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CHARTER NIGHT—Charles R. Baskerville, Jr., left, state president of the N.C. Association of Realtors, Inc., presented the charter to Ruby M. Alexander, first president of the newly-formed Kings Mountain Board of Realtors, as KM Board Secretary Larry Hamrick, Sr. looks on.

Board Of Realtors Officially Chartered

Kings Mountain Board of Realtors was officially chartered and became the newest board and No. 72 in the state, at a Charter Night Banquet Monday night at Holiday Inn.

James L. Bichsel, of Greensboro, Executive Vice President of the North Carolina Association of Realtors, Inc., Chet Snow, Jr., of Charlotte, Vice President of Region 7, Elmer C. Jenkins, of Blowing Rock, immediate past state president, and Charles R. Baskerville, Jr., of Asheville, state president, joined 21 realtors, seven affiliates, business leaders and guests who numbered 75, who attended the Charter Night Banquet.

"We salute you on this tremendous occasion," said Bichsel, who noted that the N.C. Association of Realtors is the fifth largest state in the nation in the number of boards of realtors with 72 and North Carolina is 22nd largest state in the number of members, at nearly 11,000. Ten boards in North Carolina are smaller than Kings Mountain and the average size of boards across the state is 150 with about one third of the boards numbering membership of fewer than 50. "You are a typical board and bring much strength and added pride to the community and are the voice of real estate in Kings Mountain", said Bichsel.

Other state officials offered congratulations to the new officers and all members of the group and Kings Mountain Mayor John Moss, who brought greetings from the city, said that "tonight represents a big step for Kings Mountain", as he congratulated President Ruby Alexander, other officers and all realtors. The Mayor also took the occasion to read a resolution of congratulations from the board of city commissioners and remarked that it was a fitting occasion to celebrate the 110th birthday of the City of Kings Mountain.

"This is a momentous occasion for us", said Mrs. Alexander, first president and one of the first women realtors in the community, "as we have worked long and hard for many years." Other officers echoed her expressions of faith in the community that led to the formation and chartering of the Kings Mountain Board of Realtors. The other officers are Hal S. Plonk, vice president; Larry Hamrick, Sr., secretary; and B.F. Maner, treasurer. Directors are Charles Carpenter, Donald W. Crawford and Charlene Ellis.

Dr. Joel Jenkins, pastor of First Baptist Church, gave the invocation and the pledge of allegiance was led by Donald Crawford. President

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Three Bids Awarded For Junior High Project

The Kings Mountain Board of Education Monday night awarded bids totaling \$383,207 for general construction, electrical and plumbing work for the new wing to be built at Kings Mountain Junior High School.

The board delayed action on bids received for mechanical work. Supt. Bill Davis said he felt all bids received were too high and asked the architects to work toward getting lower bids for those services. He said bidders may have over-bid on that work because of confusion. "I know that at least one bidder thought that he would be responsible for putting (heating and air conditioning) units together when all he would have to do would be to slide it in place, plug it in, hook it up and do the duct work," Davis said.

The board awarded the general construction bid to T.C. Strickland Company for \$306,503; the electrical contract to Lail Electric Service of Lincolnton for \$41,750; and the plumbing contract to Ben T. Goforth of Kings Mountain for \$34,954.

Davis said the board has 30 days to accept or reject the bids for mechanical work. The low bid of the five received

was \$111,736 by Shelby Heating and Air Conditioning. If the board awards that bid, the total cost of the project would be \$494,943, slightly less than the half-million dollar price tag which was projected.

"It's very comforting to know that the bids came in under what we projected," Davis said.

The board several months ago approved the addition of eight classrooms and other renovations to the school, which became over-crowded in recent years. The project will be paid for by Kings Mountain's proceeds of sales tax and money from a capital reserve fund which was established several months ago.

Davis said the delay on awarding the contract for mechanical work will not delay the construction. "The general contractor can go ahead with his work," Davis said. "The mechanical contractor wouldn't come in until we're halfway through the project."

If construction work goes as expected, the new wing will be occupied after the Christmas break of the 1985-86 school year.



FRANK HAMRICK

Hamrick Services Thursday

Frank L. Hamrick, 67, of Route 6, Kings Mountain, died Tuesday at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A Cleveland County native, he was a retired auto mechanic and member of Patterson Grove Baptist Church. He was Commander of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a World War II veteran.

