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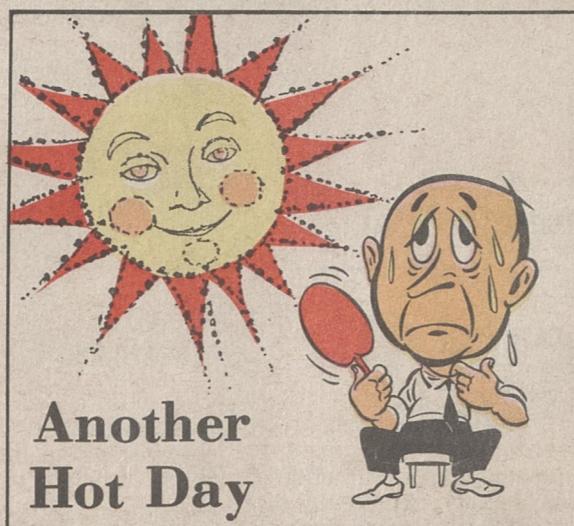
KINGS MOUNTAIN, NORTH

## Will It Be Hot Forever?

Will it be this hot forever? Obviously, the answer is no. But many residents must wonder as the temperature continues to rise into the high 90's and their crops and lawns continue to suffocate in the heat and humidity and lack of moisture.

Not only has it affected the plant life, but the intense heat has also become a health problem for persons who work outside and those with breathing problems—particularly the elderly. The heat last week was blamed for the death of a 16-year-old high school football player in Raleigh but school officials here say they've had no heat-related problems.

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## Schools To Open Monday

School bells ring Monday for 3800 Kings Mountain District school pupils at eight plants.

Wednesday is first day of school for 450 staff members, although Monday and Tuesday were optional teacher work days.

At two of the plants, Kings Mountain Senior High School and North Elementary School, the students will begin the new year with a new principal. Mrs. Jackie Lavender, former assistant KMSHS principal, moved up to the principal position vacated by Ronnie Wilson when he became the system's first personnel director. At North School, Joey Hopper replaces Dr. Jane King who was promoted to Director of Public Instruction succeeding retiring director Mrs. Martha Bridges.

Faculties are complete with the exception of hiring a new assistant principal at Central School, according to Dr. Robert McRae, Superintendent, an action which implements the state Basic Education Plan. By the time classes start on Monday the new position will be filled. All school bus driver positions have also been filled.

Lunchrooms will operate as usual on the first day of school.

A special activity for the staff on Friday will be a motivation, appreciation luncheon at the Kings Mountain Senior High cafeteria at 11:30 a.m. with Dr. William Purkey, Professor of the School of Education at UNC-Greensboro, as speaker. "Everything looks good for the start of a new year," said Dr. McRae who said that although enrollment figures are down he anticipates the system will top 3800 students.

Repairs have been completed at most schools, including the construction of the awning at Kings Mountain Senior High following the razing of it last year by a truck that struck the building.

Construction is well underway on the new Kings Mountain Natatorium, an indoor swimming pool, which will serve the community as well as students. With the continuance of good weather, workmen estimate that construction will be completed by Jan. 1. After that, schedules will have to be worked out and supervisors designated before the pool opens to the public, probably in early spring, said McRae.

Tennis courts at the Senior High School were redone during the summer months but still to be redone are tennis courts at the Junior High Girls tennis practice opened this week on the Senior High courts. Local band students are also practicing this week. Junior High students and sophomores were attending day classes and the KMSHS marching band began practices at night. The KMSHS Band will be performing at Walt Disney World April 5-9 and early practice for sophomores is in fundamentals of marching.

Football scrimmages also got underway last week.

A new traffic pattern at Grover School was necessary to separate bus and car traffic and the new route is a safety feature.

Asbestos was removed from the ceilings of four classrooms at East School.

The schools' operating schedules are as follows:

### ELEMENTARY (Grades K-5)

School Day Begins - 8:20 a.m.

School Day Ends - 2:40 p.m.

Kindergarten students will be on a half-day schedule August 22-26. Students will be asked to stay one afternoon for testing.

If you have questions, contact the principal of your child's school. Dismissal time for kindergartners will be after lunch has been served.

### CENTRAL (Grades 6-7)

School Day Begins - 8 a.m.

School Day Ends - 2:35 p.m.

### JUNIOR HIGH (Grades 8-9)

School Day Begins - 7:48 a.m.

School Day Ends - 2:30 p.m.

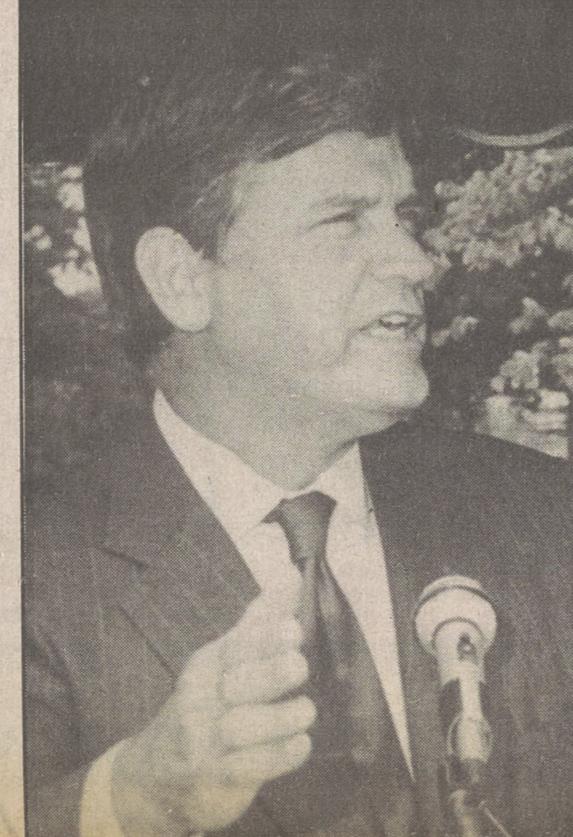
### SENIOR HIGH (Grades 10-12)

School Day Begins - 8 a.m.

