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tor run-offs.

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Two Elections

Under legislation by the General Assembly, many changes have been made in the state's voting procedures, not least among them requirement that all the state's 312 incorporated munici-palities complete their biennial election business on November 6.

Since Kings Mountain's system is a non-primary one (that is, politically partisan) yet requiring majority for election, Kings Mountain citizens will vote Tuesday to determine identity of City Hall elective officials for the forthcoming two years.

The same act, eliminating the socalled Cleveland County act, which was inspired by Cleveland in the thirties and applied to nine other counties, produced yet another October election, this one on Saturday coming.

Commenting on the two in order of appearance:

THE SCHOOL MATTER

Cleveland county citizens will an-swer "yae" or "nay" Saturday to two questions, the ground rules providing that neither shall be "yae" if both aren't

The questions: 1) Shall Cleveland County's district debt of its three districts be consolidated to become general county rather than district obligations? 2) Shall Cleveland County issue \$4,050,000 in bonds to be used for capital expenditures (school buildings, additions, and/or equipment) for the benefit solely of the county school district?

The questions are simple but the answers on reasoning predicating the proposals are not.

Since district financing is no more by the aforementioned legislative act, the bond proposal and its use designation are means of equalizing district debt as it becomes the general obligation. In other words, the county district is considerably behind on basis of per capita school population which is the historic (and fair) means of division of school funds.

The boards of education urge "aye" votes to both proposals.

Students of current 1973 school law point out: 1) debt consolidation with equalization is fair and, perhaps more capita pupil basis, but b) does require county commissioners to provide required physical facilities for all students in the county.

Herein lies the answer to the teasing question: How can Kings Mountain and Shelby "gain" by voting bonds for someone else? Kings Mountain and Shelby districts already owe their debts, which will be paid district-wise - or these debts, with the county commission required to provide facilities, will be paid along with those required to provide the additional needs for the county district anyway.

Amazingly, proponents point out, the equalization bond issue figures to provide the right amount of cash to provide two junior high schools the county district system sorely needs.

THE CITY ELECTION

Tuesday's election, barring the highly unlikely prospect of several ties, will determine the identity of the individuals and course of city government for the coming two years.

Actually, this course is pretty well set already—not matter the identity of the winners—for two principal reasons:

1) state law and 2) long-term projects already on the books.

Most newcomers to city office, pri-orly uninformed, quickly learn these facts of municipal life.

The campaigning, in contrast to

some dotting the city's 99-year history, has been contained and well-tempered. Since all incumbents are candidates

for re-election, the generic question is: Has the present administration done a good job, or hasn't it?

ON VOTING

Voting is a right and prerogative of a democratic form of government. None who has qualified (by citizen-

ship and registration) are denied the privilege.

Conversely, none are driven to the polls by the bull whip of fear that failure to vote will bring reprisal.

Which is as it should be.

Per capita, the United States casts fewer votes than many nations, both in the free democracies and the totalitarian nations-where in the latter the use of the bull whip of fear is quite appar-

OF PRAISE

district could be rewritten or al-tered after each school board World magazines have joined election to reflect the tenets of forces in a new biweekly whose majority of 'he new board." first issue offers a valuable re-The Baptists of course aren't minder: America is "a country in a majority of 'he new board." During these years, 1 nave alone in their traditional state. the title of an article grawn worked with seven mayors, J. H. tion to union of church and state. the title of an article grawn Thomson, H. Tom Fulton, Jim Prayer a mendment proposals from a forthcoming book, "Cop-Herndon, Sr., Garland Still, Glee have drawn vigorous opposition ing," by Daniel P. Moynihan, from various Protestant and Jew-ambassador to India and former in the method of the president for urish groups, and from organiza-tions promoting civil liberties. ban affairs. Without mentioning But the Baptists throughout our Watergate, Mr. Moynihan writes;

