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Photo by Gary Stewart

**KMHS QUEEN** - Angela Lyon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thurmon Lyon of the Bethlehem Community, was crowned homecoming queen during halftime of Friday's game between Kings Mountain and Chase at John Gamble Stadium. Angela, a senior at KMHS, is the football team's Mountaineer.

### Board Wants Grave To Be Historical Site

Kings Mountain City Commissioners Monday night approved a request by Mayor John Henry Moss to ask the North Carolina Historical Society to authenticate the burial site of Regina M. Tracy and mark the site for historical purposes.

Mrs. Tracy is credited with naming the city. She is buried at El Bethel United Methodist Church just outside the city limits.

Mrs. Tracy, whose husband was a doctor, was born January 6, 1824, and died August 21, 1894. Tracy Street was named after her and some property on West Gold Street where the Tracys lived was once known as Tracy Park.

The town was incorporated and chartered as Kings Mountain on February 4, 1874. It was

known as White Plains until that time.

In another matter Monday night, the board approved a request by Moss that he be allowed to negotiate for the purchase of three lots adjacent to Commissioners Park for the purpose of expanding the park.

The lots are owned by Hideko Tesseneer and Bobby Jean Moss. Two of them are 80 by 110 feet and the other is 160 by 110 feet.

Moss said three local realtors had appraised the property.

The park, previously known as Deal Street Park, was renamed several months ago in memory and in honor of all persons who have served, or will serve in the future, as city commissioners.

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## Shhh!

Commissioners sit quietly as Mayor  
asks for motion on zoning request....

Kings Mountain Commissioners Monday night sat silently while Mayor John Henry Moss asked for a motion on a request from a Waco Road resident who wants her property rezoned so her children can place mobile homes on her property.

Mrs. Robert Johnson requested that the board rezone her property from R-8, which allows one and two family dwellings, to R-20, which allows mobile homes and mobile home parks.

The request came before the board on September 13, at which time one resident protested the request because she felt Mrs. Johnson planned to begin a mobile home park. Several others spoke in favor of the request.

Commissioners tabled the request that night.

When Moss brought the matter up again Monday, the five commissioners present sat without saying a word for five minutes while Moss asked what their wishes were concerning the matter.

Commissioner Humes Houston finally asked Moss if a motion to hold a public hearing would be in order. City Attorney George Thomasson told Houston "a public hearing has already been held (at which time) several spoke for and against. The board tabled the request for action at a subsequent time."

After several more minutes of silence, Commissioner Curt Gafney made a motion to table the

request again. His motion died for lack of a second.

Mrs. Johnson, who said she was "shocked" that the commissioners took no action on her re-

quest, said her sole purpose in requesting a zoning change is to allow her two children to place mobile homes on her property, which lies outside the city limits but in the city's one-mile perimeter.

"I'm not wanting to start up a trailer park," she said. "I've signed a letter to that effect. They've already purchased the trailers. We didn't know we had to go through all this."

Mrs. Johnson said she's been trying to get approval to have the mobile homes placed on her property since March.

Mrs. Johnson said the city earlier cut trees on her property and ran a sewer line through it without acquiring an easement from her.

"I have the signatures of property owners who live near me who say they don't oppose me putting two trailers on my property," Mrs. Johnson said. "Only one woman has opposed it."

Mrs. Johnson pointed out that the city board recently approved a request from Grayton "Stretch" Bollinger, the city's dog warden, to place a trailer park on property he owns in the one-mile perimeter.

"I can't see why I should be treated any differently than anyone else," she said.

## Faircloth Campaigns Here

By GARY STEWART  
Editor

Lauch Faircloth, Democratic candidate for governor of North Carolina, says state government is a big business and needs a good business man like himself to run it.

Campaigning Tuesday in Gaston and Cleveland counties, Faircloth said he can give taxpayers better services for their money without raising taxes.

A native of Sampson County, Faircloth served as Secretary of Commerce for the first 6½ years of Jim Hunt's administration. He served on the Highway Commissioner under Governor Terry Sanford and was chairman of the Highway Commission under Governor Bob Scott.

As head of the Commerce Department, Faircloth lays claim to locating such industries as Freightliner, Easco and Bendix in Gaston County and Reliance Electric, Eaton and Sulzer Brothers in Cleveland County.

His campaign promises are three-fold, including economic growth, better education, and efficiency in government.

"Jobs-economic growth-is the most important thing that we've got going," he says. "That's what fuels all the other programs in state government."

"I am the only candidate with



Photo by Gary Stewart

**SEEKING VOTES** - Lauch Faircloth, Democratic candidate for Governor of North Carolina, brought his campaign to Gaston and Cleveland Counties Tuesday. He's pictured above meeting a couple of voters, Leon Hatcher, left, and Jeanne Morgan.

statewide experience in attracting new jobs and generating economic growth," he said. "While I was Secretary of Commerce, industry announced \$260 million of investment and nearly

4,000 jobs in Cleveland County and 5,000 jobs in Gaston County."

Faircloth took a big business background with him to Raleigh. He is a lifelong farmer, owns an

automobile dealership, concrete business, feed mill and shopping centers.

"I'm aware of the thin line bet-

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## Ken Bess Dies In Hunting Accident

Ken Bess, 42, of Route 1, Grover, loved farming and the outdoors. When he wasn't helping his father, Paul, work on their farm near Grover, the two could be found fishing or hunting.

Bess lost his life Tuesday when he was shot while deer hunting near Chester, S.C.

Bess was a Cleveland County native and graduate of Grover High School. He was a member of Allen Memorial Baptist Church.

Survivors include his parents, Paul and Ruth Harmon Bess of Grover; one brother, Larry H. Bess of Grover; and two sisters, Mrs. Pauline Cabiness of York, S.C., and Mrs. Kay Patterson of Grover.

Services will be conducted

Thursday at 11 a.m. at Allen Memorial Baptist Church by the Rev. Dean Proctor. The body

will be placed in the church at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

## Thomas Harper Dies Friday At Age Of 61

Thomas Wilson Harper, 61, of 503 West Gold Street, Kings Mountain, died Friday at Kings Mountain Hospital.

He was the son of the late Dr. Charles Wilson Harper and Lena Coleman Harper and was employed as director of the Kings Mountain Housing Authority. He was a retired Air Force major.

He is survived by his wife, Maude Plonk Harper; one son,

Thomas Charles Harper of Clemson, S.C.; three daughters, Susan Roche of Lexington, Barbara Thornton of Greer, S.C., and Mary Lou Ware of Kings Mountain; and six grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted Saturday at 3 p.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery by the Rev. Ivan Stephens.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.



**EXCELLENCE AWARD** - Mayor John Henry Moss, left, accepts the Governor's Community of Excellence Award from Governor James B. Hunt last week in Raleigh. Kings Mountain was selected for the honor for the fourth straight year.