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Photo by Gary Stewart

**HE CAME TO TOWN** - Santa Claus came to town Sunday in the Kings Mountain Fire Department's annual Christmas parade. As his sleigh proclaims, he's not the greatest gift we'll receive this year, but he's loading his sleigh with a lot of good gifts for his return trip on December 24. Other parade pictures are on page 1-B.

## Kyle Smith May Quit School Board

Kings Mountain School Board member Kyle Smith said Tuesday morning he is considering resigning from the board after fellow members did not elect him as board chairman at Monday night's meeting at the junior high school.

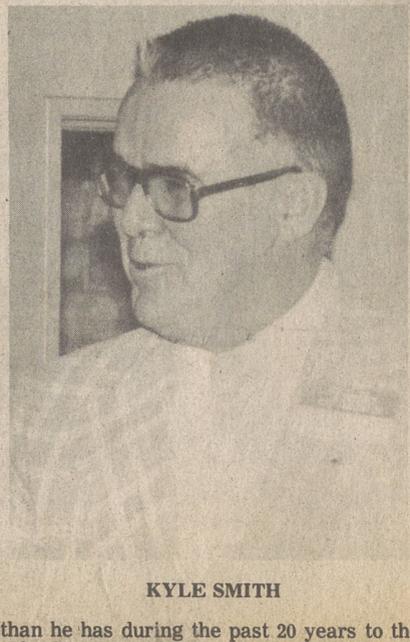
In a 3-2 vote, the board re-elected chairman Bill McDaniel, who has served as chairman the past two years. Former chairman June Lee nominated McDaniel and Paul Hord Jr. nominated Smith. Lee, McDaniel and Doyle Campbell voted for McDaniel and Smith and Hord voted for Smith.

In nominating Smith, Hord pointed out that the board's tradition for the past 10 years has been to rotate chairmen. "I think each person should have the chance to be chairman, and Kyle Smith has shown excellent leadership abilities during his eight years on the board, and is next in line for the position. He has given many years of good service to the school system. He is faithful and dedicated," Hord said.

After McDaniel was elected chairman, Smith was nominated by Campbell to be vice-chairman. When Smith said he would not accept it, Mrs. Lee nominated Campbell and he was elected by a unanimous vote.

Smith said he looked forward to being elected chairman because boards had traditionally rotated the position. "I'm disappointed, and Monday night I was mad," he said. "But I've had several people call me and ask me not to resign. I plan to think about it for a week or so before I make a definite decision."

Smith said he doesn't believe anyone in Kings Mountain has contributed any more



KYLE SMITH

than he has during the past 20 years to the school system. As personnel director for local industries, Smith said he has hired over 1,500 KM seniors during the past 20 years. "I also organized the Booster's Club, have spoken to vocational classes, and numerous other things. I guarantee you I have put in thousands of hours at our schools," he said.

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## Services Held For Harry Page, 77



HARRY E. PAGE

Funeral services for Harry Ephriam Page, 77, retired textile executive, were conducted Monday morning at 11 a.m. from First Presbyterian Church of which he was a member.

His pastor, Dr. Eric Faust, officiated at the service, assisted by Rev. Dick Little and Lonnie Darnell and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were David Neisler, Andy Neisler, Chip Neisler, Dick Hunnicutt, Rick

Neisler, Edward Little, Parks Neisler, and Hayne Neisler. Honorary pallbearers were elders and deacons of First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Page died at home Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. after several month's illness.

Born Jan. 28, 1908 in Hildebrand, N.C., Mr. Page was the son of the late Harry and Addie Hoover Page. At a young age he moved with his family to Lincolnton where

he attended public school. He also attended Christ School in Arden. In 1926 when he was 18 years old, Mr. Page went to work in Charlotte as a yard clerk and operator for Piedmont and Northern Railroad. Eight years later he moved to Kings Mountain to work for Neisler Mills, Inc. He remained with Neisler Mills until the mill was sold to Massachusetts Mohair Plush Co. in 1955. Mr. Page worked for the new owners until 1959 when he opened Page's Men

Store on Mountain Street. He closed retail operations in 1965 but continued to represent several manufacturers of band uniforms until his retirement in 1971. In 1937 he married Laura Grace Neisler of Kings Mountain and they moved to their present home at 404 West Mountain Street in 1939. They have two daughters, Pauline Page Moreau of Chapel Hill and Laura Jean Page of Atlanta, Ga. and two grandchildren, Catherine Page Moreau and

David Stewart Moreau.

