

Vote Tuesday!

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KINGS MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA

OFFICIAL BALLOT

ABC ELECTION

City of Kings Mountain, N. C.

TUESDAY, JULY 19, 1983

- To vote for or against the proposition make a cross (X) mark to the left of your preference.
- Mark only with pencil on the ink.
- If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and get another.

- FOR** the "off-premises" sale only of malt beverages.
- FOR the "off-premises" sale only of malt beverages.
- AGAINST the "off-premises" sale only of malt beverages.
- FOR the "off-premises" sale only of unfortified wine.
- AGAINST the "off-premises" sale only of unfortified wine.
- FOR the operation of ABC Stores.
- AGAINST the operation of ABC Stores.

Polls Open 6:30 A.M.-7:30 P.M.

ABC Referendum Is Next Tuesday

OPINION

Herald Favors Legal Sale

An important election will be held in Kings Mountain on July 19.

Regardless of how you vote, we urge you to be sure and vote so the majority of our citizens will determine the outcome of the referendum. Too often, many citizens don't exercise their right to vote and then complain about the results. Our democracy is based on majority rule, and that's the way it should be.

The Herald endorses the ABC system and the legal sale of alcoholic beverages. We believe it is the only intelligent way to handle the distribution of alcohol.

It has been said that there is no such thing as a "dry" town and that is true. Alcohol may be purchased in many places in our city but those sales are illegal; therefore, only those who engage in such illegal practices profit from the business.

Currently, Kings Mountain citizens who buy alcohol legally do it in nearby towns. In addition to alcohol, they often buy gasoline, groceries, get a haircut and purchase other supplies. Obviously, this costs our merchants badly needed sales, and it adversely affects our local economy.

At the same time, those cities are profiting in a number of ways since the revenue from the sale of

alcohol is used for schools, libraries, parks and recreation, law enforcement, and other activities. We need those dollars and services at home. Last year, Gastonia realized over \$800,000 in taxes from the sale of alcoholic beverages, Shelby totaled nearly \$300,000, Bessemer City over \$135,000 and Rutherfordton \$156,000. (Cherryville figures are not available at this time.)

It appears that Kings Mountain would increase its revenues by more than \$100,000 the first year if voters approve the legal sale of alcohol. That money could go a long way toward providing additional services while keeping taxes at the present level.

Tuesday's vote should be cast after careful consideration of the many aspects involved. We do not see the vote as religious because alcohol is readily available. We see the vote as economic and social. It's just that simple.

Alcohol has been abused by a small portion of our citizens and will continue to be abused regardless of the outcome of Tuesday's vote. That is regrettable. But the vast majority of citizens who use alcohol do it sensibly.

Regardless of how you feel, we urge you to vote your convictions on July 19. It's the American way.

Kings Mountain citizens will go to the polls Tuesday to decide whether or not to legalize the sale of beer, wine and liquor in the Kings Mountain city limits.

Voters will be asked to vote for or against three issues: 1, the "off-premises" sale only of malt beverages; 2, the "off-premises" sale only of unfortified wine; and 3, the operation of ABC stores.

This is the third alcohol referendum in 16 years in the city. Votes in 1967 and 1975 failed by narrow margins.

Polls will open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. Polling places will be the Community Center for voters who live in city districts one, two and three, and the National Guard Armory for citizens who live in districts four, five and six.

Luther Bennett, chairman of the City Elections Board, said state rules governing the loitering of non-election officials in and around the polling places will be strictly enforced. Bennett said the following guidelines must be followed:

"People who provide transportation for voters to come to the polls must stay outside of the polling places. No one will be allowed inside the voting booths except the persons voting. If anyone needs assistance in voting, the election officials are the ones who are required to assist them, and election officials are the only ones who are allowed to go into the booths with them."

"The exact same number of sample ballots will be given to the Kings Mountain Citizens for Legal Control—the group supporting the sale of alcoholic beverages—and the Kings Mountain Positive Action League—the group opposing the sale of alcoholic beverages."

"No one will be allowed to solicit votes within 50 feet of the front door of the voting places."

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School Auction Set Thursday

The third public auction of the Compact School property will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at the site.

The bidding will begin at \$56,225. George Jackson currently holds the high bid.

Following Thursday's auction, the high bid will remain open for upset for 10 days. If it is upset, the sale will go back to public auction. If it is not upset, the Kings Mountain School Board will decide whether or not to accept the bid.

Clothes Closet Is Planned Here

The Kings Mountain Woman's Club and Good Earth Garden Club are sponsoring a children's clothing closet for youngsters in grades kindergarten through fifth grade.

Anyone with good used clothing are asked to take the clothing to the Kings Mountain Woman's Club any Saturday from 10 a.m. until noon, or any Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. throughout the month of July.

Vote At Same Place

Kings Mountain citizens voting in the July 19 beer, wine and liquor referendum will vote at the same precinct where they voted during the last election. Elections Board Chairman Luther Bennett explains.

