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DEMOCRATS ARE BACK IN SADDLE

Local Voters Accorded Truman Clear Majority Truman Wins Presidency, Congress

An Editorial Victory For South?

It seems quite conceivable to the Herald that the stunning upset victory of the Democrats, from their standard-bearer President Truman, on down to Senate and House victories, might well turn out to be a real victory for the South in which even South Carolina's Governor Thurmond might take heart.

The victory in both houses of Congress will return to important committee posts of both branches Southern members. It is these men who will, for the next two years at least, draft much of the legislation, steer it to passage, and decide what shall and shall not be pigeonholed. This means that the Southerners, oft-times criticized by the more liberal elements of the Democratic party, will be in an astute bargaining position. Thus it is not likely that the Taft-Hartley Act, which has not killed labor at all but which has merely restored an element of balance to a bad situation, will be emasculated. The South will also be in a good position to handle the civil rights matter much better. Otherwise, the influence of the South will be felt, for it is the legislative posts which are most important in our scheme of government—not vice-presidencies.

The Herald endorsed the candidacy of President Truman on the grounds that his party was the only one which had ever been a true friend of the South and is therefore highly gratified not only by his election, but by the excellent support given him and the whole Democratic ticket at the Kings Mountain boxes.

Though luke-warm at first to the Truman candidacy, the Herald is sure it speaks for the great mass of the citizenry which has developed a new respect for Missouri's Harry S. Truman. He is a fighter of the first water, and none (even though they have tried) has ever been able to impugn his honesty. Mr. Truman will have better sailing in this, his first full term, for he is no longer following the old master FDR, nor will his policies be constantly sabotaged by a politics-playing, reactionary Congress.

Rev. Smoot Baker To Address Lions

Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club will hear an address Tuesday night at their regular meeting at the Woman's Club by Rev. Smoot Baker, pastor of the First Baptist church of Grover, according to an announcement by Dan Huffstetler program chairman.

Miss Patty Osborne of Shelby, "Miss North Carolina of 1948" will also render several vocal numbers, it was announced.

Rev. Mr. Baker made a tour of Europe during the summer and attended the conference of the World Church Alliance at Amsterdam. The club meets at 7 o'clock.

Lions Sponsoring Bowling Center

Next week will be Lions week at Arcadia Bowling Center. Beginning Monday, the Lions club will "sponsor" the establishment for the full week, with half the profits going to the Lions charity fund. The fee for bowling is 25 cents per line. Tickets are being sold by members of the club.

Red Cross Bloodmobile Will Be Here Friday

With the Red Cross Bloodmobile scheduled to open for business on its first visit to Kings Mountain Friday morning at 9:30, Red Cross officials appealed to all persons who have received appointment cards to be on hand at that stated time.

Specifically, Mrs. W. B. Thomson, handling appointments for the Bloodmobile visit, said many persons had failed to mail back the confirmation cards, and she urged all who had received appointment cards to appear.

The Bloodmobile station will be set up at the Woman's Club and will receive donors from 9:30 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Instructions to potential blood donors are as follows: "Do not eat any

Mrs. Robert Miller and her committee of volunteers aiding in the Red Cross Bloodmobile work were to meet Thursday night at 7:30 at the Woman's Club for a special training course to be taught by Miss Marion Ritzert, of Atlanta.

fats such as butter, eggs, cream, meat and soup during four hours prior to donation. Breakfast may include dry toast, fruit juice, black coffee.

Meantime, local Red Cross officials reported another local incident of the need for blood which was taken care of through the Red Cross blood bank. Mrs. Bill Bush, of North Piedmont avenue, was taken to Shel by hospital this week for several transfusions. The blood was on hand and Mrs. Bush is expected to return to full health.

More than 400 persons signed cards indicating their availability as blood donors.

"We were highly gratified to the response to this worthy appeal," Harold Hunnicutt, chairman of the program in Kings Mountain, said. "We do want to urge all persons who have been notified of appointments to be present Friday. Otherwise, all the work which has been done will go for naught."

