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School Bond Vote Tuesday

Kings Mountain citizens will join their Cleveland County neighbors at the polls Tuesday to decide the fate of \$40 million in bonds for school and county building construction.

Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. at four polling places: West Kings Mountain precinct at The National Guard Armory; East Kings Mountain precinct at Kings Mountain Community Center on Cleveland Avenue; Bethware precinct at David Baptist Church fellowship hall; and Grover precinct at the Grover Rescue Squad. Debra Blanton, Supervisor of Elections,

estimates that 15% of the registered vote of 40,000 will go to the polls.

Supporters say passage of the bonds - \$30 million for Kings Mountain District Schools, Cleveland County Schools and Shelby Schools and \$10 million for Cleveland County - are critical to construction projects which would provide up-front money to allow projects to be completed sooner.

Two "yes" votes won't mean a tax hike, say supporters. "For us, it seems to be a choice of do you take work that needs to be

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Teachers, Aides To Get Pay Raises

Kings Mountain District School teachers can expect their annual pay to climb an average of \$656 to \$689 and for the first time ever non-certified employees got a hike in a local supplement of \$150 annually.

The 5 percent pay hike for teachers and the raise for 200 non-certified positions, including custodians, cafeteria workers and teacher's assistants, was approved unanimously by the Kings Mountain Board

of Education Monday night in a \$2.78 million local budget which represents an 11% increase over last year.

About \$1.53 million of the local budget will come from county tax money which must be approved by the county board of commissioners. Supt. Bob McRae hand-carried the budget to county commissioners Tuesday.

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9-Weeks Grading Returns

Major changes in the 1989-90 Kings Mountain District School's calendar reflect a return to nine-week grading periods, a two-week holiday at Christmas and Easter vacation after Easter Sunday.

The first day for students next school year will be August 21. The last day for students next school year will be June 1.

With the action by the Kings Mountain Board of Education Monday night, Aug. 21 will be the opening date of classes in all three local school systems.

Dr. Larry Allen, Associate Superintendent, said the calendar also incorporates June 4, 5, and 6 and April 20 and 19 as the five mandatory make-up days for inclement weather.

Allen said the calendar committee had most requests from students and faculty about the change in the Easter holidays which means that Easter holidays will begin on Easter Monday next year.

The calendar:

- Aug. 21, 1989-First day for students.
- Sept. 4, 1989-Labor Day holiday.
- Oct. 27, 1989-discretionary work day, end of nine week grading period.
- Nov. 10, 1989-Veteran's Day.
- Nov. 23-24, 1989-Thanksgiving Day holidays.
- Dec. 18-Jan. 1, 1990-Two full weeks for Christmas holidays and annual leave.
- Jan. 2, 1990-Teacher work day.
- Jan. 15, 1990-Martin Luther King birthday holiday.
- Jan. 16, 1990-Teacher work day.
- March 23, 1990-Teacher workday and end of third grading period.
- April 16-20, 1990-Easter/ spring vacations.

Drop-Out Program Slated

A drop-out prevention program will be kicked off by the Kings Mountain District Schools in the 7th grade this fall in a pilot program called "FOCUS."

Sue Hayes, of Clarissa, Minnesota, who started her first drop-out program in Roseville, Minnesota 15 years ago, led a two-day workshop this week for 22 teachers from Central and Kings Mountain Junior High schools.

Director of Instruction Jane King said students will go through a referral process to enter the program and must have permission of their parents. A teaching assistant will be hired to lead the class on a day-to-day basis but other teachers will come into the classroom for instructional courses and for guidance sessions. Reducing drop-outs is aim of the program and Mrs. King believes attendance and discipline problems can be solved by operating what she terms "a school within a school."

Ann Brandt is drop-out prevention coordinator for the system and made application for the special grants for the program. The State Department of Public Instruction provided the funds for the training program and for substitute teachers so that classroom teachers could take part in the training program.

Mrs. King said the program this fall will offer the slow child and kids on the verge of being in trouble special guidance and caring, "a chance to make it." School guidance counselors will also be an important part of the program, she said.

Child's Death Accidental

The Mecklenburg County Medical Examiner's Office has ruled the death of nine-months-old Marquetta Dawn Lawrence accidental, caused by shortage of oxygen to the brain, according to Sgt. Danny Gordon of the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department.

The baby's mother found Marquetta unconscious in her car seat Thursday afternoon where she had been left momentarily with her two-year-old brother while John and Alicia Lawrence, moved items from the mobile home they were vacating in the Oak Grove Community. Goforth said witnesses said the baby was sleeping and that her two-year-old brother was with her in the car.

"According to witnesses despite the quick action of the parents and a neighbor the baby apparently stran-



HALL OF FAMERS - Carl Champion, back row center, chairman of the Kings Mountain Hall of Fame committee, is pictured with the three inductees for 1989 at Monday's banquet at the Community Center. Seated is Jim Dickey. Flanking champion are Marge Crisp, left, and Pat Murphy. The 1964 KMHS football championship team was also inducted.

