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Photo by Gary Stewart

**TEACHERS OF THE YEAR** - Teachers of the Year from Kings Mountain's eight schools are pictured above. They will compete against each other next week for District Teacher of the Year and the winner will enter Regional competition in

the fall. Left to right, Diana Allen, Bethware; Sherrill Toney, Central; Elizabeth Allen, Grover; Ann Scism, North; Denise Buchanan, KM Senior High; Dorcas Beasley, East; Barbara Lovelace, KM Junior High; and Kathy James, West.

## Six-Weeks Grading Stays

By GARY STEWART  
Managing Editor

The Kings Mountain Board of Education Monday night stood by its March decision to change all schools in the district to a six-weeks grading period at the beginning of the 1986-87 school year.

No vote was taken since three board members stated during discussion that they favored a six-weeks grading period and two stated that they favored staying with the current nine-weeks grading system. Board chairman Bill McDaniel, June Lee and Doyle Campbell said they were in favor of changing to a six-weeks system. Paul Hord Jr., the only board member to vote against it in March, said he still favored a nine-weeks grading period and Kyle Smith said he had changed his opinion since March and now favors sticking with the nine-weeks period.

Superintendent Bill Davis reminded the board that he had met with principals and central office personnel early in the school year and discussed the appropriate lengths of grading periods. He said the leadership team's only motive in suggesting a six-weeks grading period was "to implement a

system of reporting to parents relative to the progress of their students."

In March, when Davis presented the proposal to the board, he said he felt the current method of reporting any academic problems to parents through an informal mid-nine weeks grading period report was not sufficient because it was not required of all teachers and that it is not an "official" report card.

After the board adopted the leadership team's proposal, many teachers, especially from Kings Mountain High School, opposed the action. They said sending report cards every six weeks would take more time away from teaching and that computers used to store grade reports would have to be reprogrammed. The board asked Davis to take the matter back to the leadership team and study the pros and cons of both systems.

"I took it back to the leadership team, and the leadership team has a unanimous feeling that what we originally recom-

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## Hearing Underway

A preliminary injunction hearing was underway in Cleveland County Superior Court Wednesday morning in

as Bennett J. Masters, Sr., president and registered agent of the defendant corporation Masters Funeral Home; Betty P. Masters, secretary of the defendant corporation; and Masters Funeral Home, Inc., the

The show cause hearing was to seek a jury trial and a permanent injunction against the defendants.

As the Herald went to press at mid-morning Wednesday, Superior Court Judge James A. Beatty, Jr. had not ruled in the Masters case. Lawyers for Mr. and Mrs. Masters and for the plaintiffs were conferring and Judge Beatty said the matter was held open. The Masters case was the first case on the 9:30 a.m. agenda. Both Betty and Bennett Masters were present with their lawyers.

Superior Court Judge Frank Snapp issued a 10 day temporary restraining order last Thursday, freezing the assets and prohibiting the alleged sale of unregistered securities by the Masterses. Snapp appointed John Church, Shelby lawyer, to administer the corporation's assets.

State agents closed the funeral home Friday. The SBI is continuing an investigation into allegations of fraud.

The temporary restraining order was effective May 8th at 10:57 a.m. and the defendants were ordered by Judge Snapp to show cause before the court why an order against them should not be entered at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in Cleveland County Superior Court. The order prohibited Masters from selling or soliciting sales for unregistered securities, disposing of or otherwise destroying corporate records; issuing any checks drafts or otherwise making any withdrawals or transfers from any account in which either defendant had an equitable or legal interest.

Eugene J. Cella, staff attorney for the N.C. Division of Securities, and H.A. Cole, Jr., special deputy attorney general, signed the motion for issuance of the restraining order and injunction

before Superior Court Clerk Ruth Dedmon.

The defendants are listed as Bennett J. Masters, Sr., president and registered agent of the defendant corporation Masters Funeral Home; Betty P. Masters, secretary of the defendant corporation; and Masters Funeral Home, Inc., the

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## Board Okays Pool \$

Mayor John Moss broke a tie vote Tuesday night as the board of commissioners approved 4-3 a \$15,000 annual contribution, effective 1988-89, for the Kings Mountain Indoor Pool Foundation.

