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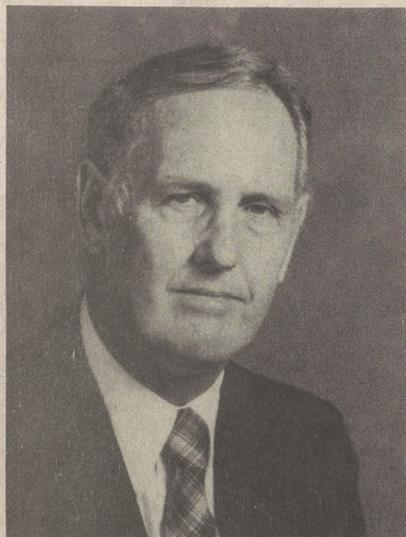


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# Bill Davis Is Retiring



BILL DAVIS

William F. Davis, superintendent of Kings Mountain District Schools since July of 1977, announced his retirement at Monday night's meeting of the Board of Education.

The board instructed Davis to begin advertising the vacancy and said it hoped to name his successor by July 1. His retirement is effect June 30.

Davis, who has been in public education for 36 years, said his "internal clock" has told him it's time to retire and the state's retirement system "made a difficult decision fairly comfortable."

Davis said he will continue to reside in Kings Mountain and remain active in social, civic and religious activities. He is an active member of Central United Methodist Church, is a Kiwanian, and vice campaign chairman for next year's United

Way campaign.

Davis issued a prepared statement to the board during an executive session. It read: "After 36 years of employment in the public schools I have decided that it is time for a change. Therefore, I am announcing my retirement to become effective at the end of June 1986.

"Since public education has been my avocation as well as my vocation, this decision has been a difficult one.

"Public school administration has afforded me an opportunity to live and work in several fine communities, and Kings Mountain is among the very best. I wish to thank the many cooperative and supportive citizens, students, teachers and principals for the role which each has played in making the Kings Mountain School System a quality system.

"I am most appreciative of the School Board members for your dedication to quality education and for your support of me and my work over the past nine years. The nature of our relationship has endeared each of you to me.

"We can indeed take pride in the many accomplishments which have occurred as we have worked together to strengthen our schools.

"Kings Mountain has been good to me and my family. I look forward to continued involvement in the civic, social and church affairs of this community."

Davis came to Kings Mountain from Stokes County, where he served as superintendent. He served for several years as superintendent in Wilkes County and as

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## School Teachers Oppose 6-Weeks Grading System

Kings Mountain school teachers, led by last year's Teacher of the Year Joel Rountree of Kings Mountain High School, voiced opposition to the school board's recent action to change to a six-weeks grading period at Monday night's meeting of the board of education.

The board voted 3-2 to continue with plans to change to a six-weeks period at the start of the 1986-87 school year but also voted unanimously to refer the matter back to the study team which recommended changing the grading period and have that group re-investigate the pros and cons of both systems and report back to the school board.

Following a lengthy presentation by Rountree, board member Kyle Smith made a motion that the high school be allowed to remain

on a nine-weeks grading system and all other schools go to a six-weeks system. His motion was seconded by Paul Hord Jr., the only board member who voted against the action last month to move to a six weeks system. The motion was voted down by the other three board members, Bill McDaniel, June Lee and Doyle Campbell.

Campbell then made the motion to refer the action back to the study committee.

Teachers from the high school said switching to a six-weeks system would put an undue hardship on that school because all of its grades are kept on computers. Rountree pointed to several other reasons for retaining the nine-weeks system.

"The nine weeks system is far superior to the six weeks system in enhancing achieve-

ment and improving communications between parents and teachers," Rountree told the board. He said the mid-term report to parents which KMHS requires of all teachers is a "motivator" for students who need to improve their grades while a six-weeks grading period does not allow enough time for a student to bring poor grades up.

"The six weeks grading period could frustrate the young people," Rountree said. "With the nine weeks system we're more able to drop the low grade, notify parents and allow the student a chance to improve."

Rountree gave an example of one of his students who was not doing well early in a nine-weeks grading period this year. "I sent the mid-term

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Photo by Gary Stewart

TALKS TO SCHOOL BOARD - Kings Mountain High teacher Joel Rountree addresses the Board of Education at Monday night's meeting at the superintendent's office. Rountree was the spokesman for many local teachers who oppose the board's recent action to switch from a nine weeks to six weeks grading system.

## Budget Requests Presented

Kings Mountain District Schools anticipates a budget of \$2,942,477 for the 1986-87 school year and Monday night authorized Supt. William Davis to present requests of \$1,552,598 for current expenses and \$287,761 for capital outlay to the Cleveland County commissioners.

Those figures represent increases of about 20 percent for current expenses and 10 percent for capital outlay, Davis said.

