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TALENTED GROUP - Norma Cissell works with a group of academically talented students in the Kings Mountain School District. Over 800 students in the district are classified as exceptional.

Over 800 Exceptional Students In KM Schools

By JANE SHIELDS

Who are the exceptional children in Kings Mountain District Schools? How are they classified as exceptional? What kinds of programs serve these students? These are but a few questions parents, students and the community ask in an attempt to discover the world of exceptional children in the schools. Most persons have an

image in their minds of an exceptional child whether it is a son, daughter, neighbor, friend or acquaintance. In this article it is the intent of the writer to expand that image and to create a better understanding of these students. Perhaps the first question one needs to answer is who are these children.

The North Carolina State Board of Education recognizes

the following categories of exceptionalities: autistic, gifted and talented, hearing impaired, mentally handicapped, multihandicapped, orthopedically impaired, other health impaired, seriously emotionally handicapped, pregnant school girls, specific learning disabilities, speech and language impaired and visually impaired. Of these twelve categories, Kings Mountain District Schools has 818 students who fit into ten of the categories. Of these students approximately 226 are gifted and talented and the remainder are handicapped.

How does a student qualify for placement in the Exceptional Children's Program? First, a referral form is completed by a parent, teacher, or principal to indicate the student has a particular need. Once the referral is made, a variety of activities take place which include the following: obtaining parental permission for evaluation; testing sessions; and conferences with parents, teachers, school psychologists and others to determine if a student meets state requirements for inclusion in a program. Other activities include placement in a program if the student qualifies and the writing of an individual education plan (IEP).

When looking at placement one must also consider programming or what is available to the youngster who qualifies for a program in Kings Mountain District Schools. Each school in the system has professional staff to serve these youngsters. In

Richard Greene Resigns As Central School Principal

Richard Greene, principal of Central School since 1978 and a principal in the Kings Mountain District Schools since 1968, has resigned his position to take a newly-created position as administrative coordinator of the N.C. Alternative Energy Corporation's electrical load management program.

Greene, whose resignation was accepted Monday night by the Board of Education, will assist the public schools and community colleges in the state to implement effective electrical load management plans which will reduce their energy costs and ease the utility companies' peak load demands.

Greene's resignation is effective September 30.

Mrs. Glenda O'Shields, who was acting principal at Central last year while Greene was on a leave of absence to work in the North Carolina Leadership Institute for Principals, has been named acting principal. Superintendent William Davis



RICHARD GREENE

was authorized by the board to take whatever actions necessary to fill the assistant principal's position previously held by Mrs. O'Shields.

Greene, who will move to Raleigh, said his first order of business in his new position will

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Nation Chevrolet Bought By Testa

Jim Testa, owner of Kings Mountain Truck Plaza and the Jim Testa Racing Team, announced today that he has purchased Jerry Nation Chevrolet Corporation from Jerry Nation of Kings Mountain and Ralph L. Abernathy of Lincoln, and has begun clearing for construction of a new facility on York Road at Interstate 85.

Testa will assume management of the dealership Monday morning.

Carl Bell of Kings Mountain will join the company as General Sales Manager and J.T. McGinnis, who has been associated with the business for a number of years, will remain in the sales department.

Harold Allen, a former employee who has been working at a car dealership in Gastonia, will return to work in the service department.



JIM TESTA

Other present employees will be retained and Testa said he hopes to build a work force of 35 to 40 employees within a year.

Testa will build a new facility on York Road on a six to eight

acre tract of land which lies behind the recently-closed Phillips 66 gas station and fronts the Kings Mountain Campground Road.

The showroom will consist of 16,000 square feet of space and will be capable of showing three or four cars, Testa said, and both the service and body shops will be in large areas and offer improved services.

The Phillips 66 building will be remodeled to include office space for used car sales.

Testa said cost of the new facility will be \$600,000 to \$700,000. Terms of the sale was not disclosed.

Testa will be President of the company and will work at the dealership. He will continue to operate the Kings Mountain Truck Plaza which will be

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Traffic Problems Tackled

The Kings Mountain Board of Commissioners Monday night approved a plan which will align East and West Gold Streets.

The plan will include aligning the streets at what is now the corner of East Gold and Battleground, close the current West Gold railroad crossing and relocate it some 178 feet south.

Mayor John Moss told the board he has discussed the project with Southern Railway and the N.C. Department of Transportation, and there will be some cost to the city in the relocation of the railroad signalization and lights.

"But this will augment the flow of traffic which is being rerouted as a result of the construction of the Highway 74 bypass," Moss said, "and will also help augment the flow of traffic in the future as Kings Mountain grows."

Moss said the street will run through the field on the south side of West Gold which the city acquired through the Community Development program. He said it would probably also be necessary to acquire some additional property from two citizens.

