



Deal gives instructions before getting down to serious practice ...

That's KM Band Spirit Boosters

The 86-strong Kings Mountain Senior High Marching Band are boosters of Mountaineer spirit.

And Indian summer weather is ideal for football and for practice sessions of the high-stepping bandmen who drill every morning at John Gamble Memorial Stadium.

Serving as Honor Band for Vice-President Nelson Rockefeller's visit Oct. 7 was high-light of the year for the young people who added pageantry to their performance by initiating a flag team composed of Jane Campbell, Beverly Lynch, Ann Rowell, Donna Moss, Terri Glass,

Sheila Hinton, Gina Patterson and Lynda Lynch.

Director Donald Deal, beginning his eighth season, praised his young charges who underwent a vigorous schedule but were elated to be asked to play the Vice President's favorite, "Sweet Georgia Brown" to add to their repertoire for the Bi-Centennial Celebration which included "Ruffles and Flourishes" and "Carolina In The Morning."

Gearing up for UNC Band Day Oct. 25, other activities will include performing at all home football games, including this week's big game with Shelby Lions, and working on concert numbers in prepara-

tion for Winter Concert in December.

A consistent winner in contest festivals, the KMSHS Band has brought back ratings of Superior and Excellent, playing in the difficult Grade Six category among top bands in the Carolinas. Students are picked from auditions to perform in All-State band clinics.

There is also a Spring concert during the year and in April the Band is invited to perform at the annual convention of N. C. Association of Educators.

Robert Hendrick is

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Marriages Decline, Divorces Increase

It appears Holy Wedlock has come a cropper if the decline in marriages during the past few years is an indication.

A recent study of marriage trends and breakups by the Division of Health Services revealed 45,015 marriages performed in 1974 against 46,951 in 1973 and 48,291 in 1970.

North Carolina established a record for divorces and annulments in 1974 with 20,049 — an 80 percent increase over 1965.

A total of 40,098 persons were divorced in 1974, according to the study. From these crumbled marriages a total of 21,882 children — meaning that 61,980 persons were intimately involved in divorce cases in the state in 1974.

According to the N. C. Department of Human Resources, death is still the major cause of dissolution of marriage, but is rapidly giving way to divorce. While death accounted for 54 percent of marriage terminations in 1974, it represented 64 percent in 1968.

Death and judicial decree combined to set adrift 246 families during the year, according to the statistics compiled.

Dr. Clyde Johnson, a psychologist at N. C. State University, said part of the reason for the decline in marriage appears to be due to playing down the ideal concept as old fashion on television shows. He pointed out that the basic theme of many shows is a broken home — showing one or the other of the principal characters as divorced. He alluded to talk shows as perhaps the worst offenders in depreciating marriage.

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TEACHER HONORED

Manita (Mrs. Ben T.) Goforth, Kings Mountain District Two Teacher of the Year, was named among 15 Tar Heel teachers honored as regional teachers of the year for 1976 and honored at a luncheon in Raleigh Wednesday. The state's Teacher of the Year will be named at the Nov. 5 meeting of the State Board of Education.

Mrs. Goforth teaches English at Kings Mountain Senior High School. According to State Supt. of Public Instruction James Phillips the search for North Carolina Teacher of the Year is the search for an individual who exemplifies excellence in the profession of classroom teaching. That teacher should have a superior ability to inspire love of learning in students of all backgrounds and abilities, he said. A nine-member committee of educators and lay citizens interviewed the regional candidates in Raleigh Wednesday and selected two teachers for consideration for the title of N. C. Teacher of the Year. During the week of Oct. 3, the two finalists were observed in the classroom by a small committee from the Learning Institute of North Carolina.

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OCTOBER QUILTS

October quilts and other mountain crafts made by Appalachian Fireside Crafts will be on display at the Southern Christmas Show Nov. 11-16 at the Charlotte Merchandise Mart.

Nearly 200 families in eastern Kentucky now are members of the Fireside group, which is sponsored by the Berea, Ky. branch of Save the Children Federation.

The quilts are so exquisitely made as to be outstanding works of art sought by museums, art galleries and the White House Collections for use in the White House itself.

The October quilts, named for their beautiful autumnal colors and traditional time of use, come in the age-old patterns of Windmill, Ninepatch, Cabin, Cross Purpose, Lone Star and other designs.

KMHS TO EXHIBIT

Cultural education has changed greatly in the past decade and these changes will be reflected in the exhibits from Kings Mountain High School

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Majors Elizabeth Eaker, Kevin Allison get them lined up...



And they're off and marching...



Elizabeth keeps in step...

Halloween Dance Set At Legion

Halloween spooks and ghosts will cavort and dance about at the annual American Legion Auxiliary-sponsored dance Saturday, Oct. 25, from 9 until midnight at the American Legion Building.

Advance sale tickets are \$10 per couple and may be purchased from a dance committee including Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, chairman; Mrs. Charles Hampton, Mrs. Jerry Ross, Mrs. Charles Dixon, Mrs. Charles Allen and Mrs. Jackie D. Barrett.

Prizes will be awarded to the best-costumed man and woman and the American Legion ballroom will be decorated with Halloween decorations in orange and black. Miniature "spooks" will decorate the tables which will be covered with gold cloths and centered with candles.

"We invite everyone to come out and support the Auxiliary's extensive community service projects," said Peggy Jackson, chairman. "The Winning Combination" will play for dancing from 9 until midnight.

Benefit Set For Tonight

Ladies Guild of Christ the King Catholic Church is readying for tonight's big bridge benefit which begins at 8 p. m. at the American Legion Building.

All proceeds will benefit the church.

Tickets, which include door prizes and refreshments, are \$1.50 per player.

Call Christine Morrison, 739-3071, for reservations.



Majorette perfects her act as the band plays on...

Flea Market Saturday

A big "flea market" is planned Saturday at the American Legion Building by members of the American Legion Auxiliary for benefit of special projects.

Jane (Mrs. Charles) Dixon is chairman of the fund-raising effort.

The big rummage sale begins at 9 a. m. and will continue all day in the American Legion Ballroom. A variety of good, used clothing and other

household goods will be on the "for sale at bargain price" racks.

Mrs. Dixon said the community is also invited, along with the members, to contribute "flea market" items to the project and these should be delivered to the American Legion Building Thursday and Friday or by 9 a. m. Saturday.

In connection with the "flea market", women of the

Auxiliary will conduct a bake sale of homemade goodies during the American Legion Bingo Party Friday evening and any left-over items will be available during the Saturday Flea Market. Co-chairmen of the bake sale are Judy (Mrs. Steve) Harmon and Margaret (Mrs. Furman) Wilson. They promise a variety of cakes, pies, and cookies from the kitchen of many good cooks from the area.



And after the game they talk about job well done...