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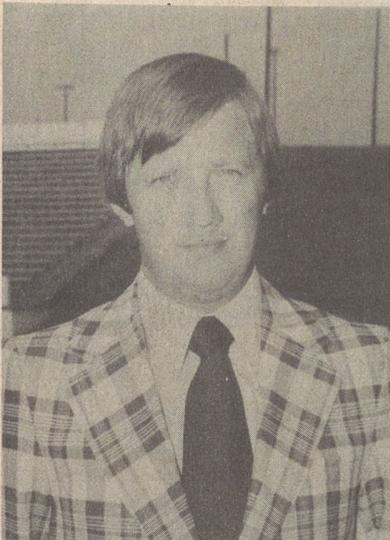
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Bob McRae New Superintendent



BOB McRAE

Robert R. "Bob" McRae Jr., former principal of Kings Mountain High School, was named new superintendent of schools during a special meeting of the board of education Thursday morning at the Schools Administration Office.

He replaces Bill Davis, who announced his resignation in May after nine years at the helm. Davis's resignation was to be effective July 1 but he has agreed to stay on for another month. McRae will begin his duties here on August 4.

McRae presently serves as assistant superintendent of the Randolph County School System. He has held that post since August 1983.

"This is just a dream come true for us," McRae said from his office in Asheboro. "Being a superintendent has been a career goal of mine for sometime and to get a chance to do that in as good a system as Kings Mountain, and to come back to a town that means as much to us as Kings Moun-

tain does, is just more than I could hope for almost."

McRae served as principal of Kings Mountain High from July of 1979 until August of 1983. Prior to that, he was assistant principal at Piedmont High School in Monroe, principal of Monroe Middle School and principal of Piedmont High School. He is active in the Rotary Club, United Way, Chamber of Commerce, N.C. Association of School Administrators, and is a Sunday School teacher.

McRae is a graduate of Anson High School and earned his B.A. degree from Wake Forest University. He also holds degrees from Appalachian State and UNC-Chapel Hill and expects to complete work on his doctorate next year.

McRae plans to come to Kings Mountain on July 22 to meet with Supt. Davis and discuss school matters, and to also visit around town and look for housing.

"I think that my job the first year is going

to be to re-acquaint myself with the school system and the people and work with everyone there to try and see what the appropriate direction for the system to take is," McRae said. "But I already know that I'm coming to a good system and that is going to make my job considerably easier."

"My immediate goal is to help everybody get the new school year off to a good start," he added. "I know Bill Davis and some others will have that pretty well under control but I will be rapidly trying to assure that."

McRae said his wife, Jacqueline, and children, Juli, 13, and Molly, 7, will be moving to Kings Mountain before the start of school.

"We all look forward to returning to Kings Mountain," he said. "We've always had a warm place in our hearts for the town and people there. It's just like coming home."

Guard's Wilson Retiring Sunday

When Charlie Wilson celebrates his 60th birthday on Monday, he will have spent two thirds of his life, 40 years, in the U.S. military reserves.

Sunday will mark his official retirement from the North Carolina Army National Guard, beginning as an enlisted man May 12, 1952 and ending on July 13, 1986, a day before his 60th birthday.

What does the popular Kings Mountain native plan on retirement from a busy career? Effective July 29th, he will become Cleveland County chairman of the N.C. committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve by the Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense on appointment by state chairman Edwin H. Shufelt.

Wilson also plans other volunteer activities in the community, in addition to being active in First Baptist Church. He also plans to volunteer to babysit his young grandson, Brooks, son of Baron and Sharon Huskey Wilson, and be on hand for the arrival of his second grandchild due this month to Monty and Lesia Hughes Wilson. He and his wife, Colleen Brooks Wilson, also plan to celebrate their 32nd wedding anniversary Sept. 17.

Wilson, who never missed a drill day at the local National



CHARLES WILSON

Guard Armory or at HHC 505th Engr. Battalion in Gastonia except for his honeymoon, said that Sunday will be his last drill day at 505th Eng. Battalion where he has served as a Master Sergeant assisting with personnel since Aug. 1, 1984, when he retired after 30 years at the KM Guard as senior noncommissioned officer. Wilson enlisted in the KM National Guard Unit May 12, 1952 and was hired by Captain Samuel Humes Houston as the Unit administrator on May 25th of that year. He was responsible for the contacting of prospective members, the enlistment of new members,

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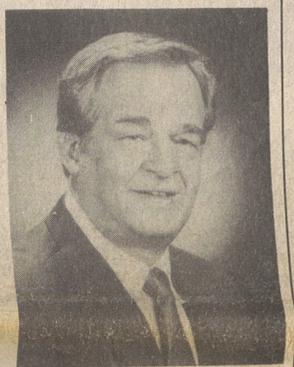
HOT, HOT, HOT— The hot, dry weather continues in the Piedmont Carolinas, as this temperature sign at a Cherryville savings and loan testifies. The thermometer hit the century mark Tuesday and is expected to continue high for the remainder of the week.