Mr. Page was baptized as an Episcopalian by his grandfather, George Augustus Page. He joined the First Presbyterian Church of Kings Mountain in 1937 where he served as deacon from 1947-59. In 1959 he was elected to the office of Ruling Elder and served one term as Clerk of Session. Mr. Page also served three years as Superintendent of the Sunday

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## Petition Asks For Rescue Service To Be Left In KM

A petition is being circulated in the community calling for the county to continue to provide ambulance service in this area.

Bethlehem Fire Chief Larry McDaniel, who is also on the board of directors of Kings Mountain Rescue Squad, said he will present the petition to the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners at its December meeting Monday morning at 9:30 a.m. in Room 104-D of the Cleveland County Law Enforcement Center. McDaniel said he has received petitions with signatures of more than 150 residents and that more are to be given to him before Monday's meeting.

The Petition asks county commissioners "to leave as is the structure and makeup of all rescue squads and Emergency Management Programs as controlled by the Cleveland County office of EMS" and is being signed by residents of Kings Mountain and adjacent areas now served by the Kings Mountain EMS.

The county EMS assumed control of ambulance service in Kings Mountain two weeks ago, operating out of Kings Mountain Hospital with the four county-paid EMTs who formerly worked at the rescue squad and other part-time EMTs. The Kings Mountain Rescue Squad, lacking certified manpower, had asked the county to take over the ambulance service here.

"We are getting the petition out in all areas served by the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad after learning that Shelby Rescue Squad want to provide the service here", said McDaniel. "It's not that we have anything against the Shelby Rescue Squad but we have a system and it works", said McDaniel. McDaniel said the county is providing Kings Mountain with an "excellent" ambulance service 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with backup service from the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad. "We want the county to continue", said McDaniel.

Shelby Lifesaving and Rescue Squad, in their re-

quest to the county commission to take over the Kings Mountain area ambulance service, are asking for four more county-paid emergency medical technicians in addition to the four now at the Shelby Rescue and four at Kings Mountain EMS and want to hire parttime help, if needed. They also want the county to furnish a satellite post in Kings Mountain and comply with similar agreements in a current contract with the squad.

Kings Mountain's two county commissioners, L.E. Hinant, former chairman, and Joyce Cashion, the new vice chairman, say their telephones have been ringing off the hook from citizens protesting the request of the Shelby Rescue Squad. "The people want the county to be in control and the ambulance service left at the hospital," said both commissioners, who praised the present arrangement and say they are leaning toward leaving ambulance service at KM Hospital but feel commissioners should listen to all proposals.

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**TOUR NEW FACILITY** - School board members and visitors toured the new half-million dollar addition to Kings Mountain Junior High School during the monthly meeting of the board of education Monday night at KMJH. Junior High Principal Jerry Hoyle, third from left, points out features of the new math and science classrooms to (left to right) Doyle Campbell, Larry Allen, Glenda O'Shields, June Lee, Betsy Wells, Wanza Davis and Supt. Bill Davis.

## Facility Needs Discussed

The Kings Mountain Board of Education was handed the keys to the new half-million dollar science and math wing at Kings Mountain Junior High Monday night and approved making request to the Cleveland County Board of

Commissioners for approximately \$4.6 million in other school improvements.

Superintendent Bill Davis told the board that the county commissioners are considering a county-wide school bond referendum and asked the

KM, Cleveland County and Shelby school systems to study their needs.

The Kings Mountain board, which approved by unanimous vote Davis's

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