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West bids ok'd

The Kings Mountain School Board approved bids for construction of West School at a special meeting Friday morning.

The total project will cost \$1,413,386 and will leave the system about \$100,000 of reserve money from its \$10.5 million school bond package.

"We were very pleased with the bids," said Supt. Bob McRae. "We have really been fortunate on the timing of our building projects. The last couple of years have been a good time for construction bids. If we'd had to spread them out over more years the bids may have gone up. We've been able to stretch our dollars tremendously and also had very good luck in local bidders being able to be involved. We feel like we got the most out of the bond package as possible."

West is the last major construction project for KM schools. The middle school, high school, Grover and East have entered new facilities during the past two school years and Bethware expects to occupy a new 14-classroom wing in January.

Demolition was under way at West Tuesday and Wednesday and the site should be totally cleared by the end of the week. A new administration, cafeteria and classroom wing will be built facing West Mountain Street.

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School Days

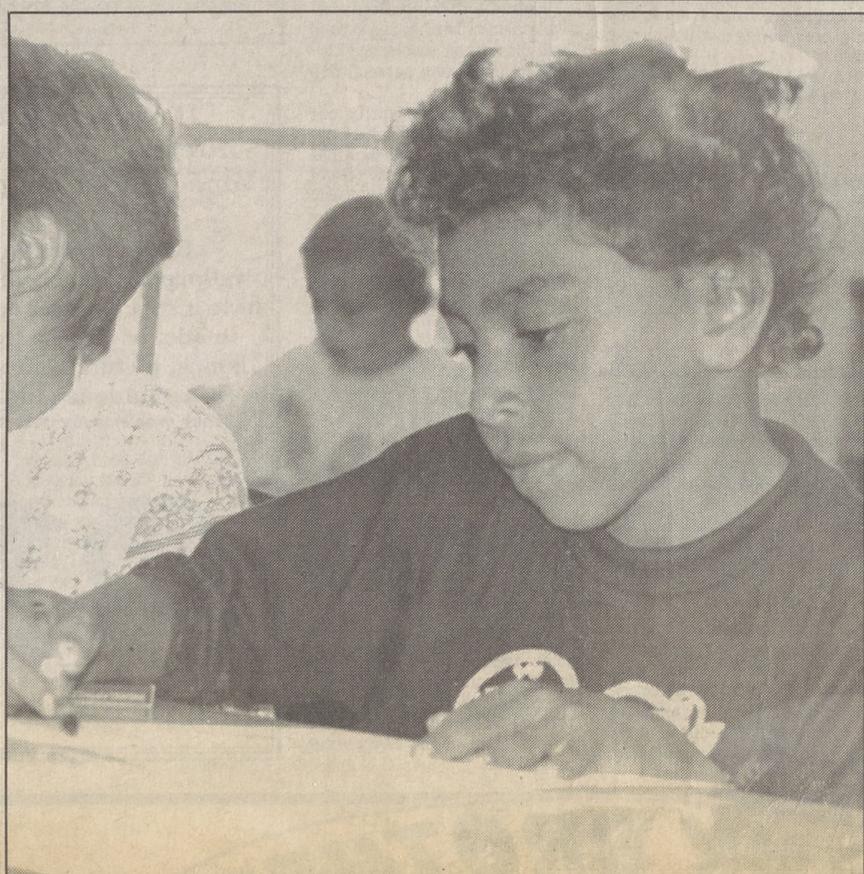


Photo by Chris Nanney

East School second grade student Amanda Martin is hard at work on the first day of school Monday. East students are studying in a brand new \$1.4 million building this year after spending the 1990-91 school year at Central School. Almost 3,800 Kings Mountain K-12 students began a new year Monday.

KM fireman Plato Heavner, 75, dead

Plato Heavner, 75, belonged to the "old school" of Kings Mountain fireman and he never tired of talking about those "good ole days" with his fire-fighting buddies.

Heavner died August 20, 1991 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

His bout with cancer the past several months prevented him from regular visits to the fire department he joined in 1963 as one of only four paid firemen when firemen worked shifts of 24 hours on-the-job and 24 hours off. The com-

radierie of the department then and now was what he said he enjoyed and liked most.

