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night, and will study those again, and possibly some others, at the July meeting. The board may even discuss the matter again in June, but no decision will be made because Board Chairman Bill McDaniel will be out of town and the board agreed that all five members should be in attendance when the decision is made. Also, McRae said, if the board decides to close the school, a public hearing must be held.

The options studied last night include:
 *Moving 72 black and eight white students in the Northwoods section from East to Bethware; moving three black and 67 white students in the Goforth Road, Patterson Road, Spectrum Road and Hughes Grocery area from Bethware to North; and moving four black and 73 white students east of Piedmont to Parker Street from North to East. That would create minority percentages of 23 percent at West to 30.4 percent at East and enrollments would run from 260 at East to 455 at Bethware.

*Closing East School and moving 72 black and eight white students in Northwoods and 15 black and five white students at Landmark Apartments to Bethware; re-assigning 40 black and four white students in Pine Manor from East to West; and re-assigning the remaining 35 black and 104 white students from East to North. That would create minority percentages ranging from 22.3 at Bethware to 30 at Grover.

*Closing East School and re-assigning 15 black and five white students in Landmark from West to Bethware; 24 black and two white students on York Road from East to Grover; 40 black and four white in Pine Manor to West; and the remaining 83 black and 110 white students at East to North. That plan includes re-assigning the Northwoods students to North rather than Bethware. The plan would create minority percentages of 16.6 percent at Bethware to 33 percent at Grover.

McRae said members of the staff who worked on seven possible scenarios "could not come up with a more manageable plan" than these. As many as 11 new classrooms will be needed regardless of the East decision, McRae said, but the board must be careful not to "over-tax" East, West and Grover, which have smaller campuses than North and Bethware.

McRae said elementary construction costs are estimated at \$1.435 if East remains open and about \$1.1 if it closes. If East is closed, it would be sold at public auction and that money used at other plants. "The property is in a prime location, but you never know what the building attraction would be" to buyers, McRae said.

McRae said a school system also experiences "program savings" anytime a school is closed, because many teachers who serve two different plants can broaden the amount of time they spend with students.

McRae said that if East is closed, the board must also take a serious look at its transfer policy to prevent racial imbalance from becoming a problem at some other school.

Many members of the board cautioned quick action because of the "trauma" it will bring upon the East community, but they agreed that sometimes a "hard" decision is necessary for the good of all the students.

"The only thing that bothers me about leaving East open, is that if the enrollment continues to drop as it has, I don't see how we can keep it open," McDaniel said.

McRae said the "smaller the school gets, the more likely it becomes to have some weird combinations" such as three-classroom combinations. "If you think two-grade combinations are bad, think what it would be like with a three-grade combination."

Hord suggested the board wait until the fall to see "exact" figures on the kindergarten enrollment, but several members, including Billy King and Priscilla Mauney, said they did not think the predicted enrollment would change much. "Based on the historical data we have, it's not going to change that much," King said. McRae said it's likely that as the higher three grades move out of East into the middle school, the enrollment figures will go down and eventually get below 200.

"Not only are the enrollment figures going down, but the minority figures are going up," said King, "and that's the reason we're looking at this situation anyway."

Doyle Campbell said the board needs to make a permanent solution. "We don't want to have to do this all over again," he said. "If enrollment continues to decline it doesn't seem prudent to spend money there for additions. I can't in good conscience vote to spend money if the school's not going to be there."

McRae said he would be more concerned about closing East "if North wasn't in such close proximity." North, he said, has the campus space to accommodate the East students.

McRae said several parents throughout the system have expressed concerns about busing and have asked that their children not "be bused by one school to get to another. I understand their concern," he said. "It's natural for people to want to attend the school close to them. These are good proposals but there are pros and cons to every situation."

"Sometimes, it's not possible to make a decision without hurting someone," Campbell said.

"Our number one concern has to be the children's education," Hord added.

high, Holland said bus and teacher parking areas will also be expanded making loading and unloading easier.

McRae said the addition of team rooms to existing large classrooms will be a great asset to the school. They will be used by team teachers for storage, meetings, etc. McRae said it will also free their classrooms for other classes when needed.

The auxiliary gym at the high school is needed, McRae said, because of the need for five additional physical education classes to accommodate ninth graders who will be moving to the school. The gym will include a small number of bleachers, but McRae said if the gym is used for competitive sports, it will be minor sports only. The gym will have a PVC rolled floor like the present junior high floor, and some goals will be moved from the junior high gym to save money.

The classroom addition at the senior high will be very similar to the junior high addition, with 16 classrooms and instructional spaces. The square footage will be 21,930.

Holland said bids on the junior high contracts will be opened June 20 and 21, and bids on the high school projects will be opened on June 22 and 23. He said the board may have to call a meeting on Mon., June 25 to award the contracts.

"Even awarding contracts at that time will push us to get the interior work done" in time for the start of the 1990-91 school year, Holland said. "But we hope we can get the major work done."

McRae said the \$4.5 million the board set aside for the projects included re-roofing of the present high school plant. Those plans are not included in the plans approved Monday night. But, McRae said, original plans were based on estimated construction costs of \$60 per square foot and he hopes bids will come in at about \$50, allowing the roof project to be included in later plans. "If bids come in higher than expected, we may have to make some decision about leaving some things off," he said.

Holland said some similar projects he's worked on came in at \$50 per square foot.

"If I take a notion to I just wash my own hair," Mrs. Lanier exclaimed after her daughter completed shampooing and setting her hair for a picture on her birthday.

