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Community Schools Program

Assessing The Needs

A survey is currently underway in the city to develop interest and enrollment in the District Schools Community Schools program, according to William H. Hager, co-ordinator.

Mr. Hager said the survey is being conducted to help the Community Schools advisory councils assess the needs of their respective communities. Questionnaires are going out to all residents, inviting their

opinions on major needs of attention in the community, such as housing, traffic, crime, transportation, vandalism, fire hazards, recreation, etc. and asking if citizens are aware that community school facilities are available for club meetings and other community groups. Families surveyed are invited to check their preference for recreation and sports activities, such as arts and crafts for

children, camping, guitar, hiking, bridge, soccer, etc. and "do it yourself" classes in which they would be interested, such as ceramics, interior decorating, microwave cooking, bricklaying, etc. Farm training courses will also get attention, as well as enrichment courses for fun and self-improvement, medical education and human relations seminars and job improvement courses, including

interest in shorthand, typing, cosmetology skills, etc.

Citizens are also invited to check any areas and the days in which they would volunteer their services in reading to children, grading papers, tutoring, any sports skills, etc. and to check any activity in which they would be willing to volunteer a time for service with the P-TA, Girl Scouts, Senior Citizens, etc.



Photo by Katrena McCa...

SPEAKER—Dr. Cliff Belcher, director of Vocational Education for the State Department of Public Instruction, center, chats with Myers Hambright, director of the KM District Schools vocational education program, and Schools Supt. William Davis, right, in Kings Mountain Monday.

It's Growing In N.C.

Vocational Education

Fifteen years ago the predominant subjects in vocational education were agriculture and home economics. Today, 6,200 teachers in the state teach a variety of subjects, from business and office machines to cosmetology and auto mechanics.

The statistics were given by Dr. Cliff Belcher of Raleigh, executive director of vocational education for the N.C. Department of Public Instruction as he addressed the local schools advisory council Monday.

Dr. Belcher, who paid his first visit to Kings Mountain in 1963 at the Central plant, commended the KM Schools System for their positive approach to vocational education and said the program is growing all over the state "by leaps and bounds."

The vocational education program, he said, served 50,000 students in 1963. Today, more than 300,000 students in grades 7-12 are enrolled in a vocational education program, representing half the population. Last year 26,000 students were enrolled in a cooperative program, working 15.7 million hours at approximately \$3.16 per hour and earning 49 million dollars. These same students, he said, paid taxes, thereby paving the way for 75,000 more to get similar training.

Fifty-five percent of today's high school graduates stay in the labor market and advance in the jobs they hold while going to school, a positive "selling point," said Dr. Belcher, for the program.

Students from vocational education classes advance in their jobs and get higher wages, bridging the gap between school and the world of work.

"The success story is here," said the speaker, who said that a public relations job is needed to educate the public on the positive aspects of such a program, now mandated by state and federal legislation.

"These students require the same academic skills to advance in their chosen fields," continued the speaker, who challenged the group that "our high school kids can only be as good as the academic program we give them."

Advisory Council President M.L. Campbell presided over the luncheon meeting in the KMHS Home Economics Department.

Burns Death Suicide

The death of a 12-year-old Central school student has been ruled suicide after a preliminary investigation by Assistant Coroner Jim Gold.

The body of Debra Ann Burns, of 1001 Kelly Dr. in Shelby, was found in a wooded area near her home Monday morning with a gunshot wound in the chest. A .38 caliber revolver was found near her body.

A native of Charleston, S.C., she was daughter of Garnet Burns of Hamlet and Sallie Winslow Burns of Orlando, Fla. Until two weeks, she had resided in Kings Mountain but had moved with her half-brother and family to Shelby.

Also surviving are one brother, Keith Burns of Hamlet; and two half-brothers, Robert Edward Linkenhogor of

Augusta, Ga. and William P. Tyson of Shelby.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon from Kings Mountain's Macedonia Baptist Church by Rev. Tom Patterson, interment following in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Opening Saturday Morning

Jaycees Selling Trees

Christmas trees will go on sale Saturday morning on the Jaycee Christmas Tree Lot at 235 South Battleground Ave., adjacent to McGinnis Department Store.

