



## Three School Boards Discuss Merger Study

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Kings Mountain, Shelby and Cleveland County school boards met Tuesday night at the Cleveland County Law Enforcement Center to discuss the possibility of studying a school merger, but after a one-hour discussion, the only thing evident was what had already been suspected—the county board wants to pursue it, Kings Mountain does not, and Shelby maybe.

The meeting was called by the chairpersons of the three boards—Bob Cabaniss of the county, Marian Thomasson of Kings Mountain and William Campbell of Shelby—and Charles Forney, retired Vice President of Cleveland Mills of Lawdale and a former member of the County Board of Education, served as moderator.

It was brought out late in the discussion that the meeting was prompted by a discussion bet-



**MERGER MEETING** - Mrs. Marian Thomasson, chairman of the Kings Mountain Board of Education, speaks on the possibility of a study of merger of the three county units Tues-

day night in Shelby. Mrs. Thomasson and Kyle Smith of the KM Board said they were opposed to such a study. Photo by Gary Stewart

ween Cabaniss and Campbell following a lengthy series of articles in the **Shelby Daily Star**.

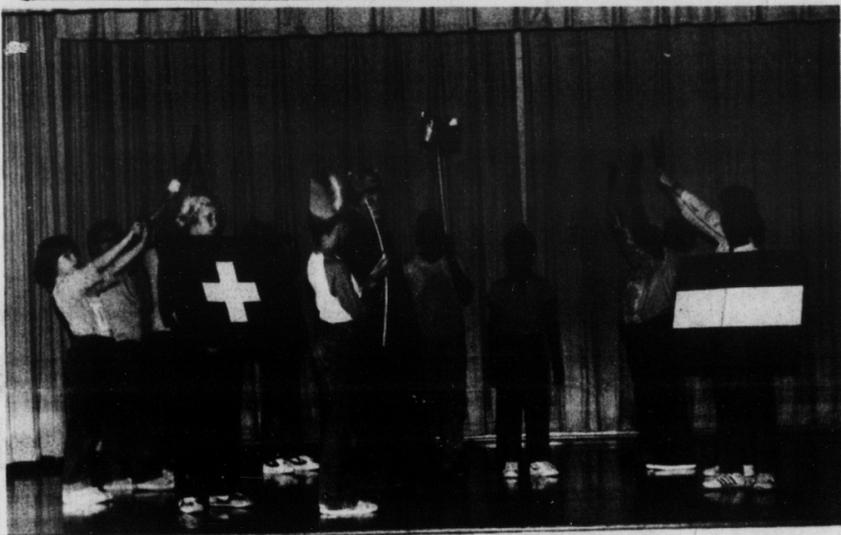
The only question asked the members was "Are you and/or your boards interested in discussing a merger to such an extent to suggest that a qualified consulting group be called in to conduct the study, even though it may be costly?"

Forney polled each board member individually, then gave members of the audience a chance to respond, and then polled board members a second time.

The County Board was unanimously in favor of studying a merger, even though Cabaniss said the board had not discussed it. Hoyt Bailey said later in the discussion that he had discussed it with Cabaniss, but not with anyone else.

Three of the five county members said they favored a

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North Students Present William Tell...

## Exposure To Arts Helps Educate Child

First Of Two Parts

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Believing that exposure to and appreciation of the aesthetic arts is a primary prerequisite for the development of a nature and sensitive human being, the Kings Mountain District School System strives to formulate creative activities to assure the development of the students artistic and creative capabilities. Ensuring that students have opportunities to extend cultural horizons is a fundamental responsibility of the school system.

The aesthetic arts are utilized in some fashion in all schools. Mostly they are organized by visual expression (drawing, painting, creative design, and crafts) and by the performing arts (drama, music, dance, vocal, and/or instrumental music). For the sake of clarity, this article will feature these activities centered around music, art, and drama.

The music program at the major responsibility of the elementary music teacher, Mrs. Shirley Austin, who visits each school one day a week.

The various musical activities usually include a yearly talent show at each school, seasonal programs, performances at PTO meetings, and special musical shows performed by semi-professional, professional, or amateur groups usually from North Carolina.

Many of the elementary musical activities are results of the desires of the classroom teacher. One special program from Janet Sims' second graders

at North School is the operetta "Little Red Hen."

Each elementary school is equipped with its own rhythm instruments. A recent purchase which has really enhanced the musical program at the elementary level is the "Orff" instruments (drums, xylophones, etc.).

Another aspect of Mrs. Austin's program is the organization of an adult singing group from employees of the school system. This group usually meets once a week and has performed at various singing engagements in the schools and community.

The music program at Central and at the junior high are lab situations where the students spend 22 or 23 days. At Central the music teacher is Treda Berry-Shadd who designs her program around five areas: Basic music theory, vocal study, music listening, instrumental study, and music history.

Basic musical theory and terminology are taught through singing and instrumental study. Instruments include rhythm ones, autoharps melody bells, and baritone ukuleles. Strong emphasis is placed on singing techniques, and folk songs are sung to reinforce the units being studied in the social studies classes.

The Central Chorus performs at various occasions throughout the school year and it serves as a vehicle for developing talented local students.

At the junior high, the music lab is taught by Mrs. Doris Jenkins. Her program aims at developing musically interpretative individuals, who will sing in tune with pleasing tone

quality and expressive phrasing.

All students take the music lab throughout the year; therefore, there are differences in the eighth and ninth grade programs. The eighth grade materials and methods are basic and are aimed at helping all ability levels.

