

Public Forum

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King: "I'd vote no."
Campbell: "I'd vote no."
Hamrick: "I'd vote yes."
Childers: "I'd prefer to go the petition route."

What would you do to attract small businesses and keep people buying here instead of going out of town?

Moss: "That's rather difficult. Two years ago we took a list of all commercial activities we had and wrote letters to chain organizations. About that time we had the economic downturn and didn't get many results. It's an area we need to work on because it has a direct bearing on the sales tax we collect."

McKee: "No comment."
Franks: "I'd like to see us strengthen downtown."

Wright: "I think small businesses should be encouraged to come in. Give them a lower tax rate until they get established."

Childers: "We had an economic development office but due to economics, we had to close it. A small business is a private organization. I am more than willing to go the extra mile for small businesses, but the merchants are going to have to accept some responsibility also. Hopefully, we can get the economic development office opened back up and promote the city."

Hamrick: "There should be a committee to help young people start businesses when they get out of high school or college."

Campbell: "Encourage them by giving them all the breaks and advantages you possibly could."

King: "There is a sub-committee that works with the industrial committee to work with small businesses. When the new bypass is completed, small businesses will increase."

Bradley In Dental Training

Chapel Hill - Elizabeth Bradley of Kings Mountain has begun her first year of dental hygiene training at the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry here.

Elizabeth is one of 36 students beginning the program leading to a bachelor of science degree.

Prior to entering the dental hygiene curriculum, Bradley attended UNC-Chapel Hill.

She is a graduate of Kings Mountain Senior High.

She is the daughter of Bob and Joan Bradley of Kings Mountain.

McNeely Completes Training

Army National Guard Pvt. Allen C. McNeely, son of Fred D. and Sara G. McNeely of Rural Route 2, Kings Mountain, has completed basic training at Fort Dix, N.J.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is a 1983 graduate of Kings Mountain Senior High School.

Blalock Completes Training

Navy Seaman Recruit John M. Blalock, son of Judith H. and Jerry R. Blalock Sr. of 614 Bridges Drive, Kings Mountain, has completed recruit training at the Naval Recruit Training Command Orlando, Fla.

During the eight-week training cycle, trainees studied general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic occupational fields.

Included in their studies were seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid.

There's a traffic problem at the intersection of West Gold and Phifer Road each day when students are going to and from school. What will you do to correct it?

Franks: "When the bypass opens, it will help. If not, the police department should check into it and put up a light, if needed."

Wright: "We should look at re-routing the traffic further south. Encourage the students to go south, and then to the school."

Childers: "The school people are studying a way to get into the back of the school property with a new road. We should work with them."

Hamrick: "I don't know of anything being done about it. We should put a light up."

Campbell: "Work with the school system in developing a new road. If the problem continues, put up a traffic light."

King: "A light won't do any good. We have talked with the Department of Transportation and plans have been made to provide an access road from 74. I don't know when the plans will be completed."

Moss: "We've been aware of it and have tried to work cooperatively with the school system and DOT. Since 74 is a state road, it will have to be a DOT decision."

How do you feel about a city manager form of government?

McKee: "I'm in favor of it."

Franks: "I can see where it can be an advantage. The budget is big and having a professional could take the petty politics out of the day to day operation of the city."

Wright: "Any kind of professional management is a must. It would more than pay for itself."

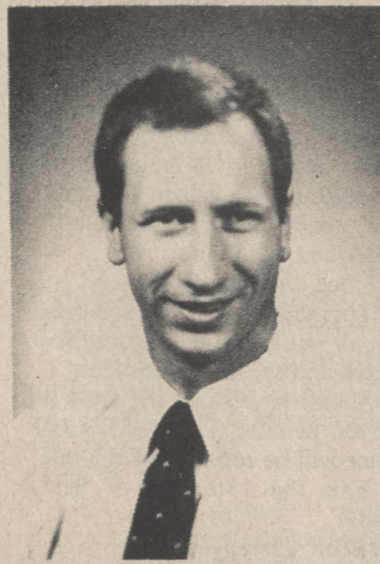
Childers: "There are two ways to form a city manager form of government. The city board can do it, or it can be done by petition. My personal preference would be by petition. I wouldn't vote for it simply because I want it. There are certain advantages of a city manager form of government versus the mayor-council form. The mayor now has to perform the administrative affairs of the city, plus act as the ceremonial chief. It puts a burden on him sometimes. Yes, I'm in favor of a city manager form of government."

