

# Livsey car accident witness is sought by DeKalb police

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DeKalb police said Tuesday that they are looking for a missing witness who may be able to provide details of a car accident that killed a Livsey Elementary School sixth-grader last week.

Sgt. Andy Anderson, traffic specialist in charge of the investigation, said the witness stopped along the car that struck 12-year-old John Allen Thursday afternoon on Chamblee-Tucker Road near Livsey School.

"He stopped after the accident and ran up and checked the boy. I believe he even picked one of his shoes up," Anderson said.

The missing witness, described only as a white male, was in the right lane of two going north on Chamblee-Tucker. The car that struck the youth was in the left lane.

"We don't have a detailed description," Anderson said.

Anderson urged anyone with information regarding the identity or whereabouts of the missing witness to call police at 294-2600.

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# Livsey's Bobbie Pittard

## Veteran Teacher Will Remember 'The Looks On Children's Faces'

A recent reception for veteran DeKalb teacher Mrs. Bobbie Pittard brought together friends, family and former students to honor a woman who devoted 31 years to her profession.

The Livsey Elementary School cafeteria, decorated with children's artwork and posters, was filled to capacity as people who hadn't seen each other for years enjoyed a reunion.

"It was just astounding; it really was," said Mrs. Pittard, who officially retired this year.

"The biggest surprise was when Vivian and Ben Jones walked in. I just thought that was an added bonus that made it fun for the children," she said.

Jones, whose wife is a close friend of the Pittard family, plays the character, "Cooter," on the Dukes of Hazzard television series.

**ANOTHER** bonus was the appearance of members of the Atlanta Chapter of the Sweet Adelines, who dedicated their program to their friend and fellow member. Mrs. Pittard has sung bass with the group for more than 13 years and joined the singers on the Livsey stage for a final number, much to the delight of her guests.

Mrs. Pittard moved to Tucker in 1959 with her four children and began teaching third grade at



**LIVSEY SCHOOL SALUTES BOBBIE PITTARD**

Tucker Elementary School. She had previously taught for seven years in other parts of Georgia and the south.

When she transferred to Livsey, she again taught the third grade, but was soon assigned to the first grade classroom. Told of the

switch, "I was flabbergasted," Mrs. Pittard remembered, but she agreed to give it a try.

"Of course, I loved it. It's the most fun teaching there could ever be," she added.

The diminutive Mrs. Pittard, whose eyes sparkle when she speaks of her

teaching years, admits that the best part of her profession "has been the children — watching them grow and learn.

"IT'S VERY exciting. I get to see things the parents don't see, like the look on their faces when they realize they're reading," she said. "Children are so funny, so honest. They mean what they say. They have no guile."

One of Mrs. Pittard's greatest assets, in addition to her ability to identify and work with the needs of an individual child, is the fact that her undergraduate major at Brenau College was speech and drama.

"That's why I like teaching so much," she explained with a grin. "You can get up and perform."

At the retirement reception, Mrs. Pittard was unquestionably center-stage, visiting with old friends, listening to testimonials from parents and fellow teachers, accepting graciously the gifts and compliments generously bestowed on a cherished friend.

**ENJOYING** the afternoon more than anyone, Mrs. Pittard shared the secret of her success with quiet candor.

"I'm not all that smart," she said. "I just know how to get along with little children."



## DeKalb Schools Into Recycling

DeKalb elementary students are keen on recycling. Their mutual commitment is environmental clean-up, but they may channel their energies in different ways. At Livsey school, parent volunteers and school patrol members lend a helping hand; at Tilson the science club and 4-H club members provide an assist. Livsey sorts paper, aluminum and glass once a week; Tilson focuses predominantly on paper collections twice a week. In photo above (L to R), Livsey students Claire Park, Ryan Thompson, Jonathan Kerch and Hannah Park, with maintenance staff member, Mr. Earnest Williams; second photo (L to R) shows Tilson students Emily Wright, Jantzen Price and Shewanina Ford.



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### ***Malooof Speaks To Livsey Students***

Livsey Elementary School students, from left, Philip Mancini, Heather Fowlie and Linda Martinex pose with DeKalb County Chief Executive Officer Manuel J. Maloof. As part of the "Adopt-a-School"

program, the Livsey seventh grade visited the Maloof Center for Government Administration, where the CEO explained the workings of the government.

