

# Emergency teams train for disaster

Local and county emergency teams are ready for any disaster if Tuesday's mock nuclear practice drill at Kings Mountain High School was an indication.

Teams from police, fire, rescue, emergency, HASMET disaster team, Department of Social Services and Red Cross put up a shelter in the mini gymnasium with nurses and staff to simulate what they would do in the case of a nuclear fallout at the Catawba Nuclear Plant.

"Victims contaminated" showered in a mock shower stall and were taken quickly to a quarantined area of the safe shelter away from those who were "clean."

The Cleveland County Emergency Management Office

led the practice drill. Participants practiced the skills needed to successfully evacuate citizens in the event of a general emergency at the Catawba Nuclear Station in York, SC. Some of these skills are operating a reception center for evacuees, establishing roadblocks, mobilizing personnel and getting emergency information to the media.

Participating in the drill from this area were the Kings Mountain Fire Department, the Kings Mountain Police Department, and Bethlehem and Grover Fire Departments.

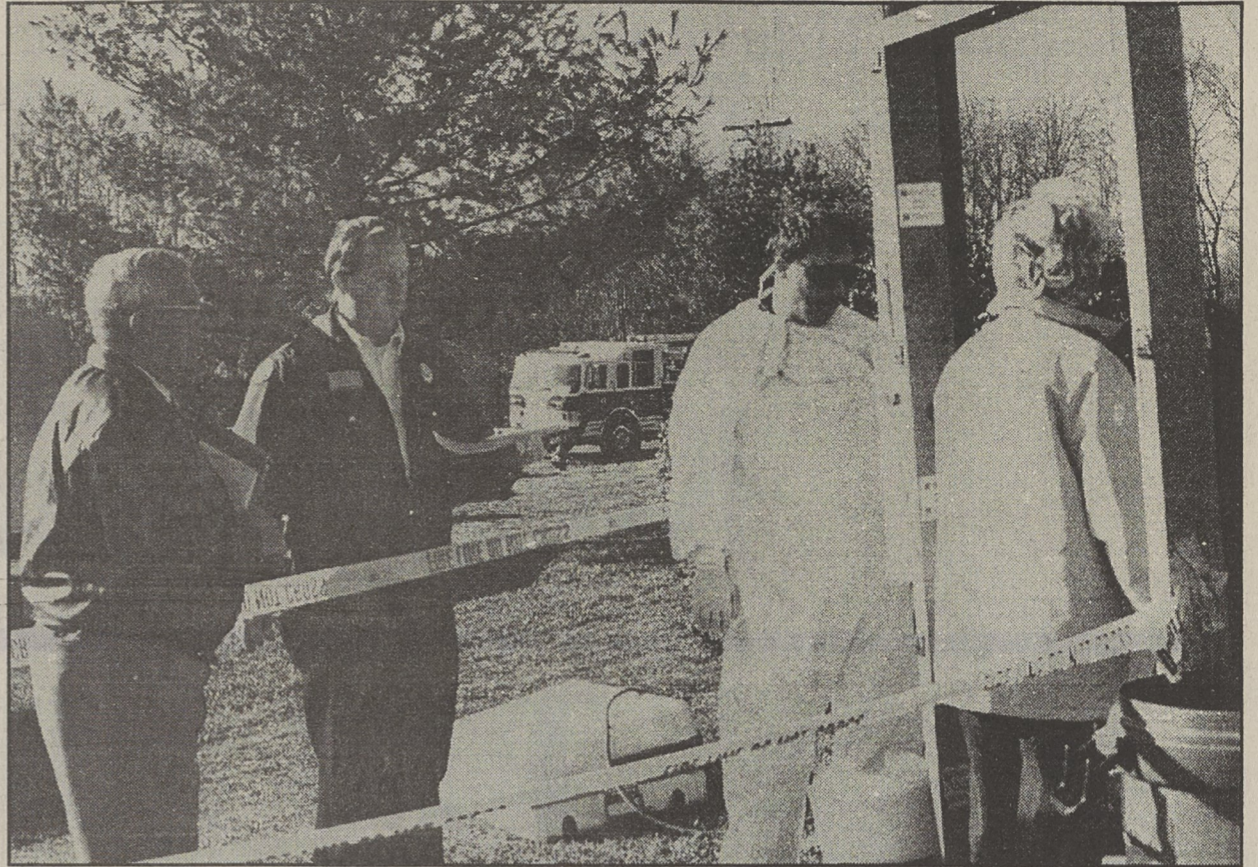
Assistant Fire Marshal Dewey Cook supervised the drill along with members of the State Emergency Response Team.

A similar drill was underway at the same time in Gaston, Union and Mecklenburg counties.

John Moore, evaluator of the federal emergency management organization called FEMA, was on hand to test the local rescuers involved in the exercise and Boy Scouts volunteered to be the "victims."

Kings Mountain Fire Chief Frank Burns said drills are held every two years in Kings Mountain because if such an accident occurred that the overflow victims from Gaston County would be rushed to Kings Mountain.

"I think the drill was quite successful," said Burns.



**SIMULATE DISASTER** - Emergency teams from the city and county conducted a mock drill Tuesday to be ready for a disaster that could result in nuclear contamination. FEMA evaluator Josh Moore, left, KM Fire Chief Frank Burns and HASMET team member Gary Ramsey help a "victim."

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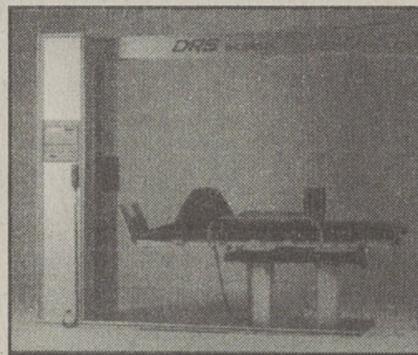


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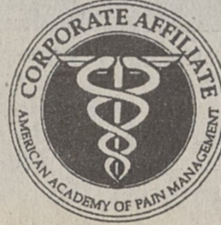
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## Board to discuss safety program

School bus drivers could soon get cellular telephones to use as part of the school system's safety program.