In 1947, prior to the city elec. history have been in the van-tion and on public demand, the guard of the fight against organ. General Assembly changed the ic ties between church and gov. to summon social energies that city charter to provide for scrap- | ernment. Note, for example, an issue are needed to set things right ping of the strict ward system Note, for example, an issue are needed to set things right ... and plurality election. One little that came up in Johnston county To recognize and acknowledge item was omitted from the bill, some 35 years ago. The county success, however modest, is fundamental to the practice of gov-Though majority election was re-board of education was besieged quired, no provision was made with requests to provide Bible ernment. It is a first principle of study courses in the schools in leadership in a democracy, where cooperation with churches. Sup-erintendent H. B. Marrow and institutions than to individuals." loyalty must be directed more to the school board understood the dangers of mixing church-spon-

sored education with the public school curriculum. When they resisted demands for Bible surge of desegregation in 1970 courses, their chief defenders that placed Southern schools were Baptists of the Johnston ahead of Northern schools in this association. Baptist leaders pub respect. "The administration in office which had worked to bring licly warned against the danger of particular interprepations of about the end of the dual school the Bible prevailing over others system, did not especially want in public education, in violaton The traditional Baptist view, want to give 'credit' . . . Almost immediately thereafter the issue groups, regards religious educa. of school busing arose in North-tion as an obligation that must ern cities. If only it had done so be assumed by churches and fam. in the context of a wide acknowl illes. It is not to be entrusted to edged success in the South, might the public schools. Any semblance not public attitudes have

name of freedom. But this does not mean that Baptists and acknowledged. One may disagree as individuals, are not to involve themselves in political matters, giving expression to their relig-ous beliefs as governmental issues arise. Surely, there is nothing uncon-stitutional or dangerous about

Christian or Jewish principles to public affairs. The lack of such



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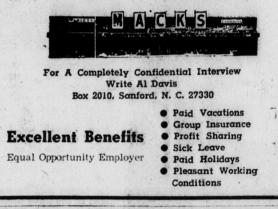
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It happened on the first go-round. The incumbent did not offer for re-election and there were several would-be successors. Here I (and a goodly number of others) got a lesson in law on the phrase "shall continue in office until his successor is elect. of free worshp. d and qualified". In Ward 4, John Henry Moss led the running shared by many hut had no mainting the ground worship

but had no majority. Since he was not elected, therefore could certainly not qualify (be sworn). Incumbent W. M. Gantt, no candidate, could by law continue in his seat for two more years.

that I declined to believe. Said

Garland, "Aw, since you got married, you don't get around

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During these years, I have

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That posed an interesting pro-blem. What if no candidate for

a particular office attained a

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Commissioner Gantt did not so choose. Mayor Fulton and the four elected commissioners took their oaths. The first matter of business was acceptance of the resignation of Comm. Gantt. The next matter of business was the appointment of Candidate Moss to succeed Comm. Gantt.

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belt, and Incumbent Fulton were the candidates and my un-checked memory is that Jim won by

LUV MATCH MEANWHILE

voters and politicians applying

The female chauvinists who re-successes, for it needs ahe re-turned to real life Friday morn. serves of morale that this kind Riggs' of awareness brings."-Christian ing, crowing over Bolby defeat, deserved their day of Science Monitor.

opposition did not in the least of organic union linking church different?" to state is to be avoided in the Whateve Whatever one's answer to that

members of other denominations, with Mr. Moynihan's view of solving some urban problems through a kind of "benign neglect" (though he doesn't resurrect that albatross phrase here). But his emphasis on admitting success as well as failure is particularly important now as the naconfidence in itself is tion's

challenged on various fronts. This is not to advocate slipping into the old complacency but to The closest race for mayor application weakens A merica into the old complacency but to during this period came two much more than the absence of realize that things are really not years later. Jim Herndon, three religious worship in public so bad that it's not worth trying prior mayoral terms under his schools.-Smithfield Herald. han concludes,

han concludes, "American so-ciety would do better to pay somewhat more attention to its

important, the law a) does not require a county to distribute its funds on a per

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Crime Prevention

"Wave of Thefts and Vandalism". "Pair Charged with Larceny".

These are two Herald headlines of the September 27 edition which also contained a much larger One: "Crime Prevention Program Launched In City". The first two point the need for the major one.

There is much conversation about the increase in crime in New York, Chicago, Atlanta and other major cities.

The problem, obviously, is not limited to major cities, but exists right here in North Carolina, and Cleveland County, and Kings Mountain.

Operation Identification is an interesting innovation and experiment. The idea is not only to recover stolen goods but to put the noose to the thief and put him in the hoosegow.

The United Fund

Ten agencies rendering valuable services to the community will live, get by, or starve on response of citizens to the annual Kings Mountain Fund campaign, which began officially Monday.

The goal to support all ten is \$36,100.