Hamrick: "Yes."

Campbell: "We've had good management since the beginning of the city. I do see some advantages in a city manager, but sometimes you would have to run back and forth from the mayor to the city manager to get things done."

King: "Kings Mountain did have a city manager one time and the people weren't satisfied, and went back to the mayor-council form of government. I would let the people decide it."

Moss: "I favor the mayor form. The record proves that it has done very well and the city is growing because of the mayoral form of government. My preference would be to see a citizen of Kings Mountain as mayor."



DR. ROGER MILLER

Miller Practicing With Blair

Dr. Roger K. Miller has become associated with Dr. Charles Blair in the practice of dentistry at the West Gate Plaza in Kings Mountain.

A native of Cleveland County, Miller graduated from Burns High School in Lawndale and from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1977 with an A.B. degree in chemistry. He graduated from the UNC School of Dentistry.

He and his wife, Julie, have a daughter, Kristen, and a son, Daniel.

Dr. Miller has won awards in the past for his piano and trumpet playing, placing first in the UNC-Chapel Hill talent show and the N.C. Beta Club Talent Show, playing the piano, and was an all-state band member on the trumpet for the three years in the Southwest District.

"We're proud to have Dr. Miller in Kings Mountain and welcome new patients to our practice," Dr. Blair said.

Dr. Blair will continue to see his patients.

Services Scheduled At Boyce Memorial

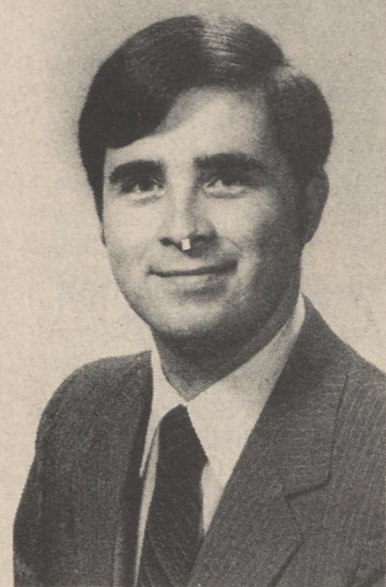
The Boyce Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church will hold a series of Special services beginning Sunday, September 25, and concluding Thursday evening, September 29. The Reverend Greg Slater will be the guest minister.

Slater served as pastor of the Concord A.R.P. Church until this past A.R.P. Church until this past June when he accepted a call to the Grace Presbyterian Church of Orlands, Florida. Slater served as Vice-Moderator of the Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (its highest court) in 1981-82.

Slater will preach a series of messages entitled "Lessons for Living," taken from several of Jesus's parables. The Boyce Memorial Church extends an invitation to the community to join them for these services. Services will be held at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday, and at 7:30 p.m. each evening Monday through Thursday.

GOSPEL SING

The Christianaies Quartet from Burlington will be singing at First Wesleyan Church on Piedmont Avenue during the morning worship service on October 2. Lead singer for the Christianaies is Larry You, former pinao player for the Pioneers. The public is invited.



GREG SLATER

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CC Museum Program Set

The Cleveland County Historical Museum is sponsoring Dr. Wyan Washburn and his wife Emily, who with members of their family went around the world in thirty days, at a special program Tuesday, September 27 at 10:30 a.m. Open to the public, the program will be a combination talk and slide show of their travels through Russia, Mongolia, and China including the Siberian railroad, plus many other countries.

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