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## KM CAT Scores Up

Kings Mountain students in grades three through eight made considerable improvement in this spring's California Achievement Test (CAT), scoring at or above grade level in every grade and scoring at or above state and national averages in most grades.

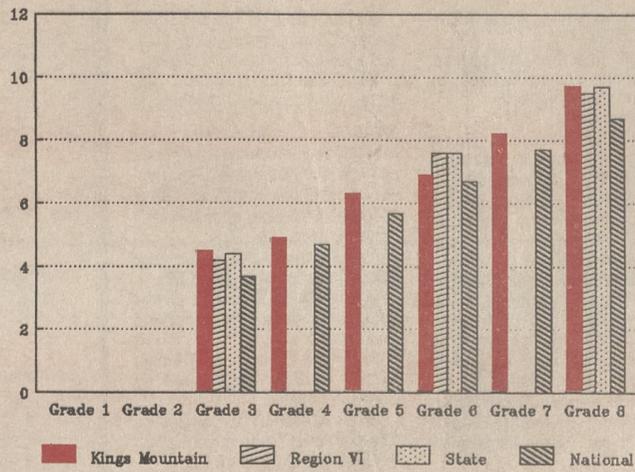
Kings Mountain has made steady improvement over the past several years, Asst. Supt. Larry Allen told the Board of Education at Monday night's meeting.

This year's eighth grade scored at the 9.7 grade level after scoring 8.0 as seventh graders and 7.1 as sixth graders. A 9.7 score indicates that the eighth graders were achieving at a level of ninth graders in the seventh month of the school year.

"That's really a substantial gain," Supt. Bob McRae said. "A one year and seven month gain deserves special recognition. It's evident that the students and faculties have worked really hard."

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## SPRING 1990 CAT TEST SUMMARY



## Expansion Planned At Pilot Creek Plant

Groundbreaking for Kings Mountain's 2 MGD expansion and sludge dewatering facilities at Pilot Creek Waste Water Treatment Plant will be held Monday morning at 9:30 a.m.

Mayor Kyle Smith, city council members, members of the county board of commissioners, Senator J. Ollie Harris, and other guests will participate in the brief ceremonies which signals the start of construction of one of the major improvements projects funded by bond monies.

Thamer Construction Company is general contractor for the project.

City Engineer Tom Howard said the public is invited to attend the ceremonies.

Howard said that emergency beam repairs at the T. J. Ellison Waste Treatment Plant were completed during the week of July 4.

A&L Underground workers began work Tuesday on the I-85 gas line project on the feeder road at the south side of I-85 on York Road.

Howard said the city is nearing completion of the gas line con-

struction at Bridges Drive/Beason Creek area and he said the only construction problem workers encountered was on the western end with a seam of very dense rock.

A water line break at the corner of Landing and Bridges Drive was also corrected last week. Howard wrote, in his letter to property owners in that area that he hoped inconveniences were slight.

Bid opening is slated July 26 at 2 p.m. at City Hall for installation of water and sewer lines on Bridges Drive and a portion of Landing Street. On July 26, bids will also be opened for drainage work from Crescent Hill Road west to Bridges Drive. This portion of Beason Creek work will solve the erosion and alignment problems in the area, Howard said.

Bridges Drive area property owners are also encouraged to attend a meeting Thursday, July 12, at 4 p.m. with Howard and city staffer Gene White at City Hall for a presentation of the project. They will display project drawings and respond to any questions of property owners.

## KM Citizens Are Urged To Cut Back On Power

Overloaded electrical circuits due to hotter-than-average temperatures are bringing a plea from City Manager George Wood to all Kings Mountain citizens to voluntarily conserve electricity—at least for the remainder of this week.

"Move thermostats up a few degrees and try to use electrical appliances later in the evening when the peak demand is down rather than at mid-day," says Wood. Peak time when the substations are running full capacity is from noon to

about 7 or 8 p.m.

"Once the new substation is in we'll be able to manage the load but with 98-100 degree heat city crews are working feverishly to cut the outages but all citizens should try to reduce the demand on the system," said Wood.

Wood said that city crews are continuing to trim trees this week but that tree trimming won't prove to be the answer to the city electrical outages. "Our electrical engineering,"

See Conserve, 2-A

## STAYING COOL ON A HOT DAY



About the only way anyone in Kings Mountain has found to stay cool lately was in the watermelon eating contest in last week's Fourth of July celebration at Jake Early Park. Temperatures are supposed to remain in the 90s the rest of the week but there is a 50 percent chance of rain today.

## Toney West Principal

# 4 Promoted By Schools

Four administrators were promoted at Monday night's monthly meeting of the Kings Mountain Board of Education at the Superintendent's Office.

Sherrill Toney, who has served the past two years as assistant principal at Kings Mountain High School, was named principal of West Elementary School; Carolyn Roark, formerly Educational Diagnostician, was named Director of the Exceptional Children's Program; Jane King, formerly Director of Instruction, was named Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services; and Ronnie Wilson, formerly Personnel Director, was named Assistant Superintendent for Personnel.

