



Cleveland Community College students who received Outstanding Student awards in the Communications Technology Program included, left to right, Chris Guerrero, Carolyn Putnam, Lynda Ponder and Keith Wilkinson.

Grover students show reading gain

Grover Elementary second grade students in the Chapter I reading program showed the highest gains in reading comprehension among 234 Chapter I students on the California Achievement Tests. Jean Thrift, reporting to the recent meeting of the Kings Mountain Board of Education, said the system-wide average was 16 and Grover students had gains of 22.02 followed by West with 18.57, East with 18.52; North with 13.07 and Bethware with 7.18. Thrift said it is the first time gain for the system and she credited the

success with the one-on-one tutorial program called CORE in which first graders are tested at the beginning of the year and tested again at the end of their first year of school. "The federal government expects us to make at least 1 NCE gain to qualify for Chapter I funds," she told the board. Thrift said the classroom teacher takes 30 minutes each day in a prescribed format which is an adaptation of the national validated program called "Reading Recovery." She said that the use of comput-

ers in Chapter I classes has also enhanced the program. Thrift said the system is getting about half the money it got three years ago for special programs because the county falls under the 15 percent statistic of poverty as defined by the government to qualify. "We are not considered a poor county," she told the board. The federal government targets schools at highest percentage of poverty, less than 35 percent, for money for free and reduced lunches, for instance, and other programs.

Free business counseling sessions set

The Small Business and Technology Development Center at Western Carolina University's Center for Improving Mountain Living will offer free business counseling sessions in Boiling Springs on Wednesdays, August 9 and 23, and in Shelby on Thursdays, August 17 and 31. The Boiling Springs sessions will be held from 1-3 p.m. at the

World Trade Center of Gardner Webb University. To make an appointment call 434-4385. The Shelby sessions will be held at the Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 487-8521 for an appointment. The sessions involve one-to-one counseling with an experienced counselor familiar with small business operations and problems. The

one-hour sessions are confidential and open to individuals who operate existing businesses or those interested in starting a small business. Services provided include startup counseling, assistance in preparing business and financial plans to support loan applications, marketing surveys, patent search and product feasibility assessment.

Yarbro Crest assistant principal

Increasing parental and community involvement, and assuring students that they have an equal opportunity to learn are two goals that the newly-appointed assistant principal at Crest High School hopes to achieve.

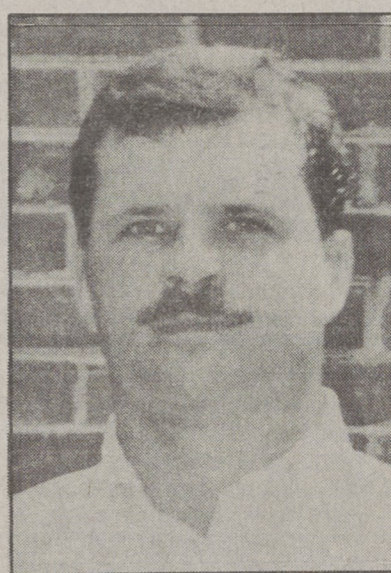
John Yarbro, Jr. of Kings Mountain was named the new assistant principal at Crest High School by the Cleveland County Board of Education last week.

"We want everyone to have the opportunity to learn," said Yarbro. "One challenge that's in schools now, and it's just a small percentage of the student body, is that apathetic kid."

Yarbro said that students who do not care about their education often create disruptions in the classroom, causing interruptions in the learning process. Yarbro said he does not want a disruptive student to hinder the chance for another student to learn, and that parental support and encouragement will help curb this problem. Yarbro would also like to see an increase in the amount of community involvement within the schools. Yarbro said he will assume his duties as assistant principal at Crest in August, and that he feels fortunate to work with Roger McSwain, the new principal at Crest High School. McSwain replaces George Litton, who retires on July 31.

"It is going to be a changing of the guard," said Yarbro. "Dr. Litton has been here a long time. Mr. McSwain comes highly recommended, and I'm looking forward to working with him."

Yarbro has been in the field of education for 15 years. For 14 of those years, he served as a health and physical education teacher and assistant football coach at Crest Middle and Crest High Schools. Yarbro coached golf at Crest Middle for 12 years, and served as athletic director. In 1990, he moved to Crest High School when



JOHN YARBRO

Crest Junior High became a middle school, and served as assistant principal of Crest Middle School for the 1994-95 school year. During the 1993-94 school year, Yarbro served as an interim assistant principal at Crest High School. Yarbro graduated from Kings Mountain High School in 1976, and received his degree in health and physical education from Appalachian State University in Boone in 1980. He also did his student teaching at Crest in 1980. Yarbro later received his masters

degree in physical education from Gardner-Webb College, and he obtained his degree in school administration from Gardner-Webb in 1993, according to Yarbro.

As assistant principal at Crest Middle School, he served as eighth grade principal, athletic director, and was in charge of bus transportation. He said the position as the middle school assistant principal was "a tremendous learning experience."

Away from school, Yarbro enjoys coaching and playing sports, and hunting. He also enjoys working in the yard of his home on Moss Lake. Yarbro is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Yarbro Sr. of Kings Mountain. He is married to Regina Patterson Yarbro of Kings Mountain, and they have two children. Jessica, 6, is in the first grade at Bethware Elementary School, and Emily is 2. The Yarbros are members of Boyce Memorial A.R.P. Church in Kings Mountain, where John serves as a deacon.

"I really respect the faculty at Crest High School," said Yarbro. "By teaching there, I know a lot of them, and I know they are hard workers. They are committed to Crest High School. Not only are they good teachers, but they are good people."

Winn-Dixie reports dividend

Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc., the nation's fifth largest food chain, today increased its cash dividends for the 52nd consecutive year. The new dividend rate of 14 cents per share per month or \$1.68 per year represents a 7.7 percent increase over the previous rate of 13 cents per share per month or \$1.56 annually. "We are pleased to increase our dividend and continue our New York Stock Exchange record of 52 years of consecutive dividend in-

creases," A. Dano Davis, chairman, announced. The board declared a regular monthly dividend of 14 cents per share on the common stock of the company payable on August 1, September 1 and October 2 to shareholders of record at the close of business July 17, August 15 and September 15. Winn-Dixie, the Sunbelt's largest food retailer, operates 1,177 supermarkets in 14 states and in the Bahamas.

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