"She does, too," said Mrs. Hughes. Born in Cherokee County, S. C., Mrs. Lanier is the daughter of the late Ulysses and Rachel Martin Ramsey. She was married to the late Luther Lanier. Her family included four sisters and three brothers. A sister, Judy Lanier, lives in Cherokee Falls. She said she lost two grandsons, Dean Jenkins and Kemp Hoyle, and one great-grandson Brad Bookout to death.

"My little house was just overflowing on May 7 and we had a good time. Everyone had to talk loud," she laughed.

A member of Kings Mountain Church of God, Mrs. Lanier attends services when she can. Most of the time she likes to sit on her porch and enjoy her flowers and company.

Goforth said city officials estimated the cost to run water to his property at between \$20,000-\$30,000. Goforth said Little Dan's is located about 1,000 feet from city water and sewer hookup at Chesterfield Apartments.

"I have not been pressuring City Hall but I've had my equipment ready to go since October 1987 and still no water," he said.

Goforth said the city has provided police protection which he appreciates.



OLDER AMERICANS MONTH-The month of May is Older Americans Month. Mayor Kyle Smith, above, signs a proclamation as Aging Director Monty Thornburg looks on. Numerous events are planned at the Kings Mountain Senior Center this month.

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Hilton Elects Harrill

Hilton Hotels Corporation's board of directors has elected Donald L. Harrill as senior vice president of franchising and development, according to Barron Hilton, president and chief executive officer. Harrill was also named executive vice president of Hilton Inns, Inc.

Reporting to Carl T. Mottek, executive vice president of Hilton Hotels Corporation and president of Hilton Hotels Division, Harrill will assume responsibility for the administration of Hilton's national franchise organization, consisting of 223 hotels and over 54,000 guest rooms.

Harrill's office is located at Hilton's world headquarters in Beverly Hills, Calif.

A 20-year veteran of the hospitality industry, Harrill was most recently regional senior vice president of Hilton Inns, Inc., as well as regional vice president of Hilton Hotels Corp. He was located in the Southern Region office in Atlanta, Ga.

Harrill began his career with Hilton in 1971 as resident manager of the Hilton Inn South in Orlando, Fla. Shortly thereafter, he was promoted to general manager of the property. In 1972, Harrill was appointed assistant general manager of all Hiltons in Orlando.

From 1972 to 1976, Harrill served in managerial positions for Hiltons in St. Petersburg, Fla.; Detroit, Mich.; and Plymouth, Mich. He later joined Hilton Inns, Inc. as a regional supervisor in the Atlanta office. Harrill was promoted in 1979 to regional manager where he was responsible for administration of the regional offices in Atlanta and Florida.

Harrill was promoted in 1981 to vice president of Hilton Inns for both southeast regional offices, responsible for overall franchise development and administrative functions. Five years later, he was given additional responsibilities as regional vice president of Hilton Hotels Corporation.

A native of Kings Mountain, Harrill attended the advanced hotel development program at Cornell University's School of Hotel Administration. He also earned a professional management degree from the Harvard Business School.

Hilton Hotels Corporation is a publicly owned international lodging company with 272 properties in the United States. The company's growing overseas subsidiary, Conrad International Hotels, operates properties in Queensland, Australia and on the island of St. Martin in the Caribbean. In all, more than 95,000 rooms in 220 U.S. cities are operated under the Hilton name.

Harrill is the son of Mrs. Dorothy Harmon Harrill and the late Charles W. Harrill. He is the grandson of Ben F. Beam and the late Sarah Mae Beam and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harrill.

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additions and renovations at the junior high, and the third and fourth contracts will deal with the addition of a new auxiliary gym and classrooms at the senior high. Phases of construction will be arranged so some minor plans may be deleted if the costs are too high. The system has set aside \$4.5 million from the passage of the recent bond referendum for the junior-senior high projects.

The first two phases of work will be the construction of 24 new classroom and instructional spaces at the junior high. The 36,000 square feet, two-story addition will include an elevator to be used by the handicapped and school personnel, labs, teacher team work-rooms and storage rooms. It will be heated and cooled by heat pumps, allowing the school to keep its all-electric rating. The new building will not be linked to the present building, except by a covered walk which will include a small locked storage area for the maintenance department's use.

It also includes some additions and repairs to several areas of the existing building, including an art room addition, cafeteria expansion, construction of a dance-wrestling room, and repairs to interior walls, windows, and miscellaneous items. Several sets of bleachers will be added to the gymnasium and carpet will be replaced in several areas. About half the windows in the cafeteria will be eliminated and many kitchen items will be added. The expanded cafeteria will accommodate 300 additional students. Most of the petitions in open classrooms will be removed and replaced with masonry walls.

By opening the bids to small and large companies, Holland said there is a potential of dealing with as many as 16 different contractors and the system would get "more competitive bids. This will probably help get local folks involved who wouldn't be able to if we were dealing only with major contractors."

In addition to the construction work at the junior

Lanier

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"The biggest drawback to getting older is losing your independence," said Mrs. Lanier. "I always did things for myself but I do piddle around the house and all my family and neighbors have been so special to me," she said. Mrs. Lanier said another special person in her life is Dr. Joseph Lee, her family physician. "He has to get right down in my ear to make me hear him but I appreciate his attention," she said.

Mrs. Lanier's family cooks her breakfast and supper and arranges for a hot meal at lunch time through Meals-On-Wheels, a local program for the elderly which Mrs. Lanier can't say enough about. "It's just been another blessing," she said.

Goforth

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vices overnight. "I couldn't understand why water couldn't be run to my business when the city has doubled its payroll, hired more people, and recently satellite annexed an industry," he said.

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