"In view of the confidence citizens have shown in the future of Kings Mountain in pledging over \$600,000 for a community-wide indoor pool, one of the greatest amount of money ever raised for a project in Cleveland County, I vote for this progressive step for the future to benefit the citizens of Kings Mountain; and cast my vote for this proposal," said the mayor.

Voting with the mayor were Commissioner Humes Houston, who made the motion, Commissioner Irvin Allen, who seconded it, and Commissioner Corbet Nicholson. Voting against the motion were Commissioners Norman King, Fred Finger and Harold Phillips.

There was no discussion other than Houston's opening motion when he called the pool proposal "good for Kings Mountain" and praised Kings Mountain citizens for displaying confidence and pride in the community. I have no crystal ball to look in the future but I vote to honor this request of \$15,000 annually beginning with fiscal year 1988-89 and ultimately support it as an ongoing effort and permanent move for the city," he declared.

Allen seconded. The vote was taken, Mayor Moss casting the deciding vote for approval, and there followed loud applause for

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## Aides Want Questions Answered

Forty-seven teacher aides who feel they may not have received their full pay for several years packed the Board of Education meeting room Monday night to try to find out whether or not their pay had been erroneously calculated in 1979 and to ask questions about future pay and fringe benefits.

But Board Chairman Bill McDaniel refused to hear from the group's NCAE representative, Bob Van Dine, and their complaints

were presented by Connie Phifer, North School teacher and president of the local NCAE.

The only promise the group received from the board was a statement from McDaniel that the board would study the matter and "do what's right by it."

The typewritten statement prepared by Van Dine, who is Uniserv Director for an 11-county area which includes Kings Mountain,

stated that aides met with Assistant Superintendent Larry Allen on April 23 at Barnes Auditorium to discuss a memorandum from the Controller's Office of the State Board of Education. The memo related the 40-hour week and stated that school units which operate on a less than 40-hour week must pro-rate salaries of teacher aides.

Aides in Kings Mountain work 37½ hours. Allen

reportedly told aides they could either work 40 hours a week, or have their pay prorated at 91.6 percent of their current wages.

Kings Mountain aides claim that their pay was prorated in 1979 when the General Assembly enacted legislation directing the State Board to pay non-certified school personnel on a 40-hour structure. They further

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## Cleanup Authorized

The city board of commissioners put more teeth in codes enforcement Tuesday night by authorizing Codes Director Bob Davies to use private contractors in cleaning up lots and declaring unsightly lots where cars have been abandoned as health and safety hazards.

Davies said that 39 residents have asked the city to do bush-hogging and cleaning up of lots but that pulling off city equipment to do these jobs can be eliminated by hiring local private contractors to do the work. He said the city will bill the property owners for the work and that ordinances stipulate the costs must be paid by property owners or the city can take a tax lien against the premises.

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**HONORED FOR SERVICE** - Lion Sam Weir, center, is congratulated by Lions Club President Howard Barrier, left, and Howard Bryant, right, as he accepts the coveted life membership for 42 years of service in the Kings Mountain Lions Club.

## Weir Given Lifetime Membership In KM Lions

Sam Weir, honored by the Kings Mountain Lions Club for 42 years service, was presented the coveted life membership from the Kings Mountain civic club Tuesday night.

Weir was recognized with a 40 year monarch membership pin tab, a life membership tab with attached congratulatory letter from Lions International President Joseph Wroblewski; a silver life membership card and a personalized life membership certificate in ceremonies at which Lion Howard Bryant saluted Weir, on behalf of his fellow members, as a man who considered his volunteer work with Lions as a "full time job which he loved to do" and a man "who gave his

all in a variety of projects for the betterment of Kings Mountain over many years."

Weir is a former Lion of the Year for District 31C and had also been recognized as District 31C "Most Outstanding Lion".

Weir's volunteer service in the community is well known and Bryant praised Weir for "helping sight impaired people see" and for "making other people happy by his good deeds." With a fruit cake under one arm and a broom in the other hand, Weir has always been a worker in street and door-to-door sales by Lions of brooms and cakes and has distributed white canes every year for

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