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Fair weather prevails today with temperatures in the low 60s, dropping into the 40s tonight. Wednesday and Thursday partly cloudy with a chance of showers both days. Temperatures are expected to be in the 60s during the day, dropping into the 40s during the evening. Light jackets and sweaters are the order of the day as fall slips toward winter.

At KM Community Center

Local Candidate Forum Is Held

By ELIZABETH STEWART Staff Writer

An expanded, stronger program of vocational education is needed in the Kings Mountain District Schools...

This belief is shared by all five Kings Mountain School Board candidates and one city commissioner candidate in the Nov. 8 election.

The comment was solicited from the candidates last Wednesday night during a political forum sponsored by Cleveland County Voters Registration Association, moderated by William Hager.

The forum, the first of its kind sponsored by the year old association, was conducted at the KM Community Center to give local voters a chance to hear the philosophies of the candidates and to ask questions of them.

Taking part in the forum were school board candidates Dr. Joseph Roberts, Bill McDaniel, Fain Hambricht, Charles Mauney and Kyle Smith. District Six, Commissioner Fred Wright was absent from the meeting, but his Nov. 8 challenger James Dickey was on hand.

Dr. Roberts of Ebenezer Community, a professor at UNC-Charlotte, went a step further in his comments on needed school programs by calling for more correlation between the school system and local industry.

Charles Mauney, one of the inside-the-city school board candidates and official with Mauney Hosiery Mills, said he wants to see more attention given students who cannot attend college by preparing them in local schools through vocational training for entering the local job market.

"I am proud of the Kings Mountain school system," he said. "It's a progressive and aggressive system, but I feel more emphasis should be placed by the schools on preparing young people for life careers. I also favor an expanded reading program. It's a must for a person to

live an enriched life. The philosophy of kids in school is changing and we have to change with them." Kyle Smith, personnel manager in local textile mill for a number of years, and vocational committee chairman at KMSHS, said it is the duty of the group of 15 businessmen and school officials to go out into area industry and "see what we can do for them."

Smith recognized Audrey (Mrs. Jim) Dickey, member of the committee, who pointed with pride to the fact that through their efforts an applied math course was added plus a vocational counselor to give advice to job-seeking students.

Mrs. Bill Hager said she would like to have a survey made at the Junior High to determine if kids are really learning in an open class room situation and asked Smith his opinion. The candidate said he had always been an opponent of the open classroom because he did not feel "Kings Mountain was ready for it." However, he said he felt it would

become an improbable physical problem to change it now (at Junior High) but, as a school board member, would let the other members know the feelings of the community.

Responding also to the question, Dr. Roberts said the word survey bothered him. "We don't need to base programs on surveys nor serious actions on speculation."

Fain Hambricht said he, too, felt the Kings Mountain school system is "progressive and wants to see the best for all our children." He said he, too, feels the greatest need in the KM system is for vocational training and told how the biggest complaint he had while serving as a member of the county human relations committee in the 60's was from kids who couldn't find jobs in downtown stores because they couldn't pass the tests. "Skilled training is badly needed for our youth," said Hambricht.

Bill McDaniel called the Kings Mountain system "second to none" and said he was no agitator or trouble maker. "I want all our kids to have a better education," he said, "and will work toward a workable solution to all problems as they arise."

Charles Mauney said, "I am not an issue-oriented person, have no grips or complaints. I have strong convictions and will work within the system to upgrade any situation. I can remember 25 or 30 years when our school system was not adequate. We have provided better facilities, individualized and more specialized instruction and better performance



Photo By Lib Stewart

MEET THE CANDIDATES - Cleveland County Voter Registration Committee sponsored "Meet The Candidates Night" last week and citizens quizzed the candidates for board of education and District Six

Commissioner. From left, Bill Hager, moderator for the forum, Kyle Smith, Jim Dickey, Charles F. Mauney, Dr. Joe Roberts and Fain Hambricht.



Photo By Gary Stewart

Crowned At Half-Time.....

HOMECOMING QUEEN - Regina Patterson was elected homecoming queen by the Kings Mountain High student body and was crowned during halftime festivities at the KMHS-East Gaston game Friday night at Gamble Stadium. Regina is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Patterson.

KMers Split Grid Cash



Karen Ledford of Kings Mountain copped the \$50 first prize in last week's Mirror-Herald football contest by picking all 10 winners and coming within two points of the tie-breaker.

Miss Ledford predicted 21 points to be scored in the North Carolina-Maryland game, which was won by the Tar Heels 16-9.

The \$25 second prize went to Major Loftin of Kings Mountain, who also picked all of the winners and predicted 15 points on the tie-

breaker. Others turning in perfect entries included G. C. Boone, Pat Page, Robert Lutz, Tom Stallings, Larry Wyatt and Buddy Lee.

Another contest is in today's Mirror-Herald. It includes 10 of the area's top high school and college games to be played this weekend.

Try your luck in pickin' the winners. You may be the next \$50 winner!

Yule Parade Nov. 29

The annual Kings Mountain Christmas Parade is scheduled for Tues., Nov. 29 at 4 p. m.

This year the parade will have a little more financial support than during the past three years because the city has kicked in \$1,250 and will help co-sponsor the events along with the KM Chamber of Commerce-Merchants Association and the KM

Fire Department.

Four years ago the Christmas Parade was dropped as a project by the chamber due to the heavy schedule of events planned for the city's centennial celebration in October. Members of the fire department put together a rather large parade in a matter of weeks and have kept the event going since

then.

Johnnie Caldwell, one of the parade planners, said several floats have already been signed for the parade, but more are needed.

"Anyone interested in entering a float or unit in the parade may do so by contacting Ms. Wanda Moore, 739-4736," Caldwell said. "But hurry because time for planning is short."