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OH, THERE SHE IS

Miss North Carolina visits Bethware School

Heidi Williams, Miss North Carolina '92, crisscrosses the state with a strong message to students.

"Stay away from drugs, alcohol and laziness and you will succeed," she told an adoring group of K-5 students Tuesday at Bethware School.

The brunette hazel-eyed beauty dazzled the students with her charm and wit, smiling as she talked about her own success and pointing out that she had to decide first what she wanted and work toward the goal.

Williams said she competed for the title of Miss Fayetteville five times before she was picked to represent that city in the Miss North Carolina pageant last June.

She gives up her crown in

Raleigh June 26 and enrolls in graduate school at Hartt School of Music in Hartford, CT. for a master's degree in music performance.

A certified music teacher, she has been teaching this year but not in the classroom. She is a performer who loves what she does, hugging kids as she walked with them to the school auditorium. She held her audience spellbound as she recounted the reasons why kids should stay in school and true stories about youth who thought it cool to follow the crowd.

She has talked to so many students recently that she lost her voice and could not sing to the disappointment of some in the crowd.

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Miss North Carolina, Heidi Williams of Fayetteville, is surrounded by an adoring public at Bethware School.

School Friends honored

Kings Mountain Senator Ollie Harris, Southern Bell Telephone Company and six PTO organizations shared in the coveted Friends of Education award at the sixth annual Service Awards banquet Monday in Kings Mountain District Schools.

Harris was honored for his support role as a legislator and long-time supporter of Kings Mountain Schools in the N. C. General Assembly. His business partner, Ronald Hawkins, chairman of the Board of Education, noted that Harris had presented souvenir miniature diplomas to graduating seniors for 25 years at Kings Mountain High School.

Southern Bell was recognized for its role in community/school relations and various programs during the school year. Representing the company were Linda Winders and Brenda Byers.

Parent-Teacher Organizations were recognized for their cooperative efforts and accepting the plaques for the various schools were Kim and Doyle Burton, West; Larry and Florrie Hamrick, North; Kim and Terry Franks, East; Keith and Julie Miller, Bethware; Melinda Green and Cindi Stinchcomb, Grover; Horace and Debbie Smith, Kings Mountain Middle School.

With the close of the 1992-93 school year 10 employees will leave the profession after collectively accumulating 176 years of service.

Retiring employees are: Bob Jones, KM Middle School, 22 years; Carolyn McWhirter, Kings Mountain High School, 30 years; Sara Simpson, East School, Resource, 33 years; Mary Anthony, West School secretary, 23 years; Emma Blalock, East School K-1, 23 years; Paul Pressley, KM Middle, custodian, 16 years; Boyd Nicholson, West School custodian, 10 years; and Carolyn Harris, West School teacher assistant, 19 years.

Nine teachers and administrators received framed certificates and gifts for their two year service as a mentor teacher for beginning teachers who are required to participate in the initial certification program. Those recognized were Sharon Jackson, Greg Payseur, Donna McDonald, Evelyn Kiser, Steve Wells, Ann Bennett, Penny Anthony, Kathryn Blanton and Ann Scism.

Dru White, West School, received a standard certificate from North Carolina Association of Teacher Assistants.

Recognition was made for certificates received from the North Carolina Association of Education Office Professionals to Lillian

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Hal Plonk, Judy Ross, State DOT official Ed Lewis, and school officials Dr. Larry Allen and Dr. Bob McRae look over maps of two alternate proposals for extension of Dixon School Road from north of I-85 to US 74 Business. Public hearing is tentatively set for December.

Citizens support road plan

Local support for one of the two phases of the proposed Dixon School Road (SR 2283) extension was indicated by residents attending a four-hour citizens' informational workshop Monday.

Ed Lewis and John Alford of the State Department of Transportation took comments from 30 citizens living in the area and found some opposed to the second part of the project (Alternate II) which would run through property behind Mount Olive Baptist Church in the Compact Community.

Maps of Alternate I and Alternate II routes are to be posted at City Hall and interested citizens can pinpoint the locations and get more information from city planner Gene White in his second floor office.

Right-of-way acquisition for the northern part of the project, Phifer Road to US 74 Business, is scheduled for October, 1994. Construction is scheduled for

September, 1995.

Lewis said that right-of-way acquisition for the southern part of the project, I-85 to Phifer Road, is scheduled for October, 1999. Construction is scheduled for the year 2000.

Local school officials supported the northern route which would help alleviate traffic at already congested Kings Mountain Middle School on Phifer Road.

Judy Ross, whose grandparents live in the Mount Olive Church community, wanted to know more about the southerly route. She said that route could take some of her family's property.

Local realtor Hal Plonk was also interested in how the new road would affect property he owns in the area.

Bill Herndon, whose home is on Grover Road, said if the state plans to redo Highway 216 it will be in the path of the Herndon family farm and other homes in that im-

mediate area located behind the Mount Olive church proper.

Alford said additional design work is necessary before the actual right-of-way limits can be established and exact information about the effect of the project on individual properties won't be available until public hearing tentatively scheduled for December of this year.

The 1993-99 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) calls for extending Dixon School Road from north of Interstate 85 to US 74 Business west of Kings Mountain.