Education Week Will Be Observed In City

American Education Week will be observed in the Kings Mountain city schools November 7-13.

Each morning at 10:30 a program will be presented in the Central high school auditorium. Visiting ministers for the week will be Rev. W. H. StSender, Central school; Rev. L. C. Pinnix, East school; and Rev. W. L. Pressly, West school.

On Thursday, Nov. 11, the program at Central school will be sponsored by the American Legion.

The public is invited to attend the programs. "The schools are yours. Visit them," a spokesman for the school said.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the 26th week of operations, which ended at noon Wednesday, totaled \$157.74 according to a report from the office of S. A. Crouse, city clerk. Receipts for the 25th week were erroneously reported as \$152.28 last week—the total should have been \$152.38.

Kiwanis To Sponsor Lenoir-Rhyne Production Of Play "Little Women"

The Lenoir-Rhyne College Playmakers, under the direction of Mrs. Pearl Setzer Deal, will present "Little Women," the stage adaptation of Louisa M. Alcott's classic novel, at the Kings Mountain high school auditorium next Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

The play, a four-act comedy adapted for the stage by Marian D. Foster, is being sponsored by the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club. Admission will be \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for children, tax included. Advance sale of tickets is already underway. They can be purchased

Symphony Drive Now Underway

The annual membership drive of the Kings Mountain chapter of the North Carolina Symphony Society began this week, following a committee meeting Monday afternoon at the Woman's Club, and former members are being urged to forward their checks for membership renewals.

Former members have been mailed statements for dues, in order to speed the membership drive, according to an announcement by Mrs. Paul Mauney, chairman.

The Kings Mountain Society is seeking a minimum of \$750 in memberships, the amount required to assure appearance of the Symphony in Kings Mountain for concerts next spring.

Mrs. Kiser's Brother Killed

W. I. Wright, Jr., of Clinton, brother of Mrs. Arnold Kiser of Kings Mountain was found shot to death near Roseboro in Sampson county Monday, after he had left his home on Sunday to check on some Sunday hunters.

Mr. Wright, district fish and game protector, had been shot once in the chest with a 22 caliber bullet.

Sunday hunting is illegal in North Carolina.

Sheriff Perry B. Brockman was investigating the case, but no arrests had yet been made, according to information received here.

Funeral rites were held on Wednesday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Kiser, who attended the funeral, had not returned to Kings Mountain Thursday morning.

Wildlife Club To Meet Nov. 15

Tentative plans were announced this week for the annual meeting of the Kings Mountain Sportsmen Wildlife club at which time new officers of the organization are to be elected. The meeting will be held at the Woman's club on Monday night, Nov. 15.

Other features of the program will be dinner, a movie about wildlife, and discussion on wildlife problems. Prominent guests are expected, including Ross O. Stevens of Raleigh, executive secretary of the state Wildlife Federation, Col. Clyde Patton, of Raleigh, executive director of the Wildlife Resources Commission, and George W. Keese, of Gastonia, member of the commission, and other out-of-town sportsmen.

A nominating committee to select a slate of officers for vote of the members is to be appointed this weekend. The club has some 65 members.

Complete arrangements will be announced next week and members will be mailed announcements of the meeting.

Meters To Require Coins Wednesdays

Parking meters will require "feeding" on Wednesday afternoons from now through Christmas, according to an announcement from City Hall this week.

It has been customary to give motorists a Wednesday afternoon reprieve from the parking law stipulations, but the policy has been changed for the period retail merchants suspend their Wednesday afternoon half-holidays.

1,450 Citizens Cast Votes Here; Scott Tops Ticket

Kings Mountain citizens, 1,450 strong, voted with the county, state and nation Tuesday, as it recorded heavy majorities for all Democrats on the ballots, gave President Harry Truman a clear majority over all his opponents, and appeared to have followed the voting trends of the rest of the state down to the matter of four amendments to the state constitution.

