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'Stand up and be the man'

Rally, march trumpet a message of determination

By JAIME GATTON

Though only a handful of the hoped-for 3,000 men turned out, Saturday's Men's Rally marchers said their message was a strong one.

"We may be small, but we're powerful," said marcher Rick Mehal.

A group of boys and men who align themselves with the Promise Keepers marched down Mooresville's Main Street in an effort to encourage men to "stand up and be the man of their home, of their community and of their churches."

With Bibles, colorful banners and spiritual songs, the men rallied with the intentions of "reaching out to the community of Mooresville, letting them know we're here for them," said Ralph Bennett. "We want to let them know that

We're 'reaching out to the community of Mooresville, letting them know we're here for them.'

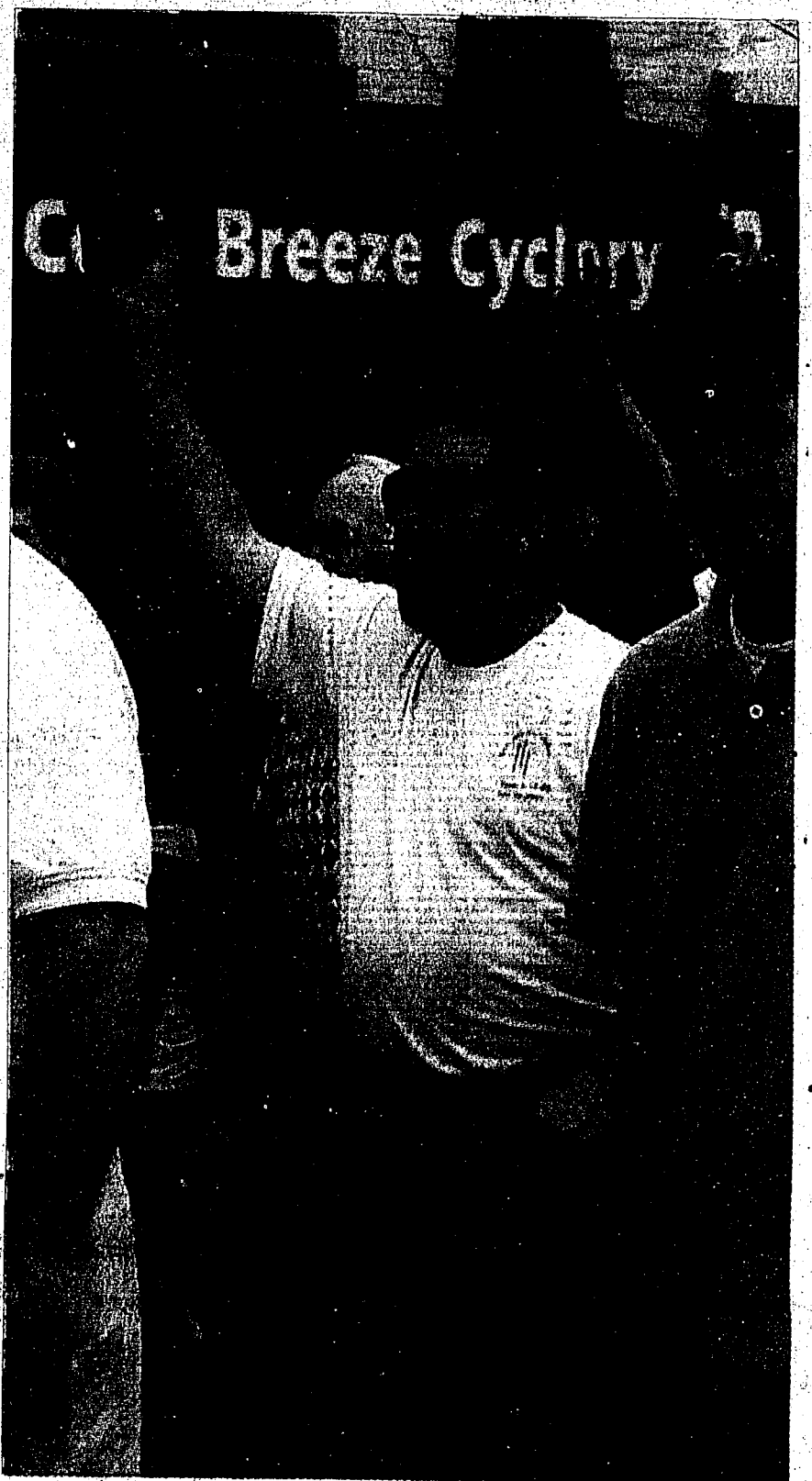
Rally participant Ralph Bennett

God is alive and well in this city and that this city's not dead. God's not dead; He's alive."

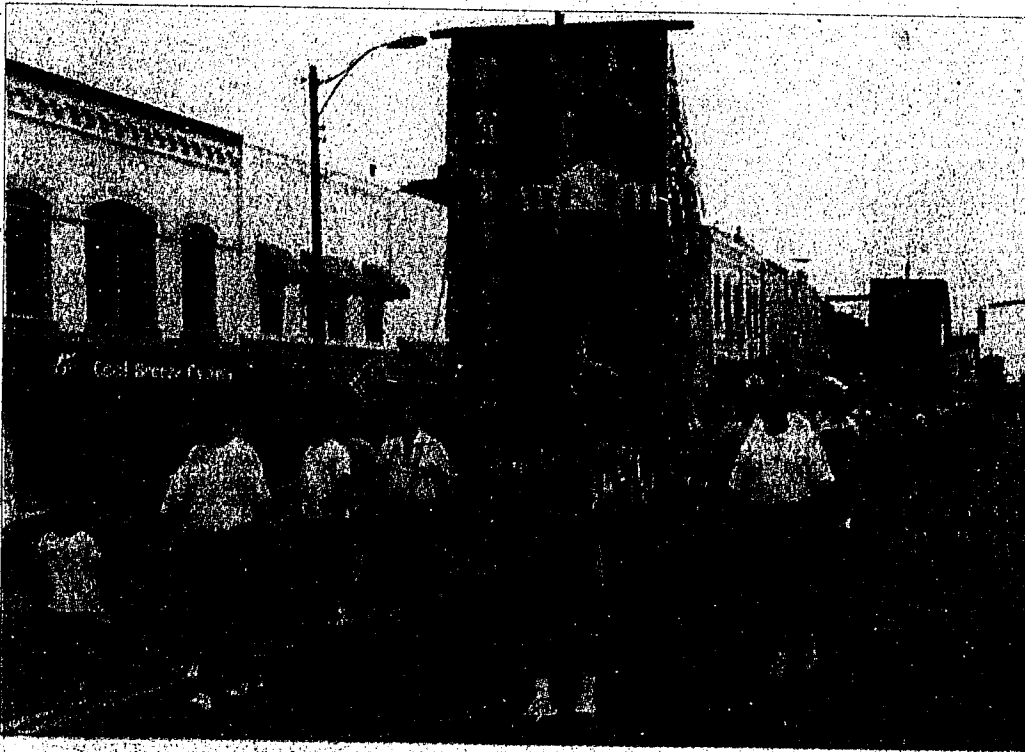
"We want to see all the walls of prejudice taken down in this city," added Tami Bennett.

The march followed a Friday night rally at the Mooresville High School stadium, featuring numerous testimonial speeches.

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Holding Bibles and banners, marchers head down Main Street



School already? Sorry, but it's time

Mooresville doors open Aug. 1, I-S waits 'til Aug. 6

By JAIME GATTON

While up-and-coming kindergartners are getting excited about bookbags and learning to read, rising high school freshmen are getting nervous about ... well, about being high school freshmen.