Project Chairman Pat Cheshire said that Frazier furs, balsam and white pines will be

available at a price range of \$12 and up and live trees for planting will also be available. Some of the trees come from the Appalachian area while others are from the immediate area.

Jaycees will man the lot daily and until 10 p.m. evenings

until Christmas.

The Jaycee Tree Project is a major fund-raising project of the civic club for benefit of community projects.

"Buy a tree from a Jaycee and help your community," said Cheshire.

Hoag & Sons
Book Bindery, Inc.
Springport, Mich. 49284

Falling Leaves No Big Deal For Ira Mills



Photo by Gary Stewart

Leaf raking is no big deal for Ira Mills of 212 Walker Street. While his neighbors spend the biggest part of a day raking with an old store-bought back-breaker, Mills is gathering his leaves with a circular fan attached to the front end of a wheelbarrow.

In an hour's time, Mills and his wife Edith had cleaned all the leaves from their front lawn and most from the back and sides. With a rake, they figure it would have taken a good day's work.

"I saw the fan and the idea just struck me," said Mills. "It would work even better if it wasn't for the wheelbarrow knocking the air off of it. I have an old iron wheel that I'm going to try to rig up for next year."

Mr. and Mrs. Mills hadn't even worked up a sweat with the new method. After Mills' leaf-blowing invention blew the leaves into a huge pile, Mrs. Mills would come along and put them into boxes and place them along the street for the garbage men to pick up.

Several neighbors and family members came up to see what was going on when they spotted the Herald photographer snapping away.

"What in the world are you doing?," one asked.

"I've got me a fortune started," said Mills.

Grover Parade Dec. 6

The annual Grover Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Lions Club, is scheduled for Thurs., Dec. 6, at 4 p.m.

Thus far, 75 units are entered in the parade. Any other units interested in participating may call the Grover Town Hall, 937-9986.

H.A. Thompson, disc jockey at WBT in Charlotte, will serve as grand marshal. Several area bands will be marching, including Kings Mountain High School, Chesnee High School, Crest High, The Rambling Rebels of Gastonia, Blacksburg High, Clover Junior High and Ashbrook High.

The parade will begin on Highway 216 at Bethany Baptist Church and proceed to Main Street, then to Laurel Avenue and disband at the Grover Medical Clinic.

The Grover PTO will be selling doughnuts along the parade route and will sponsor a hamburger and hot dog supper at the school cafeteria immediately following the parade.

Bridge Benefit Tonight

We goofed! The bridge benefit at the new Governmental Facilities Building is tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m.

The Herald inadvertently stated the incorrect date in Tuesday's edition.

All proceeds from the card games, to which the public is invited, will be applied to the grounds beautification project at the new City Hall and to N.C. Zoo.

The benefit is sponsored by Town and Country Garden Club who are asking that bridge players make up their own tables for the event. Admission is \$3, which also includes the cost of light refreshments.

Total cost of the beautification project, which will include extensive plantings of shrubs and trees, is estimated to cost \$10,000. Memorials are invited from the public.

PEANUT SALE

Kings Mountain Kiwanians will conduct the annual peanut sale Saturday on downtown streets to earn money for community projects. All members of the club will be on downtown streets until 5 p.m.

KIWANIS CLUB

"Singing Teachers" will present the program at Thursday night's meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club at 6:45 p.m. at the Woman's club.

MVP? Who Else But Kevin Mack!



Photo by Gary Stewart

Clemson football coach Danny Ford, left, congratulates KMHS running back Kevin Mack Tuesday after Mack was named most valuable player for the 1979 KMHS eleven. Mack, who is being recruited heavily by Clemson and several other major colleges, and 10 of his teammates won trophies. Pictures and details are on page 4-A.