

## Kings Mountain Weather Report

(Compiled By Kenneth Kitzmiller)

	Dec. 12-18	Year Ago
Total precipitation	.62	1.30
Maximum one day	.50 (18th)	1.30 (12th)
Year to date	55.69	55.46
Minimum temperature	39 (12th)	17 (15th)
Maximum temperature	70 (13th)	47 (15th)
Average temperature	52.5	32.4
Nights 32 or less	0	6

# Bethware Contracts Approved

Contracts for a new 14-classroom addition at Bethware Elementary School were approved at Thursday night's meeting of the Kings Mountain Board of Education at Kings Mountain Middle School.

T.C. Strickland Company received the contract of \$848,640 for general construction. The mechanical contract (\$183,913) went to Pyatt Heating and Air Conditioning and the electrical contract (\$83,949) went to Lail Electric.

Because of a technicality, the board could not approve the plumbing contract but it met in special session this morning and awarded the contract to Superior Plumbing for \$53,800.

"By the time the plumbing bids are complete, the project will be about \$43 per square foot and that's an excellent price," Supt. Bob McRae.

The school system hopes to begin work on the project--its fifth--soon. Earlier this year the system

completed major building projects at Kings Mountain High and Middle Schools, allowing the system to reorganize its middle school and high school grade structure. The system hopes to complete the new classroom and administration building at Grover School early next year, and a similar building will soon be under construction at East School. It is anticipated that the East project will be completed next summer.

The only major building project remaining in the system's improvement package, which was made possible because of two half-cent sales taxes and the recent passage of a countywide bond referendum, is a new main building at West School. There are also some minor renovations planned at North School.

Supt. McRae said the board anticipates naming an architect for the West project at its January meeting, which will be held on January 10. The board is considering tearing down and replacing the "old building" at West which includes the administration offices, library, cafeteria and classrooms.

"We have debated whether to tear it down or just tear down the back three fourths of the building," McRae said. "I think it probably makes sense, funds provided, to go ahead and replace the whole building. It may be just as cheap to do that."

West students will attend school

at Central next year while their new building is under construction.

In other matters Thursday night, the board:

\*Adopted a resolution honoring Senator Ollie Harris for his years of service to the school system as a member of the North Carolina General Assembly.

\*Heard a report from the School Improvement team.

\*Named Billy King chairman and Priscilla Mauney vice-chairman for 1991.

\*Changed the January board meeting to Thurs., Jan. 10.

\*Approved a change in the school calendar which allows teachers at the high school, middle school, East and Grover to change an optional workday because of extra work they did at the beginning of the year because of new building construction.

\*Approved a resolution of support for the Communities in Schools project, a countywide effort aimed at identifying at risk children more accurately and providing more services to them.

\*Approved the following personnel items: Interim contracts for Becky Johnson and Amy Ross; part-time employment for Lucille Brown, East cafeteria; leave of absence for Ethel Crocker and Bonnie Bryson, teacher assistants at Grover; accepted the resignation of Donna Smart, custodian, Bethware.

### Obituaries

**YATES WALL MURRELLS INLET, S.C.** - Yates Wall, 75, of Inlet Oaks Village, died December 17, 1990, at his home.

A native of Columbia, Miss., he was the son of the late Dr. Zeno and Ada Ramsey Wall and was a retired trucking executive. He was a graduate of Shelby High School and attended Gardner-Webb College and Wake Forest University. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Lilly Wall; one son, Michael Wall of Wrightsville Beach; one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Patty Jackson of Hanahan, S.C.; two brothers, Zeno Wall Jr. of Gatlinburg, Tenn., and Rev. Woodrow Wall of Shelby; two sisters, Mrs. Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Walter Fanning of Tequesta, Fla.; and six grandchildren.

A private graveside service will be held Thursday at 12 noon at Sharon Memorial Park in Charlotte.

**KRISTINA DAWN HOUSER GROVER** - Kristina Dawn Houser, infant daughter of Amy Little of Grover and Jeffrey Craig Houser of Blacksburg, S.C., died December 13, 1990 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her maternal grandparents, Kay Little of Gastonia and Frankie Little of Grover; and her paternal grandmother, Shirley Canoutous of Blacksburg, S.C.

Graveside services were conducted by the Revs. Vernon Craig and James Sanders Saturday at 11 a.m. at Antioch Baptist Church cemetery.

**J.Q. McPHERSON GASTONIA** - J.Q. McPherson, 64, of 3003 Randy Drive, died December 15, 1990, at Veterans Hospital in Salisbury.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late William and Elizabeth Rabon McPherson Sr. He was a salesman for Plastic Products Inc. in Kings Mountain. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and was a member of King Solomon Masonic Lodge No. 704 AF & AM, Oasis Shrine Scottish Rite, and Macedonia Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Whitesides McPherson; two sons, Ronald McPherson of Orlando,

Fla. and Thomas McPherson of Gastonia; one daughter, Deborah Beam of Kings Mountain; two brothers, William and Marvin McPherson of Gastonia; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The funeral was conducted Monday at 1 p.m. at Carothers Funeral Home. Rev. Jim Collette officiated and burial was in Gaston Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to The Shriners' Crippled Children's Hospital, 950 W. Faris Road, Greenville, S.C.

**ELLEN MAE FOSTER** Ellen Mae Foster, 87, of 740 Mary's Grove Church Road, Kings Mountain, died December 16, 1990, at her home.

A Cleveland County native, she was the daughter of the late John Latham and Ida Jane Sanders Foster. She was retired from Kings Mountain Hospital and was a member of Patterson Grove Baptist Church.

She is survived by two sisters, Pearl Scism and Clara Ruth Edwards, both of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Eugene Land Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Harris Chapel. Burial was in Hullender Cemetery.

**DAVID A. MILLER** David Alexander Miller, 75, 222 Thornburg Drive, died December 11, 1990, at Cleveland Memorial Hospital in Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Samuel and Katie Larkins Miller. He was owner and operator of Miller's Cab Service and was retired from Doubleday Booking Co., Garden City, N.J. He was a member of Adams Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret McCluney Miller of Hempstead, N.Y.; five sons, Charles Miller of Lansing, Mich., Wilbur Miller of Westbury, N.Y., Douglas Miller of Long Island, N.Y., and Frank Thompson of Detroit; four daughters, Vivian Robinson and Barbara Codes of Hempstead, N.Y., Kathryn Clark of Shelby and Susie McCary of Kings Mountain; 20 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. at Adams Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church by the Rev. Pruella Kilgore. Burial was in the church cemetery.

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