.

Just ask students like eighth grader Elise Mayse who has read 112 books during this nine weeks of school and is into the classics and Paula Mercer, eighth grader, who loved R. L. Stine's horror stories and probably has read at least 100 books.

It's all a part of the school's accelerated reading program where kids are reading more and selecting better books.

"They tell us we are going to have dark circles under our eyes from so much reading," said Mercer, who started reading more in the Accelerated Reading Program which tracks a student's progress with computerized tests.

Mayse can recite the entire book of "Gone With The Wind" and even reads on school field trips. It takes about two hours to read Christian books by Janet Oak but Elise has finished some of them although they don't give points for reading.

Mayse, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Scott Mayse, and Paula, daughter of Cheryl and Brantley Mercer, are running neck and neck for Principal of the Week, an award which goes to the top reader in the program this semester. Elise likes to swim and play tennis, hates basketball but likes other sports. She can read two books in a day in the sixth grade level materials she selects from the local school library or from Mauney Memorial Library.

Elise scored 45 points for

"David Copperfield" and 65 points for "Gone with the Wind" and just finished "Ben Hur," not one of the selected books for computer testing. Both Paula and Mayse found "Anna Karwina" a boring story of a Russian woman who threw herself under a train.

Eighth grader Tanna Morgan and seventh grader Avery Bess agree that reading is more fun in the new program in its first year school-wide.

After the student reads the book he or she takes a test on the computer and some of the questions are difficult and range from true and false to 20 questions.

There's no way to skim through a book because you are asked tough questions on the test.

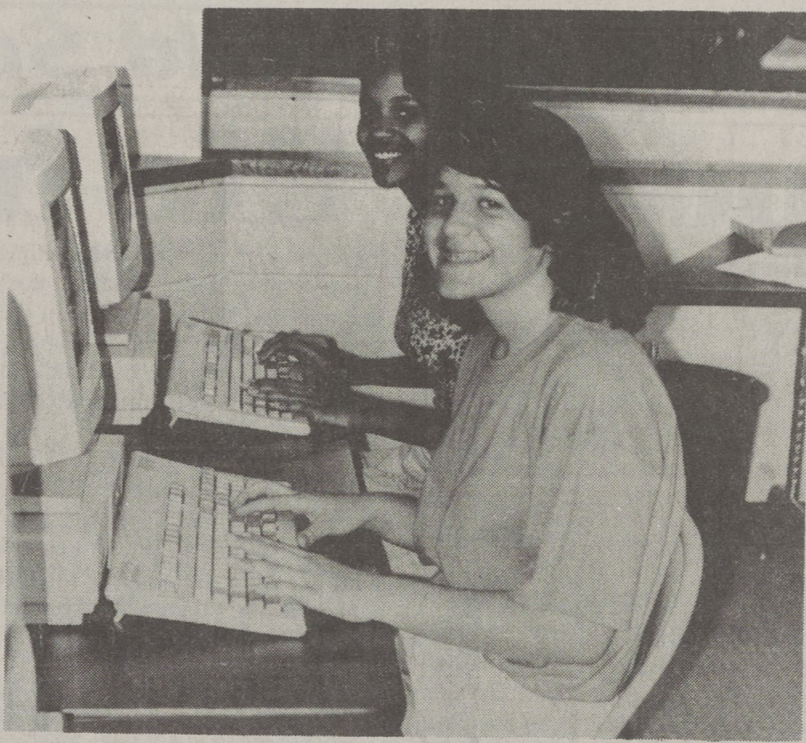
Free gifts also await the top readers in the program and at the end of the year a dance will honor the winning team among nine teams vying in the competition.

Carole Elliott and Penny Canipe, coordinators, see much improvement in the reading program and the networking system.

Accelerated reading began in 1988 with one teacher and spread with more interest and this year the program is full scale.

Slow readers are benefiting from the program and some students who never liked to read have told the teachers that now they enjoy reading at school and at home.

Elliott said the school readers have already surpassed the 50,000 goal and are shooting for 75,000. Last year Principal John Goforth



Elise Mayse, left, and Paula Morrow, Kings Mountain Middle School eighth graders, take computer tests in the Accelerated Reading program in its first year.

was challenged to dress up like a female if the students read more. This year Goforth hasn't decided what he will do when the students top the goals.

