

# Kings Mountain Herald

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The undersigned voters of The City of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, hereby petition the Board of Elections of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, to call for, to give notice of, and to conduct an election pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Section 18B-601 et seq., and other applicable provisions of North Carolina law on the following issues:

- (1) FOR the "off-premises" sale only of Malt Beverages  
AGAINST the "off-premises" sale only of Malt Beverages
- (2) FOR the "off-premises" sale only of Unfortified Wine  
AGAINST the "off-premises" sale only of Unfortified Wine
- (3) FOR the operation of ABC stores  
AGAINST the operation of ABC stores.

This Petition is hereby initiated by the Board of Elections this 24th day of February, 1983. This Petition is hereby returned to the Board of Elections this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1983.

Print Name As Appears On  
Signature Of Voter Kings Mtn. Registration Records Address Precinct  
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**LEGAL PETITION** - This is a copy of the petition initiated last week by the City Elections Board which citizens interested in calling for an ABC referendum must sign. The Citizens for Legal Control, which is requesting the

referendum, will hold a public petition signing Saturday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the old bank building at the corner of Battleground Avenue and Mountain Street.

Public Signing Saturday

## ABC Petitions Are Circulating

Petitions asking the City Board of Elections to call for a referendum for the off-premises sale of malt beverages, off-premises sale of unfortified wine and the establishment of an A.B.C. store in the city began circulating last week.

The Board of Elections initiated the petitions Thursday following a request from the Kings Mountain Citizens for Legal Control. That committee has 90 days to return petitions containing at least one-fourth of the names of the registered voters inside the city limits.

Elections Board Chairman Luther Bennett reported that there were 3,734 registered voters as of Thursday. That means, at least 934 citizens who were registered Thursday must sign the petitions before an election is called. If 934 legal signatures are obtained, the

Board of Elections is required by law to hold a referendum.

The Citizens for Legal Control, chaired by Attorney Scott Cloninger and Carl DeVane, will sponsor a public petition drive Saturday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the old First Union Bank building on Battleground Avenue. Any voters who were registered as of Thursday will be invited to sign the petition. Cloninger said any persons interested in signing but who cannot come to the bank building Saturday may call 739-4766 and someone will take a petition to their homes.

"Some petitions are already out and the response has been good," Cloninger said. "People who sign the petition must have been registered by last Thursday, but we still encourage people who are not registered to go and register so they can vote in the

referendum," he said.

Persons signing the petition must give the following information: They must sign the petition, print their name as it appears on the Kings Mountain voter registration records, list their address and their voting precinct.

The Citizens for Legal Control first requested the referendum from the City Board of Commissioners, who approved it, but the committee had to go the petition route after the commissioners came back two weeks later and rescinded their action.

The Kings Mountain Positive Action League, a group made up mostly of ministers and church members in the community, is fighting the proposed election.

Persons who are not registered to vote may register any week-

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## Emergency Plan Explained To City Board

The steps of dealing with emergencies within the city were outlined by Commissioner Humes Houston during Monday night's meeting of the Kings Mountain City Council at the Governmental Services Facilities Center.

Houston is chairman of the Emergency Operations Committee, which began its duties in 1978 and continuously updates its

methods of handling emergencies ranging from storm damage to train derailments and toxic chemical spills and leakages.

Acting Police Chief J.D. Barrett, Fire Chief Gene Tignor, and Gas Superintendent Jimmy Maney serve on the committee with Houston, and the committee is advised by rescuers, Southern Railway, the Department of Transportation and

other emergency officials.

The plan covers how personnel will handle different emergency situations, evacuation procedures, casualty situations, housing for evacuated citizens and communications.

Houston pointed out that the possibility of emergency situations is great in Kings Mountain because the town is divided by Southern Railway and Highway

74 and that trains and vehicles carrying toxic material travel through the town almost daily.

He pointed to the recent ice storm and the toxic chemical leak on a Southern Railway tanker as prime examples of emergency situations which the committee's plan covers.

"Our most dangerous area is going to be Southern Railway," he said. "Numerous times you

can see tanker car after tanker car on a long train coming through town."

Nearby Interstate 85 also poses an emergency threat to the city, Houston said, "and we are in the flight pattern of Charlotte International Airport and have the possibilities of an air crash."