After depositing their votes and checking on the local counting, completed around 10 p. m., local citizens then repaired to the nearest radio and gradually waxed poyeyed, as President Truman grabbed the popular and electoral vote lead and, amazingly to almost everyone, held it.

But Kings Mountain gave its biggest out-of-county majority to W. Kerr Scott, who himself came off the ropes earlier in the political season to become the first man in North Carolina to run second in the first Democratic primary and then go on to capture the gubernatorial nomination. Kings Mountain gave Scott a total of 1,152 votes to 233 for George M. Pritchard, his GOP opponent.

Second local favorite was J. Melville Broughton who was accorded 1,079 votes for the U. S. Senate against 246 for his GOP opponent John A. Wilkinson. A close third was veteran Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle, re-elected for his tenth consecutive term. Kings Mountain gave Major Bulwinkle 1,073 to 268 for Calvin R. Edney, the GOP candidate who conducted an extensive direct mail campaign locally.

The presidential vote in Kings Mountain was: Truman 853, Dewey 319, Thurmond 216, Wallace 5.

Mr. Truman therefore defeated all his opponents by 533 to 540. The five Wallace votes were cast in East Kings Mountain precinct. The pink-tinted Progressive candidate did not scratch in the West Kings Mountain box, though his gubernatorial running mate, Miss Mary Price of Greensboro, did. Her lone Kings Mountain vote was accorded by a West Kings Mountain voter.

In the county, the vote was solid. (Cont'd on page eight)

Minstrel Show Billed For Friday At 8 P. M.

"Minstrel Days," a two-hour show will be presented by the Central high Dramatics club in Central auditorium in Friday night at 8 o'clock according to an announcement by Miss Mary Belle Teague, drama teacher.

Music for the performance will be played by Miss Hayes Mitchell, piano teacher, and Miss Pauline Mauney, high school student.

The announcement listed the following cast:

Speaking parts — Jack Ruth, Charles Blanton, Hunter Warlick, Bill Amos, Delvin Huffstetler, Demauft Blanton, Boyce Huffstetler, Jean Lynch, Nan Jean Gantt, Jean Cash, and Jeanene Halman.

Specialties — Ann Mayes, Melbra Tendall, Betty Cash, Dorothy Fulton, Evelyn Cline, Betty Wilson, Kitty Falls, Ruth Dettmar, Jo Ann Britt, Jackie Wilson, Harold England, Jan Reynolds, Wilburn Smith, and Clifton Morgan.

Admission for the "minstrel" is 35 cents for students, 50 cents for adults. Tickets may be purchased from members of the cast or at the door Friday night.

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Merchants Open All Day Wednesdays

Kings Mountain retail merchants are now open six full days each week and will continue that policy through Christmas, with the exception of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Majority of the retail firms were open Wednesday afternoon for the first time since Christmas 1947. Exception was several North Piedmont avenue firms who closed as previously. A spokesman for this group of firms indicated these firms would continue the Wednesday half-holidays through Thanksgiving.

The Merchants Association recommended the change in policy to accommodate autumn and early Christmas shoppers.

Welcome Service For Brendall Set

Uptown churches will join in a welcome service Sunday evening for Rev. J. H. Brendall, new pastor of Central Methodist church, according to an announcement this week by Re. W. L. Pressly, president of the Ministerial association.

The service will be held at Central Methodist church at 7:30, with Mr. Brendall delivering the sermon. His subject will be "Wake Up and Live."

Participating churches are the First Baptist, First Presbyterian, Boyce Memorial ARP, and St. Matthew's Lutheran.

Board To Consider Zoning Ordinance

The regular monthly meeting of the city board of commissioners, which customarily would meet on Tuesday night, has been postponed until Thursday night at 8 o'clock, according to an announcement by E. C. Brandon, city engineer.

Mr. Brandon said the postponement was made in order that the board of commissioners, which expects to consider the proposed zoning ordinance for the city, could meet with members of the city planning board.