In a proposed budget which Davis prepared for school board members, the request for county current expense funds was originally \$1,421,598. The board authorized Davis to add \$131,000 to that amount to try to save the jobs of four teachers and five aides. If the county board does not approve those funds, the school

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## Shrine Parade, Barbecue Saturday

Shriners from all over North Carolina will be in Kings Mountain this weekend for a variety of activities to celebrate the success of the young White Plains Shrine Club and to raise funds for Shriners Hospitals for Crippled and Burned Children.

Gene Morrison, Potentate of the Oasis Temple, will lead a band of an estimated 800 to 3,000 Shriners who will parade in downtown Kings Mountain Saturday at 4 p.m. The parade will focus on entertainment for the children and will include clowns, pretty cars, the Piedmont Pistons go-carts, and many other units. The parade will lineup on Deal Street and begin on King Street in front of Kentucky Fried Chicken. It will travel west on King to the overhead bridge and turn left onto Battleground Avenue. From there, it will go south to East Gold Street, turn left and disband near the Governmental Services Facilities Center.

Carl Champion, past president of the White Plains Shrine Club, is heading up the weekend events, which include a Hot Wax Show and Dance Friday and Saturday nights at the American Legion, and an all-day barbecue sale Saturday in the vacant lot at the corner of East Gold and Highway 161.

Kings Mountain was chosen as one of three sites for this year's Shriners parades because of the success of the White Plains Shrine Club which was organized three years ago. Each year since its inception the club has strengthened its members and in funds raised for crippled and burned children.

Friday's Hot Wax Show and Dance will be open to the public. Admission is \$20 and tickets may be purchased from any Shriner or by calling Champion's office at 739-9511.

The show features music from the 1950's and imitators of the late Buddy Holly and Elvis Presley. The show will begin at 8:30 p.m. and end at 1 p.m. Three different one-hour shows will be held.

All night Friday, Shriners will be cooking barbecue to be sold Saturday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Barbecue tickets will be \$30 for soulders, \$3.50 for plates and \$3.00 for two sandwiches. Tickets may be purchased from any Shriner or by calling Champion's office.

Saturday night, the Hot Wax Show and Dance will perform for Shriners and their ladies at the American Legion.

"We hope everyone will come out and support these activities," Champion said.



GENE MORRISON

"Of course, all the funds raised will go to help the crippled and burned children. And the parade, which is very funny, will be the best parade Kings Mountain's ever had for the children."

All of the activities of the weekend will get Kings Mountain area citizens in the spirit for the White Plains Shrine Club's annual Softball Classic which will be held May 24 at Deal Street and Davidson Parks. Champion said this year's tournament will feature two divisions, with the national powers such as two-time champion Howard's Western Steer playing in the Super Division and area teams playing in the Carolinas Division. Trophies will be given to top finishers and players in both divisions. Eight teams will compete in each division.

## Commissioners Call Meeting On Personnel Matters Friday

A special meeting has been called by the board of commissioners on Friday, April 18th, at 12 noon at City Hall for the purpose of discussions of personnel matters.

Commissioner Norman King said the board has several job vacancies to consider and several job applications to review.

By 5-1 action of the board of commissioners at the regular April meeting last Tuesday, the commissioners amended four sections of the City Code of Ordinances which took the hiring out of the hands of the chief executive officer of the city, the Mayor, and put it back into the hands of the six commissioners. Commis-

sioner Harold Phillips presented the proposals, which were not on the board agenda, and were questioned by Commissioner Humes Houston who cast the only no vote. The amended ordinances return the hiring

authority to the six commissioners, upon recommendation of department heads, and means the six must also meet in personnel meetings to approve pay raises and department head recommendations on promotions

## Senator Marvin To Speak At Academic Awards Banquet

North Carolina Senator Helen Rhyne Marvin will address the sixth annual Academic Awards Banquet at Kings Mountain Senior High School Cafeteria Monday night at 6:30 p.m.

The banquet, which will be attended by 300 students and parents and educators, will honor 81 sophomores, juniors and seniors for academic excellence. Each student to be honored has attained a cumulative 3.5 scholastic average and will be introduced and presented an engraved plaque.

A highlight of the event will also include the announcement of the winner of the fourth annual "Excellence in Teaching" award.

KM District Schools Supt. Bill Davis and KMSHS Principal Ronnie Wilson will make the presentation.

"Kings Revue", a 17 member group of choral and band students from the Junior and Senior High Schools, will present special



HELEN MARVIN

music as entertainment for the banquet, which is sponsored by Kings Mountain's financial institutions, including BB&T, First Citizens, First Union, Home Federal and First Federal Savings and Loan Associations. Following the banquet, the new members of the National Honor Society will be inducted in ceremonies in the KMSHS library.