Supt. Bob McRae said all but Toney will work out of the Central Office. In addition to filling key positions which expand their current duties, the new appointees will allow McRae to have more contact with the individual schools.

"With these promotions come expanded responsibilities in the school system which, in turn, will allow a better delivery of services to our schools," McRae said. "Their expanded roles in particular should provide increased opportunities for myself to be in the schools working with the personnel there in a more effective relationship."

Combined, the four administrators have close to 100 years of experience in public education, and most of them in the Kings Mountain district.

Toney began his career in Kings Mountain in 1969 as a science teacher at Central School. He also taught science at KMHS before being named assistant principal two years ago.

"He has given a long number of quality years of service to the school system," McRae said. "He is well thought of by colleagues and students alike, and I think that his tenure at West School will be very productive in that under his leadership we can expect that school to continue its long tradition of excellence."

Roark has 33 years of experience in the Kings Mountain, Cleveland County and Cherokee County, S.C., systems. She was an elementary teacher in Kings Mountain in 1956-57 and then joined the Cleveland County System as an elementary teacher at Grover School. She later worked in Cherokee County and returned to Kings Mountain in 1967.

"Carolyn Roark brings to the Director of Exceptional Children's position a broad preparation for the position," McRae said. "In fact, she served as interim director last year when Jean Thrift was away due to medical reasons. She has proven to be a dedicated, efficient employee and I am confident that she will be quite successful in this new role."

King taught in the fourth through



KING



ROARK



TONEY



Wilson is in his 22nd year in education and has been in Kings Mountain the past seven years. He taught and coached one year in Latta, S.C., before getting into administration. He served five years as principal of KMHS before becoming Director of Personnel two years ago.

Monday night's action left open just one administrative position, the assistant principal's post at KMHS. Candidates from inside the system will be interviewed within the next several days.

"Certainly, these promotions are recognition of quality service these four people have given to the school system, and the respect that is held for them by the entire Kings Mountain school community," McRae said.

The board approved several other personnel matters Monday night, including:

\*Approved teaching contracts of Johann Sherrill, Grover School; Pat Regan, North; Julie Rikard, English, KMHS; Judy Hancock, art, KM Middle School; and Anne Futterer, Chapter I Reading, North.

\*Approved employment of Paul Travis Weldon, maintenance; and Mary A. Grant, After School Care, North School.

\*Approved family leave for Lisa Healey, Middle School art; and Lou Ann Davis, KMHS English.

\*Approved the transfer of teachers Grace Costner, Middle School to KMHS to teach math; David Greene, KMHS to Middle School to teach math; Debbie Patterson,

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## KM People

# Paul Is A Good Ham

Family, Boyce Memorial ARP Church and Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club are top priorities of Paul Ham Jr.

Although his activity and good humor belie his years, the popular Kings Mountain native probably will celebrate his 65th birthday July 16 by going to work as usual and by attending his 1300th meeting of the Kiwanis Club, over 24 years of which has been with perfect attendance.

The civic club meets each Thursday night at the Country Club and you can set your watches by Paul. He's punctual and never misses a meeting.

Paul will celebrate his 40th year of marriage to Dot McCarter Ham in December and 40 years membership in Boyce Memorial ARP Church, which he joined just

after the couple married. He is also celebrating years of blood giving at bloodmobile visits. At the recent bloodmobile visit to Kings Mountain, Paul donated his 129th pint of blood. He's probably the community's top blood donor.

Ham grew up on the Sadie Mill Village and his first job was at the Sadie Mill working for the late L. Arnold Kiser. "I went in one day and told Mr. Kiser I was planning to drop out of school at 16. He told me I wouldn't have a job if I did. You can believe I was back in school the next day," said Paul. Kiser allowed Ham to work part-time, so he could attend school and play football and baseball.

When Paul turned 18, he knew he'd be drafted and

See Ham, 8-A



PAUL HAM JR.

## KM School Lunch Prices To Increase By 15 Cents

Kings Mountain school lunches will increase by 15 cents to make up for projected increases in salaries and operating costs during the 1990-91 school year.

The Board of Education approved new prices at Monday night's meeting at the Superintendent's Office.

Lunch prices will increase from \$1 to \$1.15 in the elementary schools and \$1.10 to \$1.25 in the middle school and high school. Adult lunches will increase from \$1.45 to \$1.75 and breakfast will increase from 60 to 65 cents in all grades.

Supt. Bob McRae said another price increase may be necessary later in the year or at the beginning of the 1991-92 school year.

The school system's nutrition program operated at a loss of about \$10,000 last school year.

"We raised our prices last year and we'd like not to have to raise them every year," McRae said, "but we have to make ends meet."

McRae said salaries will increase about six percent during the next school year, requiring an additional \$27,000. Items such as milk and

See Lunches, 3-A