The committee has gotten the cooperation of 27 churches in the area who have agreed to

house evacuated citizens in case of emergencies, and has also compiled a list of schools, community buildings and other available shelters; as well as names of available student and adult bus drivers, copies of hospital casualty plans and lists of disabled persons in the area who would have to have special

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## City Hunting Chief

The city of Kings Mountain should have a new police chief within a month.

In a surprise move at the close of Monday night's City Council meeting at the Governmental Services Facilities Center, Com-

missioner Norman King made a motion that the personnel committee be authorized to advertise for a police chief and bring a recommendation to the board within 30 days.

The motion was seconded by

Commissioner Corbet Nicholson and passed unanimously.

In a separate matter, King's attempt to advertise for an assistant city attorney failed when Mayor John Henry Moss refused to break a tie vote.

King made a motion that the personnel committee also be authorized to advertise for an assistant to City Attorney George Thomasson. That motion was also seconded by Nicholson and King, Nicholson and Commissioner Jim Childers voted for it. Commissioners Jim Dickey, Humes Houston and Curt Gaffney opposed and Mayor Moss declared the motion dead.

When Mayor Moss first asked for the votes of those opposing the motion, there seemed to be some confusion as to how many commissioners voted no. Commissioner King said he could not hear the votes and asked for a show of hands.

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Miles H. Mauney of Oberlin, Ohio; 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Sunday at 3 p.m. at St. Matthews Lutheran Church by the Rev. Harwood Smith. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Pallbearers were John Moss, Dr. Scott Mayse, James Herndon, Dr. Jeff Mauney, Dr. G.K. Howard Jr. and Lee McIntyre.

Memorials may be made to St. Matthews Lutheran Church or to the charity of the donor's choice.

## Embezzlement Investigated

Kings Mountain Police Department is investigating an alleged embezzlement of money by a former employee of Kings Mountain Country Club.

Acting Chief Jackie Barrett said he has been in contact with the District Attorney's office about the case but could not release any details.

## Service Wednesday

The third in a series of Lenten Services will be held Wednesday from 12:05 until 1 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church.

The worship leader is the Rev. Eric Faust of First Presbyterian Church. The message will be given by the Rev. J.C. Goare of Kings Mountain Baptist Church.

A light lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. A minimum one dollar donation is asked.

## Dr. O.P. Lewis, 85, Dies On Wednesday

Dr. Oliver Preston Lewis of 309 West Mountain Street, retired Kings Mountain dentist, died at 5:50 a.m. Wednesday at Kings Mountain Convalescent Center. He was 85.

A native of Rutherford County, he was the son of the late Joseph P. and Mary Taylor Lewis. He was a member of First Baptist Church, was a lifetime member of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club, a Mason, and a member of the American Legion and the North Carolina Dental Society. He was a veteran of both World War I and II.

Dr. Lewis retired in May of 1973 after 52 years of serving the community as a dentist. He served as a lieutenant-colonel in the army dental corps in World War II. World War I ended while the young field artilleryman was enroute to France aboard the USS Kroonland, a captured German vessel.

Dr. Lewis helped organize Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, here. He was initially a member of Fred Williams Post 75 in Rutherfordton.

Dr. Lewis was educated in the Rutherford County School System, Wake Forest University and Emory University School of Dentistry. He began his practice in Kings Mountain in the old First National Bank building.



DR. O.P. LEWIS

He is survived by his wife, Sara Kate Ormand Lewis of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth T. Nantz of Charlotte; and two grandchildren.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 4 p.m. at First Baptist Church by Dr. Joel P. Jenkins Jr. and the Rev. Eric Faust. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

The family received friends Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home.

## Funeral Services Held For Eloise Nickels, 87

Mrs. Eloise Willeford Nickels of Charlotte, former Kings Mountain school teacher, died February 23 at 4:30 p.m. at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte. She was 87.

A Cleveland County native, she was the daughter of the late Bennett Robert and Dora Bell Willeford, and was the widow of the late James Calvin Nickels Jr. She was a member of First

Presbyterian Church in Kings Mountain. She is survived by one daughter, Miss Nancy Nickels of Charlotte. Her son, James Calvin Nickels III died in service in 1946.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at 4 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Eric Faust. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.



**HOT OFF PRESS** - Tom McCluney, Darrell Austin and Randy Barber, left to right, employees of Herald Publishing Company, show students from North and Bethware Schools the art of printing a newspaper Thurs-

day. The students toured the printing plant during Newspaper in Education Week, which was observed in all KM District Schools. Other N.I.E. Week pictures are inside today's Herald.

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