Three Individuals, Team Join KM Hall Of Fame

By GARY STEWART
Editor of the Herald

Marge Crisp, Pat Murphy and Jim Dickey joined the 1964 championship Kings Mountain High School football team in being inducted into the Kings Mountain Sports Hall of Fame at the second annual induction ceremony Monday night at the Community Center.

An estimated crowd of 350 heard an inspiring speech by UNC head football coach, Mack Brown, and reminisced with their hometown heroes about some of the town's biggest moments in sports.

Bill Bates, head coach of the 1964 KM Mountaineers, inducted both Murphy and the team into the Hall of Fame, and said a prayer for the family and friends of the late Jim Cloninger, an All-State end on the '64 team who died of a heart attack while deer hunting in South Carolina last fall.

Dot Casey, retired women's athletic director at Wake Forest University, inducted Miss Crisp, a Grover native who has been a pioneer for women's athletics in North Carolina. Kelly Bunch, Kings Mountain businessman, inducted his long time friend and neighbor, Jim Dickey.

MARGE CRISP

Miss Crisp, who played basketball, softball and ten-

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nis at Grover High School in the 1920's, is the first woman selected for the KM Hall of Fame. She starred in every sport offered at Appalachian State in the early 1930's and played on an ASU basketball team which was ranked as the best in the southeast.

"She helped the school capture several championships, and competed in every sport offered on either the intramural or intercollegiate level," said Casey, who played for Crisp at Louisburg Junior College in the 1940's.

Crisp graduated from Appalachian in 1934 and then began a teaching and coaching career which is probably unmatched by any woman in North Carolina. She was a teacher, coach and Dean of Women for six years at Gardner-Webb College, and during that six-year period her basketball teams lost only one game. She had the honor of coaching several area players, including her own sisters from Grover.

She moved to Louisburg in 1941 and kept the athletic programs alive there during the World War II years.

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Public Hearings Slated For May 9

City Council set public hearings for May 9 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall on two requests for public hearings, one of which was appealed by the property owner after the Zoning Board denied his request.

Realtor Warren Reynolds, owner of Ace Hardware, a new business on Cleveland Avenue, wants to build a storage building which would require rezoning of a portion of his property from Residential 10 to Neighborhood Business. The Zoning Board denied the request because they feared an encroachment would not be in the best interest of the residential neighborhood.

The request by Kenneth Davis and Patricia Russell to rezone their property from Residential 20 to General Business was approved by the Zoning Board and the city board will act on the recommendation during a public hearing on both the Russell and Reynolds request.

In other actions during a short Tuesday night meeting of City Council, the board also:

*Approved resolution establishing a cafeteria benefits plan, dependent care reimbursement plan, medical reimbursement plan and a pre-tax premium plan, all in effect since January 1. The formal resolution was in compliance with Internal Revenue Service requirements.

*Referred to the Planning & Zoning Board rezoning requests of Otha and Betty Campbell, 110 Green Drive, Shelby, who want to build single family dwelling on Second Street, and Laura M. I. Houser, 104 E. Ridge St., who is asking for rezoning to park automobiles and trailers on her property fronting 109 1/2 feet on the north side of Floyd Street;

Reappointed Mayor Kyle Smith as the city's representative on the Isothermal Planning & Development Commission.

*Appointed Warren (Bo) Goforth to fill the unexpired term of Roy Pearson on the Parks & Recreation Commission.

*Authorized the mayor to execute agreement with Southeastern Power Administration which has raised its rates to the city one percent but the city will not pass on the rates to its Duke Power customers. City Manager George Wood recommended the city absorb the raise from the agency.

*Heard report from Wood that the city is invited to give input to a public meeting called by Governor Martin and the Board of Transportation to update the state transportation program. The TIP process has evolved from a "wish list" to a dependable program of transportation improvements, said Wood. Last year the

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Council Wants Rid Of Air Force Fighter

City Council wants to locate a new home for the F-105 Jet Fighter aircraft which now rests behind a service station near the Community Center on Cleveland Avenue.

City Manager George Wood told City Council Tuesday he found a South Carolina buyer who wants to put the airplane in a museum. He was ready to give it to the prospective buyer for the cost of transportation which is what the city fathers paid a couple years ago to obtain the aircraft for Deal Steet Park.

The sale went awry when City Attorney Mickey Corry said the plane is actually not city property. The big bird was on loan from the United States Air Force which must give approval for the plane to be moved.

City Council authorized Mayor Kyle Smith to contact officials with the USAF to move the plane after City Parks & Recreation Department recommended against using it at City Park after reviewing the cost of mounting and displaying it. The aircraft would require screening with an eight foot fence and liability insurance would be high.

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