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KINGS MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA

KM Schools Reorganized

The Kings Mountain Board of Education, meeting Monday at the Superintendent's office, unanimously adopted a reorganization plan which would create a K-5 elementary, 6-8 middle school and 9-12 high school situation. Supt. Bob McRae, said it would be at least the 1989-90

school year before the organization could be put into effect. Construction costs necessary to bring the organization into being would be about \$3 million, he said. The reorganization was unanimously recommended by a special committee appointed by McRae two mon-

ths ago. The committee had visited several middle schools with a 6-8 organization and one which included only seventh and eighth graders. At a recent public hearing at Central School, the only four parents to speak favored returning sixth graders to the

elementary schools and having a 7-8 middle school. McRae, however, favored the 6-8 concept. McRae said that if the reorganization is phased in, the first step would be moving the ninth graders to the high school and seventh graders to the middle school.

KM To Add Computers

A first computer system for the city was authorized by the city board of commissioners Tuesday night and bids are expected to be presented to the board at the Dec. 15th meeting. Computer specialists have been working with Department heads and city officials for several months and \$65,000 in the budget will get

the computer program underway this year, Mayor John Henry Moss said as he named Commissioner Fred Finger chairman of a committee with City Clerk Marvin Chappell, Jack Bennett, Walt Ollis, Jimmy Maney, Fire Chief Gene Tignor and Police Chief Warren Goforth to implement a two year phase of the program. Clerk

Chappell has just returned from a computer conference at N.C. State University and said that David Turschmann, Director of TACUT for NCSU, has been working with department heads for several months with recommendations for the city's needs. The new system will cost \$65,000 plus \$8,000 for software and two meter reading devices, said Chappell. "We're looking at probably April for getting the computer in for the committee and department heads to take a look at" said Chappell.

The city commissioners moved on a major water and sewer construction project by accepting the low bid of \$526,111.45 from Rhodes Construction Company for the proposed 74 West Waterline project and the low bid of \$349,527.15 from Ramey, Inc. for sewer construction lines to serve 161 and Thermacote Welco on York Road. Tabling the awarding of bids for the Gold Street waterline and Grover Highway and Margrace area waterline was

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United Fund Is Extended

Kings Mountain United Fund officials have extended the 1987 campaign with \$9,622 short of goal.

Campaign Chairman Bill Davis said that pledges this week total \$100,378.00 or 91.2 percent of goal of \$110,000. He encouraged volunteers to make reports of pledges as soon as possible and encouraged those who have not made their pledges to do so. "We are so close and I am confident that Kings Mountain citizens will again surpass their goal", he said.

Leading the campaign again this year is the big industrial division led by Bernard Harvey, where industry has donated 103 percent and raised \$73,983.47. The Advance gifts division led by Susie Howard is 116 percent followed by the school system with 87 percent of goal.



PHOTO BY DARRIN GRIGGS

ABC STORE GOING UP - Thomas Norris of J.N.S. Masonry in Gaffney, S.C., is pictured working on the new ABC Store on Cleveland Avenue. Ted Huffman and Son Construction Company is general contractor.

Look Hard And You May

See Utility Rate Reduction

City utility customers may notice a slight difference in their utility billings in December.

The city board will be passing on to customers a half of one percent reduction. At Tuesday night's board meeting the commissioners

adopted electrical rate schedules as recommended by Southeastern Consulting Engineers, Inc. of Charlotte and authorized the Administrative Department to track Duke Power Company's No. 10 electrical rate schedule when adopted by Duke Power Co.

Committee Wants Black Named To School Board

A newly organized committee headed by a retired Kings Mountain school teacher asked the Board of Education Monday night to name a black to replace Kyle Smith, who is resigning in December because he was recently elected mayor.

Rev. M.L. Campbell, spokesman for the Citizens for Community Interest, urged the board to appoint John Houze, who ran unsuccessfully for the board four years ago.

Campbell said naming Houze or another black to the board would improve chances for a black to be elected in the future.

No blacks ran in the recent election, in which six people ran for two inside-city seats. Incumbent Doyle Campbell and newcomer Billy King won the seats.

Smith's seat is also an inside-city seat and his appointment must live within the city limits of Kings Mountain. Houze, a postal worker, resides in the city.

Paper To Publish Early

The Kings Mountain Herald will publish its Thanksgiving week paper on Monday, November 23.

The paper asks your cooperation in observing earlier deadlines for news and advertising copy.

Deadline for display and classified advertising will be 5 p.m. Friday. Deadline for news normally carried in the People Section (Section B) will be 5 p.m. Thursday. This includes weddings, anniversaries, engagements, birthdays, church news, etc.

Deadline for regular news and sports copy will be 5 p.m. Friday.

The Herald will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27.



EVELYN HAMRICK

Hospice Begins Fund Drive

A \$500,000 Endowment Fund Drive for Cleveland County Hospice will be kicked off next Wednesday, Nov. 17th, a noon at Holiday Inn by Hospice volunteers.

Mrs. Larry Hamrick is Kings Mountain chairman for the Cleveland County Drive of which Dick Kelly of Shelby is general chairman. Ronnie Hawkins, also of Kings Mountain, is a member of the local committee.

Kelly said the driver will seek pledges over a three year period and the cash will be invested and the funds used to provide nursing care for hospice patients and to carry on the total program of Hospice which enables terminally ill people all over Cleveland County to live at home with their loved ones and friends in a surrounding where they want to be. A total of 168 people are full time volunteers and many more are needed, says Kelly. "Hospice could not exist without the tremendous amount of volunteers who volunteer for special projects also during the year." One purpose of the fund drive is to obtain enough funds so that additional monies won't have to be requested throughout the year, he said.

Twenty-eight percent of Hospice patients are from the Kings Mountain area, said Evelyn West, Director.

Betty Fulton, of 803 Southwoods Drive, can't say enough about Hospice which came to the aid of her family during the illness of their late

mother, Mrs. Dorcas Morgan. Mrs. Fulton said that without Hospice her mother would not have been able to live out her life at home where she wanted to be. Mrs. Fulton said Hospice volunteers "took my fear away" and said she would never be able to thank them enough for "just being there."

Mrs. Fulton said her family

lost her father to cancer 11 months before the death of her mother Feb. 7, 1987. She said her doctor suggested Hospice to her and that Doris Dedmon, nursing coordinator for Cleveland County Hospice, met the family at the hospital and immediately began care in the home. The

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KM Farm Center Owner Ted Ledford Dies Sunday

Funeral services for William T. (Ted) Ledford, 68, of Route 2, Bethlehem Road, owner and operator of Kings Mountain Farm Center for 34 years, were conducted Tuesday at 3 p.m. from Bethlehem Baptist Church of which he was a member.

Rev. Ed Sessom and Dr. Randy Gardner officiated at the rites. Interment, with full masonic rites, was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Mr. Ledford died Sunday in the Charlotte Memorial Hospital after illness of several months. He was a Mason and veteran of World War II. He was son of Mrs. Eula Hayes Ledford of Kings Mountain and the late Clarence Theodore Ledford and a native of Cleveland County.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are his wife, Mrs.



TED LEDFORD

Flora Herndon Ledford; one daughter, Margaret Ann Ledford of Charlotte; two brothers, Gene Ledford of Shelby and Clarence Ledford, Jr. of Hendersonville; two sisters, Mrs. Lucille Wells of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Virginia Eford of Oakboro.



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PAINTING FIRE HYDRANTS — The city's fire hydrants are getting a new facelift thanks to the Kings Mountain Fire Department. Above, Willard Yarborough, paints a hydrant on Gaston Street.