The ninth grade course lends itself to more difficult work which is still within the range of the students. The music lab time is separated into singing, researching music composers and singers, playing the piano, creating additional stanzas for songs, and compiling scrapbooks on the "50's".

The choral director for grades 9-12 is Eugene Bumgardner, a Kings Mountain native, who sees the chorus as an organization for the student who exudes special talents in the area of singing, discipline, and attitude.

The ninth grade chorus is composed of 56 members from the junior high and it performs at various times throughout the year in conjunction with junior high and high school activities. The ninth grade chorus is the "foundation" upon which future high school choral groups will be constructed.

The choral groups at the high school received superior ratings in state contests at Carowinds last year. As a result of this magnificent rating, Bumgardner is planning a trip to Atlanta, Georgia, in the spring to participate in a major national invitational contest.

Also individuals with extraordinary abilities are offered opportunities to participate in

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## KM Excellent Again

Governor Jim Hunt has announced that Kings Mountain has been named a winner of the Governor's Community of Excellence award for the second straight year.

The award goes to communities with under 15,000 people which have met requirements designed to make them more attractive to economic development.

Governor Hunt said, "Progress in North Carolina depends upon communities with people who want to build a better life for their fellow residents and future generations. By winning this

award, residents of Kings Mountain have taken a major step closer to that goal.

The Communities of Excellence Award is administered by the North Carolina Department of Commerce. Communities must qualify for the award each year.

Among the 10 standards that must be met are:

1. An economic promotional organization must exist for the purpose of promoting the community for industrial plant location.
2. A development corporation must exist. The corporation must have the ability to finance the construction of industrial clients, and that can option, purchase and sell property.
3. Industrial sites must be available.
4. Community must conduct a

cleanup-fixup campaign.

Department of Commerce representatives visit each community to assure the standards have been met. Winning communities will receive highway signs designating them as winners. They are also given special promotional attention when working with industries looking for a plant site in North Carolina.

Governor Hunt said, "Being an award winner does not guarantee overnight success, but the community spirit and professionalism embodied in this program definitely improves a community's odds for successful economic development."

Mayor John Moss will go to Raleigh Tuesday night to accept the award on behalf of the city.

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## Elections Scheduled November 3

Kings Mountain citizens will go to the polls on Tues., Nov. 3 to elect one city commissioner and two members of the Kings Mountain Board of Education.

Luther Bennett, City Elections Board chairman, reminds voters that the elections will be conducted by two different election boards.

The city commissioner election is conducted by the city, and the School Board election is conducted by the County Elections Board.

Therefore, some residents of the city may have to vote in two different polling places.

For County Elections, the city is divided into two precincts and the dividing line is the Southern Railway tracks. Persons living west of the tracks vote at the Armory and persons living east of the tracks vote at the community center.

For City Elections, the city is divided into districts. Districts one, two and three vote at the community center and districts four, five and six vote at the Armory.

Because of re-districting six years ago, some persons were placed in new districts. Bennett urges anyone who is not sure which district he lives in to look at a city map or call a member of the elections board.

(A letter to the editor by Bennett is printed on page 2-A of today's Herald and explains the situation in more detail.)

Bennett said Kings Mountain has 3,400 registered voters, including 498 in district one, 413 in two, 477 in three, 552 in four, 724 in five and 724 in six.

He said approximately 1,100 Kings Mountain voters have been purged from the books because they have not voted in two consecutive presidential elections.

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## Scott Carrigan Loses Fight Against Leukemia

Twelve-year-old Bryan Scott Carrigan of Ocala, Fla., formerly of Kings Mountain, lost his battle with leukemia last week.

He died Wed., Oct. 14, at Shands Teaching Hospital in Gainesville, Fla., after a bout with leukemia which began last winter.

Scott, son of Bill and Pat Carrigan of Ocala and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Carrigan of Kings Mountain, showed signs of improvement during the spring and summer months and returned to his greatest sports love—baseball—to play his final season of little league ball.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Ocala and attended Osceola Middle School in Ocala.

Surviving, in addition to his



SCOTT CARRIGAN

parents and grandparents, are one sister, Tonya Carrigan of the home; and one brother, Darin Carrigan of the home.

## United Goal Tops Goal, Awards Dinner Monday

Kings Mountain United Fund has exceeded its goal of \$62,150 and will probably go over the top by about \$5,000 by the time all pledges are in.

Publicity chairman Dr. Terry Sellers said today that \$64,499.77 in pledges has been received. He predicted that \$67,000 would be pledged when the final tally comes in.

The annual Victory Awards Dinner is scheduled for Monday night at Holiday Inn at 7:30. Jack Callaghan, station manager of WSOC-TV in Charlotte, will be the guest speaker.

The current tally represents 103.8 percent of the goal and is one of the best campaigns ever held in Kings Mountain. The United Fund has gone over the top for about eight years in a row, Sellers said.

The big push this week came from the Industrial Division, which reported pledges of \$46,990.18. Its goal was \$41,000. Lavon Strickland of Parkdale Mills chaired that division.

The United Fund benefits a number of agencies on the local, county, state and national level. Local agencies receiving funds in 1982 will be the Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Grover Rescue Squad, Kings Mountain Rescue Squad, Cleveland County Shelter Home, Ministerial Association Helping Hand Fund, Ministerial Association Chaplain program, Child Abuse Program of Cleveland County, Community Organization for Drug Abuse Prevention, and United Way Emergency Fund.