KM's Austin Heads Papers

Publisher Garland Atkins announced this week a major company promotion and the diversification by Herald Publishing Company into the book publishing business, along with publishing of seven weekly newspapers at the Kings Mountain plant.

Atkins, owner and publisher of The Kings Mountain Herald in Cleveland County, and Belmont Banner, Mount Holly News, Cherryville Eagle, Bessemer City Record, Gaston Independent and Stanley News, in Gaston County, will remain active at the newspapers as publisher but will also superintend the new book publishing operations, interviewing and writing books.

"Darrell Austin's new role in our growing company will free me to devote more time to book publishing," said Atkins, who recently completed a just published

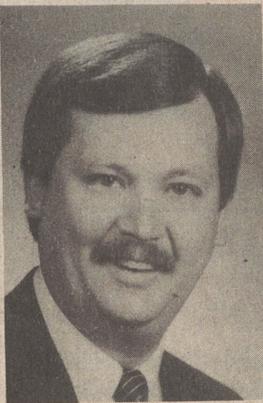


DARRELL AUSTIN

history of Carolina Freight Carriers Corporation of Cherryville, is completing a history of Jefferson Pilot Communications which includes WBT and WBTW of Charlotte and he is completing an autobiography of former Wake Forest University basketball coach "Bones" McKinney, in addition to other projects to enlarge the publishing business which he has owned and operated since 1966.

Austin, who worked in the Advertising Department of the Charlotte Observer and Gastonia Gazette before joining

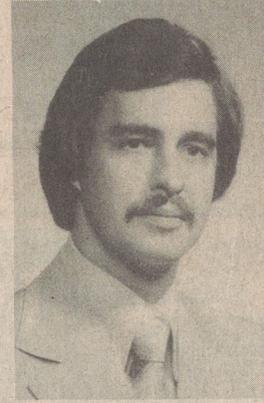
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JOHN YOUNG



MARILYN NEISLER



JEFF MAUNEY



JIM YARBRO

Hospital Board Members Named

Marilyn Neisler of Kings Mountain was recently re-elected president of the Board of Trustees of Kings Mountain Hospital. John Young was elected vice president and Dr. Jeff Mauney, DPM, was elected secretary-treasurer. In other Board action, Dr. Mauney and Jim Yarbrow were reappointed for additional five year terms.

The Board of Trustees of Kings Mountain Hospital is made up of a cross section of dedicated community

members who provide input, insight and direction to the medical staff and hospital administration, enabling the hospital to do the best possible work in filling the medical needs of the community.

A life-time supporter of the hospital and member of the Board, Mrs. Neisler served as vice president of the Trustees prior to being elected president in 1985. She is married to Henry Neisler and they have three sons. A

Charlotte native but a resident of Kings Mountain for the past 38 years, Mrs. Neisler is an Elder of the First Presbyterian Church.

"It is a privilege to work with a Board that is so congenial and so committed to the hospital," said Mrs. Neisler. "And we are so fortunate to have a staff at Kings Mountain Hospital that has a reputation for giving quality medical treatment and warm personal attention to each patient."

In commenting on her position with the Board of Trustees, Mrs. Neisler said, "A goal of the Board is to make decisions that will benefit the people of Kings Mountain. We are so happy that Dr. William Beutel and his family chose to come to Kings Mountain and we are aggressively looking for a doctor of gynecology and obstetrics to locate here in the near future."

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Natural Gas Rates Decrease 14 Percent

Good news for natural gas customers. Your July gas bills should reflect a 14 percent reduction.

The city board of commissioners Tuesday night approved the reduction on recommendation of City gas consultants Heath and Associates subject to approval of the Federal Regulatory Commission.

The reduction would mean a savings of between \$100 to \$115 for residential customers, an overall savings in 12 months to all gas customers of more than \$100,000.

The city of Kings Mountain currently has 1,823 residential gas customers, 245 commercial users and 10 industrial users. The new rate schedule would apply to residential users, small commercial and public buildings and large commercial users of natural gas.

The board also contracted with Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina for accident, health and life in-

surance coverage for city personnel and authorized that city employees who meet eligibility requirements, and who have retired with 20 years or more of satisfactory service, including previous retirees, shall be included in city health care coverage with insurance available also to their spouses.

The board approved formal resolution of appreciation and commendation to 36-year employee Joe H. McDaniel, who retired July 1 as city clerk and treasurer.

The Board authorized Mayor John Moss to negotiate a formal contract with Center for Urban Affairs and Community Services, N.C. State University, at \$10,585 cost, for a computer feasibility demonstration and research study expected to take six months to complete and named Jack Bennett, city employee, as contact person on the project for the city.

Commissioner Fred

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