Supt. Dr. Bob McRae said School Bus Coordinator Greg Payseur will present a proposal for the telephones at Monday's Board of Education meeting at 7 p.m. at the Administration building on Ridge Street.

McRae said the installation of telephones would also give parents a measure of safety because in a problem they could reach their children and bus drivers could call immediately in emergency situations and not have to walk to a nearby house

in case of a breakdown or accident.

"Greg Payseur has done a good job in working up some proposals for us to look at Monday," he said.

McRae said the board will review a draft of the 1998-99 local budget proposal and is expected to schedule a budget hearing for Monday, April 20, to which the public is invited to give input.

A calendar committee will also present recommendations for revision of the 1998-99 school calendar necessitated by changes in state law and school

level calendar plans for 1998-99 as prescribed by state law.

McRae said the board will hear about plans for summer programs, including a Champions of Tomorrow baseball camp, the 1998 Mountaineer baseball camp and summer day camp.

The board is expected to take action on gifted education, school improvement and safe schools plans which they discussed at recent board meetings and during the recent work session. McRae said the programs are in line with the board goals for the year and are part of state requirements.

He said the board will also consider a proposal from Occupational Safety Solutions, a private company familiar with OSHA and EPA requirements, to provide assistance in being certain the system meets applicable OSHA and environmental regulations.

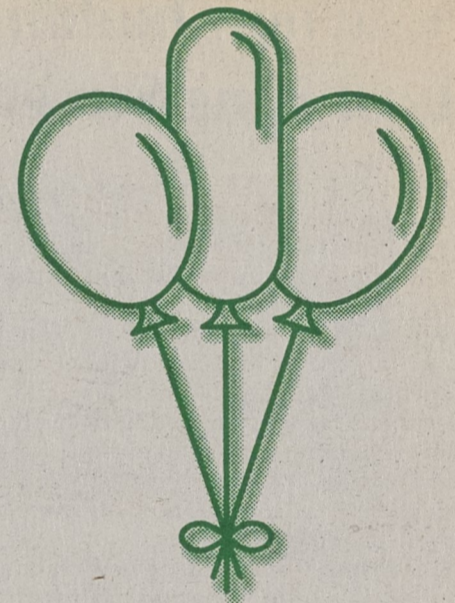
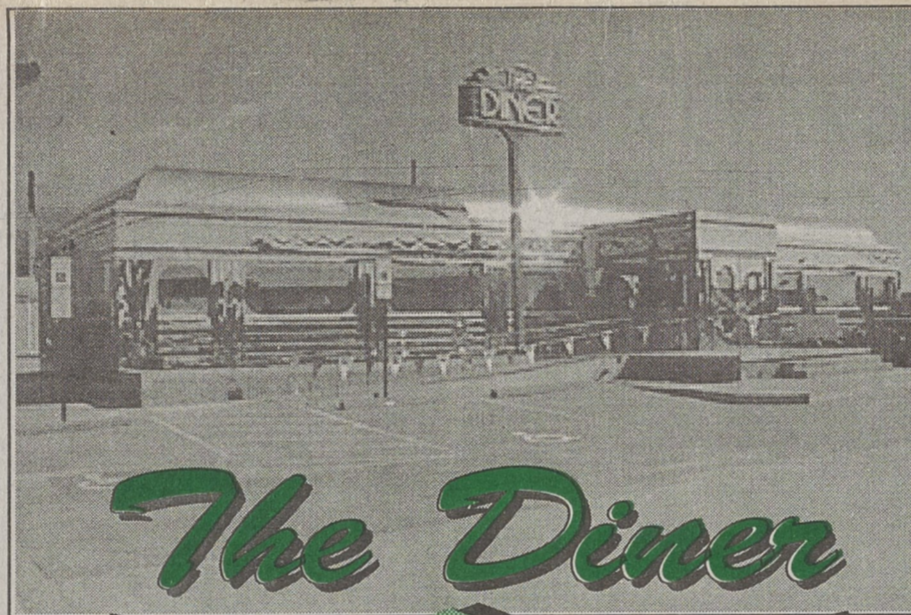
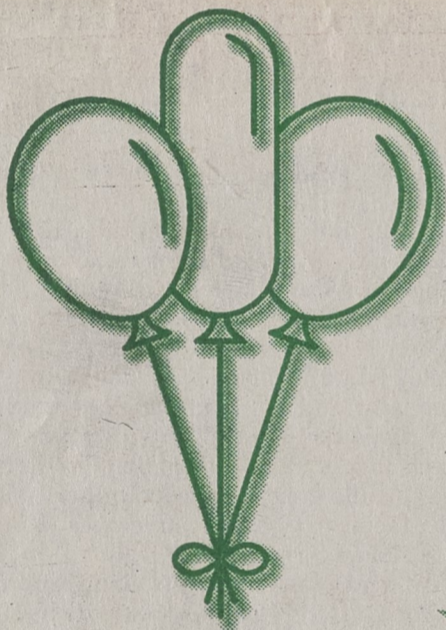
## Phillips wins for Gaston Christian

Kings Mountain's Clay Phillips has helped get Gaston Christian School's baseball team off to a 2-0 start.

Phillips went 3-for-3 with three RBI in an 11-1 win over Northside Christian, and he

hurled a complete game 4-2 victory over Charlotte Christian. He gave up five hits and struck out six.

Kings Mountain's Greg Jarvis also plays for Gaston Christian.



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