Some 30 citizens were present at the City Hall last Thursday evening for a public hearing on the proposed zoning ordinance. S. Leigh Wilson, North Carolina League of Municipalities zoning representative, discussed the proposed ordinance and remarks were made by J. Byron Keeter, planning board chairman, and other citizens.

Few objections to the proposed plan were raised, and the group present indicated they favored the proposed plan which would restrict future building in the city to particular zones.

The proposed law is expected to be enacted at the meeting next Thursday night.

BAND TO HICKORY

The Kings Mountain high school band will be among seven high school and college bands participating in the annual homecoming day parade at Lenoir-Rhyne College at Hickory Saturday. Other features of the parade will be 26 floats. The bands will also play at the Lenoir-Rhyne-Gullford football game Saturday night. The parade begins at 4:15 p. m.

Bulwinkle Happy Over Democratic Landslide, Appreciates Support

Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle, of Gastonia, veteran 11th district Congressman, who was re-elected Tuesday to his tenth consecutive term by a margin in excess of 15,000 votes, expressed "complete gratification" Wednesday night over the sweeping Democratic victories.

In a telephone conversation with the Herald, Mr. Bulwinkle said, "I am completely gratified at the election results and at the Democratic victories at all levels, local, district, state and national. The return of Democratic control to both Houses of Congress will make for better government."

"I also wish to thank the good people of Kings Mountain for the

Few seemed to believe it except Harry Truman and National Chairman Howard McGrath — and some say Truman convinced McGrath — but the nation turned out to be "just wild about Harry" Tuesday, as it swept him back into the White House for four more years.

Sweep in along with President Truman and Vice-Presidential Candidate Alben W. Barkley were no less than 20 Democratic governors, and majorities in both the U. S. Senate and U. S. House of Representatives.

The box score in the Senate will be 52 Democrats, 41 Republicans, a net gain of eight Democrats, while in the House, it will be 253 Democrats, 157 Republicans, a net gain of 96 Democrats.

The popular vote for President was reasonable close, with returns still not quite in Thursday morning, but the electoral vote victory was a smashing one. Truman was leading in 28 states with 304 electoral votes, Dewey leading in 16 with 189, and Thurmond capturing four with 38 electoral votes. Though he got more than one million votes, Progressive Henry Wallace had not one electoral vote.

For President Truman it was an off-the-ropes triumph in which he made the Republican — controlled 80th Congress the whipping boy for the ills of the nation. Though the big city newspapers, radio commentators, pollsters and the GOP campaign leadership pooch-pooched the effectiveness of the campaign and uniformly predicted a victory for Dewey and Warren, Mr. Truman kept telling the nation he was going to win. He did, thus making the GOP eat their words. A GOP convention song favorite was "We're NOT wild about Harry."

There was some questions as to whether the pollsters would be able to continue in business. The only lucid statement one could make was, "We were wrong."

With the vote close in many states, the decision was still in doubt 12 hours after the polls of the nation closed — though it was apparent the Democrats could do no worse than get a decision from the House of Representatives which it had won. Dewey conceded defeat at 11:15 a. m. Wednesday.

Kimmel Pauline Superintendent

Harry Kimmel, since 1945 assistant superintendent of the Pauline Plant of Neisler Mills, Inc., has been promoted to superintendent, succeeding the late Frank C. Roberts. It was announced this week by C. E. Neisler.

Clyde Jolly will assume the position of assistant superintendent, Mr. Neisler said.

Mr. Kimmel has been associated with Neisler Mills since 1930. He was employed at the Margrace plant until 1942, when he was transferred to the Pauline plant as overseer of the dobbie loom weaving department.

excellent support again accorded me in my race for the House of Representatives. The majority given me in the Kings Mountain boxes was an important factor in the total."

Kings Mountain supported Mr. Bulwinkle better than five to one.

Congressman Bulwinkle, who like many other Southern congressmen will again be identified with the majority party, will have several important committee assignments. As Number 2 majority member of the important House Interstate and Foreign Commerce committee, Congressman Bulwinkle will serve as chairman of three sub-committees, on aviation, communications and public health.