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It's back to school on Monday

Larry Allen announces retirement

Dr. Larry Allen, Associate Superintendent of Kings Mountain District Schools, will retire effective August 1.

The Board of Education accepted his retirement at Monday night's meeting at the Central office and then hired Allen on a 12-hour per week basis to look after facilities,

transportation and the Capital Outlay portion of the budget. His position will not be filled and the remainder of his duties will be assumed by Supt. Bob McRae and assistant superintendents Jane King and Ronnie Wilson.

Allen, who has 26 years of service in Kings Mountain Schools,

said he will also pursue other interests.

"I just want to step back and evaluate things and get used to retirement first," he said. "I do plan to get involved in some other activities but there are no definite plans at this time."

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School bells will ring Monday for some 3,900 students and 500 employees in Kings Mountain schools.

Most building and remodeling projects have been completed, according to Supt. Bob McRae, and he expects a smooth opening day.

Faculties at all schools have been busy this week preparing for the influx of eager learners.

McRae and elementary school principals and teachers are excited

about a massive new computer program which will give all third, fourth and fifth grade students assistance in learning English, reading and math.

The program was implemented at East School last year and has been highly successful. It will be included at Grover, West, North and Bethware this year. Teachers are participating in computer training workshops today and Friday at Bethware and Grover schools.

McRae is implementing a new program which will help students who have fallen behind in their studies get back on track.

The support staff will concentrate on the students who are having problems. In

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Grindstaff files for City Council

A five-man race developed for the Ward 3 seat on City Council last week when former Kings Mountain policeman Ralph E. Grindstaff, 47, paid his filing fee before filing ended Friday.



GRINDSTAFF

Grindstaff's entry into city politics brings the number to 13 candidates who seek four seats up for grabs at City Hall on October 5. Voters in Wards 3, 4, and 5 will elect their representatives and all citizens can vote for the At-Large position being vacated by Al Moretz, who will not seek reelection.

Grindstaff, of 916 Henry Street, is employed by the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles as a driver's license examiner in Mount Holly. A resident of Kings Mountain for 20 years, he is married to the former Judy Short. They have one daughter, Paula Broome, of Lake Norman. Grindstaff was 1992 president of White Plains Shrine Club and is a

Six more file in Grover race

Six more candidates filed for the Grover Town Council as the deadline passed Friday, bringing the total to 10 the number of people seeking three seats up for grabs.

Incumbent Tim Rowland filed, along with former councilwoman Juanita Pruetette and Cindi Cook, James F. Goad Sr., Sam Stevenson and Robbie Sides.

The three people receiving the highest number of votes will gain the seats at the polls November 2.

The four-year terms of Jim Howell, Rowland and Don Rich are expiring.

Grover Board approves regulating use of land

"It will be a while but I think we are headed in the right direction," said an optimistic Grover Mayor Ronald Queen after the town board voted Monday night to initiate steps to regulate land use in the city limits.

Creation of a planning board could come as early as the September meeting but in the meantime county planner Bill McCarter will pencil the costs of base maps and get back to the board with ideas on how the town can work with county building inspectors to enforce zoning ordinances once they are in place.

McCarter gave a presentation in which he commended the town fathers for wanting to establish planning and zoning and made suggestions of various help agencies such as Isothermal Planning & Development, Cleveland County and the Division of Community Services in Asheville.

He said a draftsman would be needed to compile all the parcels in one map and code them for industrial, commercial, and residential areas to match the county's zoning. He suggested three types



Scott Rayfield, Gladys Hardy, Anita Roberts, Dennis Rayfield and Gary Godin, left to right, package materials for shipment from Eaton Corporation to flood victims in Iowa.

Eaton comes to aid of flood victims

What started out as a plant project at Eaton Corporation near Grover turned into a massive effort by several companies and individuals in the area to provide relief for flood victims in the Midwest.

Eleven thousand pounds of food, cleaning materials and other supplies were loaded on an Eaton tractor-trailer Monday morning and shipped to the Eaton plant in Shenandoah, Iowa for distribution to flood victims in nearby Hamburg, Iowa.

Hamburg, the home of numerous Eaton employees, has been under water for the past two weeks, and their coworkers in North Carolina wanted to do their part to help them out.

When it was reported in local papers that Eaton was collecting items for the flood victims, the word spread as far away as Charlotte. Folks there, who hadn't heard of another collection site, began calling to ask if they could bring items to Eaton.

In addition to the food and materials, almost \$1,700 in checks was collected - made out to the Salvation Army and Flood Relief.

Eaton employees Dennis Rayfield, Gary Godin, Gladys Hardy, Scott Rayfield and Anita Roberts coordinated the collection effort. Employees boxed the

items for shipment.

The Hamburg Disaster Relief Fund and United Trinity Church in Hamburg will distribute the items.

In addition to contributions from Eaton employees, items were also contributed by employees of Grover Industries, Minette Mills, Pioneer Motor Bearing, Transco, Polygram, CleveMont Mills, Anvil Knit, Eastside Baptist Church, Reliance Electric, Roadway Express of Shelby, Roger Zill of Charlotte, Dennis Lazeckoz of Charlotte, and White Business Machines of Charlotte.

A letter from the committee accompanied the shipment. It read in part:

"The folks in the Carolinas are thinking of you and wish you speed in recovering from the disaster you are currently enduring."

The letter was signed by each committee member, and included these personal wishes:

"We're thinking of you." - Anita Roberts
"Best wishes." - Scott Rayfield.
"Best regards." - Dennis Rayfield.
"You're in our thoughts and prayers. Good luck." - Gary Godin.
"Hope this can help. God is watching over you. Best of luck." - Gladys Hardy.