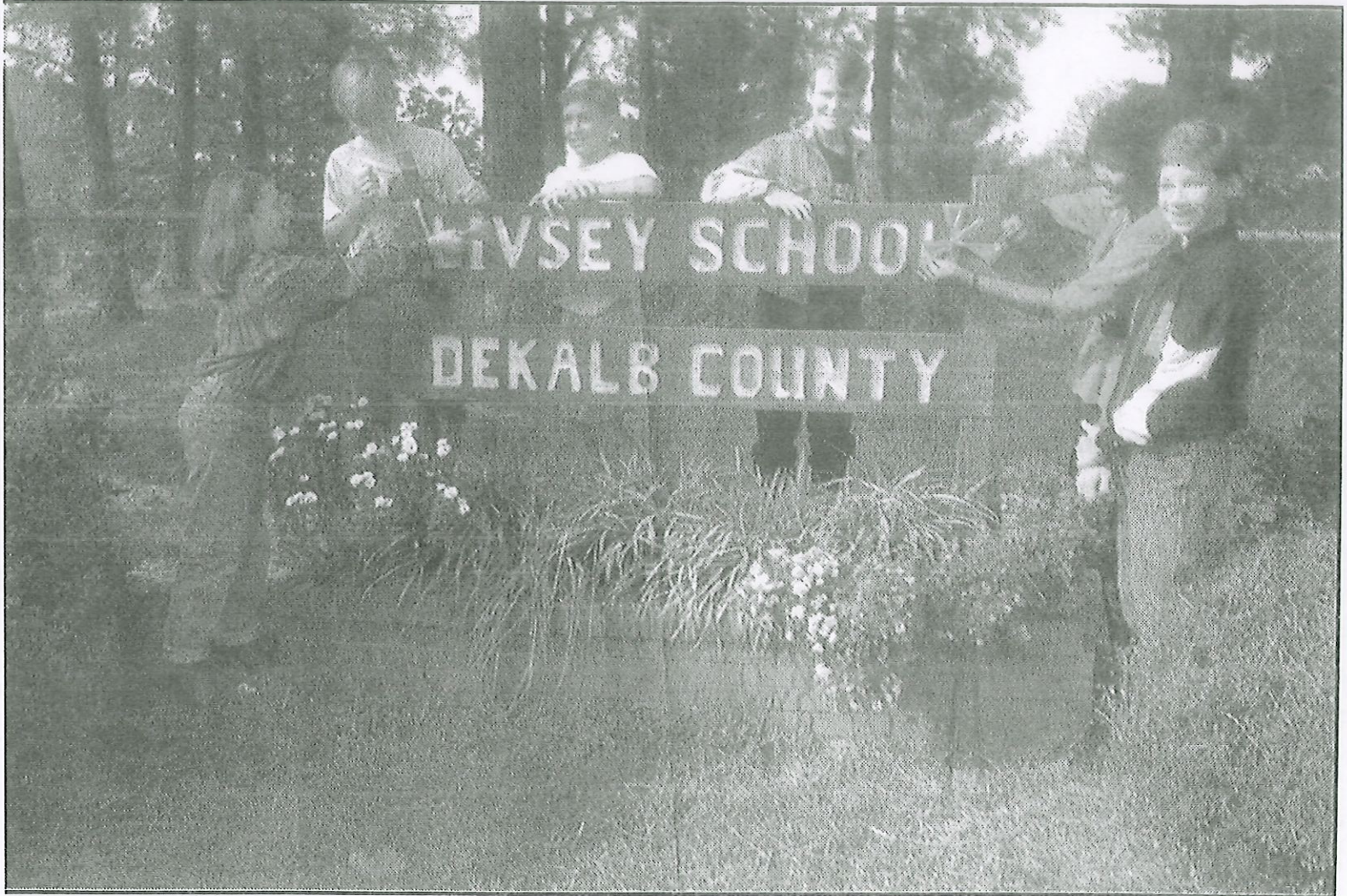
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## DeKalb schools 'turn red' to raise students' drug awareness

Livsey Elementary School student council officers show some of the more than 100 red ribbons on campus last week for National Red Ribbon Week, to raise drug awareness. Shown are council

president Amanda Barbano, left, Seth Burrow, Daniel Hewett, Jacob Estes, sponsor Loras Keaton, Ph.D., and Drew Lutz. (See related story page 6A.) (Staff photo by Donna Williams).