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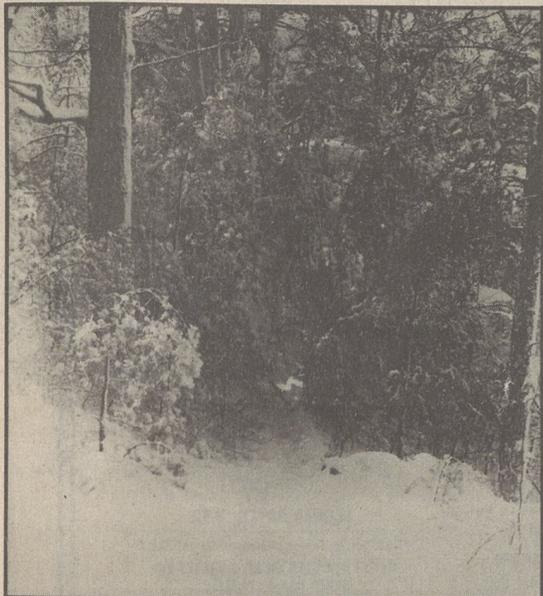
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BIG SNOWFALL - The Siberian Express rolled through Kings Mountain and the Carolinas early Thursday morning, dumping 12 inches of snow on the area and shutting down schools and many businesses. Most of the roads have been cleared but much of the snow is still on lawns and in wooded areas. The weatherman is calling for a slight chance of snow again this weekend.

KM Board To Interview Architects For Project

The Kings Mountain Board of Education Monday night took steps to hire architects for proposed facility additions at the junior and senior high schools.

The board authorized Superintendent Bob McRae and assistant Larry Allen to interview interested firms at the Administration Office and make a recommendation to the board at a later meeting.

Kings Mountain's top two projects in a recently completed long-range facilities plan are additions and renovations at the junior and senior highs which would make it possible to turn the junior high into a middle school for grades six through eight and the high school into a ninth through 12th grade organization.

McRae said that he had discussed the matter with the county manager and county finance officer and they had agreed that it is "very possible we can pull off both projects at one time."

McRae said the system has funds available through its capital reserve fund to hire an architect and predicted that if all goes well construction could begin late next year with a target of beginning the new grade structure in the fall of 1990.

The system's long range facilities plan calls for im-

provements at all schools by 1997.

In non-related construction matters, McRae updated the board on the progress of two projects.

He said that the canopy at the senior high school, which was damaged by a tractor-trailer recently, will be replaced beginning in mid-February or March and will be a two-month project. The architect's drawings have been completed and are ready to be put out to bid, he said. The estimated cost of replacing the canopy as it was is \$50,000.

McRae also said the Kings Mountain Indoor Pool Foundation's plans for a natatorium at KMHS are complete and ready to be presented to the state. McRae predicted a March or April groundbreaking for the facility.

In other matters Monday, the board:

*Received information from McRae on the State Board of Education-approved aids curriculum, a four-lesson instructional program for seventh graders. McRae said Kings Mountain will probably give the instruction to seventh through 12th graders this year, and then to seventh

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12-Inch Snow Cripples KM

There's an old saying there's no use to argue with the weather.

Residents of this area, if they doubted it before, saw Kings Mountain and the Piedmont area of the state blanketed with 12 inches of snow Thursday and Friday, piling up in driveway, parking lots and on streets and making it virtually impossible to travel Thursday, Friday and Saturday without chains.

The snow started falling

early Thursday and by midafternoon had clogged highways and posed considerable problems for many.

The good news was that local residents only suffered inconveniences by King Winter's below-freezing temperatures and heavy snow. There were no reports of power, gas or water outages, some reports of frozen pipes, and only one injury was reported due to a sledding accident.

Several fender-benders oc-

curred in the snow, as police were kept hopping to wreck scenes where motorists had ventured out, in some instances trying to drive to work.

Schools, businesses, some industry and some churches closed during a weekend which proved to be an unexpected long holiday for students and teachers.

Mayor Kyle Smith praised street crews who answered emergency calls around the clock during the weekend but

were hampered when the blades on the snowplows were not sharp. Smith said the call clearing off streets did the best we could with limited equipment.

Tuesday as the higher temperatures started melting the snow city crews were out on the streets again.

Mayor Smith said the city's snow policy is that emergen-

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Wrecks Blamed On Snow

Snow was blamed for several wrecks involving personal injury and high property damage when driver lost control of their vehicles on slippery roads.

Pam McIntyre, of 805 Frederick St., Shelby, was riding in a 1977 Olds operated by Theodore Roosevelt Wilson, Jr. of Route 5, Thursday and making a right turn onto Cleveland Avenue at the U.S. 74 Bypass when her car was struck by a 1981 Toyota operated by Goldie Byers, Jr. of 604 Skyland Drive, Bessemer City. Damages were estimated at \$500 to the Byers car and \$500 to the Wilson car. Byers was charged with DWI and safe movement violation involving personal injury.

Another wreck occurred on the 74 Bypass at the 161 exit ramp when a car operated by Vanessa Spann Jingles of 413 Gardner St., Shelby, struck a 1976 Pontiac operated by Shirley Cash Philbeck of 202 Parrish Drive. Jimmy Stewart, a passenger in the Pontiac, was injured. Property damages were estimated at \$150.

Friday in the Holiday Inn

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Six More To Come

Local weatherman Arthur Biltcliffe says there's more snow headed our way. In fact, we can look for six more snows in 1988.

Biltcliffe, who keeps a weather chart and has always enjoyed weather forecasting as a hobby, blames the "wet year ahead" as the reason for the snow.