He was the son of the late Guthrie and Dora Allen Hamrick.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Patterson Hamrick; two daughters, Mrs. Ann Tuckett of Charlotte and Mrs. Frankie Webster of Kings

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KM Reviewing Contract For Sewage Treatment

The City of Kings Mountain is reviewing contracts "as to form" and consulting with state EPA officials on requests from the Town of Grover, as well as from others, for sewer service, according to Mayor John Moss who made a report of the city utility committee's Monday morning meeting to the city board of commissioners Monday night.

The Mayor said the Town of Grover is requesting that The City of Kings Mountain treat up to 60,000 gallons of sewage daily and that the city is in process of being ready to sign the necessary documents.

Moss said that the board is also consulting with its attorneys on certain legalities, to establish "language" assuring the city board of commissioners would be in control of establishing fees, setting forth restrictions to all residential users and ascertain point of connection with the city system and set fees for initial connection which would reflect cost per gallon of space used by the user in the Kings Mountain system. A local developer, Mike Brown, has made a request to place a sub-division within the city's one mile perimeter area and plans call for the construction of several homes. Moss said that preliminary plans have not been submitted to the planning and zoning board but that members of the utility committee have instructed

him to confer with Brown on potential city services.

In addition, the city has been requested to supply sewer services to a development which Ted Huffman plans to build and will provide Qual Run Sub-Division

Place Leaves In Bags, Boxes

Leaf pickup by the city's vacuum machine has ended for the season, according to Jim Downey of the City Sanitation Department.

Downey said that all leaves placed on the curb for pickup must now be placed in bags or boxes.

with water with the Quail Run activity currently in progress, Moss said in his report.

Responding to question of Comm. Norman King, city attorney George Thomasson said that rezoning of property on Sipes Street from residential to neighborhood business would not constitute "spot zoning". S.A. Blanton wants to place a beauty shop on his property. No one spoke in favor or in opposition to the request, which had been approved by the city planning and zoning board. The Board passed the rezoning request.

The board executed contract with the accounting firm of McGladrey, Hendrickson and Pullen of Shelby

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Griffin Drug Sold, Employees To Stay On

Griffin Drug Company, Kings Mountain business citizen since 1919, has been sold by Wilson and Sara Griffin to Charles E. (Chuck) Zimmerman and John M. Heilmon, both of Valdese, who form a corporation which will be called Griffin Pharmacy, Inc.

The new owners said they plan to continue to operate as Griffin Drug Company and will offer the same fine services Kings Mountain

Citizens have enjoyed over the years, retain the same employees, and employ Wilson Griffin to remain on the staff and work as a pharmacist "as many hours as he wants to work."

Griffin, who became 60 in September, said he and his wife had made the decision to sell the company to allow "continuity in the downtown area and to bring more youth

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Order Blocks Suspension Of High School Student

The suspension of a 16-year-old Kings Mountain student has been blocked by a restraining order by Superior Court Judge John Friday and a hearing on whether to keep the order in force is slated for Friday morning in Lincoln County Superior Court.

The restraining order was issued as the result of a \$20,000 suit filed against school officials by Joe Brown, father and guardian of the student, Ashlie Dianne Brown.

The suit claims that on Jan. 31 the girl "without any justification or provocation whatsoever was attacked by another student and a 20-year-old male, who was not a student, in the hallway of Kings Mountain High School and beaten and choked during the attack." After the "onset of the attack she attempted to defend herself."

The suit alleges Principal Ronnie Wilson told the girl and her parents that school policy required the expelling of any student involved in a fight on school grounds through a five day out-of-school suspension and a five

day in-school suspension. The suit alleges that the parents asked for a hearing and that the school board "met privately on Feb. 4th and decided to uphold the suspension." It claimed the parents were not allowed to hear the board's deliberations. The student, the suit claims, was "unconstitutionally deprived of the due process and the right to defend herself from attack without punishment."

School officials, who met with the girls' parents again in closed session Monday night, said after the meeting that school policy is to suspend any student involved in a fight on school grounds regardless of who initiates the fight. They confirmed that Miss Allen and another female student were both suspended. Miss Brown was in school Monday. Supt. Bill Davis said the first School board hearing on the matter was held on Feb. 1 and that as of Monday, when KM Board of Education received the restraining order, Miss Brown had served most of her suspension.



Photo by Gary Stewart

PRESENTED AWARDS - Tom Tindall, left, Outgoing President of the White Plains Shrine Club, and Anne Hord, right, Shrine Queen for the past year, receive awards from Club President Carl Champion for their work with the club during the past year.