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**HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD** - Rachel Plonk (Mrs. Tim) Gladden is winner of the Human Relations Award in the school system. The North School third grade teacher, above, instructs a student, Shay Kennedy, in the classroom.

## Rachel Gladden Wins Local NCAE Award

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building and maintaining good human relations among educators, students and the public.

Mrs. Gladden takes special interest in her third graders as evidenced by the visitor to her classroom where she and her assistant, Dot (Mrs. Jake) Dixon instruct 25 students. Mrs. Gladden takes pride in having a good relationship with both her students and their parents and includes parent-teacher conferences on a regular basis. At the beginning of each school year she writes individual letters to her students and at the end of the year she writes them letters praising them and encouraging them as they move on to a higher grade. She takes time for them and has developed a one-

### HOT DOG SALE

East Kings Mountain Church of God will sponsor a hot dog sale all day Friday at 208 North Cansler Street. For carry out orders, call 739-1728.

### SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens Club of Dixon Community held regular meeting Tuesday night at Dixon Presbyterian Church. Barbecue was served with all the trimmings.

on-one teaching skill over the years to spend time with each student in work and play sessions. She makes an effort to keep students interested and busy.

A Kings Mountain native, Mrs. Plonk is the daughter of Mrs. Rufus Plonk and the late Mr. Plonk. She is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School and Lenoir Rhyne College and is a busy homemaker, in addition to her school duties. Before joining the Kings Mountain schools 14 years ago, she was a reading specialist in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System and also taught second and third grades for a number of years. She is an active member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Alpha Delta Kappa, honorary teacher sorority, and the Kings Mountain unit of NCAE. She is married to Tim Gladden and they are parents of a son, Gerald, a senior student at KMSHS.

Qualifications for receiving the coveted award are that the person must engender a climate of compatibility, has demonstrated humaneness and is honest and sincere in relationships with others. Mrs. Gladden's co-workers say she is that and more.

## School Security Approved

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In other matters Monday night, the board:

\*Received its annual audit report from the A.M. Pullen Company.

\*Was told by Davis that junior high students planned to take a trip to Canada next summer but he had instructed the teacher to take the trip as a "non-school" function so the school system would not be liable for any accidents.

\*Was told by Davis that Kings Mountain schools had dropped from 31st in the state to 53rd in per pupil expenditures from local funds. The system went from \$527.62 per pupil in 1981-82 to \$489.28 per pupil in 1982-83. "This slide can't go on for long without a pronounced negative impact in the quality of programs we're offering," Davis said. "We're going to have to go to bat for higher funding."

\*Approved the 1984-85 school calendar. It calls for the required 180 student days, 10 holidays, 10 annual leave days and 18 teacher workdays. School will begin for students on August 21 and end on June 7.

\*Approved an extension of a leave of absence for Marjorie Dedmon.

\*Approved the resignation of Richard Hamrick, math teacher at the junior high.

\*Approved the employment of Mrs. Carolyn S. McGinnis, teacher and counselor for the Extended Day School; Tim Echols, math teacher at the junior high; and J. Boyd Nicholson, maintenance.

\*Approved interim contracts of Carla R. Bennett, Bethware; Susan Johnson, North; and Carol Lynch, West.

\*Was shown a plaque which includes the names of all Kings Mountain school leaders. Assistant Superintendent Larry Allen said many school records were destroyed in a fire in 1928 and the schools have not been able to determine who the superintendents were in 1912, 1913 and 1915. Anyone in the community knowing those names should call the Schools Administration Office.

### BAND PERFORMS

The Swinging Mountaineers, Senior Citizens Band, performed Wednesday night at the Church of God in Kings Mountain.

