

Kids Etc. registration Monday

Kids Etc., Kings Mountain District Schools' before and after school care program, will hold registration for the 1996-97 school year August 5 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at West Elementary School.

All parents who plan to enroll their child in the program are urged to attend the orientation. For more information, call Director Patsy Walker at 739-8622.

Walker said Kids Etc. serves

more than 200 students each year, offering an affordable, safe and caring environment for elementary school children.

Kids Etc. programs are held at the child's own school and eliminates the need for transportation for children, Walker said. Participants spend their afternoon time in a familiar environment with their friends.

Walker said the programs' goal is to make after school time meaningful, rewarding and fun

for each child. In addition to snack, homework time and activity centers, specialty instructors and city resources will visit the program regularly. These activities taught by specialists are designed to expose children to a variety of different experiences. Examples of specialty events include cooking, fire safety, self-esteem program, balloon sculpture, science programs, drama, and more. Specialty classes are rotated throughout the year and are based on teacher availability. Children make individual choices to participate based on their interest and are guided by the program's professional staff.

"Children participating in Kids Etc. are approached in a positive manner and treated with respect," Walker said. "Consistent, age appropriate limits help children be successful in the program. Children will learn self discipline, respect for others and how to make good choices. Appropriate behavior is acknowledged and rewarded, misbehavior is redirected. At Kids Etc. we view ourselves as partners with parents to provide the best care for their child."

Walker said Kids Etc. exceeds child care program standards set forth by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. The program is registered with the Child Care Resources Center of North Carolina. Each staff member is certified in CPR and first aid training.

Applying earns degree at UNC at Charlotte

Shelia C. Appling of 409 Cleveland Avenue, Grover, received her MED during recent commencement exercises at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

New books at library

Best sellers at Mauney Memorial Library:

Bradley, Bill. "Time Present, Time Past." (Alfred A. Knopf, 1996).

In a memoir at once deeply felt, lively and astute, Bradley tells about his life, his country, his role in government, and his hopes for the American future.

Burns, George. "100 Years, 100 Stories" (G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1996).

The incredible George Burns celebrates his 100th birthday with a priceless gift to his fans - a collection of the stories that made him one of America's national treasures.

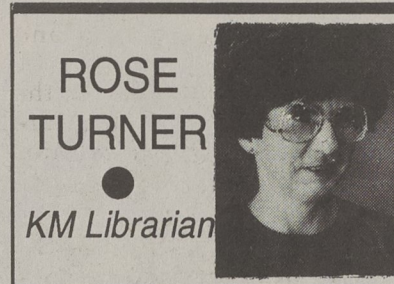
Drew, Elizabeth. "Showdown: The Struggle Between the Gingrich Congress and the Clinton White House" (Simon & Schuster, 1996).

This is the story of the most dramatic political rivalry in decades. The Democratic President, brilliant but seen as indecisive and vulnerable, is directly challenged by the equally brilliant Republican Speaker of the House, who seeks to complete the Reagan Revolution by repealing the Great Society and the New Deal.

Dershowitz, Alan. "Reasonable Doubts: The O.J. Simpson and the Criminal Justice System" (Simon & Schuster, 1996).

Dershowitz, one of the foremost legal thinkers of our time, explores a series of questions raised by the most watched criminal trial in American history. Through this brilliant, bold and eye-opening account of the O.J. Simpson case, he explores the realities of the criminal justice system in this country.

Franken, Al. "Rush Limbaugh is a Big Fat Idiot" (Delacorte Press, 1996).



ROSE TURNER
KM Librarian

This is a scathing but uncompromisingly fair look at America's largest talk show host and the rest of the Republican right.

Gates, Bill. "The Road Ahead" (Viking, 1995).

We have all been bombarded by the seemingly endless hype about the information highway and the coming age of technology. Now, Bill Gates gives us his vision of what the future holds for us.

Kuralt, Charles. "Charles Kuralt's America" (G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1995).