A native of Kings Mountain, Heavner was the son of the late Fonzo Franklin and Minnie Mauney Heavner. He attended Kings Mountain High School and worked in Oak Ridge, Tennessee during the early part of World War II. A former carpenter, he also delivered milk and drycleaning during the early years of his life. He was hired by the late mayor Glee A. Bridges and fire chief Floyd

Thornburg in 1963 and retired from the city on February 22, 1985 after 22 years. He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church. He and his wife, Louise Allen Heavner, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1988. The couple was married September 3, 1948.

Heavner's hobbies were raising goats and collecting baseball caps and he shared both with his five grandchildren. It wasn't unusual to see children, rabbits, parakeets, pi-

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PLATO HEAVNER

KM School year off to great start

The school year is off to a great start in Kings Mountain but first-day enrollment was down 28 students from last year.

Supt. Bob McRae said opening day presented only a few problems and they are being ironed out this week.

"The schools, faculties and other employees have done a terrific job getting ready for the kids," McRae said. "We are real anxious to see how attendance goes the rest of the week because the numbers in those elementary grades that were involved in reassignment were a little

smaller in some schools than we expected."

This year's first-day enrollment was 3,749 compared to 3,777 last year. McRae said he feels like the enrollment will increase over the next several days. "I believe some people just didn't come to school Monday," he said.

McRae said he was a little concerned about first-day minority percentages at Bethware and North. Bethware's was 17.8 percent, which is below the projected percentage, and North's was 33.3, which was slightly higher than the

projected percentage. The school's redistricting policy called for schools to fall with plus or minus five percent of the system-wide average of 26 percent.

McRae said only 20 students from Pine Manor showed up at Bethware and there could have been a few other cases where re-assigned students showed up at the wrong school.

"We'll continue to monitor that," he said. "The Pine Manor mode is the major hinge in our racial balance. There were 60 students from Pine Manor at East last year.

Numbers are going to change from year to year, but not that much. Assuming that the 20 figure at Bethware becomes 40 it would move the percentage up to about 21 percent."

The only other problem the system experienced was traffic congestion on Phifer Road. On Monday morning, there was no policeman to direct traffic at the Phifer-Fulton Road intersection in front of KMHS and traffic entering the high school was backed up in every direction. A policeman was

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UF drive seeks \$120,000

Kings Mountain United Fund kicked off its 1992 campaign for \$120,750.00 for 15 causes Tuesday.

Campaign chairman Pat Carter and UF President Glenn Anderson stressed the theme, "Together, we'll be there," at a luncheon at Holiday Inn which attracted volunteers and representatives of 15 agencies approved for funds.

Both speakers said the sluggish economy will have an impact on fund-raising efforts but called the goal "attainable" and a "stretch goal." "Let's go to work and attain an early goal," said Anderson.

Although some agencies were not funded, the agencies receiving money for local needs are: American Red Cross, Ministerial Association Helping Hand Fund and Chaplain service; Girl Scouts

of Pioneer Council; Boy Scouts of Piedmont Council; Kings Mountain Rescue Squad; Children's Home of Cleveland County; Kings Mountain Boys Club; Grover Rescue Squad; CO-DAP; Salvation Army; Cleveland County Mental Health Association; Cleveland County Hospice; Cleveland Vocational Industries; and Cleveland County Abuse Prevention Council.

Marjorie Christopher, a director of Cleveland County Shelter Home, and longtime volunteer J. C. Bridges talked about how the United Fund serves the people in Kings Mountain. Bridges, retired hardwareman who chairs the advance gifts division with his wife, says people find by giving to

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UNITED FUND AGENCY - The Cleveland County Chapter of the American Red Cross is one of the agencies funded by Kings Mountain United Fund. Mrs. Martha Scruggs, executive secretary of the county chapter, talks with UF President Glenn Anderson about needs of the Red Cross in this area.

Candidate forum set

The Kings Mountain Herald will sponsor a public forum for City Council and School Board candidates Tuesday, September 17, at 6:30 p.m. at B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

All candidates running for political office in Kings Mountain will be invited and will respond to questions submitted by the general public.