Moss said the city would propose an amendment to the Department of Housing and Urban Development to use HUD funds in the project.

The new street would meet the present street in the area of the gas regulator station near the West Gold-Cansler Street intersection, Moss said. It may be necessary to move some utilities. Moss said engineers would study

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McCarter, Ross File For Election In Grover

Grover Mayor W.W. McCarter has filed for re-election to his fourth term and Grady Ross has filed for one of the five seats on the Grover Town Council.

Filing began last Friday and will continue through October 2. The election is set for November 3.

Incumbent commissioners Quay Moss, Juanita Pruet, Martha Byers, Edward Philbeck and Ronald Queen have not yet announced their intentions.

McCarter is completing his third two-year term of office. He served for 18 years as a councilman prior to being elected mayor.

He said his main goal, if re-elected, will be to continue to work on a sewer system. "That's been our goal for years now," he said, "and even though the Reagan Administration cuts will move further into the future, I don't want us to miss the chance to get it."

McCarter pointed to an improved water system, paved streets and full-time police protection as accomplishments of



McCARTER ROSS the past McCarter Administrations.

"Pure, good, honest government is my biggest goal," he added. "I think we've accomplished some good things in the past. I'm real proud of this little town."

Ross is running for council for the second time. He was defeated in the last election two years ago. He's been a resident of Grover for over 30 years and is employed by Foote Mineral.

"I think we've got to have some better cooperation on the part of the commissioners," he said, "That's the main reason I'm running. There are a good many things to work on, but I don't want to make promises and then not be able to fulfill them."

Hunting Accident Fatal For Louis Sabetti Sr., 59

Funeral services for Louis G. Sabetti Sr., 59, of 915 Crescent Circle, Kings Mountain, were conducted Friday at 4 p.m. at Resurrection Lutheran Church, of which he was a member, by the Rev. Gerald Weeks. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Sabetti, a well-known Kings Mountain insurance man and community leader, was killed accidentally Wednesday afternoon while dove hunting in a field off Road 2013 north of town in the Ebenezer Community.

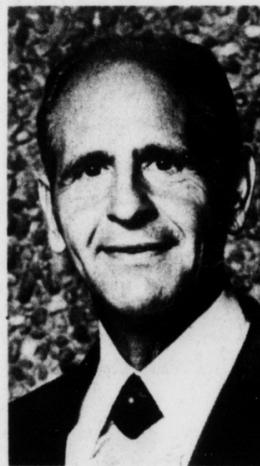
Sabetti had gone dove hunting with his son, Louis Sabetti Jr., and his brother-in-law, Jack Whetstone.

According to Cleveland County Assistant Coroner Jim Gold, Sabetti was sitting down and a cornstalk stuck between the trigger and trigger guard, and as Sabetti picked up the gun, it discharged and hit him at point-blank range in the chest.

There were several other hunters in the field, Gold said, but Sabetti was alone. Whetstone discovered his body.

Sabetti was a retired sales manager for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of Gastonia, and worked for that company for 28 years before his retirement.

He was active in Resurrection Lutheran Church, was a past president of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club, past president of the York County Life Underwriters Association, and was active in the Kings Mountain Boy Scout Program.



LOUIS SABETTI SR.

He was chairman of the Kings Mountain area fund-raising drive for the Cleveland County Unit of the American Cancer Society, and was instrumental in that unit surpassing its goal of \$40,000 this year.

He served in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. He was a native of Washington, D.C.

Surviving are his wife, Virginia McGinnis Sabetti of the home; two sons, Louis Sabetti Jr. of Kings Mountain and Tony Sabetti, a student at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee; and two brothers, Tony Sabetti of Cherryville and Bill Sabetti of Minneapolis, Minn.

UF Drive Is Launched On Monday

The Kings Mountain United Way officially launched its 1982 fund-raising drive Monday with a luncheon at the Holiday Inn and an announcement that the Industrial Division has already received pledges of \$9,700.

Rev. Clyde Bearden, president, said those pledges represent 15.6 percent of the total goal of \$63,000, and 23.6 percent of the Industrial Division's goal of \$41,000.

Dick Ford, vice-president of Wix Corporation of Gastonia, was guest speaker for the occasion, and Dwyer Sump, executive director of North Carolina United Way, also attended and spoke briefly to the huge gathering of campaign volunteers.

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Photo by Gary Stewart

DRIVE BEGINS - Members of the Industrial Division pick up their materials to begin soliciting funds for the 1982 Kings Mountain United Way Campaign following Monday's kickoff luncheon at the Holiday Inn. Left to

right are Lavon Strickland, Maude Norris, Russell Greene, Barbara McDonald, Paul Dover and Alex McCallum. The Industrial Division already has pledges of \$9,700.