



STUDENTS OF QUARTER - Students of the Quarter at Cleveland Community College for fall quarter 1995 have been selected. Left to right, Sandra Mosteller for College Transfer students (Pre-Education Elementary), Troy Tague for Vocational students (Electrical Installation and Maintenance), and Neely Hawkins for Technical students (Radiology).

HARRIS

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A 1982 graduate of Kings Mountain High School, he is a former choir director at Eastside Baptist Church and currently is assistant director and on the board of deacons. He loves to sing.

Harris says he feels very fortunate

to have the dedicated staff led by Hawkins and Wright.

"Both of these men show their compassion in their everyday life in the church and community work they do and in this profession their love for people is expressed and required even more with the people they serve at times of distress," he said.

GARRIS

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28 years old to apply for an opening at KMPD as a dispatcher," she said.

She completed rookie school at Gaston College after about a year answering the telephones and dispatching officers to the scene of wrecks and break-ins.

"We answer all kinds of calls in Kings Mountain but it bothers me most to respond to domestic incidents," she said.

A recent call was to a home where the husband and wife had got into an argument because the man of the house wanted a ham sandwich and his wife told him to fix it himself.

But Debra says she feels most people have a high respect for police officers.

"If you hear of one bad cop anywhere in the country it seems to make all of law enforcement look bad."

Garris is among four women officers in the local department of 20-plus men which now includes the largest number of rookies in a

number of years.

"We all work together and Kings Mountain is a good place to work," she says.

Garris was honored by her co-workers with the sharpshooter award at Monday night's Christmas banquet of KMPD and their families at Depot Center.

Daughter of Virginia Hullender of Kings Mountain, Debra said her family used to live beside a policeman in Cherryville when she was growing up.

"I looked up to him and I wanted to be just like him," she said.

At home in Shelby the Garrises work in their yard and attend Lighthouse Pentecostal Church in Kings Mountain. Debra volunteers to type the church bulletins.

Raymond wants to be with his two daughters as much as possible since our family is still grieving the loss of his only son, Sean, who was killed before he realized his dream of following in his father's footsteps," says Mrs. Garris.

Garris says the elderly and children of the community need love from everyone and she sees her job as a police officer as an instrument to serve.

CITY

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Grant for a Second Street revitalization project but Hicks said that no municipality west of Raleigh received a CD grant last year. He's hopeful that 1996 could be Kings Mountain's year to win some extra cash for community development.

Utilities Director Jimmy Maney says at least two more people

Old Belk Store being renovated

The former Belk Building downtown is getting a facelift.

George Lublanekzi, owner, self-designed and self-contracted the renovation project which included modernizing the store front and tearing out the wooden floors and replacing with concrete to house a new 25 by 60 feet office complex.

Bill Marcellino of the investment/brokerage firm of Edward Jones will occupy the new office February 1.

"I wanted to improve the downtown area and change the look of the standard old-fashioned store front and I hope that people will like the new look," said Lublanekzi, long a promoter of downtown redevelopment.

Lublanekzi said the office will include plenty of storage and rest rooms and an area at the front of the complex for a receptionist. The front features two doors, one of which will lead to the second floor of the Belk building and the other door to lead to the new office.



PAY OFF TIME -- Students in Margaret Pearson's Principles of Business Class at Kings Mountain High School reap the benefits of good grades and attendance after they earned points and used their points in a student auction for candy, tapes and other items donated by Harris-Teeter, McDonald's and SageSport. Marlisha Pendergraph, left, earned 4,944 points and receives a shirt from Tasha Floyd, the parliamentarian, as John Bennett records the business transaction. The students learned how to make bank deposits correctly and balance their check books in recent class projects.

TESSNEER

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A salesman for Coca Cola Bottling Co. for 12 years, he also was a plumber and operated a convenience store. He is a former machinist at Eaton Corporation where he worked 4 1/2 years.

Snorkeling on a vacation trip to the Bahamas got Tessneer excited about scuba diving and he plans to join a scuba diving group at the local police department after the first of the year. He also likes to fish and enjoys sports and mountain trips with his wife and their daughter, Caroline, 15, and sons, Keith, 13, and Jerry, 13. The family attends Blessed Hope Baptist Church in Waco where his brother-in-law, Rev. Fred Helms, is pastor.

Tessneer is a member of Sgt. Bob Myers' squad at KMPD which includes Ptl. Wayne Carpenter, Ptl. Penny Fulton and dispatcher Keith Dixon.

"Kings Mountain would not have any crime problem if out-of-towners didn't come into the area," said Tessneer who estimated that

should be hired in the gas department and funds for equipment and contract labor are essential to comply with the state's rules for operation of the gas department.

Maney said in a recent memorandum to City Council that the equipment is worn out and no money has been budgeted for capital outlay requests.

"We must maintain the goose that lays the golden eggs," he said in his memorandum to Council.

60 to 70 percent of the arrests and incidents investigated by police involve out of town people who are visiting in the Kings Mountain area.

Tessneer is proud of what Kings Mountain police do for Kings Mountain.

"We have one of the best police departments in the state," he says.

Tessneer commutes 60 miles round trip to work in Kings Mountain. He enjoys the drive to Lincolnton and back. Since he owns his own home in Lincolnton, he plans to stay in the community.

"I have the best of both worlds, here and in Lincolnton," he says.

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