

# KMHS News

by John McGill



President Richard M. Nixon won an overwhelming majority of the votes in a mock presidential election held by the Kings Mountain "Mountaineer," the high school paper. The results, published in the Thanksgiving edition of the "Mountaineer" which was sold last Friday, show Nixon receiving 700 of the 949 votes cast, with McGovern polling 190 votes, and 59 write-in votes were cast. Nixon pulled in 73.7 per cent and McGovern 20 per cent of the votes cast in the mock election in contrast with the 64 per cent and 35 per cent respectively that they received in the nationwide contest. The American Party's candidate, John Schmidt, whose name appeared on the ballot, received less votes than Governor George Wallace of Alabama, whose name did not even appear on the ballot. Wallace led the write-in campaign with thirteen votes, while the legendary Alice Cooper was close behind with nine votes. Hometown candidate Jake Sipes followed with seven write-in votes.

The French Club held a meeting, November 14, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. 45 students from Kings Mountain High School, chaperoned by French teacher, Mrs. Carol Peeler, traveled to Gardner-Webb College for a program on France. The group saw films on Paris and the French Riviera shown by a representative of Deems Travel Service from Shelby. Two of the group, Clyde Kerns and Sereta Ayers, won door prizes. The representative of Deems Travel Service gave out pamphlets on tours available to students and buying guides from France. The program was held in the Dover Chapel at Gardner-Webb.

The Powder-Puff football game scheduled for Thursday, November 16, at 7:30 p.m. was postponed due to inclement weather. The game was rescheduled for Tuesday, November 21, in the City Stadium. The game is sponsored by the Monogram Club. Tickets are fifty cents for adults, and twenty-five cents for students, and will be sold at the game.

Mrs. Vicki Jackson, an employee of the New York Narcotics Commission, and an ex-heroin addict, spoke briefly at Kings Mountain High School Thursday. She wished to speak to small groups only because of the lack of communication she encountered with large groups, so no assembly was held for the entire student body. Instead, Mrs. Jackson spoke to a group com-

posed of faculty members, members of the administration, and guidance aides, to three individual classes, and to the ninth grade health class at 10:00 p.m. Mr. Bill Bates was coordinator for the program and introduced Mrs. Jackson.

The Kings Mountain High School varsity basketball team began its season Friday with a scrimmage against West Lincoln there. The Mounties meet North Gaston for a non-conference game there Monday night, November 20. That will be the last action for the twelve-man squad until they meet Burns in the opening round of the Tip-Off Tournament held at Crest.

The Annual Staff held an emergency meeting Wednesday to assign advertisements to members. The advertisement campaign will run for about three weeks. Approximately two hundred and ninety firms, individuals, and businesses have been contacted through letters for the campaign.

The class of 1973 was measured for caps and gowns by the Herff Jones Company, Friday, November 17. The Seniors were also able to order graduation announcements, personal cards, and accessories. A five dollar deposit was required.

The House of Representatives of the S. P. O. met Monday. Acting on a suggestion from the Human Relations Council, the students voted to have a clean-up campaign in the school, sponsored by the clubs. In other action, a Citizenship Committee was formed to select Good Citizens-of-the-Month in cooperation with the Citizenship Committee of the Senate portion of the S.P.O. and to revise the student handbook, if necessary. Members of the committee are: Mike Thombs, Chairman, Karen Ledford, Karen Cole, Mark Floyd, and Gail Hightower.

In the assembly period held Thursday for the club meetings, the following clubs and organizations met: Key Club, Bible Club, Future Homemakers of America (officers only), guidance aides, Bus Drivers and the Program Committee of the S.P.O.

Students will attend school only three days this week. Thanksgiving holidays begin as school ends Wednesday (today) and end as school resumes Monday.

## Gospel Sing

A gospel sing will be held Saturday, November 25 at the Westover Baptist Church on the Shelby Road. The sing will begin at 7:30 p.m. Featured groups at the sing will be The Mauldin Family from Greenville and The Happy Echoes of Swannanoa, N.C. The public is welcome.

