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## County-Wide Bond Vote May Be Called

### New State Accreditation Program Planned

Kings Mountain District Schools will soon begin participating in the General Assembly-mandated State Accreditation Program which requires school systems to maintain state requirements in order to maintain accreditation.

Assistant Supt. Larry Allen told the board of education at its monthly meeting Monday at the Superintendent's Office that the new state program will be fully implemented during the 1990-91 school year.

In the past, Allen said, individual schools gained state accreditation on basically the same basis as Southern Association accreditation. In that process, individual schools look at their own programs and measure their progress, but in the new state plan schools are accredited system-wide.

"We won't be isolating five elementary schools, a middle school, junior high and senior high," he said. "We will look at it as an entire system."

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Kings Mountain School Board members indicated Monday night that they would support a county bond referendum to provide funds for construction of schools and other county buildings.

Supt. Bob McRae said a bond issue had been in the back of people's minds for several years but it resurfaced a couple of weeks ago and is moving at a rapid pace toward the county commission actually setting a date for the vote.

In the past several years, schools have constructed buildings on a "pay as you go" basis, McRae said. Funds for building came through the two state half-cent sales taxes and the Schools Facilities Fund approved by the State Legislature.

"That works well in that once a project is finished, you pay for it," McRae said. "But it doesn't do all we need."

Personally, McRae said, he has favored a county referendum for many years.

"We could do a better job of planning and know how much money we're going to have," he said.

County commissioners have hinted that they might call for a county vote for between \$30-40 million, with money to be used for construction of schools and governmental buildings. Kings Mountain's share could be \$10-11 million.

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### Teachers Will Decide On Grading Period

The matter of whether or not Kings Mountain students get report cards every six or nine weeks will now be left in the hands of teachers, the board of education decided at its monthly meeting Monday night.

Since Kings Mountain went to the six-week grading period last year, the six-week term has drawn some criticism from local educators who want to return to the nine-week term. However, Supt. Bob McRae told the board Monday, some of those teachers aren't as interested in returning to the nine-weeks grading system if it means they have to submit mid-grading term reports to parents.

McRae said parents who served on an Advisory Committee voiced "no real choice" when questioned about a preference.

So, McRae suggested that the board name a special committee, headed by Jane King, director of curriculum, and including teachers and school board member Priscilla Mauney, to develop an interim report for the school board's approval.

After that, he said, the system should come back with a ballot and let the teachers make the choice between six and nine weeks grading periods.

"We hope to have the plan back to the school board by January or February and have this matter settled by March or April," McRae said. "I believe either system can work and this plan insures teachers involvement in the process."

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### Bond Issue Steps Will Be Discussed

Introduction of bond orders as a preliminary step leading up to a Fed. 7 city-wide bond referendum for \$9.2 million will be taken by the City Council Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

A calendar for the bond referendum was submitted by bond attorneys Smith, Helms, Mulliss and Moore of Charlotte at the Nov. 7 meeting of Council and approved.

The calendar calls for a public hearing on the issue Dec. 13, at City Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Voter registration for the special election will end Jan. 9. No new registration is required, however, city voter precinct lines have been changed to correspond with the county's precinct lines. Mrs. Becky Cook, chairman of the KM Board of Elections, reminds citizens who were not registered to vote in the recent general election to contact her at 739-3950 or their local precinct registrar.

Voters at the polls on Fed. 7 will approve or reject utility bonds which will include \$2.6 million for water system improvements, \$1.8 million for electric system improvements and \$3.8 million for sewage treatment improvements.

City officials say the improvements are necessary and that many items in the improvements package are state ordered.

A big chunk of the money will go to increase the capacity of Pilot Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant from 4 million gallons per day to 6 million gallons per day and to install a sludge handling plant on Pilot Creek.

The bond package will also include \$500,000, the city's share in the cost of a regional sewer complex on Crowders Creek.

The estimated payback on the bonds is \$18 million over 20 years.

Wood said that a major project underway for several weeks has been the replacement of 1200 meters. Work is on schedule and should be completed this week. All non-functioning water meters are being replaced.

Wood said he would report on progress of all city construction projects at Tuesday's meeting. Work is progressing on schedule on sewer lines but the 74 West water line project is behind schedule, Wood said, and he was meeting with contractors this week.

### THEY'RE GONNA PUT US IN THE MOVIES



North Children 'Escape' Stranded Bus...

### RR Safety Film Shot Near KM

Seventy youngsters from Kings Mountain's North Elementary School made a movie this week.

They're included in a 12-minute video on school bus safety prepared by Norfolk-Southern Railway in cooperation with the North Carolina Department of Instruction's School Bus Transportation division.

The film will be distributed nationwide to train school bus drivers in safety at railroad crossings.

The film is part of the railroad company's "Operation Lifesaver" safety program and was written by Jack Burney. It's plot is a 10-year-old ghost who returns to the scene of her fatal crash 10 years later when a bus load of children stranded on the railroad tracks safely leave the bus through the guidance of a well-trained driver.

