



City Hall Law Suit Being Heard

The City of Kings Mountain is in civil court this week in Shelby, involved in a suit and counter-suit with Cecil's Incorporated of Spartanburg over the construction of the Governmental Services Facilities Center.

Cecil's is suing the city for \$23,300, the amount of money the city board of commissioners withheld from Cecil's contract because of what the city says

was a "liquidated damage clause" which stipulated \$100 a day would be withheld for every day construction went over 365 days.

According to City Attorney George Thomasson, it took Cecil's 264 days over the allotted 365 days to complete the project. Cecil's claims the reason for the overrun was bad weather and a fire that occurred during the construction period.

The city allowed 17 bad weather days and 14 days for the fire, and penalized the contractor for 233 days, or \$23,300.

The city has counter-sued Cecil's, claiming it endured extra architectural fees and was prohibited from securing possible federal grants during the construction period.

Mayor John Henry Moss said the city board of

commissioners withheld the payment of \$23,300 upon the recommendation of its consulting architects and engineers, Clary Architects and Law Engineering.

Judge John Friday is hearing the case, which began Monday and was continuing at the Herald's presstime on Wednesday.



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PRESENTATION - Mrs. William Herndon, right, presents an engraved silver tray to Mrs. Hazel Fryer Sunday at a reception honoring

Mrs. Fryer at Mauney Memorial Library. Mrs. Fryer has retired after nine years as library director.

Mrs. Fryer Retires

Mrs. Hazel Fryer, director of Mauney Memorial Library in Kings Mountain for almost nine years, was honored by the Library Board of Trustees upon her retirement Sunday.

The board hosted a reception Sunday afternoon at the library and presented Mrs. Fryer with an engraved silver tray.

Mrs. William Herndon, chairman of the board, made the presentation. Other board members are Charles Mauney, Rev. M.L. Campbell, Mrs. George Houser, Grady Howard and Margaret McCarter.

Guests were treated to refreshments and an open house tour of the library.

Mrs. Fryer initiated a number of new programs during her nine-year term as director, and was instrumental in the addition of several new building additions.

"I enjoyed every minute of it," she said. "I told the board that I didn't deserve all that acclaim because it was so much fun. I couldn't have done anything without the help of the board. They stood behind me in everything that I wanted to do."

During the past nine years,

the library has added two junior rooms, a Carolina Room which includes a number of books on local history, a reference section, public restrooms, copy machine and many new programs for

adults and children.

The number of books has grown to over 22,000, and there are 15 Kings Mountain family

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Funeral Rites Held For Mrs. Ben Beam

Mrs. Sarah Mae Beam, 82, longtime Kings Mountain resident and prominent member of Central United Methodist Church, died Friday, Nov. 6.

Mrs. Beam had been honored by her church with a Life Membership pin and was named Mother of the Year in 1979. She was active in the Women's Society of Christian Service, the Daughters of Wesley Sunday School Class, Circle 3, the welcoming committee, and worship committee.

Mrs. Beam was born in Clarksville, Virginia, daughter of the late William Crawford Hamell and Mary Harris Hamell and moved to Gastonia where she worked as a secretary and for



MRS. BEN F. BEAM
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Lions Club Raises \$2,814 For The Blind

The Kings Mountain Lions Club presented District Governor Neal Alexander Jr. a check for \$2,814 Tuesday night for its contribution to the Lions annual White Cane Drive.

White Cane Chairman Rev. George Sherrill said the club averaged \$134 per member in White Cane-giving and exceeded last year's donations by \$1,320.82, or 188 percent.

"We set our goal as 25 percent over last year," said Sherrill, "and I know when we did that the feeling was it couldn't be done. But together, we made it happen and I want to thank all the members for doing their part."

"There's nothing more rewarding for a district governor to visit a local club and be presented a check for more than \$2,800 from the White Cane drive," Alexander said. "It's really amazing."

The drive benefits a number of Lions projects locally and state wide. The Lions operate Camp Dogwood, a recreational area for the blind at Lake Norman; support the North Carolina Eye and Human Tissue Bank through eye wills and \$75,000 contribution to the its administration; support glaucoma and diabetic vision screening clinics; provide funds for research for prevention of blindness and operation of eye diseases; provide scholarships for sighted children of blind parents; and provide white canes and radios for the blind.

