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Elections Board Sets The Date

Board Asked To Rescind ABC Vo

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Editor

The City Elections Board Monday afternoon approved April 12 as the date of a referendum for the establishment of an ABC store and the sale of unfortified wine and malt beverages in the city limits.

However, there is a move underway by some citizens to persuade the City Board of Commissioners to rescind their action of last week which called for the election, and require "wet" forces to submit legal petitions containing at least 25 percent of the names of the registered voters inside the city limits.

Attorney Scott Cloninger, co-chairman of the Kings Mountain Citizens for Legal Control, appeared before the board at last week's meeting and asked for an

ABC election. The board approved by a vote of 5-1, with Commissioner Norman King opposing.

Since that time, some citizens who are opposed to the sale of alcoholic beverages, have been contacting Mayor John Henry Moss and commissioners asking them to reconsider their stand.

Rumors have been widespread that the board will have a special called meeting to rescind the action, but members of the board who were contacted yesterday said they knew nothing of such a meeting.

Mayor Moss, when asked if the vote would be rescinded, commented, "I haven't heard anything about it. I can't speak for the board."

But Dr. Tom Patterson, pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church,

said he talked with the Mayor a week ago and has written letters to the Mayor and all six commissioners. He said those letters were put in the mail Tuesday morning.

Commissioners Norman King and Jim Dickey both said they had not heard anything about it either, but both hinted they did not understand that their action was an official calling for an ABC referendum. They said they understood that the city board was only voting to pass the petitions along to the Elections Board.

Cloninger, when appearing before the board, explained the steps by which an election could be called. He noted that the referendum could be requested by the City Board of Commissioners, or petitions containing

names of at least 25 percent of the registered voters could be presented directly to the Elections Board. "I'm not asking the board to make a statement about the issue, but merely asking the board to recognize the rights of the citizens to vote on the issue," Cloninger stated.

The procedures for calling an ABC referendum were also explained the Thursday before the board meeting in a front page story in the Herald.

Commissioner King, who was the only member of the board to speak out that night, said the board was "misled. We were told that we were simply voting to send it to the Elections Board."

"It's totally unfair to the board to say that they knew better,"

King said. "We were told to forward it to the Elections Board."

"I had a call or two from people that didn't like it," Commissioner Dickey said. "We were going by what the attorneys (Cloninger and City Attorney George Thomasson) said. I understood that we were not sanctioning anything."

Commissioners Humes Houston, Jim Childers, Corbet Nicholson and Curt Gaffney could not be reached for comment.

Elections Board Chairman Luther Bennett said the board has no other choice but to call for the referendum when it is requested by the governing body of the city. If petitions are presented to the Elections Board, he said the board is required by law to verify that at least 25 per-

cent of the names voters.

"Several people have called me and said 'Don't let them have it.' But we can't help but let them have it," Bennett said. "What the city board did was actually vote for the election."

Bennett said the Elections Board received the city board's request in last Thursday's mail. He said the Elections Board would write Mayor Moss advising him that it had complied with the request.

Dr. Patterson said the "dry" forces are gearing up for the election and will name their chairman within a week.

"We had hoped the situation would not have gone as far as it has," he said. "We wanted to get

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Bloodmobile To Visit KM Friday

The Kings Mountain Community Bloodmobile visit will be Friday from 12:30 until 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church.

Goal is 175 pints.

Local PTOs and civic clubs are helping sponsor this visit.

The Blood Center in Charlotte has sent notice that the mobile lab will be sent to Kings Mountain to process platelets for cancer and leukemia patients. It takes seven donors to get enough platelets to make one blood transfusion. There are approximately two tablespoons of platelets per pint of blood. Some cancer patients require 30 or more platelet transfusions per week.

The Kings Mountain Jaycees help provide loading and unloading help for all Kings Mountain bloodmobiles. Other civic clubs and PTO members are invited to help with loading and unloading Friday. Members need to be at the site at 11 a.m. to unload and at 6:30 p.m. to start loading.

Homemade vegetable soup will be served to the donors.



Policemen Jackie Barrett, left, Richard Reynolds check damage

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

MISSION SUPPER

Dr. Jess White of Newton, former medical missionary to Haiti, will speak at the annual Witness Season program Saturday at Dixon Presbyterian Church. A covered dish supper will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by Dr. White's program. The public is invited to attend.

