

## Attendance Lines Discussed Again

### Board To Decide On Channel 1 News

The Kings Mountain Board of Education will decide next week whether to allow junior and senior high students to see Whittle Communication's "Channel 1" news broadcast for 12 minutes each day.

David Leventhal of Whittle, which is based in Knoxville, Tn., spoke to the board for over an hour Monday night trying to sell it on the value of the news program, which is free to the school system but in-

cludes two minutes of commercial advertising.

Assistant Superintendent Larry Allen said teachers at both schools have endorsed the program, high school teachers by a 35-8 vote and junior high teachers by a "consensus."

Channel 1, Leventhal said, is viewed by 6.5 million

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The question of what to do about racial imbalance in Kings Mountain schools, and particularly at East Elementary, continues to come before the Kings Mountain Board of Education.

The board several months ago, at the urging of East community residents, voted to leave the school open but asked Superintendent Bob McRae to continue to monitor the school's enrollment, which has declined sharply in recent years.

At Monday night's board meeting, McRae showed the board figures that indicate the total enrollment at East may drop to about 190 at the beginning of the

1991-92 school year. The current enrollment is 220.

The latest minority figures show East's enrollment at 60 percent black and 40 percent white, a change of four percent since the last figures were released. McRae projects a 66 percent to 34 percent minority-majority percentage at East by 1991-92. The system-wide average is 26 percent minority and 74 percent white.

McRae said he brought the matter up again Monday night because the school system is almost ready to be-

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## Thanksgiving Service Slated

A community-wide Thanksgiving service will be held Wednesday, Nov. 22, at First Baptist Church.

Rev. Robert W. Little, new pastor of Central United Methodist Church, will deliver the sermon at 7 p.m.

The service is under sponsorship of the Greater Kings Mountain Ministerial Association. Ministers of the community will take part in the service, to which the public is invited.

Rev. Morris Jordan will direct the combined choirs of the participating churches in special Thanksgiving anthems.

Rev. Harwood Smith, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church and president of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association, will give the welcome.

An offering will be received for the new crisis ministry which is part of the Helping Hand program of the Ministerial Association.

"We invite everyone to come out to the special service and give thanks for their many blessings," said Rev. George Simmons, pastor of East Gold Wesleyan Church and chairman of the publicity committee for the special service.

Participating churches are Kings Mountain Baptist, First Presbyterian, St. Matthew's Lutheran, Resurrection Lutheran, Central United Methodist, First Baptist and Galilee-St. Paul United Methodist Churches.



PHOTO BY GARY STEWART

**BUILDING BURNS**-Fire gutted Quality Sandwich Company on Railroad Avenue Wednesday afternoon. Firemen got the call about 3:22 p.m. and kept the blaze from spreading to nearby stores. No one was inside the building owned by Mike Brown. Firemen from Kings Mountain, Oak Grove and Bethlehem Fire Departments battled the blaze for more than an hour. No estimates of damage or cause of the fire were available.

## KM To Enlarge Stadium Parking

Kings Mountain is buying the old Aderholt property on Gaston Street, tearing down the burned residence and clearing the 58x200 foot lot for more parking for old city stadium.

City Council Monday night authorized purchase of the property for \$7,000.

"We will tear down the house immediately and move to get the area cleared for a parking facility," said City Manager George Wood. He said that taking down the house would get some of the traffic off Gaston Street and give sports spectators at the old city stadium more room to park their cars. Now, when there is a youth game at the stadium cars are parked on both sides of Gaston and create a traffic problem.

In other major business of the special meeting, the board approved a long-term contract with Enron Oil & Gas Company of Houston, Texas to furnish portion of the city's natural gas and contracted with Heath and Associates of Shelby for engineering design of extensions to natural gas lines. Three extensions were approved for two phases of work totaling \$25,700. The loop extension will be made at Kings Mountain Industrial Park, Northwoods subdivision and along N.C. 161 south.

Wood said the city utility committee highly recommends both contracts. "Going to Enron will solidify

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## KM City Clerk Resigns

Kings Mountain City Clerk-Treasurer Marvin Chappell resigned Friday as chief finance officer of the city.

Chappell tendered his resignation to City Manager George Wood.