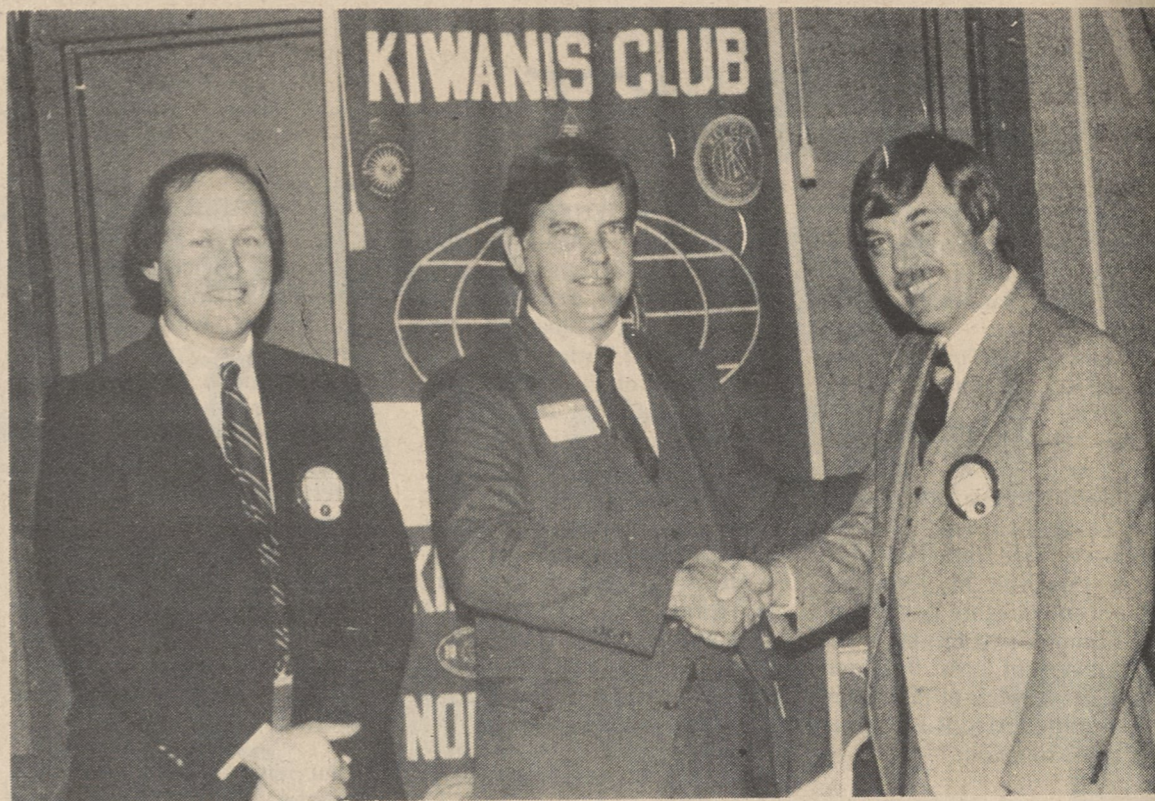


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**KIWANIS SPEAKER** - Gubernatorial candidate Jim Martin, center, was the speaker at Thursday night's Kiwanis Club meeting. Grady (Geeper) Howard, Jr., left was program chair-

man. Kiwanis president Walter Wade, Jr., left was program chairman. Kiwanis president Walter Wade, right, welcomes the Congressman to Kings Mountain.

## State-Imposed Taxes

### Discourage New Industry

U.S. Congressman Jim Martin said that North Carolina is discouraging citizens to retire here because of its state-imposed intangibles tax and the state-levied manufacturer's inventory tax is costing the state new industry.

The announced candidate for governor made the remarks during a speech at Thursday night's Kiwanis Club meeting at Holiday Inn.

Rep. Martin said that North Carolina is among few states which impose the taxes. "Although North Carolina has many attractive features for prospective industry, the manufacturer's inventory tax keeps some industry away. Taxing savings also is a penalty we've imposed on ourselves and discourages

citizens from retiring in this state," he said.

Martin, speaking on the topic, "National Economics", said that slowing the growth of public spending has caused inflation to come down three percent in the last three years but that food, health, and the costs of living have continued to rise due to the drop in interest rates. A new problem has been unemployment, he said, and noting that the problem of unemployment has risen to its greatest height since the Great Depression. In Cleveland County, Martin said he was glad to see that unemployment is under 10 percent now as compared to 17 percent, but still under the state level. "most counties have had moderate progress but in five counties of the

Wilmington area the rise of unemployment is higher than any other area."

The development of a major thoroughfare in this area is essential to economic development, he said.

Dr. Grady Howard, Jr., program chairman, presented the speaker Walter Wade, Kiwanis president, presided.

After the meeting, Congressman Martin said that he would file for the office of Governor in Raleigh on Friday.

Rep. Martin, a Republican, has been a member of the U.S. House of Representatives since 1972 and serves as a senior member of the powerful House Committee on Ways and Means. He has been chairman of the GOP Task Force on Health and a member of the House Committee on the Budget.

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