The proposed project involves realigning and extending the existing Dixon School Road (SR 2283) from just north of I-85 to US 74 Business west of Kings Mountain, a distance of 2.3 miles.

The proposed improvements call for a 24-foot roadway on new location with 8-foot usable shoulders

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C.A. ALLISON

Connie Allison appointed to School Board

Retired elementary school principal Connie Allison will be sworn Monday at 7:00 p.m. as the newest member of the Kings Mountain Board of Education.

He was the board's choice over six applicants for the seat vacated by Rev. Billy Houze who moved inside the city limits.

The four active members of the board held a special meeting Thursday night to fill the fifth seat after closing a week of applications from the public at noon on Monday.

Allison will fill out the remaining seven months of Houze's four

year term on the board. He has not said if he plans to offer for reelection this fall when district school voters choose three members of the board. Terms of incumbents Ronnie Hawkins and Priscilla Mauney are also expiring.

Allison will take the oath from Mayor Scott Neisler.

Mauney, vice-chairman, made the motion to appoint Allison, noting his long service as an educator and as principal of East and North Schools. Shearra Miller seconded. Members B. S. Peeler and Ronnie Hawkins, chairman, also approved. Since his retirement from North

Smile!

KM schools considering video cameras on buses

Video cameras may soon be installed on school buses as a safety measure and to curb behavioral problems.

Members of the Board of Education will hear a proposal for the installation of the cameras Monday night at the 7:30 p.m. May meeting in the Administration Building on Parker Street.

"You know what it says about a picture being worth 1,000 words," said Chairman Ronnie Hawkins, who supports the idea.

Hawkins said that Supt. Dr. Bob McRae and Associate Supt. Dr. Larry Allen will present the project cost. Shelby City Schools are among area schools with a similar project in place.

Hawkins said that project has the backing of school officials and school bus drivers. He says he hopes that parents will also back the proposal.

Board members are also expected to vote on McRae's recommendation to stop fundraising solicitation by K-8 graders by asking residents to pay a 1 cent increase in the supplemental school tax.

McRae said at last month's meeting that the idea of kids knocking on unknown doors to raise school funds has become unpopular with some parents and administrators. "The strongest concern I have is

for the safety of the children," he said.

McRae also presented a supplementary tax idea to the school system's Parent Advisory Council last fall and recently to local local parent-teacher organizations to get a feel for public opinion on the proposal.

Monday afternoon, McRae and some school board members met with PTO officials and response to the idea was positive, according to Hawkins.

Hawkins said that most parents spend more money buying student-sold products each year than they will spend on the proposed tax increase.

The proposed tax increase, if approved by the county board of commissioners, would push the tax to 18 cents a year per \$100 property valuation. For a family with \$100,000 worth of property, the increase would cost about \$10 a year.

The ban on student fund raising would not apply to Kings Mountain High School.

Last month the school board asked McRae to present a plan for distributing the monies to the schools equally, a question raised by the board as to the mechanics of the plan.

"We want to stop all solicitation by kids in K-8, not just door to door sales," said Hawkins.

New telephone service offers Straight Talk for teen problems

Beginning today, teenagers in Cleveland County will be able to get "Straight Talk" on problems and issues.

Straight Talk is a free service that offers a series of pre-recorded messages on topics of concern to teenagers, such as drugs and alcohol, suicide, sexuality, relationships, health and feelings. In addition, trained counselors also will be available for teens to call who wish to talk with someone about a situation they are facing.

The number to call to hear a taped message is 1-800-427-5979. There is no charge for the call or to listen to a message. Most importantly, the call is confidential and anonymous.

The Straight Talk project is sponsored by the Telephone Pioneers of American, N.C. Chapter 35, a community service organization made up of long-time and retired employees of the telecommunications industry, and

The Relatives, Inc., one of the oldest youth shelters with counseling in the state.

Locally, the project is being funded by First National Bank, Shelby Savings Bank and BB&T.

The counseling back-up will be provided by Cleveland County Community Organization for Drug Abuse Prevention (CODAP) and Cleveland Center.

Funding comes from the private sector, including charitable organizations, corporations and individuals. No public money is used, said Julie Braswell, statewide director for Straight Talk.

Straight Talk went on line in Mecklenburg County on October 1, 1991. In its first year, there were more than 38,000 calls to the messages. In the first two months of the service being offered in the Triangle area of the state, there were nearly 10,000 calls to the

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School, Allison has continued to do volunteer work for the school system. He has been active for a number of years in Kings Mountain Lions Club and is an Elder in Good Hope Presbyterian Church. His wife, Adelaide, is a retired Kings Mountain school teacher.

Legislation passed in 1955 gave the school board the power to fill unexpired seats. The board decided to open the seat up to all eligible citizens and six people applied. There were no interviews held. One of the candidates attended Thursday's special meeting.

Supt. Dr. Bob McRae called Allison after the vote was taken to confirm that Allison would accept the position.

"King Mountain has a very good system," said Allison. "I feel that I can work with the board and help make sound decisions and keep good programs going."

McRae and Chairman Hawkins praised the high quality of all the applicants who had indicated interest in serving on the school board.

Hawkins said that the variety of occupations and community ser-

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