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MAN OF THE YEAR - Dr. David McDaniel, center, accepts the Kings Mountain Jaycees DSA Award for 1983 from Club President Louis Sabettie Jr., right, at Monday's banquet at the Holiday Inn. Left is H.A. Thompson, WBT radio personality, who was guest speaker.

Dr. McDaniel Wins Jaycees DSA Award

By GARY STEWART
Managing Editor

Dr. David McDaniel, local optometrist, was named winner of the 1983 Young Man of the Year Award at the annual Kings Mountain Jaycees Distinguished Service Awards banquet Monday night at the Holiday Inn.

Other winners included Angela Wood, Outstanding Young Teenager; Joy McCoy, Outstanding Teenager; Randy Short, Outstanding Young Firefighter; Russell Falls, Outstanding Young Rescuer; Paul Walker, Boss of the Year; W.K. Mauney, Outstanding Former Jaycee; P.J. Lavelle, Presidential Award winner; and Laura McDaniel, Outstanding Young Educator.

H.A. Thompson, well-known Charlotte radio personality, was guest speaker. Members of the Jaycees presented the awards.

Dr. McDaniel, who opened his practice here in 1981, was selected over semi-finalists Dr. Grady K. Howard Jr., local dentist, and Larry Wood, personnel manager of Foote Mineral. Jaycee President Louis Sabettie Jr. said the selection was "the toughest we've had in the five years I've been associated with the Jaycees."

Dr. McDaniel is active in a number of community and church activities. He serves as Youth Leader at Central United Methodist Church, is treasurer of the Rotary Club and is also active in Kiwanis Club, United Way and the Kings Mountain Hospital Continuing Education Program.

Paula McDaniel is a Special Education teacher of grades one through five at North Elementary School. She is a graduate of Winthrop College.

Other nominees for the Outstanding Young Educator Award were Denise LeVene, Learning Disabled teacher at Kings Mountain High School; Mary S. Roberts, first grade teacher at West School; Audrey Leonhart, Science teacher at Kings Mountain Junior High; Paula McDaniel, Chapter I reading teacher at Bethware; Hilda Leonard, kindergarten-first grade teacher at East School; and Treda Berry, music teacher at Central.

Angela Wood won the Outstanding Young Teenager Award over William Scott Belk, age 12. Miss Wood is a student at Kings Mountain Junior High, where she is active in the band. She is also active in 4-H work and sings in her church choir.

Joy McCoy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Quint McCoy of Grover, won the Outstanding Teenager Award over Sandra Watterson and Angel Allen. Miss McCoy is active in a number of activities at KMHS and in her church.

Randy Short is a volunteer fireman with the Kings Mountain Fire Department, as is Willard Yarborough Jr., the other nominee for Outstanding Young Firefighter. Short has attended Cleveland County's Firefighting Rookie School as well as other training schools and seminars, and participates in numerous community activities, including Toys For Tots and Mountaineer Days celebrations. He has also volunteered his time to work at the Kings Mountain Fire Museum.

Russell Falls serves as a volunteer with the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad, which he serves as treasurer. Other nominees for the Outstanding Rescuer Award were Jeff Cloninger and Johnny Blanton.

Paul Walker, a former Jaycee, was selected as Boss of the Year over Tommy Bridges. Walker manages Plonk Brothers Department Store and Bridges is owner of Brides Auto Parts. Walker is a former Jaycee president and is active in the Eastern Star, Masons and Central United Methodist Church.

W.K. "Billy" Mauney, former North Carolina legislator, was a charter member of the Kings Mountain Jaycees, which were chartered in 1946. He served in the North Carolina House of Representatives for six years and the North Carolina Senate for four years. He is president of Mauney Mills.

P.J. Lavelle is manager of Cleveland Mall and assisted the Jaycees in a number of fund-raising activities during 1983.



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JAYCEE WINNERS - Winners of awards at Monday night's Kings Mountain Jaycees DSA banquet are pictured above. Left to right, W.K. Mauney Jr., Outstanding Former Jaycee; Randy Short, Outstanding Young Firefighter; Laura McDaniel, Outstanding Young Educator; Angela Wood, Outstanding Young Teenager; Joy McCoy, Outstanding Teenager; Paul Walker, Boss of the Year; and Russell Falls, Outstanding Young Rescuer.

KM Board Protests New Tax Formula

By ELIZABETH STEWART
News Editor

The city board of commissioners voted Tuesday night during a special session to formally protest by resolution a proposed formula change for sales tax distribution by the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners.

Specifically, the city board is asking the county board to retain the system which has been in effect for 12 years.

A letter was to be forwarded Wednesday to Chairman Jack Palmer.

The resolution points out that the method of sales tax distribution used in Cleveland County is the same used in the majority of counties in North Carolina and is acknowledged as the more equitable means of sharing this sales tax revenue source among government units and thereby sharing these revenues equally with all citizens of Cleveland County.

