

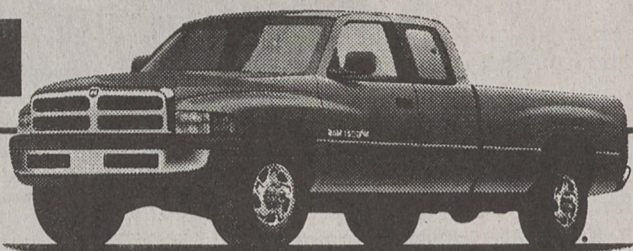
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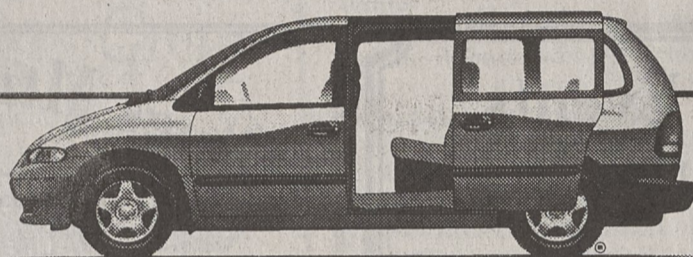


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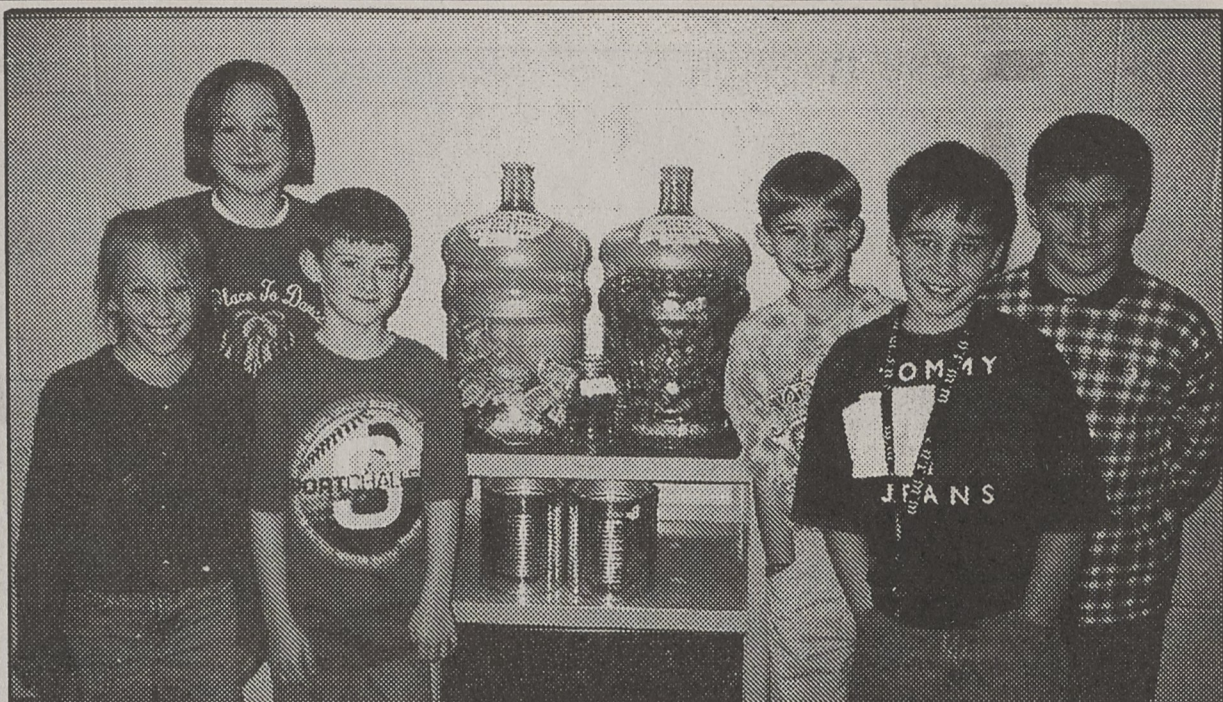


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BETTER TO GIVE- East School students stand beside the thousands of coins they collected to benefit hurricane victims in Honduras. Left to right; Marie Bowen, Leah Martin, Kyle Richards, Caleb Beach, Shon Sheffield, Daniel Asgari.

Students' kindness reaches all the way to Honduras

By Alan Hodge

Students at East School in Kings Mountain got a valuable lesson in international brotherhood last week. Making practical application of the school's November theme of "Kindness," students of grades K-6 collected their spare change for two weeks to aid hurricane victims in Honduras.