After several years in the United Sund program, Kings Mountain has a-Jopted the one-check-for-all habit, with a good record of supporting the program.

A liberal check is in order.

Milton Fryer

The untimely death of Milton Fry-er, at 56, shocked and saddened his many friends.

Mr. Fryer, a native of Racine, Wisconsin, adopted Kings Mountain.

It was in turn quite easy for Kings Mountain to adopt the friendly, ebullient gentleman from the Mid-West.

After a comparatively short tenure as a Kings Mountain citizen in the early years after World War II, Mr. Fryer's work took him elsewhere, but he entertained the intention, realized, to retire here.

Our sympathy.

Legislative Recourse

There seems little doubt that supporters of a four-year medical school for Eastern Carolina University will not bow to the thinking of a study commission which said a four-year medical school at this institution isn't the best

way for North Carolina to get more and needed doctors.

The ECU medical school supporters will take their fight to the legislature.

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Si votes

The closest commission race I recall was in 1951. C. C. (Shorty) Edens and Lloyd Davis, now seeking to regain his post of years ago, waged a hot battle. The count: Davis by seven, 920 to 913. Mr. Edens was first de-

clared the winner until a recheck of the totals revealed the tabulation error.

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Here came another lesson. Mr. Edens sought a recount. It was denied, on customary historical grounds that no evidence of error was presented.

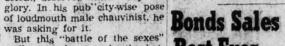
m-m This year's election has more differences than date. The city commission no longer doubles in brass as the city elections board. It is this board now which appoints the elections officials, and

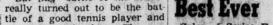
certifies the returns.

m-m This season probably marks two firsts: 1) by legislative act, the present administration will have been in office more than two-and-one-half years; 2) Hugh A. Logan, Jr., is mostly likely the first announced write-in candidate in the city's history.

STUDENT TEACHER

Virginia Susan Goforth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garrison Goforth of Kings Mountain, began her observation and directed student teaching for Erskine College on October 1. Miss Goforth, a senior elementary education, is teaching Kindoergarten and first grade at school in Abbeville. She is a Greenville St. Elementary 1970 Kings Mountain high chool graduate.





Sales of Series E and H Say a superb tennis player. The superb one happened to be a woman, ing Funds bonds in Cleveland and Billie Jean King's triumph county during August were \$89 was a spectacular public ratifi-cation, if that were needed, of 821. January-August sales totaled of \$797,830. This represents 72.6 per her efforts for equal rights for women in the sport. (99,000, according to George Blan-It may have been a love match ton Jr., county volunteer chair

only in the sense of the score—3 man. to 0—but it ended without the August sales of Series E and artificial jibing surrounding it. H tonds in North Carolina Mr. Riggs lost lke a gentleman, amount to \$7,571,119, 3.2 per cent no excuses, though there's a ques-tion whether the gentlemen's gust sales totaled \$60,603,179-6.4 (gentleperson's?) sport of tennis per cent above the same period will ever be the same. Instead of last year and the highest on recsimply shifting heads side to ord for any comparable period side in the usual manner of a since 1945. This represents 69.6

mass of silent typewriters, the per cent of the state's 1973 dollar biggest tennis crowd in history came out with gladiatorial cries Nationaly, August sales of came out with gladiatorial cries Nationaly, August sales of lke football or fight fans. Commercialism was rampant from aled \$567 million, 0.9 per cent Mr. Riggs' emplazoned jacket to above 1972. Total cash sales of Mrs. King's ads for a hair curler E and H Bonds for the first S between bouts of curling Bobby's months of 1973 amount to \$4. 577 million, 6.4 per cent above a hair

But there seemed a basic good ear earlier. Sales exceeped re humor in all the hoe la, and the demptions, at cost price, for the tennis itself, seriously and ex- 35th consecutive month. Total citingly played, handily survived holdings of bonds-shares came to a record \$60.27 billion. the air of extravaganza. While the Riggs-King tennis

SOCIAL CALENDAR match was giving TV one of its

summit evening t home enter-tainment, another channel was showing "Bonnie and Clyde," a Mayes on Ridge street.shrdluw movie providing an extreme ex-ample of the violence that, alas, Mayes on Ridge street. Mrs. is still all to prevalent on the George Houser, program chair-tube. For all the film's artistic man; Mrs. Richard Greene, guest repute, it was depressing to speaker, "Conservation."



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