The proposed method would "substantially reduce revenues from this source to the municipalities within the county and the drop to less than 5 percent would represent a substantial loss for the budget of the City of Kings Mountain and place an unequal burden on the citizens of Kings Mountain, in actuality constituting an unfair shifting of cost to the city residents", the resolution continued.

The City Board pointed out in the Resolution that presently Kings Mountain residents comprise 9.9 percent of the county's total population and only receive about 7.2 percent of the proceeds from the sales tax source, and that if a change in distribution method is effected, the percentage of the revenue source drops to less than five percent.

"The City Commission of the City of Kings Mountain does respectfully express its extreme concern for the lack of equitable treatment of all citizens in view of the proposed possible change occurring", the resolution continued.

In other actions during a brief session, rescheduled from Monday so that board members could attend the Jaycee DSA Banquet, the board:

Approved without discussion the rezoning request of Mrs. Robert Johnson, Waco Road (R-8 to R-20). City Codes Officer Jerry King recommended the stipulation be made that the placement of her mobile home comply with the distances required in the Kings Mountain zoning ordinances. Responding to question from Mr. Johnson, Mr. King said that mobile homes can be placed 30 feet from the property's outside boundary line.

The Board concurred with King's recommendation and the motion to rezone was made by Comm. Corbet Nicholson, seconded by Comm. Irvin Allen, Jr.

In another zoning matter, the board referred to the Planning and Zoning Board a request from W.S. Fulton, III to rezone from R-8 to G-B his property fronting 165 feet on the east side of Cleveland Avenue at the in-

tersection of East King Street and Cleveland Avenue.

The Board authorized execution of boundary agreement between the City of Kings Mountain and Michael E. Taylor, Sr. and wife, Vera Taylor, for the purpose of establishing and fixing the boundary line between the two properties. City Attorney George Thomasson said the Milton Hope Estate property is close to the KM Sub-Station and checking titles, defects were found in deeds.

The city board received six bids for hydraulic sewer cleaner and authorized advertising for bids for four patrol vehicles for the Police Department. The Mayor said that cost of two of the cars are projected in the annual budget. "We lost two vehicles recently", said the Mayor.

The Board set a special meeting for noon Friday in Council Chambers.

Home Savings Files Suit Against N.C. Federal

Home Federal Savings and Loan Association of Kings Mountain has filed a \$12.3 million suit against North Carolina Federal Savings and Loan Association of Albemarle and Charlotte, its officers and directors.

The suit was filed in Cleveland County Superior Court last week and alleges that a merger of Home Federal, North Carolina Federal and three other North Carolina savings and loan associations failed as the result of a "power struggle" for control of North Carolina Federal begun last year.

According to the suit, tentative agreement on the merger was reached in February 1983.

The suit alleges breach of contract, fraud and unfair and deceptive practices by North Carolina Federal, breach of contract and fraud by North Carolina Federal director O. Bruton Smith, and conspiracy by director Smith and H.A. Wheeler, Jr., president and general manager of Charlotte Motor Speedway, of which Smith was majority stockholder and chairman of the board, and Charlotte Motor Speedway.

The suit alleges that Smith, Wheeler and the Speedway conspired to purchase stocks in North Carolina Federal to gain control for Smith and that they intended to block the proposed merger.

Commendation Honors The Late Hunter Allen

By ELIZABETH STEWART
News Editor

A Resolution of Commendation from the City of Kings Mountain to the late D. Hunter Allen was approved Tuesday night by the city board of commissioners.

Mr. Allen died January 13th. He had worked over 40 years with the city of Kings Mountain and retired as Superintendent of the Electrical Department.

The Resolution, signed by Mayor John Moss and Board, reads:

"WHEREAS, the Citizens of Kings Mountain have been saddened by the passing of one of its outstanding citizens, Mr. D. Hunter Allen; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Allen served the City of Kings Mountain as superintendent of the Electrical Department from 1931 until his retirement, and as a Volunteer Fireman from 1932 until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Allen was most interested in the well-being of his fellow citizens and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Allen was always ready and willing to serve in any capacity for the betterment of his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Allen's personal life was one embodying the highest Christian principles and moral standards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Kings Mountain, in Special Session on this the 24th day of January, 1984, that we hereby extend to Mr. Allen's family, his friends and citizens of Kings Mountain, our heartfelt sympathy and offer in his memory this Resolution of Commendation for a life dedicated to his fellow-men."

Tax Listing Ends Tuesday

Tuesday, Jan. 31 is the final day to list property for taxes to avoid penalty.

Cleveland County taxlisters will be at City Hall today, Friday, Monday and Tuesday from 8:30 until 5 p.m.

Taxlisters will be at Grover Saturday morning until 1 p.m. at Grover Rescue Squad.