"After consideration of your interest and the needs of the City of Kings Mountain, I feel that I must resign my position as City Clerk-Treasurer effective according to personnel policy. I request that I not be held to the notice requirements and leave on favorable terms and trust to your decision on compensation for the notice period and

accrued vacation. My resignation is in no way reflective of any illegal act or connected with the embezzlement investigation in any way, shape or form. I appreciate the efforts on my behalf and I have learned alot about our local government's role, more about myself and I will use this experience as a growth basis," Chappell said.

Wood, who announced Chappell's resignation after an executive session by City Council Monday night, said that Chappell's resignation had nothing to do with the recent investigation underway in the city's utilities department

which Chappell headed and where two former employees were charged with embezzling city funds and two former employees repaid the city for unpaid utility bills covering several years.

Chappell said the installation of computers have improved internal control immensely at City Hall. "I was always afraid someone would come up to the counter in the utility department and grab up all of the yellow tickets and run with them and we would have had no record of who owes what," he said.

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## SBI To Investigate Complaint

Kings Mountain Police called in the State Bureau of Investigation into complaint by a Pine Manor resident that a city police officer struck him with a flashlight during an altercation between black residents at Pine Manor Apartments.

Police Chief Warren Goforth said findings of the probe into alleged mistreatment of blacks will be turned over to the District Attorney's office in Shelby.

"That is the official procedure police follow when a complaint is made against an officer," he said.

Goforth, Mayor Kyle Smith, City Manager George Wood and newly-elected Councilman Scott Neisler listened to 25 residents of the housing complex Tuesday night allege that some rookie police use racial slurs and single out black residents when making traffic stops.

Goforth denied that black motorists are being singled out. Police records reveal that three times more white motorists are arrested for traffic violations.

"If I do find an individual who is working outside the scope of his enforcement, I will terminate that individual in no uncertain terms. We have a professional staff in

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ACTING CLERK SWORN-Maxine Parsons, left, of Boiling Springs, takes the oath of office as Kings Mountain's new Acting City Clerk-Treasurer from Mayor Kyle Smith at City Council meeting Monday.

## Local Man Helps Save Woman's Life

A 33-year-old California mother of four is alive today because Ed Gardner of Kings Mountain, cared enough to keep her talking on the telephone until he could summon help 3,000 miles away after she swallowed a handful of sleeping pills.

The story of this Good Samaritan began at 10 p.m. Monday night when Gardner, owner and operator of Quality Exchange, a trucking business in Kings Mountain, answered his 1-800 watts line.

Gardner had started out the office door when the telephone rang.

A woman caller, trying to dial a HELP line, dialed the Kings Mountain number instead.

She had just swallowed a dozen sleeping pills but she wanted someone to know the location of her four children ranging from 7 to 10 months.

The caller said she couldn't cope any longer and she was taking her life. She had problems with husband and family. "I'm going to put an end to it all but I want someone to know where my babies are," she said.

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## Empty Stocking Fund Needs You



### Empty Stocking Fund

That's where you can help. Your contribution to the Kings Mountain Empty Stocking Fund will help this family and others like it in the Greater Kings Mountain area this Christmas.

Take your check or cash contribution to Home Federal Savings and Loan and deposit it in the special Empty Stocking Fund account there, or mail your gift

to Empty Stocking Fund, P.O. Box 1491, Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086.

First week's contributions:	
Darrell Keller	\$50.00
Jean T. Barber	\$50.00
Dixon Presbyterian Church	\$200.00
Dot Hayes	\$50.00
<b>(Total)</b>	<b>\$350.00</b>

(ED. NOTE - Since last weeks' story about "Mattie" appeared in the Herald, many people have been calling the Herald and Kings Mountain District Schools office wanting to know the real name of Mattie so they can take her clothes and other items. These stories about needy residents are real stories but we cannot release their names to the public. We appreciate your concern but the Empty Stocking Fund can only take cash donations. We cannot accept food, clothing, toys, etc. Anyone wanting to help in those areas may call Hallie Blanton, Social Worker for the KM School System, and she will make arrangements to let you help these people but she cannot release their names and addresses. Thanks for your concern and understanding.)