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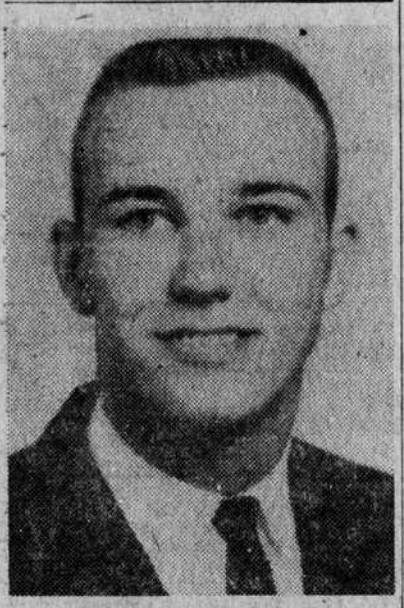
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Democrats To Name Nominees In Saturday Voting

Bennett Asks Reinstatement Of Carrigan



GRADUATED — Richard Eugene George, son of Mr. and Mrs. John George, was among 951 graduates of Eastern Carolina college. He received a B. S. degree in physical education and science. He has begun work on a master's degree in guidance counseling.

Alexander Backs Chief; Gault Might Resign

By MARTIN HARMON

Four of five members of the city commission were contacted by the Herald Wednesday concerning possible action by the commission on the suspension of Officer Ralph Carrigan.

Police Comm. Luther Bennett called the Herald late Wednesday afternoon to say, "I feel that Officer Carrigan should be reinstated. I have talked with Mayor Bridges and asked him to ask Chief Martin Ware to reinstate Carrigan. I feel Officer Carrigan will be reinstated."

Meantime, Comm. Ross Alexander, lone commissioner to fight discharge of the Chief, Officer C. E. Ware and Gas Supt. Corbett Nicholson, commented, "I will support the Chief."

Comm. Boyce Gault said he had had "no plans" but conferred with Comm. Bennett earlier and that Mr. Bennett "wants a meeting to discuss it." He added he is contemplating resigning from the commission and continued, "If I'm still on the board, I'll meet with them, if they do it pretty quickly."

Comm. Ben Bridges said, "I have no comment. I don't know."

Under the City of Kings Mountain form of government, only the city commission has the power to employ and discharge. A department may recommend on employment matters and has the power to suspend an employee, pending action of the commission.



WINS DEGREE — Dr. Bobby Patterson is a recent graduate of Southeastern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and has accepted pastorate duties in Florida.

Rev. Patterson Gets Doctorate

Rev. Bobby Earl Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Patterson, recently was graduated with the Th. D. degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Dr. Patterson has assumed pastorate duties at First Baptist church, Eustis, Fla.

A Kings Mountain native, Dr. Patterson was graduated from Kings Mountain High School, class of '48. He subsequently attended Gardner-Webb college and received his B. A. and M. A. degrees from Baylor University in Texas. He was ordained, after completion of his seminary work in 1956, by his home church, First Baptist, of Kings Mountain.

While in graduate school at Southern Baptist Seminary, where he received his B. D. degree, Dr. Patterson was a teaching fellow of Dr. Eric Rust in the fields of theology and philosophy and also served a Baptist pastorate. He was married in 1953 to Barbara Baum of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., also a Baylor graduate and a social worker for some time in Louisville.

The Pattersons were moved from Louisville to Florida.

Firing Threats Against Trio Bring Protests

By MARTIN HARMON

city board of commissioners fail to discharge Chief of Police Martin Ware, Officers Charles E. Ware, and Gas Superintendent Corbett Nicholson Monday night, as Comm. Ross Alexander, aided by a vocal audience, demanded reasons for the dismissal of the three employees.

Comm. Alexander was aided and abetted additionally by a petition bearing 451 persons who protested the dismissal of the trio without hearing, as well as the prior to the meeting help and presiding officer help of the Mayor.

Results of the hectic Monday night session, as of Wednesday noon, were these:

- 1) Officer Ralph Carrigan was under suspension by Chief Ware on charges of disloyalty and tale-bearing of unfounded rumor-type information to members of the commission.
- 2) Mayor Glee A. Bridges unofficially had announced he will seek re-election to a fifth term.
- 3) Comm. Boyce Gault, he told the Herald, was considering seriously resigning his Ward 2 seat.
- 4) The four-man majority hadn't decided if and when they'd act on Officer Carrigan's suspension.