"Last year about this time we had a seven inch snowfall but this one is the biggest one I remember in quite awhile," he said.

"The problem is we got all the Northern winter this past weekend", he said, "and we aren't used to it and are not prepared. The wet year of 1988 means we'll have more water for spring and summer but we'll get more snow."

Biltcliffe, like most Kings Mountain citizens, was enjoying the snow from his window of his home on North Goforth Street.



ARTHUR BILTCLIFFE

Mary Hillman First Woman Elected To KM ABC Board

Mrs. Mary Corry Hillman, of Apt. 40 Charles St., became the first woman elected to the one-year-old Kings Mountain ABC Board Tuesday night on a 4-2 vote of the city board of commissioners.

Mrs. Hillman will replace Roosevelt Ingram on expiration of his one year term on the board Feb. 18.

She said she received encouragement from her cousin, City Attorney Mickey Corry, and from Leroy Blan-

ton, one of the unsuccessful candidates for the position when the ABC Board was appointed by the city board with then-Mayor John Henry Moss breaking the tie on the Ingram appointment.

Tuesday night at the first regular meeting of the new Smith Administration, Commissioner Humes Houston made the motion that Ingram be reappointed to a three-

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Sledding Accident Hurts Youth

Mark Crawford, 17, KMSHS senior football player and wrestler, is a lucky young man.

Young Crawford and 50-100 young people were snow sledding on "The Hill" at Downing Drive and Wales Road Friday when Crawford fell from an innertube being pulled by a car and struck a street sign.

Several other young people were on the innertube also and a friend was driving the car pulling the group of sleds. When the vehicle rounded the curve, the innertube apparently swung out and Crawford hit the street sign, the heavy impact damaging his right kidney and causing internal bleeding.

Crawford underwent emergency surgery for several hours at Kings Mountain Hospital Friday about midnight. He was rushed to the hospital at 8 p.m. for tests and exploratory surgery.

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Testa's Annexation Request Denied

A satellite annexation petition from Jim Testa, owner and operator of KM Truck Plaza on Dixon Road, was denied unanimously by the city board of commissioner Tuesday night.

"The truck plaza is too far beyond our service area and

we would have to provide services and I can't see how the city would gain by annexation", said Commissioner Al Moretz in making a motion to deny the request.

The item on the agenda was to consider receipt of the Testa petition and then to

direct the city clerk to investigate the petition for annexation.

Commissioner Humes Houston, chairman of the annexation study committee during the Moss administration, and who voted against previous satellite requests

granted by the old board in split decisions, seconded.

The truck stop, owned by Chevrolet dealer Testa, is not contiguous to the city limits.

Two other annexation petitions were on Tuesday's

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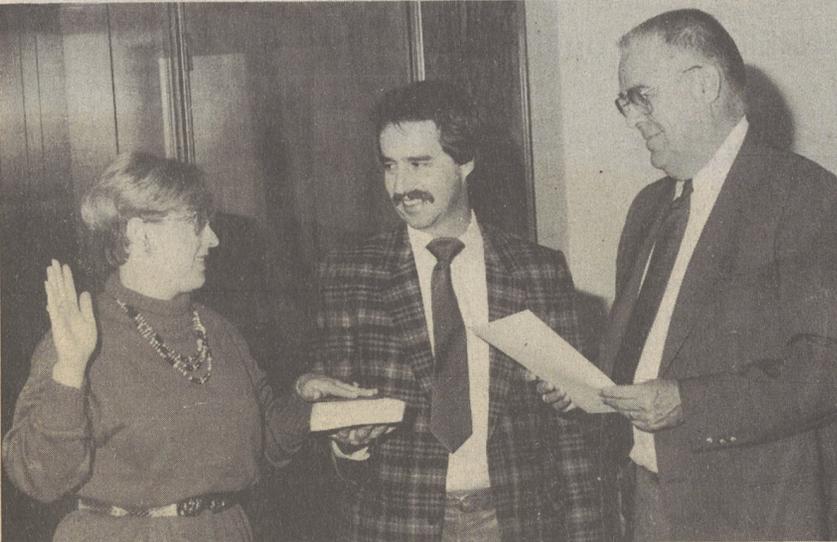


Photo by Gary Stewart

NEW BOARD MEMBER - Mayor Kyle Smith, right, administers the oath of office to new school board member Priscilla Maoney as Mrs. Maoney's husband, Jeff, holds the Bible at Monday's school board meeting. Mrs. Maoney was appointed to complete the final two years of Smith's term.

Former Herald Pressman Paul Jackson, 67, Is Dead

Funeral services for Paul Jackson, 67, retired Kings Mountain Herald pressman for nearly 30 years, will be conducted Thursday at 4 p.m. from Mount Zion Baptist church of which he was a member.

Rev. C.A. Feemster will conduct the rites and interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mr. Jackson was a native of Cleveland County, son of the late John H. and Ida Blanton Jackson. He was a veteran of World War II and joined the staff of the Kings Mountain Herald after his discharge from the Army in 1945. He was the Herald pressman for nearly 30 years,



PAUL JACKSON

retiring in 1974 when the Herald was sold to Mr. and

Mrs. W. Garland Atkins. He was custodian for several years at First Baptist Church.

Mr. Jackson died suddenly Friday in the Kings Mountain Hospital.

Surviving are his wife, Eloise H. Jackson; two daughters, Melvenia M. Jackson and Paula R. Jackson, all of the home; four grandchildren, and two sisters, Missouri J. Morgan of Kings Mountain and Martha J. Mitchem of Brooklyn, New York.

The family will receive friends Wednesday night from 7 to 7:30 p.m. at Withrow's Funeral Home on East King Street.