There has been some confusion about where some District One residents will vote since the City Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution recently to request the State Elections Board and U.S. Attorney General to require persons living west of the Southern Railway tracks to vote at the Armory and persons living east of the tracks to vote at the Community Center.

Bennett said approval of that request will take at least 60 days, thus, persons who live in District One will still vote at the community center in the July 19 election. (A small percentage of District One residents live west of the railroad tracks).

Bennett said he hopes the city's request will be approved by the Attorney General in time for the city elections in October.

In a related matter, Bennett said absentee voting will not be allowed in the July 19 referendum. State law prohibits absentee voting in any election that is not overseen by the County Elections Board.

Dr. John Washington To Practice In KM

Dr. John L. Washington will open his office for the practice of obstetrics and gynecology Tues., July 19 at Suite 3 of the Professional Park at 608 West King Street in Kings Mountain.

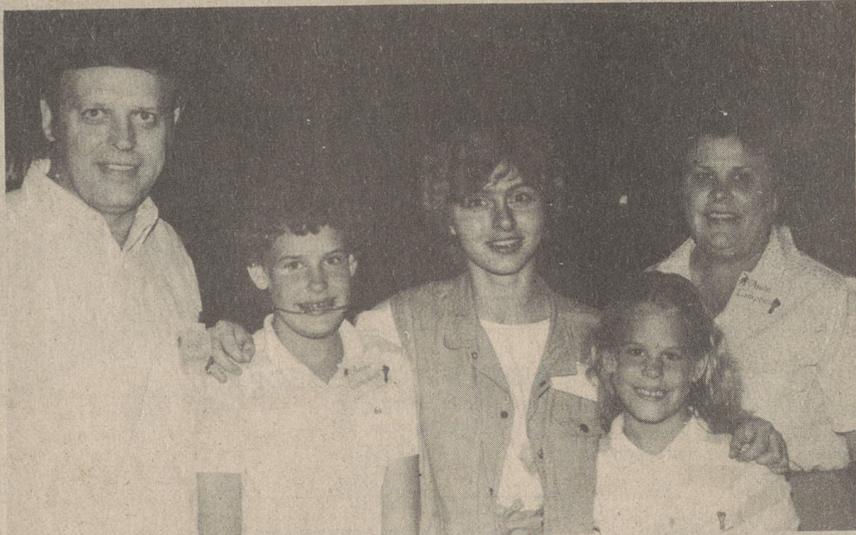
Open house will be held Monday from 6-8 p.m. at the office. Dr. Washington, 33, comes to Kings Mountain from the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta. He holds licenses in Louisiana, North Carolina, Washington State, Georgia and South Carolina.

A native of Atlanta, Dr. Washington attended Duke University, where he received a B.S. in Zoology. He received his M.D. in 1975 from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and he did his internship in



DR. JOHN WASHINGTON

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VISITING KINGS MOUNTAIN - Jerrie Slegers, a resident of Holland, is one of 23 ambassadors visiting North Carolina this week through the Friendship Force program. She is pictured here Monday night when she met her Kings Mountain family, the Doyle Campbells, at First United Methodist Church in Gastonia. Left to right are Campbell, Anne Campbell, Ms. Slegers, Emily Campbell and Anita Campbell.

Holland Ambassadors In Kings Mountain

Twenty-three residents of Holland arrived at the Charlotte Airport Monday night to spend a week in North Carolina as ambassadors for the Friendship Force.

Twelve of the ambassadors will be staying in the Gaston-Cleveland County area and nine of them will be staying with Kings Mountain families. Later this year, Kings Mountain and Gaston County residents will go to Holland as Friendship Force ambassadors.

The visitors will receive a lot of special attention during their stay here and will spend much of their time visiting points of interest in the Kings Mountain area and western North Carolina.

They began their rounds Tuesday with a tour of E/O Enter-

prises in Boiling Springs. E/O is a major motion picture production facility. Monday evening, the group was officially welcomed to Kings Mountain at a VIP supper party at Kings Mountain Country Club.

Wednesday, the group visited Asheville and toured the Biltmore House and Blue Ridge Folk Art Center.

Tonight, they will go to Gastonia and see the South Atlantic League baseball game between the Gastonia Expos and Spartanburg Spinners.

Friday, they will tour the Schiele Museum of Natural History in Gastonia, and Saturday, they'll tour the Kings Mountain National and State Parks. They will have an escorted tour of Kings Mountain National Military Park at 10

a.m. and have lunch at 12:30 p.m. at Lake Crawford.

Sunday's activities will feature a barbecue on the river at the Daniel Stowe river house on Lower Armstrong Ford Road in Belmont.

Ambassadors staying with Kings Mountain families include Jerrie Slegers (Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Campbell); Ella Hochstetback (Ruth Gamble), Annie Prinse (Connie Phifer), Lisen Van Hoos and Jack Henselmans (Lynn Mauney), Peter Lightenberg (Peggy Baird), Trees Van Steen (Lee Crosby) and Mien Tinnemans and Louis Tinnemans (Wanza Davis).

Hen Hoogenstroatin, a reporter, is staying with the Bob Blantons in Gastonia.