The Monday night session saw Comm. Alexander label a statement of Comm. Coleman Stroupe "a lie", and found Comms. Ben Bridges, Boyce Gault and Stroupe unwilling to comment on the previously suggested "resignations" of Chief Ware and Officer Ware.

Comm. Bridges did comment on the Nicholson matter, stating that some of the commissioners, for several months, had been discussing possibility of combining some of the work of the natural gas department with that of other city departments to save the city money and get full utilization of manpower. He said he felt Nicholson has done an excellent job.

Comm. Alexander retorted hotly, "Two men serve 600 customers. Neither Grady Yelton nor Hunter Allen have any knowledge of the gas operation. It wasn't discussed with me. I am the gas commissioner. Coleman particularly has said department heads (commissioners) should recommend. I didn't ask him to resign."

Comm. Luther Bennett, near the end of the session and after intermittent calls from the audience for reasons for the resignations requests, arose from his seat to say, "I'm the so-called police commissioner." He said he had obtained Chief Ware full authority of the commission to operate his department and that "a lot of things should not be brought out into the open." He continued, "I don't think the department has been run efficiently, or it is being run satisfactorily."

Chief Ware arose to reply, "I've asked permission to clean out the trouble-makers. The commission won't back me when I ask."

Mayor Bridges, prompted by Comm. Alexander and by declaration of other commissioners to speak, had related the background to the Monday night session. With the statement to the board, "don't call my hand", he acknowledged a meeting of the full commission had been held Thursday night on the matter, with no action taken. One commissioner, later identified as Mr. Stroupe, called at 9 o'clock Friday morning for an appointment with the Mayor at 11. Mayor Bridges said four members of the commission came in, asked him to get resignations of the three men, plus that of officer Jack Jarrett. Subsequently, he said, the quartet withdrew the name of Officer Barrett. Previously, the Mayor had said, "I don't always condone the actions of the majority of the commission but I have to take orders." (Ed. Note: Comm. Alexander had said he was in Charlotte Friday morning, and the warning of a Friday morning gathering, Comm. Bennett told the Herald he happened by coincidence, in that he was seeking information about getting a heart patient some aid from the county chapter of the American Heart Society). The



CLOSE RACE INDICATED — Senator Robert F. Morgan, left, of Shelby, four-term state senator, is being challenged in his fifth term bid by Jack H. White, Kings Mountain attorney. A newspaper poll indicated a near photo finish. Should Mr. White win, he would be Kings Mountain's first state senator since 1927.

White -- Morgan Encounter Close

CITY GAS BUDGET AMENDED UPWARD

The city had to amend its natural gas department budget last week, as it was running out of kilter.

The trouble: too much revenue.

Joe McDaniel, Jr., city clerk, told the commission necessity to amend upward is "good news for the city, not as good for the customers."

Mr. McDaniel said that the bitterly cold winter had upped consumption and, concurrently, the city's profits from the system's operation.

The old budget balanced income and outgo at \$121,500. The newly amended budget for the year ending June 30 balances income and outgo at \$140,000.

Both Candidates Showing Strain Of Campaigning

By MARTIN HARMON

If the 250-person poll of the Shelby Star is any criterion, State Senator Robert F. Morgan and Kings Mountain Judge Jack H. White will head for Saturday night's ballot count in a possible photo finish.

The Star reported results of its 250-person poll Wednesday and said 250 persons divided like this: Morgan 47 percent, White 46 percent; undecided, seven percent.

Senator Morgan is seeking re-election to a fifth term as State Senator. Judge Jack White is making his initial bow into the political arena as a candidate.

There were indications this week that the campaign is waxing both close and warmer. Mr. White said he had run into some "rough stuff" in other sectors of the county. Senator Morgan said he's "loaded" for his opponent on a couple of issues.

Meantime, the final appeals of both candidates in the current edition of the Herald are logical and mild in treatment, indicative of their mutually reported agreement to keep the firing on a lofty plane, avoiding acrimony and mud-slinging.