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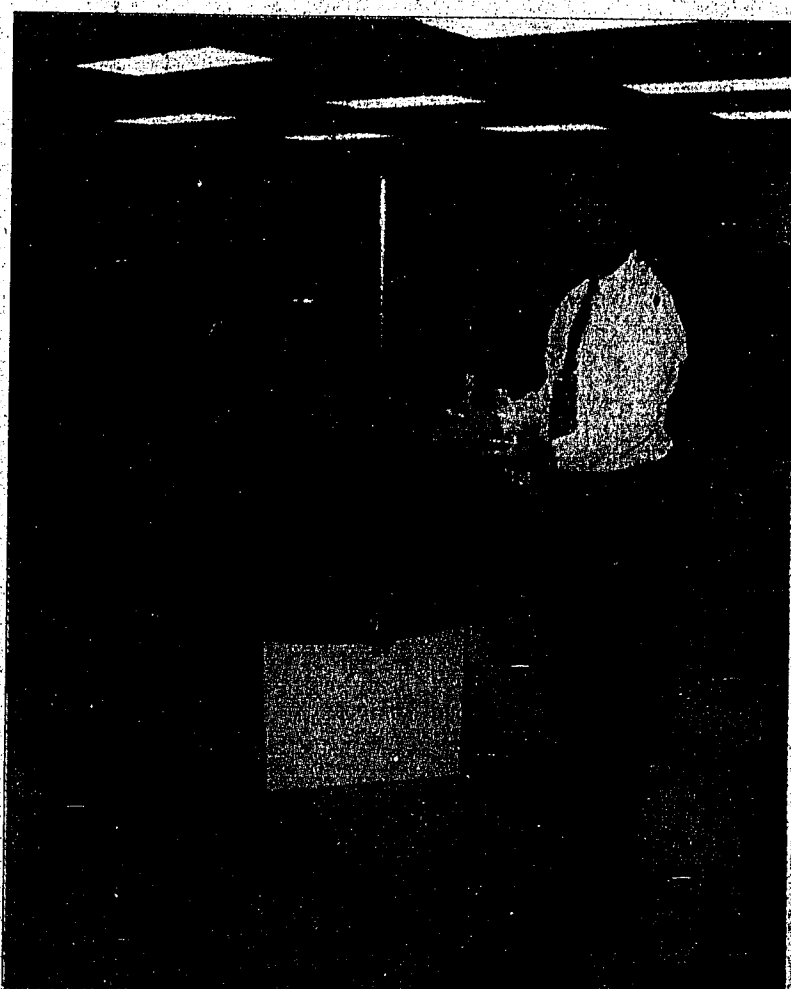
Students in the Mooresville Graded School District begin the new school year on Wednesday, Aug. 1, while students in the Iredell-Statesville Schools return on Monday, Aug. 6.

But the first break for students comes soon. Mooresville schools will be closed for a teacher workday on Aug. 17 and Iredell-Statesville schools on Aug. 31. Both school systems share their first holiday break: Sept. 3 for Labor Day.

Here's some information you may want to keep in mind (ie. post on your refrigerator) before classes begin.

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Above left, Hyatt shows visitors the view of the baseball field from a classroom window at the high school. At left, Thomas Kendrick buffs a new floor.



Asst. Supt. Roger Hyatt explains how adjustable lab tables will work in Mooresville High's new science classrooms.

Calendar

In the Mooresville schools, fall break is scheduled for Oct. 12 and Oct. 29 marks another break in classes. An early dismissal is slated for Nov. 20, followed by Thanksgiving break from Nov. 21-23.

Christmas break will wrap up the first half of the school year beginning on Dec. 19 with an early dismissal. Classes won't meet again until Jan. 8. Then there's another break on Jan. 21 for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

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At first, it was Cowan's Ford Lake...

By O. C. STONESTREET III
Special to the Tribune

One of the most important events in the history of Iredell County was the construction of Lake Norman in the Catawba River basin.

The general public became aware of Duke Power Company's plans for the sprawling, man-made lake in May of 1957. The results of that announcement and the building of the dam at Cowan's Ford have had, and continue to have, an incalculable impact on Mooresville and South Iredell.

Naturally, Mooresville Tribune editor Tom McKnight put the story on page one of the May 23, 1957 issue. And in typical McKnight form, he wrote it in a laid-back, "good ol' boy" style, which follows below.

Notice that at the time McKnight wrote his story that the new reservoir was to be called "Cowan's Ford Lake" rather than "Lake Norman."

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