The money added up fast. Deposited in quart jars placed in each classroom, the funds were then pooled into two large

water cooler jugs. By the time the drive was over, over 115 pounds of pennies and about 15 more pounds of silver and paper money was hauled to First Charter Bank for totaling. The grand tally was an impressive \$601.51.

The final destination of the students' money was missionary family Larry and Jean Elliot, directly on the front lines of the hurricane relief in the city of Tegucigalpa.

East School principal Jerry Hoyle was proud of the kids

and the lesson they learned this holiday season.

"We think the students got a good lesson in generosity," said Hoyle. "We didn't involve the parents or community groups in this because we wanted it to be the kids' project."

Knowing that they had a part helping others in a devastated land is a lesson that all the children at East School will carry with them many years after their classroom days are just a memory.

Massey teacher of the month

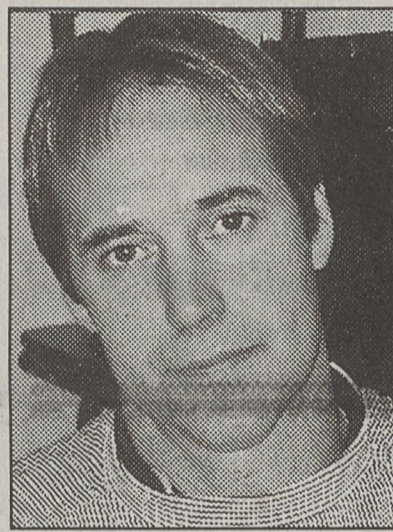
By Alan Hodge

Kings Mountain High School's Teacher of the Month and Athletic Director Ron Massey is a man at home on the field or behind a desk. A coach whose reputation for winning teams is known statewide, Massey looks to motivate all his students to do their best.

"My biggest challenge is to make productive citizens of all students," Massey said. "I try to steer them in the direction of success in whatever they try to do."

Now in his fourth year at Kings Mountain, Massey tried life in several places Down East before coming here to the Piedmont.

"I'm originally from Graham," Massey said. "Some of the



RON MASSEY

places I've lived include Little Washington, Lumberton, and Fayetteville."

Having experienced that diversity of locales helped Massey appreciate the Kings Mountain way of doing things.

"One asset that Kings Mountain has is its family atmosphere," Massey said. "Everyone here seems to pull together for common goals."

Like many educators today, Ron Massey knows his job is more than just teaching. Taking the challenges of modern life and relationships with his students past the blackboard is something he relishes.

"Teaching today goes beyond the classroom," Massey says. "A person must have strong ties to education to be both teacher and counselor."

Ron Massey, and his students, are winners on and off the field.

Dilling to attend D.C. 'classroom'

Marylee Hoyle Dilling, a student at Kings Mountain High School, will travel to the nation's capital as a participant in the Presidential Classroom Scholars Program, America's premier civic education program, March 6-13, 1999.

Joining hundreds of high school students from across the country and abroad, Dilling will take part in seminars presented by leaders representing each branch of government, the military, media and business. Students are also scheduled for a private tour of the White House, appointments with their Senators' and Representatives' offices and a visit to a foreign embassy.

Small-group workshops will focus on issues such as media, immigration and juvenile justice. Discussion and debate will be balanced with visits to Washington's monuments and Smithsonian museums, an evening of political satire with The Capital Steps and a commencement celebration.

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Jessica Cogar in national honor society

Jessica Cogar of Kings Mountain has been inducted as a member of the North Carolina Alpha Chapter of Alpha Chi National Honor Society at Appalachian State University.

Cogar, a junior, is the daughter of Lowell and Carwyn Cogar of Kings Mountain and is a psychology major.

Alpha Chi promotes and recognizes scholarship. Membership requirements include junior or senior standing and a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Other university activities and honors for Cogar include membership in Psi Chi and a volunteer at the women's center.

KM District Schools Cultural Corner

By CAROL CAROS

Christmas is a major celebration in the Spanish-speaking world.

On Christmas Eve it is very popular to attend midnight Mass. Christmas Day is an important family day. The entire family gathers for a big dinner.

The Christmas tree has become more and more common in recent decades, but the more traditional decoration is a nativity scene. Often there are contests to see who has the most intricate one.

Giving gifts on Christmas

day is also a modern innovation. In the past gifts were given on January 6 in memory of the gifts brought by the three Wise men. Today gifts may be given one or both of these days as the family chooses.

Holiday words:
La Nochebuena - Christmas Eve.

La Navidad - Christmas.
Feliz Navidad - Merry Christmas.

Arbol de Navidad - Christmas tree.

Nacimiento or pesebre - nativity scene.

Misa de Gallo - Midnight Mass.

Dia de Reyes - Epiphany (Jan. 6).