KIWANIS CLUB

Dr. Frank Sincox will discuss the "Wide Spread Effect of Bacterium" at the weekly meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club Thursday at the Holiday Inn.

AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Arleen Barrett will present the program on "Americanism." Hostesses are Mrs. Myrtle Christenson and Mrs. Ruth Gamble.

FREE CHEESE

The first cheese distribution for 1983 is scheduled for Thurs., Feb. 17 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Cleveland County Office Building auditorium at 130 South Post Road, Shelby. Clients certified for Food Stamps for the month of February must have their green ID card. Others who wish to apply must have proof of income received so far in the month of February.

MD CONCERT

A concert to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association will be held Sat., Feb. 12 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of Ashbrook High School, New Hope Road in Gastonia. Country-rock singer Jadi and his band will perform. For tickets call 332-5101.

MEN'S DAY

Ken Page of Cherryville will fill the pulpit for Baptist Men's Day services Sunday at 11 a.m. at Second Baptist Church. The service was postponed from January 23 because of snow and ice. Jerry Milwood will preach at the Sunday evening and Wednesday evening services.

PINTO BEANS

The Senior Citizens of First Wesleyan Church on Piedmont Avenue will sponsor a pinto bean supper Wed., Feb. 9 from 5 until 6:30 p.m. Plates will cost \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

EXERCISE CLASS

An exercise class will be held at Chestnut Ridge Volunteer Fire Department February 5 through March 17. The class will meet each Thursday from 7-8 p.m. The fee is \$10 for the six weeks or \$2 per week. For information call 739-4060 or 739-5853.

Exercise-A-Thon Saturday

An exercise-a-thon to benefit Cystic Fibrosis will be held Saturday from noon until 8 p.m. at the Cleveland Mall in Shelby.

All funds raised will be used to help fight Cystic Fibrosis. To kickoff the event, WBTV Channel 3 will be doing a live broadcast for its "Top of the Day" program Friday at the Kings Mountain Neighborhood Facility Center.

Saturday's exercise-a-thon will be just one of dozens being held across the state to benefit Cystic Fibrosis. Local sponsor is the Kings Mountain Neighborhood Facility Center's Ladies Exercise

Program in cooperation with the Cleveland Mall and the Greater Kings Mountain Area Community Partnership Committee for the Disabled. The event is being held in memory of Jeremy Wray Brown of Kings Mountain, who lost his lengthy battle against Cystic Fibrosis on January 22 at the age of five.

Funds raised will help support the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's research, treatment and education programs in North Carolina and across the nation. Two CF centers are located in North Carolina, at the UNC School of Medicine and at Duke Medical Center.

Participants will be raising dollars for CF by obtaining pledges from friends, relatives, neighbors and co-workers for each hour they exercise. Hostess for the day will be WBTV's Lynne Bradley.

Cystic Fibrosis is a fatal lung and digestive disease that takes the lives of half of its victims before they reach their twenties. CF causes large amounts of thick mucus to clog the lungs and interfere with breathing and the absorption of food.

A grand prize will be awarded to the top fund-raiser. All participants who raise \$30 or more will receive a CF "I Did It"

T-shirt and all who raise \$75 or more will receive a T-shirt and tote bag.

For more information or to sponsor a participant, call the Kings Mountain Neighborhood Facility Center at 739-3549 from 2 p.m. until 9 p.m., or stop by the center at room 102 at 208 North Cleveland Avenue. Co-chairpersons for the event are Patsy Parker, Ladies Exercise Program Instructor, and Ray Hurley, Director of the Kings Mountain Neighborhood Facility Center.

The public is invited to attend, spectate or participate.

It's Still Winter

Don't get out your garden tools and lawn mowers just yet. We have six more weeks of winter to deal with.

Our resident groundhog, Kings Mountain Harold, awakened from his long sleep Wednesday morning and crawled out of his hole in the pines off Canterbury Road.

The sky was cloudy and a few drops of rain even fell on his head. He was enjoying the 63-degree weather until the sun broke through the clouds. He saw his shadow and scurried back to his winter abode. He predicted more cold weather and at least one more snow.

So, keep those snow shovels handy, and just read up on your gardening. It'll be a while yet before you can put your skills into practice.

