

# BRIEFS

## Office Professionals to meet at KM High

The annual meeting of District 2 North Carolina Association of Educational Office Professionals will be held Friday, October 13 at Kings Mountain High School.

Becky Scism of Kings Mountain District Schools is serving her second year as President of the group.

The all-day event gets under way with registration and coffee at 8 a.m., and the general session begins at 9 a.m.

The morning session includes welcomes by KMDS Supt. Bob McRae, KMHS principal John Yarbro, KM Board of Education Chairman Larry Allen, and Kings Mountain Mayor Rick Murphy.

Reg Alexander of Regal Ventures, is the guest speaker. The afternoon session, which

begins at 1 p.m., includes numerous business matters, presentation of awards and scholarships, and installation of officers.

## Homecoming Sunday at KM First Wesleyan

Rev. Glenn Ward and his wife, Beth, will lead the worship and music service at homecoming at First Wesleyan Church, Kings Mountain, Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Ward is formerly of Shelby and has served as pastor of Wesleyan Churches in Bryson City, Shelby and Clyde. Beth is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Williams of Shelby.

Following the worship service, there will be a meal in the Family Worship Center. The public is invited.

## Single adults to meet at Penley's Chapel

Won By One, a single adults ministry of Penley's Chapel Church, will meet Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The service will feature light contemporary Christian music, and a message on Biblical Life Application.

Following worship, participants will meet in the fellowship hall for refreshments, retreat planning and workshops.

For more information call 739-9064.

## Special service at People's Church

The public is invited to attend a worship service sponsored by the Usher Board of The People's Baptist Church Sunday, October 15 at 6 p.m.

Rev. Hutchinson of Open Door Mission will be preaching. For more information call the church at 739-0398.



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East Elementary School had a recent visit from the Kings Mountain fire department as part of Fire Prevention Week. Pictured are, left to right; firefighter Joey Davis, Jalessa Howard, Lea Zwick, Shelton Watson, Jesse Davis, chief Frank Burns.

# East Elementary students get lesson in fire safety

BY ALAN HODGE  
Staff Writer

Kids at East Elementary in Kings Mountain got a visit from the fire department on Monday. Everything was cool though, the call was to help make the children more aware of fire safety and to tell them what they should do if their own home should become a fire statistic.

Arriving at the school parking lot in the Kings Mountain Fire Department ladder truck, chief Frank Burns and firefighter Joey Davis visited Shirley Smith's second grade class. Besides handing out home fire prevention checklist pamphlets and showing a fire safety video, the pair lectured the students on what they could do to help prevent fires.

"Never play with gasoline or matches," Burns said. "Also, if you think there may be a fire in another room in your house, feel the doorknob to see if it's hot."

These were just two tips that Burns and Davis went over with the kids. Others included the importance of having a planned and practiced escape route from home, the need to tell 911 operators if anyone is left in the house, and having a prearranged meeting place away from the burning house where family members can meet until help arrives.

"Make sure your meeting spot is well out of the road,"

Davis said. "Remember, fire trucks and other vehicles will be arriving."

Davis also demonstrated the equipment that firefighters have to wear when they go into action. Taking his hat, jacket, boots, trousers, and oxygen mask piece by piece, Davis pointed out the safety features built into each one. Even with all the special clothing, Davis told the second graders that firefighting was hazardous.

"Firemen can still get hurt," he said.

The trip that Burns and Davis made to East coincided with National Fire Safety Week.

Burns explained to the kids that the commemoration was set aside for the week of October 9 because that's when the Great Chicago Fire of 1874 took place. The legend is that Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over a lantern and started the blaze.

"Over 3,000 homes and businesses were destroyed," Burns said.

For a final treat, the students got a close look at the fire engine and an explanation of some of its equipment.

For more information on fire safety, call the Kings Mountain Fire Department at 734-0555.



Elaine Grigg, left, and Doris Cloninger won low net in last week's Women's Member-Member Golf Tournament at Kings Mountain Country Club.

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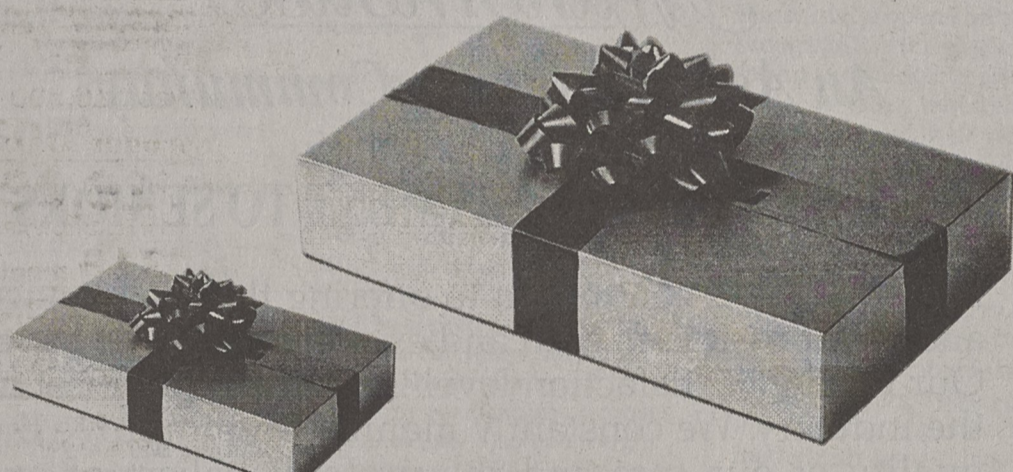


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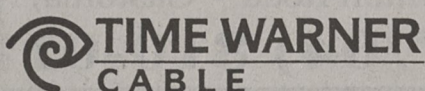
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