HONORED - A drop-in retirement party was held recently at Kings Mountain Hospital in honor of Mrs. Marie Mauney. She received a silver tray, inscribed with her name and years of service, in appreciation for her service of 30 years.

ACC Stars To Perform At Ashbrook

N.C.A.A. Champion North Carolina seniors will lead a team of A.C.C. players competing against an All-Star team comprised of former high school stand-outs living or working in or around the Gaston County

.The A.C.C. team will consist of North Carolina seniors Jimmy Black, Jeb Barlow, and Chris Burst. Joining the UNC-CH seniors will be All-A.C.C. standout Vince Taylor of Duke and former Duke great, Kenny Denard.

The game will take place on April 24, at 8:00 p.m., in the Ashbrook High School gym on South New Hope Road. Tickets for this event will be available at the Sports Center (212 E. Main) and Akers Pharmacy (Garrison Blvd., beside the library). Ticket

Julia Ruff Is Promoted

Julie A. Ruff, daughter of Ora B. Berrier of 1600 Parkview Circle, Kings Mountain, has been promoted to the U.S. Air Force

to the rank of staff sergeant. Ruff is a vehicle operator and dispatcher at Kirtland Air Force

Base, N.M., with the 1606th Transportation Squadron. Her grandfather, Edd Powell,

is a resident of Tuckasegee, N.C. She is a 1976 graduate of Kings Mountain Senior High

KM Program Selected

Secondary Learning Disabilities, an exceptional children's program at Central School, Kings Mountain Junior High School, and Kings Mountain Senior High School, has been selected as an exemplary exceptional children's program in the southeast by the Council of Administrators of Special Education. Nominated by the State Department of Public Instruction, Division for Exceptional Children, the local program competed with 50 other programs nominated. Of the nominees, eight programs were selected to represent the interests of special education personnel in the targeted area.

As a result of the selection, exceptional children's personnel from Kings Mountain District Schools will be involved in training to improve the presentation of the program and also in activities to disseminate the program to possible adapters at national and regional conferences.

The Secondary Learning Disabilities Program in Kings Mountain emphasizes instructional training, teacher training, student training, and assessment skills to assist students with learning disabilities in grades 6-12.

To be selected as an exemplary program the local school unit must emphasize an innovative approach in working

with students. In Kings Mountain this approach involves training teachers to work with learning disabled students, organizing a peer tutoring program at the high school, providing appropriate materials for students, monitoring students in all classes to help prevent failure and to emphasize success in school and assisting students with skills to help them pass the North Carolina Competency Test.

According to Jane Shields, Coordinator of the Kings Mountain Exceptional Children's Program, "administrative support for the program and competent staff have greatly enhanced services to the learning disabled

Two Appointed

The Great Dominion Corporation has announced the appointment of two new corporate The Distinguished Flying Cross

Major General Billy J. Ellis has been appointed as Executive Vice President with specific responsibility for marketing and business development. General Ellis recently completed more than 30 years in the Air Force. He is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, and earned a Master of Science in Business Administration from the George Washington Univer-

General Ellis flew with the U.S. Air Force demonstration team, the thunderbirds. He is a decorated combat veteran having flown four combat tours in korea and southeast Asia. He has over 7400 flying hours. General Ellis is the only officer in the history of the Air Force to ever serve as the Senior Operating Executive in the strategic air command, the tactical air command and in head-

Day On Duty At Cherry Point

Marine Cpl. Donald A. Day, son of Donald and Cathrine Day of Route 1, Box 142, Grover, has reported for duty with Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 2, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C.

A 1980 graduate of Kings Mountain High School, he joined the Marine Corps in February

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quarters, Air Force. He has been secretary/treasurer. She is awarded two distinguished service medals, the nations highest peacetime award: The Legion of counting staff. Merit with one oak leaf cluster:

Air Medal with eleven oak leaf clusters and eighteen other medals. General Ellis is a native of Baton Rouge, Louisianna and is married to Barbara Higgin-

Mrs. Patricia D. Beam has joined the staff as corporate

They have eight children.

bothan of Lafayette, Louisiana.

with two oak leaf clusters: The

responsible for all accounting duties and for supervising ac-

Mrs. Beam Jones joins the Great Dominion Corporation after twelve years with the M & J Financial Corporation. During those twelve years, she served as the assistant secretary in 1981.

Mrs. Beam resides in Fallston, North Carolina with her husband, Barney C. Beam. They are members of Fallston Baptist Church where she serves as a teacher in the children's depart-

Kings Mountain school personnel directly involved with the program include Jane Shields, Coordinator of Exceptional Children's Programs, Bob McRae, principal, Kings Montain Senior High, Denise LaVene and Jennifer Williams, Learning Disabled teachers at Kings Mountain Senior High; Fred Withers, principal, Kings Mountain Junior High, Donna Kindley and Kathy Purser, Learning Disabled teachers at Kings Mountain Junior High; Glenda O'Shields, principal, Central School, Donna Thrift and Laurie McDaniel, Learning Disabled teachers at Central School.

Representing Kings Mountain at the Conference for Exceptional Children in Houston, Texas, on April 11-13 will be Jane Shields, who will present the Kings Mountain Program to special educators from across the United States.



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