Nancy Dratwick of Norfolk-Southern said the film will make drivers "more aware of the dangers at railroad crossings."

The film crews spent most of the day Tuesday and Wednesday at the Margrace and Archdale crossings, which were chosen for Norfolk-Southern by the Schools Transportation Division, headed locally by Dave Henson of Shelby and driver trainer Richard McSwain of Kings Mountain, and

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Shooting A Crash Scene...

### KM Precinct Changes Will Affect 902 Voters

A change in East-West voter precinct lines to comply with the changes made by the county affects 902 of the 5,404 voters registered to vote in Kings Mountain.

Elections Board Chairman Becky Cook said 156 new voters were added during the November election but 77 names on the books were purged due to people moving out of the city or by death.

Mrs. Cook reminds citizens if they voted in the last two elections-city municipal election and November general election they should be familiar with the changes in precincts.

No new registration is required for the February bond referendum. If you have voted once in the last four years you are still registered. However, if you have moved and have not changed your address with the Kings Mountain Board of elections you can do so by contacting the following people: Mauney Memorial Library, Hilda Dixon, 739-3332; Christine Carroll, 739-4411; Mrs. M.L. Campbell, 739-3352; Margaret White, 739-4019; Janice Glass, 739-2437; Martha Myers, 739-3793; Cleveland County Board of Elections, 484-4858; or Gaston County Board of elections, 866-3293. If you have questions about your voter registration, call Becky Cook, 739-3950.

The U.S. Department of Justice approved the changes in Kings Mountain precinct lines in October after the city council approved the change in August.

Residents on these streets are affected by the change.

Now voting at East Kings Mountain Precinct (Community Center) are those voters residing on Alley Street, Orr Terrace, Morris Street, Waters Street, Gant Street, Alexander Street, Barnett Street, Benfield Road, Blanton Street, Bridges Street, Katherine Street, Center Street, Cooper St., Cranford Drive, Ellison Street, Harmon Road, Lackey Street, Linwood Road, Margaret Street, McGinnis Street, Myers Street, Park Drive, Parrish Drive, Phillips Drive, Poplar Street, Ramseur Street, Stowe Acres, Thornburg Drive, Wilson Terrace, First Street, Second Street, Third Street, Fourth Street, Fairview Street and Piedmont Avenue.

Streets that are divided and now in the East Kings Mountain Precinct include: West King Street, even numbers in 100 and 200 block, northside; Railroad Avenue, north from King to Ridge Streets, 100 block; Baker Street, 500 block only; Fulton Street, 100 and 200 blocks only; Walker Street, 100 and 200 blocks only; West Ridge Street, 100 block; Waco Road, 100 and 200 blocks only; North City Street; Cansler Street North from King Street, east side of road, only even number houses.

### KM Herald To Publish Next Tuesday

Because of the Thanksgiving holidays, the Herald will publish on Tuesday next week. Mail subscribers should receive their papers Tuesday. Papers will be available at news stands early Tuesday morning.

Because of the early schedule, all news and advertising deadlines must be moved ahead several days.

Deadline for women's news, church news, and school news will be 5 p.m., Friday and deadline for regular news and sports will be 12 noon Saturday.

Deadline for all classified and display advertisements is 12 noon Saturday.

The Herald office will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday of next week and will re-open on Fri., Nov. 25, at 8:30 a.m.

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### Howard New Postmaster

Mike Howard, 48, postal employee for 27 years, has been named Kings Mountain Postmaster and assumes new duties Nov. 19.

Howard has served as Supervisor of Postal Operations under former retired Postmaster Fred Weaver the past 10 years.

Prior to his promotion to Kings Mountain Post Office, Howard was a clerk and supervisor at the Shelby Post Office. He started with the postal system as a carrier in Charlotte where he grew up and completed school. He served in the U.S. Army for two

years from 1958-60 and in the National Guard from 1960-66.

"Mike is a very deserving individual and during the four months I have served as Acting Postmaster, I have seen the dedication and hard work he gives to any job," said Dave Reynolds, who returns Monday to his former position as Station Manager at Idewild Post Office.

Reynolds said that Howard was the choice among the top five who were selected for final interviews in a long process involving competition with long

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MIKE HOWARD

### Drug Testing Slated

Carolina Western, a trucking company which employs 47 drivers locally and 216 drivers system-wide, began drug and control substance testing of new employees six months ago, anticipating what local officials saw as "handwriting on the wall" by the recent federal directive calling for random drug testing of drivers.

A second Kings Mountain trucking company, Fredrickson Motor Express, which employs 21 drivers at the local terminal and 1,050 truckers system-wide, is currently conducting pre-

employment screening of drivers.

Ms. Patricia Dwiggin, Director of Insurance and Employee Benefits and Fredrickson spokesperson, said she had just returned from a seminar on drug and alcohol screening in the workplace when the directive came out from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

"Fredrickson has been waiting for the regulations by DOT but our 70-year-old company has always kept a close eye on its employees and we don't let

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