School Day Ends - 2:20 p.m.

Persons who have not registered their child should contact their child's school as soon as possible.

## Governor, Congressman Visit



GOVERNOR JIM MARTIN

### Martin: Better Roads, Jobs, Schools Needed

By TODD GOSETT  
Staff Reporter

Gov. Jim Martin told a group of Cleveland County Republicans Friday morning that what North Carolina needs is better schools, better roads, and better jobs.

He was speaking at a \$25 per plate breakfast at the Western Steer in Shelby.

The most important of these, Martin said, was better schools in the state. He is advocating promotions for teachers in a Career Ladder program. The program is already in place in several pilot districts across the state and will soon go statewide, he said.

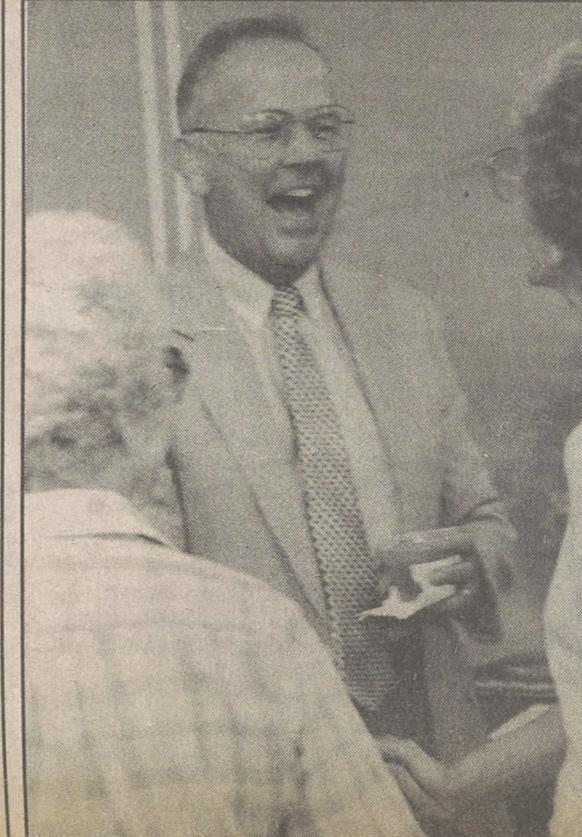
He had this to say to teachers: "The better you are, the better you become and the better you will be paid."

Martin also responded to accusations from the state Democratic Party that he was running away from the Republican Party's national ticket. "Polls show Bush will win in North Carolina, so why would I want to run away from a winner?" he asked.

Martin said he did not choose to be a delegate at this week's Republican National Convention because he can't be there the whole time. He has appearances to make this week in North Carolina, but said he could have put all that aside.

Martin said that if Bush runs ahead of him in North Carolina, he'll help Martin, and if he (Martin) runs ahead of Bush in North Carolina, he'll help the presidential candidate.

Martin said it would be a close race between him and his Democratic opponent, Lt. Gov. Bob Jordan, but expected the Republican party to do well statewide.



CONGRESSMAN CASS BALLenger

### Ballenger: Notch Bill Won't Pass Congress

By TODD GOSETT  
Staff Reporter

Congressman Cass Ballenger told a group of Kings Mountain Senior Citizens Tuesday that he was against the new medicare plan for catastrophic health insurance and promised to introduce a bill to help correct social security's "notch" problem.

"There are some good things in here, but you have to pay for them," he said about the new medicare plan. The new plan, which goes into effect over the next few years, provides more health care but at higher deductibles than before.

The new plan will pay for one mammography, up to 80 hours of respite care each year, 150 days in a skilled nursing facility, and unlimited hospital care among other things, Ballenger said.

Ballenger, who voted against the change, answered questions from the senior citizens about the new plan.

Ballenger discussed the controversy over the so-called "notch babies" — people born between 1917 and 1921 whose social security benefits were lowered in 1977 to correct a 1972 error by Congress.

Ballenger said that a "notch" bill could have no chance of getting passed through Congress, but that he'd introduce a bill to show his constituents that he is concerned.

"I'm 100 percent in favor of reducing the money paid to people who were born before the notch," he said. "But I'm trying to be honest — the bill won't have a chance."

Ballenger said that sometime in the next year or two people in Congress will realize that something needs to be done about the notch, but it would still be difficult to do something about it in Congress.

## Power To Be Off Sunday

School Road, and Bethlehem Church Road will be affected.

During the interruption, new equipment will be installed which will allow Duke to provide additional cost saving programs for customers in the Margrave area, said Robert W. Woods, district engineer.

Customers in the Margrave area, South Grover Road, Phifer Road, Margrave Road, Dixon

Road, and Bethlehem Church Road will be affected.

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