Mr. White is calling attention to the fact that his election will mean the first Kings Mountain representative to the General Assembly since the late Senator H. Tom Fulton served in the 1927 session.

Senator Morgan is detailing highlights of his record during his eight years in office.

Mr. White expressed bitterness Wednesday at the recent editorial comment of the Daily Star, in which the Star defended Sen.

KM Baptists Here Sunday

Sunday School workers representing 68 churches in the Kings Mountain Baptist Association will gather for workshops here Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

Host churches are Kings Mountain and First Baptist churches. Principal speaker will be Dr. Herman Hiley, secretary of the Sunday School Department of the Baptist State Convention. Others to lead the 1960 theme, "Teaching Them All Things" will be: D. P. Brooks, Jack Bagwell, Mrs. Myra Motley, and Miss Hilda Mayo.

Department leaders who will lead lesson planning in department conferences will include: Mrs. A. G. Davidson, cradle roll; Mrs. Eugene Roberts, nursery; Miss Naomi Edens, beginners; Rev. B. L. Kincaid, primaries; Rev. T. W. Estes, juniors; Rev. Jack Weaver, intermediates; Rev. Don Cabanis, young people; Rev. W. V. Tarlton, adults; and Mrs. Tarlton, extension.

In announcing the Sunday association-wide meeting, A. V. Nolan of Shelby, Sunday School workers superintendent, noted that it is the fourth consecutive year the Kings Mountain Association has achieved a standard of excellence in its Sunday School program.

Rev. C. O. Greene, associational missionary, will recognize the new standard Sunday Schools and Jack Bagwell will bring the Southern Baptist's personal commendations to Sunday School officers.

In the Kings Mountain Association 23 churches have attained the standard of excellence and eight additional ones are ready to apply. Mr. Nolan pointed out, "Our association, Mr. Nolan pointed out, places particular emphasis on the training of teachers and officers."

Other officers planning the conference here are: Roland Leath, associate Sunday School superintendent; Rev. W.

Governor, Senate Constable Races Get Top Billing

By DAVID BAITY

Cleveland County Democrats go to the polls Saturday to "speak their piece" via ballot on statewide and county contests in the Democratic Primary.

Heavy interest in the Kings Mountain area attends the gubernatorial nominee race, a four-way contest between candidates Terry Sanford, Malcolm Seawell, Dr. I. Beverly Lake, and John Larkins.

Particular interest also attends the state senate race and the No. 4 Township constable contest.

Candidates for state senate are Jack H. White, Kings Mountain, attorney, and Robert F. Morgan, Shelby feed and seed dealer.

The race for Number 4 Township constable is a four-man affair between Richard E. (Dick) Ware, who opposed C. A. (Gus)



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Mr. Mann, his wife and two sons expect to occupy the Northside Presbyterian church manse in Gastonia sometime in June. Mr. Mann will be serving as pastor of both Northside and Dixon churches.

Rev. Walter Baker of Gastonia and Rev. W. D. Rachford of Charlotte are supplying the Dixon church.

Mr. Mann is the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Mann of Charlotte. Dr. Mann is former regional director of Christian Education for the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina. Rev. James Mann is a graduate of Davidson college and Union Theological Seminary. Before becoming pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Williamston, he had served churches in Concord and Abington Presbyteries.

School Board Discussed Merger

Kings Mountain city school board met this week for informal discussion of problems faced in the recent consolidation of Kings Mountain, Bethware, Grover and Park Grace schools.

Supt. B. N. Barnes said the first consideration is replacing board members J. W. Webster and A. W. Kincaid, who will step down June 30 so that two county representatives can join the school board.

Mr. Barnes pointed out that the meeting Monday afternoon was not for the purpose of taking any action in the matter, but to discuss possibilities of choosing the new board members as soon as possible so they can be in on the planning stages of the consolidation.

The second problem, of immediate concern, is the transportation of students out of the city to junior high classes in Grover and Bethware and the return of high school students into Kings Mountain high school.

All principals involved, Barnes said, have been asked to prepare a list of prospective school bus drivers, but to make no appointments.