Local realtor Jerry King will moderate the meeting.

The auditorium will be open at 6 p.m. for citizens to present questions. The questions must be submitted to a representative of the newspaper in the auditorium lobby between 6 p.m. and 6:20 p.m. They should be neatly written or typed; however, they can also be presented orally to the newspaper representative. The questions should be addressed to all of the candidates. Under no circumstances will questions be allowed to be directed to any one candidate, and under no circumstances will questions be allowed from the floor. Candidates are urged to be in the lobby at 6 p.m. to greet the public.

At the beginning of the meeting, King will explain the format of the program, and, at the end, each candidate will be given the opportunity to make a brief statement.

The School Board candidates will be questioned first, followed by the mayoral candidates and then the council hopefuls.

The fields for this fall's elections were set two weeks ago after a month-long filing period.

The School Board race features five people seeking two inside city seats. The election is slated for Tuesday, November 5 with the top two vote-getters winning the seats. There are no run-offs in school board elections.

Chairman Billy King currently holds one of the two seats and he is running for a second four-year term. The other seat that is to be filled is being vacated by Doyle Campbell.

Also seeking a seat are Shearra Miller, B.S. "Sonny" Peeler, David Lynn and Mark George.

The city primary is Tuesday,

October 8. If run-offs are necessary, they will be on November 5.

Former commissioners Jim Childers and Scott Neisler and Gilbert Hamrick seek the office of mayor being held by Kyle Smith, who did not seek reelection after his first four-year term. All registered voters in the city's five wards may vote for one candidate.

In Ward One, Fortee Gamble, Philip Hager and Roosevelt Ingram seek the newly-created minority seat. Voters from Ward One only will elect the representative.

In Ward Two, incumbent Jackie Dean Barrett is challenged by Jim

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Kings Mountain People

Nothing says lovin' like goodies from Peggy's oven

By ELIZABETH STEWART
of The Herald Staff

Peggy Childers, the chef at the family-run restaurant on North Piedmont Avenue, rises at 3 a.m. six days a week to prepare breakfast, a routine she loves because she likes to "turn out pretty things from the oven."

Cooking over a grill is nothing new to the Kings Mountain native, whose mouth-watering breakfasts, lunches and suppers are popular with her customers she considers part of her big close-knit family.

Peggy and her six Chaney sisters have worked side-by-side in the restaurant at some time during the past quarter century. Peggy's sister, Loretta Owens, is now owner of the restaurant named for Peggy Chaney Childers in the early 1970's and their sister, Sherri Short, is also a waitress. The other sisters are Lucille Gladden, Dot Phillips, Sue Rhea, all of Kings Mountain, and Edith Millwood of Bessemer City.



PEGGY CHILDERS

Brothers Jack and Johnny Chaney never worked in the kitchen but Peggy says the family of 11 children of the late Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Chaney have long been supportive of the Kings Mountain business.

"My family has always been

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Appointments may be made

Kings Mountain city council will probably appoint a new Ward 4 commissioner and a new member of the elections board Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at city hall.

Mayor Kyle Smith said he is placing the two items of business on the agenda.

Former commissioner and mayor pro tem Scott Neisler resigned after two years on the board to run for mayor and Philip Hager resigned his position on the elections board to run for the newly-created minority Ward One on the board.

The mayor said he has asked for recommendations from election board members for the two-year appointment on council," said Smith, who will complete his first four-

year term as mayor this year and has decided not to seek reelection.

"It's up to them (the board) and I'm confident they will make the right choices," said Smith.

Smith says he has no idea who the board may select to fill the Ward 4 post. He acknowledged letters from two former candidates in the last election: Jerry White, who placed third; and Will Sanders, who placed fourth. Neisler defeated the late Harold Phillips in a runoff for what was then the District 6 seat on the board. Willard Boyles placed fifth in the race. Both Boyles and White reside in the current Ward 4 but new redistricting moved Sanders to Ward 5. The council may appoint any registered voter residing in Ward 4 to the two-year term.