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## City Board Calls For ABC Vote

By GARY STEWART  
Editor

The City Council Monday night voted 5-1 to request the City Board of Elections to call for a vote on the establishment of an ABC store and the sale of malt beverages and unfortified wine for off-premises consumption.

Attorney E. Scott Cloninger, who along with Carl DeVane chairs the Kings Mountain Citizens For Legal Control, appeared before the board with 77 petitions containing the names of over 1,300 people. Cloninger said he and DeVane had verified

about 1,000 of the signatures as being registered voters.

District Four commissioner Norman King cast the lone no vote.

Cloninger suggested that the date of the election be set for April 12. He said state law requires that the election be held "no less than 60 days nor more than 120 days" after the request is received.

Cloninger said he appeared before the city board to ask that the issue be put before the people for a vote. "I'm not asking the board to make a statement about the issue, but merely ask-

ing the board to recognize the rights of the citizens to vote on the issue," he said.

By law, an ABC election can be called by one of two ways. The city board can file a written request with the Elections Board; or, petitions containing at least one-fourth of the registered voters within the city limits may be presented directly to the Elections Board.

Cloninger said he chose the first option and was using the petitions "as supportive evidence of what we're asking the board to do."

Commissioner King asked

Cloninger if the Elections Board will verify that the signatures on the petitions are registered voters. Cloninger replied "They don't have to."

No other commissioners spoke about the issue. Commissioner Curt Gaffney made the motion that the request be granted and Commissioner Corbet Nicholson seconded. Commissioners Jim Childers, Humes Houston and Jim Dickey also voted in favor.

This is the third time in 16 years that the ABC issue has come before the city. In 1967, it failed by a vote of 1,411 against to 1,091 for and in 1975, it failed

by a vote of 1,471 against to 1,310 for. In a vote for malt beverages and wine, the vote count was 1,499 against to 1,267 for.

In other action Monday, the board:

\*Approved a resolution praising the city departments and volunteers for their help in restoring power to the city during last week's snow and ice storm.

\*Viewed an audio visual presentation of a side-load garbage collection system by Joe

Friday of Special Equipment Inc. of S.C.

\*Forwarded to the Zoning Board a request from Keith Laughter to rezone the property of Sample Yardage on Cherokee Street from CB (Central Business) to GB (General Business). The building would be used for a skating rink.

\*Approved advertisement of bids for a sanitation-garbage collection system, street sweeper and one bucket tower for the electrical department.

## Ice Puts KM Area Powerless

A snow and ice storm last week resulted in a loss of power for over 90 percent of the citizens of Kings Mountain and Cleveland County.

Snow began falling Thursday night and it was followed early Friday morning by sleet and freezing rain. By nightfall Friday, the heavy weight of the freezing rain was breaking power lines.

Most area citizens were without power most of the weekend, and a scattered few were still in the cold as late as Wednesday.

Cleveland County emergency personnel set up an emergency shelter at the County Office Building in Shelby and police, rescue squads and fire departments transported people from all over the county to the shelter for warmth and food.

Gene Waldroup of the Kings Mountain Electrical Department estimated damages in the city at "at least a quarter of a million dollars."

Very few people in the county had uninterrupted power.

"At one time we had more than 90 percent of the town without power," Waldroup said. "It was like fighting fire. Everytime we thought we had it

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Cutting limbs off lines...

## Powerless!

Linwood residents complain over loss of electricity...

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Editor

Some Linwood area residents who were upset that an electrician was called off a near-completed job in their neighborhood and sent elsewhere during the weekend's power outage appeared before the City Council Monday night to air their complaints.

Clavon Kelly, representing several citizens, said the lineman was "13 minutes from being through" when he was called off the job by Mayor John Henry Moss. Kelly said the power was off for nine more hours.

Following a lengthy argument between Moss and Kelly, during which time Moss denied ever telling anyone how to do their job, other citizens of the neighborhood spoke out.

Moss and several city commissioners defended the Utility Department's handling of the crisis, and at the close of the meeting several citizens and commissioners agreed that there was a "communications" problem existing in the city that should be corrected in case another such emergency arises in the future.

Several citizens also charged that the city hired only four electricians from other towns when 40 were available. Moss and



MAYOR JOHN MOSS

CLAVON KELLY

other city officials also denied that claim.

Kelly said the Linwood area has always been "the proverbial red-headed step children of Kings Mountain. We pay the same tax rate as everybody else and can't understand why the man was pulled off the job," he said. "We want to know why we don't get roads repaired and gutters fixed, and why we don't get

some services everybody else gets for nothing."