Mr. & Mrs. Steve L. Evans  
2557 Melton Street  
Gastonia, N.C.  
Daughter, November 7, 1972

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel T. Hyde  
Route 4  
Shelby, N.C.  
Son, November 7, 1972

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Lewis  
Route 1, Box 390  
Kings Mountain, N.C.  
Son, November 8, 1972

Mr. & Mrs. Miles J. Grant  
307 E. Parker Street  
Kings Mountain, N.C.  
Daughter, November 8, 1972

Mr. & Mrs. Billy Sanders  
911 Church Street  
Kings Mountain, N.C.  
Daughter, November 8, 1972

Mr. & Mrs. James Ledford  
Route 1  
Bessemer City, N.C.  
Son, November 10, 1972

Mr. & Mrs. Morris Timms  
Route 2  
Kings Mountain, N.C.  
Son, November 12, 1972

Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Sanders  
2100 Parkdale Circle  
Kings Mountain, N.C.  
Daughter, November 14, 1972

Mr. & Mrs. John Revels, Jr.  
317 Mountainview Street  
Gastonia, N.C.  
Daughter, November 16, 1972

Mr. & Mrs. Larry D. Wright  
Box 304  
Blacksburg, S.C.  
Daughter, November 15, 1972

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Walker  
1714 Pope Avenue  
Gastonia, N.C.  
Son, November 16, 1972



## KINGS MOUNTAIN BIRTHS

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Frizzell  
21 Walker Street  
Kings Mountain, N.C.  
Son, November 18, 1972

Mr. & Mrs. William Thomas  
303 E. Virginia Avenue  
Bessemer City, N.C.  
Son, November 18, 1972

Mr. & Mrs. Buddy E. Branch  
111 Inman Avenue  
Bessemer City, N.C.  
Daughter, November 18, 1972

Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Goode  
West Georgia Avenue  
Bessemer City, N.C.  
Daughter, November 19, 1972

Mr. & Mrs. David Southard  
Route 4, Starling Sub Div.  
Gastonia, N.C.  
Daughter, November 20, 1972

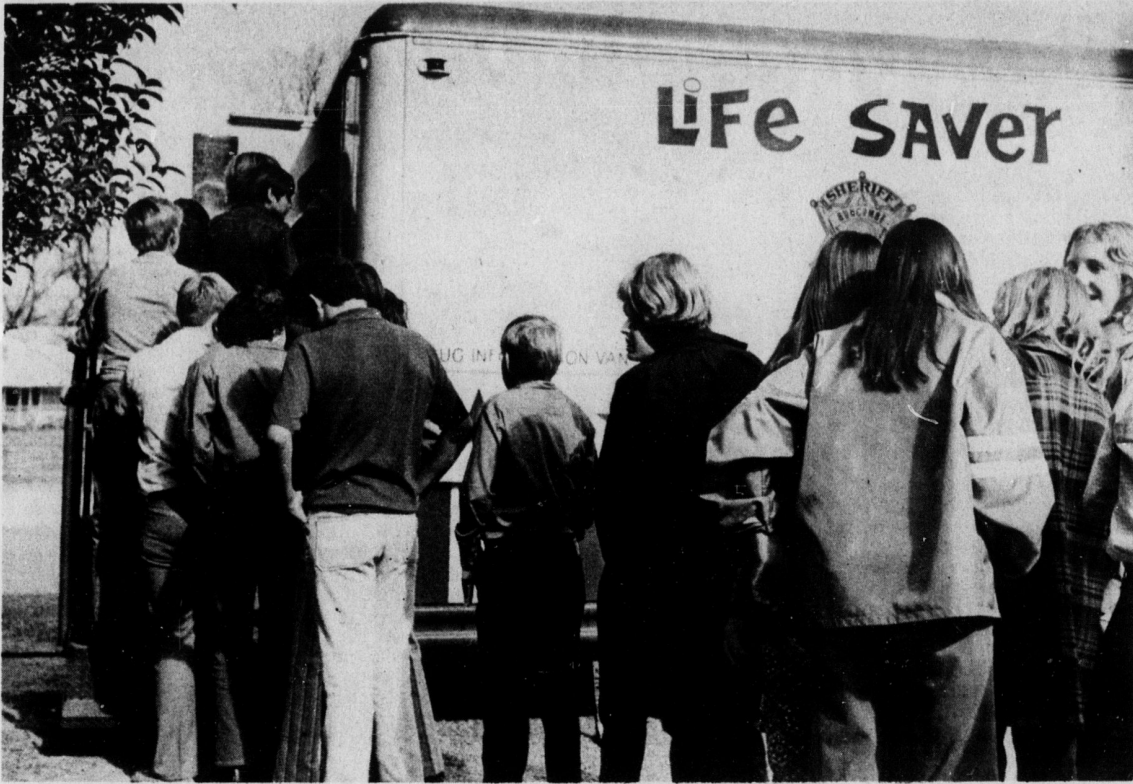
Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Biddix  
Route 2, Edgewood Acres  
Bessemer City, N.C.  
Son, November 20, 1972

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis McAbee  
470C Stinnett Acres  
Bessemer City, N.C.  
Daughter, November 20, 1972

Mr. & Mrs. Ezekiel Clay  
Route 2, Box 919 G  
Bessemer City, N.C.  
Daughter, November 20, 1972

Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Lee Scalf  
105 Falls Street  
Kings Mountain, N.C.  
Son, November 21, 1972

Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Scates  
Bessemer City, N.C.  
Son, November 21, 1972



Students at Central Junior High line up at the Buncombe County Drug Information Van parked at the school last week. The bus was on loan to Kings Mountain and was manned by Ptl. Tom-

my King who stationed the "Life Saver" center at Central School and downtown in front of Belk's later in the day. The drug displays inside were the "real McCoy" and were taken in drug raids in and around Buncombe County.