"Not enough can be said for Kings Mountain's support of



Photo by Gary Stewart

PRESENTATION - Kings Mountain Lions Club White Cane chairman George Sherrill, right, presents a check of \$2,814 to District Governor Neal Alexander at the Lions Club meeting Tuesday night at Holiday Inn. The check represents proceeds from the club's most successful White Cane drive ever.

White Cane," Alexander said. "Our district goal was \$30 per member and Kings Mountain has raised \$134 per member, with the probability of more funds yet to come."

Alexander, who lives in Lincolnton and is a member of the Rock Springs Lions Club, is calling on local clubs to do more in the future because government cutbacks will effect many of the programs they support.

"We've taken on the responsibility of helping those less fortunate," he said, "and there is nothing more rewarding than going out to do something for the blind and see the happiness on their face."

Alexander is encouraging local clubs to increase their memberships by 10 percent during the first three months of 1982.

Board Okays Contract

Kings Mountain's Board of Commissioners Monday night approved of the city and the Kings Mountain Development Corporation entering into a contract to construct a gas line and provide natural gas for Reliance Electric Company and Bethware School.

Estimated cost of the project, which will be funded by First Union National Bank, is

\$200,000, according to Thomas Tate, president of the Development Corporation.

Reliance, which is under construction on Highway 74 West, and the Kings Mountain District Schools would be charged 14 cents per 1,000 cubic feet of natural gas, and Mayor John Henry Moss said that any other industry tapping onto the line would also be charged 14 cents.

That agreement would continue for seven years, Tate said, but he said he hoped the "payback" would not take that long. Tate said he served on the committee to provide water to Eaton Corporation, "they had a seven-year payback and paid it off in three years."

Heath and Associates of Shelby has drawn up the plans

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Career May Require Foreign Languages

By CAROL PEELER

Kings Mountain District Schools offer two areas of foreign language instruction - French and Spanish. Miss Ann Scott is the new French teacher at Kings Mountain Junior High School, Mrs. Carol Ann Peeler teaches French at the high school, and Mrs. Ana Taylor teaches Spanish at the high school.

Foreign language is beginning to have a new significance for students today. No longer do students simply need it for college requirement, but their career may require fluency in another language. With increasing importance of foreign affairs and the large influx of Spanish speaking people to the United States, bi-lingual fluency may be required in any area of the business world.

The foreign language departments of Kings Mountain Schools are striving to meet the needs of these foreign language requirements. Students may

begin studying French in the ninth grade. The schools have reorganized the program at the Junior High School to be conversational and cultural, because it is only natural to learn to speak a language before reading and writing. The course at the junior high is designed to introduce the students to the language by immersing them in the spoken language. At the same time, students are discovering the correlation between the French language and the English. Cultural emphasis is also an integral part of the program.

At the high school, students may take three more years of French or three more years of Spanish. KMHS is fortunate to have a French assistant each year to give the students first-hand knowledge of the language country, and customs.

The Spanish Department has a native teacher. Mrs. Ana Taylor is originally from the Dominican Republic. In the past, KMHS has had several

Spanish exchange students at the school.

Activities of the foreign language program include field trips to French and Spanish restaurants in Charlotte and holiday celebrations. Each year the students learn to cook French and Spanish foods. Students have competitions at Lenoir Rhyne College and have won awards in poetry recitation. Field trips to see Spanish flamenco dancers and French plays have been organized. Some of the French students have traveled to France with Mrs. Peeler.

Last summer, an introduction to French was offered for exceptional children in grade 4-9. Spanish and French have previously been offered after school for elementary students.

Kings Mountain is making a lot of progress in the area of foreign language. Hopefully, in the future, the schools will be able to offer foreign language as a part of the elementary school program.



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FRENCH CLASS - Kings Mountain High School French teacher Carol Peeler works individually with a small group of students at KMHS. The foreign language program in the

Kings Mountain Schools is improving from year to year, and Mrs. Peeler hopes someday to see French taught in the elementary schools.