Three more file for School Board

The race is on for the three seats open on the Kings Mountain Board of Education.

Three people filed last week bringing the number to four people seeking the two outside city seats and three people seeking the At-Large seat on the board of education. The \$20 filing fee of a fourth candidate was returned after he

was informed that he is ineligible to run due to his residency in Gaston County.

Both Keith Miller and Melony Clark Bolin filed for the outside city seat and oppose

board chairman Ronnie Hawkins and C. A. Allison, who went on the board by appointment several months ago when Billy Houze moved into the city limits.

Myron George filed for the At-Large seat and challenges Houze and Larry Hamrick Jr.

Mike Hardin, of 128 Chestnut Ridge Rd., also filed for the outside city seat but Debra Blanton, elections supervisor for the Cleveland County Board of Elections, says he is not eligible due to his residency in Gaston County. Hardin said that his house straddles the Cleveland-Gaston line, he pays both Kings Mountain and Gaston taxes and his children attend Kings Mountain Schools.

"As a concerned parent and volunteer I want to ensure that our children and their classroom will be the top priority," said Bolin, a homemaker and parent of Christina, 11, a seventh grader, and Adam, 9, a fourth grader at Bethware School. Bolin and her husband, Danny, are expecting their third child in November.

A volunteer at Bethware School,



MILLER



BOLIN

Bolin said she wants to be a responsive voice on the board with the children's best interests at heart.

"This doesn't mean that everyone would always agree with my decisions but citizens can be assured that I will study all the issues and vote my concerns," she said.

Bolin attends First Baptist Church. She received a unheralded hero award in 1989 as a Bethware volunteer and graduated from Kings Mountain High School in 1980. She was employed as a driver's license examiner for 10 years and attended Cleveland Community College.

A native of Kings Mountain and graduate of Kings Mountain High School, George earned his degree in civil engineering from North Carolina State University. He is Director of Engineering for Espy, Huston and Associates Consulting Engineers in Charlotte and is chairman of Partners for Quality Education. He is married to Joy Bridges George and they have two children, one at Kings Mountain High School and one who is beginning in Kings Mountain Middle School this year. He attends First Baptist Church. Hobbies are fishing and hunting.

George says he is committed to positive change. "There are many good things happening in our schools but there is always room for improvement. Citizen involve-

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C.J. Gault honored as a 50-year Mason

Fifty years ago when C.J. Gault Jr. became a member of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM the Masonic Temple was a one-room meeting room near the old Imperial Theatre on West Mountain Street.

Gault, honored Monday on his 50th anniversary as a Mason, recalled that the next home of the Masonic Order was in a bigger building but upstairs in the D. M. Morrison Building on East Gold Street where it remained for many years before the spacious new home was built on Masonic Drive off Phifer Road.

A Past Master, Gault, 81, has many fond recollections of stated meetings and special events. Even in the early years, the membership was large. Gault recalled that when he became a member the membership topped 150. He was Master in 1948, lecturer and conferred degrees. In recent years Gault has not been active. Fairview Lodge was chartered in Kings Mountain in 1874, same year as Kings Mountain.

Gault, who has lived in Kings Mountain since the age of 11, grew up in the family grocery business

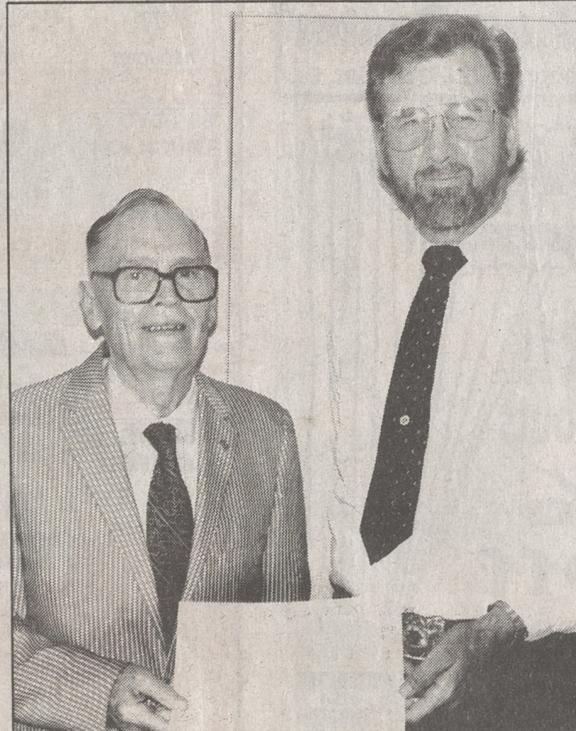
on North Piedmont Avenue. He retired from Gault Brothers Grocery after 39 years in 1974.

Playing piano has always been a love of his life and led to his active volunteer service. For 42 years he has played piano for the Davis Bible Class at Central United Methodist Church where he is an active member and for 18 years he has played for a worship service at Kings Mountain Convalescent Center. Every Thursday Gault and longtime friends Bill Russell and Hillard Black lead a song and religious service for residents of the facility. Gault tickles the ivories and Black leads the singing of old-time favorites. Russell leads the devotional.

Gault and his wife, Nell Ewing Gault, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in October. They have one daughter, Barbara Fox and son-in-law Lou Fox of Raleigh; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Gault still does his own yard work, mows the lawn and tends his flower gardens.

Boyce Glenn Mauney, now of See Mason, 3-A



C.J. Gault Jr., left, receives a 50-year award from Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM. Master Richard Harrelson makes the presentation.

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