

KM pee wees rout Lincolnton by 51-13 score

Kings Mountain Optimist junior pee wees defeated Lincolnton 51-13 Saturday. Blake Hollifield scored on a 55-yard run on the first drive of the game. Tyler Humphries added the extra point. Humphries later scored on a 15 yard run to put KM up 13-0. Lincolnton threatened to cut into the lead but Brain Brown tackled the ball carrier short of a first down. Michael Thompson's pass interception and 35-yard return set up a 15 yard touchdown run by Shuantrell Jordan. A sack of the quarterback by Keiffer Hamm stopped Lincolnton on another potential scoring drive. Hollifield got loose on a 35 yard touchdown run and Humphries added the extra point.

Kings Mountain recovered a fumble on the ensuing kick-off and Brent Stevens tossed the ball to Lamar Belton for a 45 yard touchdown. Stevens through to Thompson for the extra point. Belton scored on a 65 yard run and Jordan added a 45-yard touchdown. Defensive standouts for the Mounties were Adams, Black, Bridges, Cobb, Everson, Hutchens, Rippy, Snider and Webster.

WATER

From 1A

make sure we're not in this fix next summer," Philbeck said. Philbeck had little to say after the water discussion. "I've said all I'm going to say right in there until after the meeting next week," he said.

According to a study from a Forest City engineering firm, Kings Mountain would contribute \$2 million; Cleveland County \$5.9 million; the Cleveland County Sanitary District \$2.25 million; Boiling Springs \$350,000; and Shelby \$3.5 million.

While cities would have other options for raising the revenue for this plan, Cleveland County officials said raising property taxes would be the way to raise money for the plan.

But County Commissioner Ronnie Hawkins said the tax and proposed water plan are just that - proposed.

Hawkins said the propos-

al is the way to get all parties involved in discussing water resources for the future.

"What we really need to tell the public is there is more to the talk they've been hearing than a tax," Hawkins said.

He said the tax increase is only one option in funding the plan.

With Kings Mountain moving ahead on its second lake, commissioners endorsed the Sanitary District's reservoir plan.

Although the tax has been suggested for all county residents to pay, not all county residents have access to water.

In southern Cleveland County, the area near Dixon School Road does not have service from any of the county's three water providers.

Commissioner Mary Accor lives in the Dixon School Road area and mentioned that during the discussion.

"There are some untargeted pockets in the county," she said about the areas

where residents still use wells.

Hawkins said one question that needs to be addressed in next week's meeting is county residents paying a tax for the Sanitary District without having its water.

The two providers that could provide water for the Dixon School Road area are the Sanitary District and the city of Kings Mountain.

"All we're trying to do as commissioners is facilitate the governmental entities that control water and try to find a way to protect the citizens of Cleveland County for the future," Hawkins said.

Sanitary District Manager Butch Smith said the proposal is still in the planning stages and is waiting to see what the district's board wants.

Sanitary District Board Chairman John Cline said Tuesday that he was open to participating in a county-wide discussion.

"Anytime you get people together talking, you sort of get things worked out," he said.

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Rusty Carringer, foreground, Shannon Carringer and Fonda Barnes hold candles at the conclusion of Kings Mountain's September 11 observance at City Hall.

9/11

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While many people were hurt that day, they had to be helped.

Joining in the processional were the three public safety units that operate in Kings Mountain. All workers were in uniform and later gave their name during a roll call.

The workers were also mentioned in a poem that El Bethel United Methodist Pastor Bruce Hobson read.

"Many of those lives were the men and women in the fire department, police department and the emer-

gency medical workers who wanted to help," he said.

Following the service was a candle lighting, then the recession of the emergency workers and the bagpipe band.

While most people from Kings Mountain witnessed the attacks on television, some will be actively participating in the war effort that came in their aftermath.

Kings Mountain's National Guard unit, which is part of the 505th Battalion, has been called into active duty.

The battalion, which is scattered across the state, has not been federally mobilized since the 1940's.

Kings Mountain Weather Report

(Compiled by Kenneth Kitzmiller)

	Sept. 11-17	Year Ago
Total precipitation	2.74	0
Max. one day	1.45 (14th)	0
Month to date	2.74	4.00 (40)
Year to date	26.96	32.16
Low temperature	64 (12th)	50 (16th)
High temperature	91 (11th)	85 (13th)
Average temperature	70.2	66.6

EAST

From 1A

about 86 percent of students at or above grade level, Kings Mountain Middle School did not receive recognition.

Statewide, more than 43 percent of North Carolina schools are Schools of Excellence or Schools of Distinction, the state's two highest recognition categories, according to the 2001-02 ABCs accountability results released and approved by the State Board of Education today. This shows that the state's accountability model, just entering its seventh year, is working as planned and increasing the number of students performing at grade level or better, according to State Superintendent Mike Ward.

"The goal of the ABCs

accountability model is to reward growth in student achievement. In the first year of the ABCs, only 12 schools qualified as Schools of Excellence and only 158 were Schools of Distinction. Today, we have 299 Schools of Excellence and 648 Schools of Distinction. And, we achieved this improvement even after tightening the requirements for Schools of Distinction," said State Board of Education Chairman Phil Kirk.

The number of schools of excellence, the highest performance level recognized, increased to 299 or 13.6 percent of all schools. In 2000-01, 7.9 percent of schools, or 171 schools, were in this category. Schools of Excellence are schools that have met at least expected growth goals for student achievement and where 90 percent or more of their students' scores are at or above grade level.

The number of low-performing schools in North Carolina continued to decline in 2001-02 and is down to 18. Low-performing schools are identified when a school does not meet academic growth goals and has less than 50 percent of its students' scores at or above grade level. In 2000-

01, 31 schools were low performing.

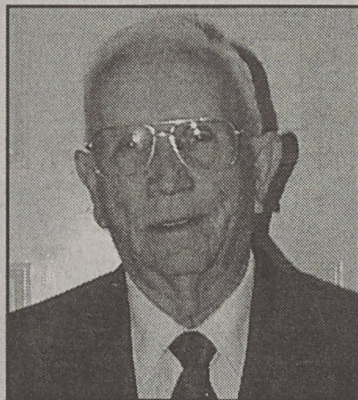
Goforth said the school system continues to progress each year.

"We're making progress, sort of like catching up in a race," he said. "We've got a long way to go but we're going in the right direction."



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