Gene Waldroup, head of the electrical department, said he called the man off the job because there was a live wire down in another part of the city. He said he gave the other job top priority because it created a "dangerous situation."

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## Band Clinic At KMHS

The South Central District Band Clinic will again be held at Kings Mountain Senior High School on January 28 and 29. This clinic is one of six in North Carolina sponsored by the North Carolina Bandmasters Association, a division of the North Carolina Music Educators Conference. The South Central District consists of students from Cleveland, Lincoln, Catawba, Iredell, Cabarrus, Rowan, Gastonia, Mecklenberg, Stanley and Union counties. These students were selected for this clinic at auditions at Bessemer City High School on January 8. There are two clinic bands. One band is made up of ninth and tenth graders, and the other band is made up of eleventh and twelfth graders.

This year the ninth and tenth grade clinic band will be directed by Ed Benson of Charlotte, N.C. Benson is a native of Rocky Mount, and is a graduate of East Carolina University. He received his MA degree from Columbia University in New York. He has served as band director in New Bern, Fuquay-Varina, Asheville and Charlotte. He was also music supervisor in Asheville. At present he is Music Instrument Co-ordinator of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. Benson has served as clinician and adjudicator in other areas, and is highly respected by his professional peers.

The eleventh and twelfth grade band will be under the baton of Alberto Romen Aser-



ED BENSON



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cion, Master Chief Musician (USN, Ret.) Asercion served as solo clarinetist, concert master, and associate conductor of the United States Naval Academy Band in Annapolis, Maryland. During his tenure in the Naval Academy Band, he was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal for his outstanding contribution to the professionalism, public image and morale of that organization. He has taught at Old Dominion University and Frederick College, and has served as Principal Conductor of the Virginia Beach Symphony. Asercion is in wide demand as guest soloist, clinician and adjudicator. While in the navy he served for several years in the Armed Forces School of Music in Norfolk, Virginia. While there he served

drums, mellophone, cornet, and finally clarinet. At age fifteen, he won "Best Soloist of the Year" award in the Philippines. He also served as soloist with the famous Banda Matanda and the world's finest Philippine Constabulary Band. While in the Philippines he was principal conductor of his hometown band, and performed with major symphonies of the Philippines. He attended the University of the Philippines in Quezon City. Asercion is now retired from the United States Navy and resides with his family in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The clinic is grateful to the Selmer Co. of Elkhart, Ind. for their unselfish assistance in providing Asercion's services.

These two bands will rehearse for two days and then perform in concert on Saturday night in Barnes Auditorium at Kings Mountain Senior High School at 7:30 p.m. This concert is open to the public, and admission is free.

### Info Needed

The Kings Mountain unit of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is planning to purchase a memorial plaque to honor all Kings Mountain area servicemen who died in the Vietnam War.

The VFW needs the names, rank and other pertinent information about the men.

Family members of those who died in Vietnam are urged to call the VFW at 739-9935 after 3 p.m. and supply the information.



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INFORMATION

### Bluegrass Jamboree At Grover

The Grover Rescue Squad will sponsor a big bluegrass jamboree Saturday at 7 p.m. at Grover School.

Featured will be Nelson Young and the Sandy Valley Boys, the Leonard McSwain Band, The Roustabouts, Manuel Houser and the Country Ramblers, Ben Stegal and the Crusaders, and Harold Murphy.

Refreshments can be purchased at the concession stand.

Proceeds from the event will go toward the purchase of a Kinman rescue tool which costs \$4,100.

### INTERIM PASTOR

Rev. Wray G. Barrett has been called as interim pastor at Oak View Baptist Church.

### KIWANIS CLUB

Ken Mauney, State Highway Department engineer, will speak on the Highway 74 bypass project at Thursday's meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club at the Holiday Inn.

### SENIOR CITIZENS

Attorney Mickey Corry will discuss wills with the senior citizens of Macedonia Baptist Church at their monthly covered dish luncheon meeting on February 1.

### BP CHECKS

Because of the snow, the blood pressure services have been rescheduled to Friday, January 28, at the Kings Mountain Multi-Purpose Senior Center. This health service is available to senior citizens from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the depot.

### SAT., JAN. 29

The Committee for the Disabled will sponsor a yard sale beginning at 9 a.m. at the Depot Center. Anyone with items to donate should call 739-9112 or drop them off at the Disabled Committee's office at the Community Center.

### SAT., JAN. 29

The Chestnut Ridge Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a spaghetti supper from 5 until 8 p.m. at the fire department. Spaghetti, salad, bread and beverages will be sold.