## Drug Education On Wheels Shows Whole "Dope Scene"

There were lots of kids running around the play area of Central Junior High tossing footballs and chasing one another. It was as typical as a school day can go except for one important event... thousands of dollars worth of drugs were present. In fact there were so many types of drugs on the lot that the school kids had to line up to view the wares. Even teachers lined up. The pungent rosy odor of marijuana hung heavy in the air eliciting a few coughs from the children. And over to one side one man sat watching the line filter through the mass of pills, weed and heroin.

Such a scene as described above really did occur in Kings Mountain Thursday morning. But there is no cause for alarm, because the man in the corner was Tommy King of the Kings Mountain Police Department and the drugs were on exhibit in sealed glass display cases. Drugs of all kinds were there for viewing. Inhalants, stimulants, marijuana, depressants and tranquilizers, the whole, "drug scene."

The drugs were on display in Buncombe County's Drug Information Van. Through the courtesy of Buncombe's Sheriff's Department, the van was on loan to Cleveland County for this week and Thursday was Kings Mountain's day. The various types of drugs one could see were all real. They were the result of many drug raids in Buncombe County. As Tommy

King noted, "The contents of this van may well be worth more than the van itself."

The school children lined up during the early morning hours to take a look at drugs they had always heard of and may never had seen before. Sadly enough, however, many who saw that exhibit have probably sampled.

Patrolman King was around for questions about the drugs and explained as much as possible about consequences and risks involved in narcotic usage. He also kept marijuana burning in a nearby ashtray so those inside could learn to recognize the smell.

Throughout the van hung charts and pictures pertaining to drugs. One chart in particular stressed the money involved in one shipment of heroin. It traced the route of heroin from a kilo of uncut material to the addict who receives the final product "diluted" several times over. The "typical" addict, as explained by the chart has a habit costing \$75 to \$100 daily. Such a high cost to feed the habit can lead to only one avenue...stealing. The program presented at the school was most impressive and educational, but as one bystander remarked, "I hope it makes the kids see what dangers are involved and not make them curious to experiment."

A kid with his head in the right place will learn from the exhibit. It's the ones who think they know what's happening that need to be reached. Only time will tell.

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Few people have the courage to resist the crowd, even when they know the crowd is off base.

# Central News

by Chris Holmes



On November 16 Kay-geo Drugs came to Central. They gave a talk on drugs and their effects. Then students were shown through a van where showcases of drugs were on exhibit. The drugs were labeled and grouped into classifications. On Friday November 17, 52 senior citizens came to Central for a tour. Guides showed them through the school and vocational departments. The guides were J. Gamble, K. Crawford, K. Wright, M. Bumgarner and J. Turner. After touring the school the senior citizens ate lunch in Central's cafeteria. Then they met in the auditorium for a general discussion of the school.

I have been able to get a little more information about Central's football season statistics. Central scored a total of 168 points this season. They averaged 24 points a game. The Patriots defense allowed only 40 points, an average of 5.7 points a game. In the passing department Mike Bumgarner attempted 35 passes and completed 20 of them with only one interception. He completed 57.1 per cent for a total of 299 yards. Chris Bell attempted 12 passes and completed seven and had none of them intercepted. He passed for 157

yards all together for a 58.3 per cent completion record. In pass receiving, William Thompson lead the way. Thirty-one passes were thrown to him and he caught 21 of them for 388 yards and 9 touchdowns. Spicer had 5 thrown to him of which he caught 1 for 8 yards and a TD. Al Eddins came next with 4 passes that came his way. He caught 3 for 2 yards. Peter Brown had 3 passes thrown to him but he failed to catch any of them. Bell was thrown 2 passes and he caught one for 45 yards. Putnam was 1 for 1 in pass receiving for 13 yards. Finally in this category Richard Ross had a disappointing season catching none of the passes thrown to him which in number was one. Next week I will have the last of the statistics in my column.

Students will receive Thursday and Friday of this week off for Thanksgiving. Regular classes will resume next Monday.

On Friday night November 17 a dance was held in the Central gym. The Gastonia Jackson Five were there to produce the music for dancing. The cost of admission was \$1.50. The Gastonia Jackson agreed to come back for another dance to be held Friday, December 8.

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