Canipe said that the PTO and Library staff have been very supportive of the program as well as parents operating school stores where gifts are distributed and planning special events to honor top readers.

The top readers by teams are Mercer, Voyagers; Judy Kakhankham, Stargazers; Mayse, Rockets; Wendy Neisler, Beachcombers; Stevie Foster, Sea Creatures; Tasha Crocker, Whales; Virginia Ware, Cats; Donnis Bell,

Gators; and Lindsey Gaffney, Turtles.

So far the Sixth Grade Cats are running ahead with 6th grade Sea Creatures running a close second and 6th grade Turtles in third place.

Teachers send home to parents a computer printout of the reading practice with each report card.

The computer lists 2,666 titles and most of the books are available at the school library or public library. Each book has been evaluated as to reading level and length. Each book is assigned a point value. The test measures the comprehension of the book.

## Bowling roll-off to determine champ

The Heavy Hitters completed their big roll to the second half championship of the Mixed Duckpin Bowling League Thursday night at Dilling Heating, and next week will meet the first half champion Alley Cats for the league championship.

The Heavy Hitters (81-39) swept the Alley Cats (36-84) to win by one game over Jack Barrett (80-40) who swept Tommy Barrett (43-77).

Many of the bowlers saved their best for last. Jack Barrett's team

had a single game of 501 and a team set of 1400 as Barrett rolled a 155 line and 409 set and Ron Scruggs rolled a 148 line and 390 set. Margo Spargo also had a big night with a 115-306.

John Dilling rolled a 141 line and 387 set, Bob Rathbone had a 124-325, and Carol Quinn added a 118-310 to lead the Heavy Hitters over the Alley Cats. Allen Myers led the Cats with a 117 line and 316 set.

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## Cleveland County Senior Games need participants

The 1995 Cleveland County Senior Games will be held April 24-28. Entry packets are available at the Kings Mountain Senior Center and the Council on Aging/Senior Center in Shelby.

Cleveland County residents age 55 and older are eligible to participate. The entry fee is \$4 and includes all sporting events, ceremonies and two meals.

Senior Games events include:

Monday, April 24 - Fun walk,

spin casting, shot put, discus, softball throw, football throw, long jump, track, billiards, table tennis, opening ceremonies and lunch at Gardner-Webb University.

Tuesday, April 25 - Cycling, track, tennis at Gardner-Webb; swimming at Kings Mountain High School; golf at Pine Grove Golf Course; bowling doubles at Shelby Bowl.

Wednesday, April 26 - Shuffleboard, horseshoes, basket-

ball shoot, badminton and basketball 3-on-3 at Gardner-Webb.

Thursday, April 27 - Croquet at Shelby City Park; putt-putt at Cleveland Mall; bowling at Shelby Bowl.

Friday, April 28 - Closing ceremonies and reception and awards presentation at 7 p.m. at Council on Aging/Senior Center in Shelby.

For more information call Ann Elliott at 482-2388, or Monty Thornburg at 734-0447.

## Racing results

Results of Saturday's races at Carolina Speedway in Gastonia.

Late model - Buddy Smith, Jimmy Galloway, Buster May, Kenny Rominger, David Lindsey.

Thunder & Lightning - Buddy Smith, James England Jr., Scott Hayes, Steve Stevens.

Super Stock - John Rhyne, Barry Mathis, Jason Conner, Manuel Johnson, Cecil Harris.

Street stock - Barrett Bradshaw, Mark Towell, David Lester.

Modified 4's - Johnny Bridges, Tim Hopper, Mike Hensley.

## Hullender, Barrett going down to frame ten

With just one week remaining in the Tuesday Mixed Duckpin Bowling League season, R.W. Hullender and Jack Barrett are running neck and neck with 32-24 records.

Both teams swept their oppo-

nents Tuesday, with Hullender beating John Dilling (22-34) and Barrett defeating Mark Midgette (26-30).

Hullender led his team with a 147 line and 381 set, and Chuck Ruley added a 121-327. Carol

Quinn had a 110 line and John Dilling added a 313 set for the losers.

Jack Barrett's 131 line and 375 set and Irene Ruley's 113-312 led Barrett's victory. Robert Titus had a 121 line and 315 set for Midgette.

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