Mr. Barnes said he will meet with the district school bus supervisor and the county supervisor A. M. Sherline to work out the routes. Drivers will be appointed after the routes are arranged.

On Thursday Mr. Barnes will meet with R. J. Denny, state agricultural education representative, in a conference with the two agriculture teachers in the district's schools to work on establishing an agriculture department in the new consolidated school.

Friday, Mr. Barnes will meet with W. L. Latham of the Divisional School Planning Commission, to work on problems of administrative organization in the consolidation.

Bethware Seniors Plan Class Trip

Some 25 members of the Bethware high school senior class leave Monday by chartered bus on the annual class trip to Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Bill Powell, senior sponsor, Principal and Mrs. R. G. Franklin, and Mrs. Perry McSwain are serving as chaperones for the trip.

The class is expected to return to Kings Mountain on June 3rd.

\$250 Scholarship To Beauty Victor

The Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce announced plans this week for reviving its "Miss Kings Mountain" contest.

The beauty pageant will be held on Saturday night, June 11, in the Kings Mountain high school auditorium. Harvey Bumgardner will serve as chairman of the event.

Winner of the "Miss Kings Mountain" contest — already attracting nine entrants — will be selected on the basis of talent and beauty and will represent Kings Mountain in the Miss North Carolina pageant at Charlotte this summer.

Kings Mountain girls seeking the title are Gale Kircus, Judithanne Early, Kim Cashion, Barbara Yarborough, Paula Owens, Norma Jane Hamrick, Judy Kiser, Dianna Neal, and Sarah Cox.

The contest is open to young women 18-23 and entries should be directed to Mr. Bumgardner.

"Miss Kings Mountain of 1960" will receive a \$250 scholarship applicable to the school of her choice plus a wardrobe of bathing suit, street dress, and formal for the state pageant.

Jaycee President (Bob Goforth) announced these committee for the Kings Mountain pageant:

Mr. Bumgardner, general chairman.

Bob Maner, awards and judges.

Bill Allen, staging.

Bob Hall, tickets.

Raymond E. Goforth, house and ushers.

Helms Resigns Recreation Post

Charles Helms, recently appointed city recreation director, has resigned effective on selection of a replacement.

City Clerk Joe McDaniel, also secretary-treasurer of the city recreation commission, said Wednesday members of the commission are prepared to recommend that Roger Blackwell be named director.

Mr. McDaniel said Mr. Helms will remain here until an appointment is made and that the Deal street pool will open Saturday on schedule and remain open thereafter on a daily basis.

Mr. Helms told Mr. McDaniel he had decided to return for a third year to a Southport Boys Camp, where he is a faculty member.

Young GOP Will Organize

An organizational meeting of Cleveland County Young Republicans will be held at City Hall courtroom Thursday night at 7:30.

Dave Morton of Charlotte, who has been instrumental in the organization of Young Republican clubs in Mecklenburg County, is expected to assist in the organization of the Cleveland club.

Membership in the Young Republican Club of Cleveland County is open to both men and women 14-40, a spokesman pointed out yesterday.

Interested Kings Mountain citizens are invited to attend Thursday's meeting.

GOP Also Has Primary Races

Cleveland County Republicans will cast their ballots in the Republican Primary Saturday to decide two state nominee contests.

Republicans seeking the lieutenant-governor nomination are Otha Barden Batten, David Bailey, and S. Clyde Eggers.

Candidates for insurance commissioner are J. E. Cameron and Deems H. Clifton.

There are no Republicans offering for county elective posts.

Pepsi Sale Profitable

Kings Mountain Jaycees Pepsi Sale held last Sunday proved profitable, the club netting some \$33 on the project. Robert L. Goforth, president, said a total of 1100 Pepsis were sold and wished to thank all the local people for their response. Profits from the sale go to the civic improvements funds.

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Grover Count Same As 1950

Grover's unofficial 1960 population is 535 persons, Mayor Franklin Harry was informed by the district census director last weekend.

Should the unofficial figure become official, Grover will have retained, exactly, its 1950 population.

Mayor Harry said he wasn't particularly surprised, noting that Grover's town limits are constricted and that there wasn't much room for Town of Grover population growth during the decade. There has been much growth, he said, in the areas immediately adjacent to the town limits.

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