

# Vote Protest Denied, Appeal Going To State

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Notice of appeal was given Wednesday to the North Carolina Board of Elections by the Cleveland County Association of Taxpayers (ACT) after ACT's appeal for a recount of votes in the Nov. 4 county commissioner race was denied.

While the Board of Elections acknowledged there may have been some technical errors and received 64 affidavits from voters of election irregularities at the polls, the three members of

the board unanimously agreed that "these were not intentional and not sufficient to change the results of the election which is worthy of certification."

Steve Crosby, secretary to the board, made the motion, seconded by Chairman Beth Lattimore with member John McBryer approving, that a protest filed by Bobby Crawford, one of three write-in candidates who lost his bid for election to the county board of commissioners, be disallowed.

Mr. Crawford reiterated at

Wednesday's lengthy meeting of the Elections Board that he wanted an "honest, fair count or a run off race."

Tom Kakassy, Gastonia lawyer representing ACT, introduced into evidence the sworn statements of a number of voters who said that insufficient space was not allowed on the ballots for voters to write-in the names of candidates, that they marked the party block at the top of the ballot, then wrote in their names for commissioners but did not have their vote

counted. Others said they neglected to mark the box beside the name of the write-in candidate and their vote was not counted.

Mike Bolton, who said he voted at James Love School in No. 6 Township, testified that "approximately 400 votes were thrown away, the voting machine messed up and people were snatching the voter instruction materials that we were distributing out of our hands. One of the ACT voting sample was blamed with jamming the

machine, and the lines got so long there was little supervision. "Voters were not checked properly and were moving from two lines. Anybody could have gotten into the line and voted whether they were registered or not. There was general havoc and confusion brought about by the large voter turnout." However, Bolton told the 20 persons gathered in the County Commissioner's Room in the Law Enforcement Building that "It was easy to mess up", there was not enough manpower at

the polls and the facility was not large enough to handle all the people."

Clayton Bolton, of Waco, testified that while he observed "no irregularities," he was not allowed to observe the vote counting as a representative of the Association of Cleveland County Taxpayers. Waco citizens voted at the Fire Department and Bolton said that he was asked to remain in an adjoining office behind closed

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## Knitting Mill To Begin Operation

Cinderella Knitting Mill, a subsidiary of Reeves Brothers, will begin operations Jan. 1 in the Mitchell Street building formerly occupied by the parent company, Duplex International, which closed its KM operations two years ago.

Mayor John Henry Moss said that the plant will initially hire 30 people.

The local plant will serve as a textile products storage and distribution center for the firm's consumer products group.

Hiring will begin locally on

Nov. 17, said the Mayor as he made the announcement at Monday night's board meeting at which time city commissioners approved, after lengthy discussion, temporary removal of "no truck" signs on North Watterson St., a request made by

the industry.

"Don't get me wrong. I'm in favor of more jobs," said Commissioner Jim Childers, who said that Watterson and Cansler Streets will be the major arteries when the U.S. 74 Bypass of Kings Mountain is completed. "I

don't know if Watterson can stand the additional truck traffic," he added, suggesting an alternate route for the trucks to use.

Comm. Norman King concurred with Childers and said he is concerned that numbers of large trucks would pose threats to school children walking the area but Comm. Jim Dickey agreed with Robert Hullender, a former employee of Duplex International, who pointed out that Watterson St. "is already a high risk area" and granting trucks access would not pose any additional problems. "It's the safest access and the most direct route to the plant." Hullender pointed out that Watterson Street is wide and much improved since 1975 when Duplex opened in Kings Mountain with 300 employees with many more trucks traveling the route to Mitchell Street. "Most of our schools in Kings Mountain are located in a high risk traffic area," he said.

Upon recommendation of Comm. King, seconded by Childers, the board also authorized the Mayor to appoint a committee to study the matter and make further recommendations to the board of commissioners.

"We'll try to convince the state that we need some arterial roads when the city's road system comes under study after the first of the year and work begins on a thoroughfare plan," said Mayor Moss. The Mayor said the city will begin work soon with the Department of Transportation on a signalization system as well as a thoroughfare plan.



REV. W.H. TYSON

## Special Services At Boyce

Rev. William H. Tyson will lead a series of special services at Boyce Memorial ARP Church on Edgemont Drive beginning Sunday and continuing through next Thursday.

Services on Sunday will be at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. and Monday through Thursday, services will be at 7:30 each evening.

Rev. Tyson began his ministry at Boyce Memorial in September. He is a native of Jackson, Miss., and a graduate of Belhaven College and the Reformed Theological Seminary of Jackson, Miss.