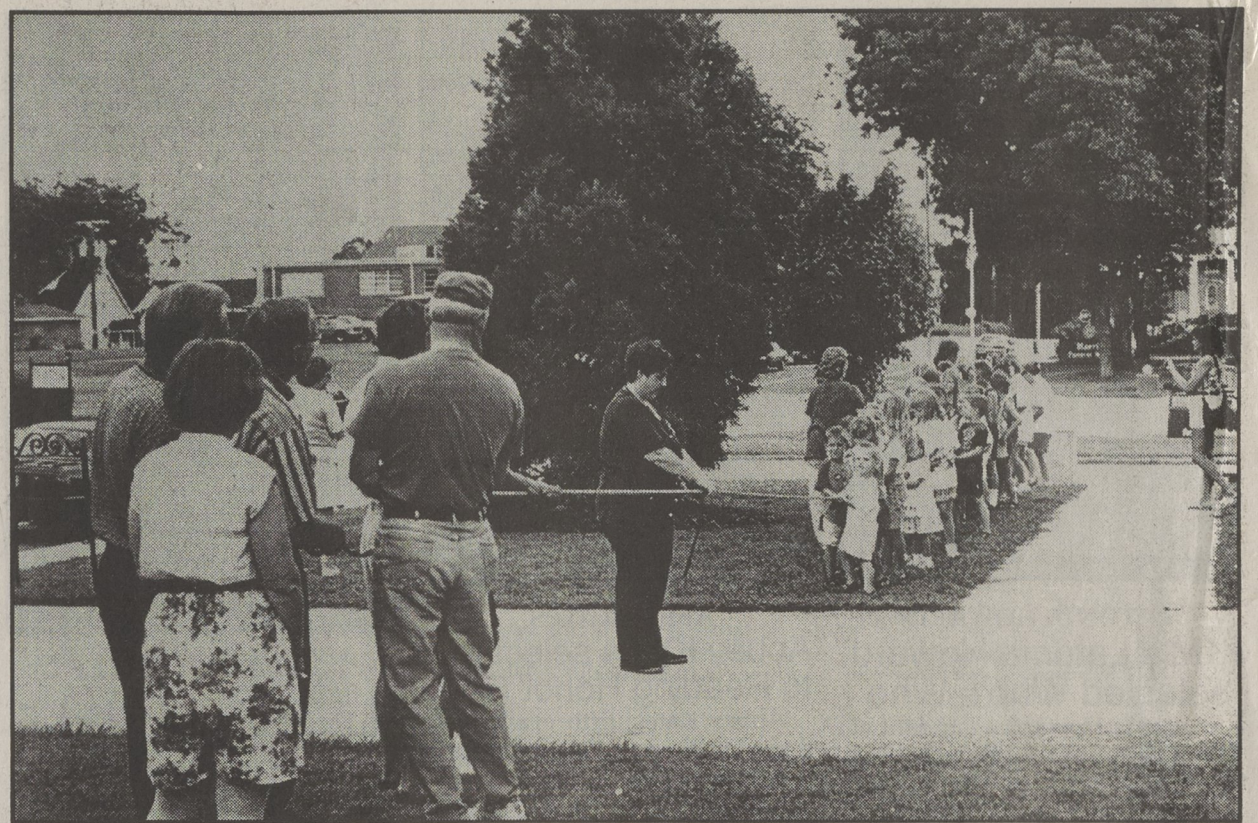
Ever since October, 1969, when he set out in a battered motor home to explore America and talk to its people, Kuralt has been one of our premier chroniclers, a man who has helped us see and celebrate our country in a way we never had before.

Stewart, James. "Blood Sport: The President and His Adversaries" (Simon & Schuster, 1996).

Drawing on hundreds of interviews, Stewart sheds startling new light on one of the mysteries of the Clinton White House.

Williams, Willie. "Taking Back Our Streets" (Scribner, 1996).

This is a chronicle of how Williams, through commitment and willingness to learn, climbed the ranks to be made the first black police chief in Philadelphia and Los Angeles.



PULLING FOR GOOD READERS - Mauney Memorial Librarian Rose Turner, Councilmen Jerry Mullinax, Dean Spears and Rick Murphrey, Bethware Principal Mary Accor and Board of Education Chairman Ronnie Hawkins, left to right, wait for Children's Librarian Louise Sanders to signal the start of a tug o war with young readers of the community. The kids won.

Summer Reading Program success

Reading was the name of the game for 464 children enrolled in Mauney Memorial Library's summer reading program.

The program ended with a tug of war Monday between adults and youth on the lawn of the library. Not surprisingly the kids won.

Pulling for good readers were City Councilmen Rick Murphrey, Dean Spears and Jerry Mullinax, assisted by Bethware School Principal Mary Accor, board of education chairman Ronnie Hawkins and Librarian Rose Turner. The 73 children who earned points for

reading were on the winning side of the rope which was strung across the sidewalk.

Hawkins presented certificates to the children who had also earned weekly prizes for reading this summer.

Team captains for the children were Donta Adams and Abbey Kates. The adult team captain was Mayor Scott Neisler.

Summer programs were led by children's librarian Louise Sanders and included a visit from Dee Sarver from Crowders

Mountain State Park who exhibited a snake and turtle and Roger Lowrance from Cleveland County Animal Control who showed puppies looking for homes. Other programs included sing-a-longs, picnics, storytelling and more. Every week a new game was introduced and a tournament was held to play the games the children learned.

"We have all had a fun summer and we expect to see these children and more return to the library even after school starts in August," said Mrs. Sanders.

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