

At Kings Mtn. High

Dean Of Girls Lends An Ear To Problems Of Teens

BY RODNEY DODSON

"I really like her very much. I've had a lot of problems that were not easy to talk about - with her it's not as complicated as I thought. She makes you look at yourself through other's eyes. As a person, she's really wonderful - I wish there were more like her."

This is pretty high praise for someone, especially when it's a student describing a teacher.

The teacher is Mrs. Cozell Vance, Dean of Girls at Kings Mountain High School.

Since accepting the position last year, Mrs. Vance has won the confidence of many girls at the school, and many parents as well.

The girls come to her office all during the day with their problems, sometimes wanting advice, and sometimes, just a sympathetic ear.

"You'd be surprised how many come by to talk and tell me their problems," the attractive dean said with a smile.

"Sometimes they come in crying - too upset to stay in class. I'll talk with them, and in a few minutes it's all over."

The girls see the dean to sign

out of class, when sick, and sometimes involuntarily - she also handles the discipline for female students.

Her unusual success with the girls is based on a philosophy which reflects the policy of the faculty at KMHS - whereby as Mrs. Vance describes, we're more a part of the student body, rather than just a student-teacher relationship.

"I hope to make them look for themselves - to look to the future - to remind them of how far they could get without an education," Mrs. Vance explains.

When Mrs. Vance was offered the job as Dean of Girls last year, it came as quite a surprise to her.

As she recalls, Mr. Atkinson walked into her U.S. History class one day and said "Mrs. Vance, I want to speak to you."

"He asked me if I would take the job - I had two days to think about it."

The fact that Mrs. Vance used to teach at Laurinburg Institute where she was in charge of 100 or more students as Dean of Girls, she feels played a part in the selection.

"When offered the job, I first asked myself 'am I qualified?' I was concerned because of the racial situation."

"I knew that when it comes to students at this school, I see no colors - and I decided I was qualified, and accepted."

Parents of many of the girls would confirm the fact that Mrs. Vance is well qualified. They even come to her for advice concerning their daughters at school.

This is a great encouragement to the energetic, personable Dean of Girls. "When they depend on your advice - you feel like you're accomplishing something," she concluded.

Mrs. Vance drives to Kings Mountain every school day from her home in Charlotte. She is now in her 6th year of

teaching here. A former student at Compact High School, she taught there until the schools integrated. She brings her two children to school at Grover "they enjoy it so much there, they wouldn't think of going to school in Charlotte."

Principal Jake Atkinson is proud of his decision to name Mrs. Vance to the position.

"I'm very impressed with Mrs. Vance - she takes enough work off me and the assistant principal's shoulders to be worth twice her weight in gold," he said candidly, "she knows when to use counseling and when to use discipline. When any student here has a problem, there's someone to talk to."



Mrs. Vance in conference with a student in her office at the

high school. She lends an ear to many individual problems during a school day. (Mirror Photo)

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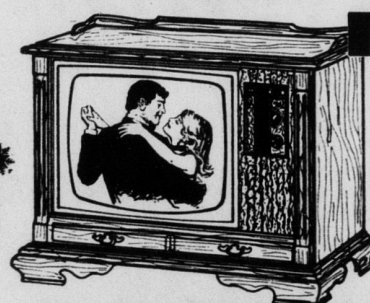
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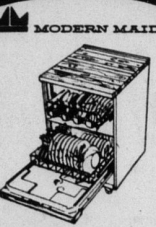
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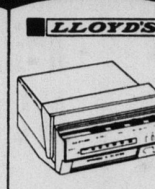
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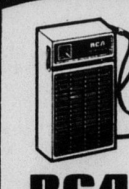
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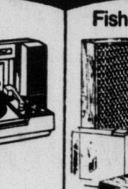
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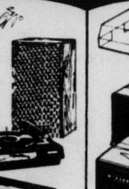
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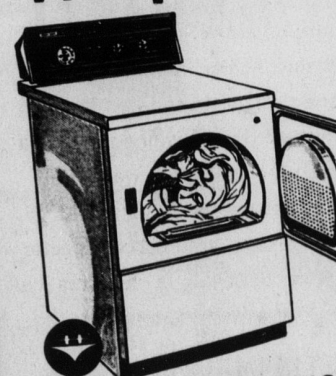


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