He has had training in church growth and training of laity at Fuller Theological Seminary in California. He served as pastor of the Steam Mill Road Presbyterian Church of Columbus, Ga., and co-pastor of the Associated Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bartow, Fla., prior to accepting the call to Boyce Memorial.

Rev. Tyson and the congregation invite all area residents to attend the special services.

## School Faces Sewage Problem

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Kings Mountain District Schools is facing a \$100,000-plus problem of sewage disposal at Bethware School, Assistant Superintendent Larry Allen told the board of education at its monthly meeting Monday night at the

Grover School library. The Environmental Protection Agency has recommended that the school system either tap on to the City of Kings Mountain line or construct its own treatment plant on school property.

Allen said "ballpark figures" on tapping on to the city's line is

\$100,000 to \$120,000 and for building its own plant is \$90,000 plus maintenance.

The city at its bi-monthly meeting last Monday night approved allowing the school to tap on to its system, which is being run beside the Highway 74 bypass to serve an incoming industry.

Allen said the school system did not have the funds to approve the project now, but suggested the board consider approving it in stages. Now, he said, would be the ideal time to run the line underneath Highway 74, since it is under construction, and Allen suggested covering the remainder of the project in the next two budget years.

Bethware School operated its own sand filter bed for years before the EPA recommended that it be closed down and septic tanks installed. Since then, Allen said, seepage problems have been constant and the school system had to add 3,000 feet of drainage. For the past two years, sewage has seeped through the added drain fill.

The County Health Department discovered the problem during a routine check, Allen said.

"We've looked at this problem knowing we don't have this kind of money," Allen said. "But it's something we're going to have to face."

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## UF Is Short Of Goal

Kings Mountain United Fund held its final report luncheon Tuesday at Cattletown Steak House and reported collections and pledges of \$43,785, almost \$10,000 less than the goal of \$53,500.

Chairman Mark Wilson said two major industries and Kings Mountain Schools have not made final reports, and he is con-

fidant that when those figures are in, the goal will be surpassed.

Any persons who have not yet contributed are urged to do so by the end of this week.

Kings Mountain surpassed its goal of \$55,000 last year by raising a record \$63,228.

"We lowered our expectations this year because of the

unemployment rate in Cleveland County," Wilson said, "but we still believe we will go over our goal."

United Way in Kings Mountain supports 23 agencies. Ninety-seven percent of the funds collected goes to the agencies and only three percent is used for administration and materials. All work is volunteered by area citizens.

Division reports Tuesday included Advanced Gifts, \$1,638; City of Kings Mountain, \$1,133; Commercial, \$4,566; Kings Mountain Hospital, \$2,318; Industrial, \$33,023; Ministerial Association, \$927; Post office, \$100; and Schools, \$80.

### OPEN HOUSE

Kings Mountain High School will have an open house Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. A general meeting will be held in B.N. Barnes

Auditorium and entertainment will be provided by the Senior High Chorus. Afterward, parents will have an opportunity to visit in the classrooms.



RUN BEGINS - Station agents, trail bosses and committee chairpersons are pictured above receiving their saddle bags from a hitching post as the annual Pony Express run at Central United Methodist Church was kicked

off Sunday night. Left to right are Scott Price, Jim Potter, Bill Russell, Larry Hamrick, Mary Dilling, Jeff Moss, George Blalock and Floyd Payne.

## Methodists Kickoff Run

The annual "Pony Express" fund-raising program of Central United Methodist Church was highlighted Sunday evening during a church supper of barbecue and all the trimmings.

Approximately 136 members participated in the dinner and discussed the coming year's budget.

Rev. Robert E. Boggan Jr., minister; James Potter, chairman of the Committee on Finance; and Bill Russell, General Manager of the Pony Express Run, announced a 1:30 p.m. start of the run on Sun., Nov. 16.

Chairman Potter stated that key workers have already estimated gifts to the church will be 15 percent over last year.

Members of the committee, station agents and trail bosses received saddle bags which were draped over a hitching rack.

"When I consider what the future holds for us and the multitude of blessings our members have received through the church this past year, I am confident that estimates of giving by all our members will increase," Rev. Boggan said.



Photo by Bob Boggan

LOOK OVER BAGS - Mrs. Gale McDaniel, left, and Mrs. Barbara DeVane took over their saddle bags, which they will use to collect pledges during the annual Central United Methodist Church Pony Express Run. The drive was kicked off with a barbecue dinner Sunday night and the run will begin this coming Sunday at 1:30 p.m.