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KINGS MOUNTAIN, NORTH

21 Citizens Speak At Pool Hearing

Twenty one of the approximately 100 citizens attending Monday night's public hearing at Barnes Auditorium addressed the Kings Mountain School Board about the possibility of the school system contributing to a school-community indoor swimming pool to be located on the campus of Kings Mountain High School.

The hearing was called last month by the school board after the Kings Mountain Indoor Pool Foundation, which has been attempting to raise

\$750,000 to construct the pool, told the board that it has pledges of only \$521,000 and needed the board to commit to building the pool so some of those pledges won't be lost.

Scott Mayse says the fund-raisers will continue their efforts to raise the entire \$750,000 and made a commitment of \$600,000 toward the project. All other funds received over \$600,000 would also be applied to the project, he said.

Of the 21 citizens addressing the board Monday, 19

favored spending school money to make the dream a reality. The two citizens opposing said they felt school money could best be spent in other facility needs.

Those endorsing the project included many local business leaders, two school employees, four members of the medical community and two high school students.

Five speakers said they or their children go to Shelby regularly to swim in Shelby's indoor pool. They said

Shelby's pool is utilized by both the school system and community.

Jim Potter of 308 West Mountain Street, and his son, Kenney, a student, both spoke in favor of the project. Kenney called himself "Kings Mountain's swim team", noting that he goes to Shelby each morning to practice, is back in Kings Mountain in time for school, and returns to Shelby in the afternoon to practice again.

"A swimming program is already in use (in the KM

schools) and we need the facility," he said.

Jim Potter told the board that he realized the board "is bearing a heavy burden, but you're being given a fantastic opportunity to add to our facilities." He said people from the community are utilizing the Shelby pool "and you can offer our community and school children those same opportunities."

Bob Suber of 805 Hillside Drive said he also has children in an established swimming program and said

he has seen people of all ages utilizing Shelby's indoor pool. He pointed to the need of a pool not only for community use, but for lifesaving training. "Records kept indicate that four lives have been saved by students using techniques learned at the school," he said.

Dennis Patterson of the Patterson Grove Community said he also has children in the Shelby swimming program "but that in itself is not

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FEB FEST AT KINGS MOUNTAIN SENIOR HIGH—Pictured are Student Council President Patrick Hamrick, left, WBTV anchorman Bob Inman welcomed by KMSHS Principal Ronnie Wilson, and Feb Fest Chairman Andrew Faust at an assembly program Monday in which Inman kicked off the annual Feb Fest week of activities.

Grover To Seek \$6,000 Water And Sewer Grant

Grover Town Board approved resolution to apply for a \$6,000 matching water and sewer grant and proceed with improvements to its water system at Monday night's regular meeting at Town Hall.

The project will include running a two inch water line for eight houses from Linden Street to Hardin Circle and a six inch line from Cherry to Cleveland Streets plus a fire hydrant to be installed at Mulberry and Main Streets with total cost of \$12,489.75.

The board also extended the annual lease of its vintage fire truck to Chestnut Ridge Volunteer Fire Department at cost of \$1 per month with the local department assuming the cost of repairs on the truck which Chestnut Ridge volunteers have used for several years. Four volunteer firemen from Chestnut Ridge community on Cherryville Road told the board that without the use of the Grover truck "Gaston County will close us up." A Gaston County ordinance prohibits the operation of a fire department with one truck only. Chestnut Ridge has had two trucks in use, thanks to the loan of what was Grover's first fire truck. "Because of the sentimental value of the truck we'd like to see it kept up. We're not trying to take it away, we are glad you can use it", Commissioner Ronald Queen told the visitors. Other members of the board concurred.

Responding to question

from Phil Harry, Mayor Bill McCarter said he could give no timetable on completion of the long awaited sewer project but said that by mid-summer the project should be ready to be put up for bids.

The town's newest Scout Troop, Cub Pack 40, which meets at Shiloh Presbyterian Church on Mondays, got high commendations from Council members after Cubmaster Craig Beam reported that 20 boys from the age of 8-10 would be pleased to offer their services to the town in cleaning up streets and raking leaves, etc. He said the Troop is looking for a com-

munity project in order to earn merit badges for "good turns" and "activity badges". Although the board said the town cannot make a donation to the troop, they said they may be able to use members of the troop in a work project later in the year. The Pack includes two dens and adults and youth numbering about 40. Commissioner Don Rich is one of the den leaders and also praised Grover citizens who have donated hours of service in organization and leadership of the troop, reorganized in October.

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WBTV's Bob Inman Speaks To KMHS Students Monday

"Take your life in your hands and shake it for all it's worth." The speaker was WBTV anchorman Bob Inman, who kicked off "Feb Fest", a week of special activities, Monday at Kings Mountain Senior High School.

The Charlotte journalist, in a serious speech laced with humor, challenged the students to "march to the beat of a different drummer" but stimulate your imagination, enjoy a few minutes of silence to think about who you are and want to become, and make choices come from inside and not from externals.

He also invited students to write a letter at the end of the

week, either to him or to a friend, and give their feelings and impressions of this week at KMSHS. Inman also encouraged the students to read more about Henry David Thoreau, to capture the vision and imagination of the late William Seward who bought Alaska from the Soviet Union for the U.S. in 1867 for 7.2 million dollars, although the project was called Seward's Folly and Seward's Icebox at the time when no one thought the U.S. would ever be in a cold war with Russia. He warned that if pressures of life dictate what you are, what will happen when what you base your life on is taken away.

Inman, who told the

students it took six years of hard work to write a novel, encouraged the students to do just that. Inman is the author of "Note In Closing" and also a new novel, "Home Fires", which has recently been published.

Andrew Faust presented the speaker. Patrick Hamrick invited students to participate in all the activities sponsored by the Student Council, including an essay contest on the subject, "What America Means To Me", displays by the Vocational department, "Our Town", a play by the drama club, and a pep rally, basketball game and dance on Friday.

Grover Native Les Roark Eyes Broyhill's House Seat

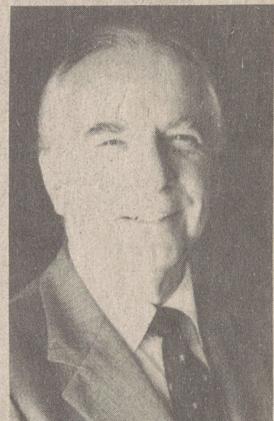
Lester D. Roark of Shelby has filed as a Democratic candidate for the 10th Congressional District seat being vacated by Republican Jim Broyhill.

A former Mayor of Shelby, Roark is currently Administrative Deputy Attorney General for Attorney General Lacy Thornburg.

"I am in this race because I care," he said after filing Friday. "I care about our county and I care about our institution of government."

"For almost 30 years, I have served at the local, state and national levels," he added. "I have a clear understanding of the func-

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LESTER ROARK

Goforth, Scism File

Contests developed in the county commission race and in the 25th Senatorial District race this week when Bruce Scism filed for the state Senate and Coleman Goforth filed for a seat on the board of county commissioner.

The filing period for the May Primary ended Monday at noon.

Goforth, a local farmer who served as commissioner from 1964-68 and from 1972-1984 and was defeated for reelection in 1984, is challenging the incumbent Democratic Commissioners David M. (Pete) Stamey and L.E. (Josh) Hinnant. The three Democrats will be on the ballot in a Democratic primary in May. Two Republicans, John Cabiness and Charlie Harry are also seeking the two seats on the board.

The state senate's three incumbent Democrats are being challenged for the third time by Bruce Scism, president of Southern Excavation, Inc. of the Patterson Grove

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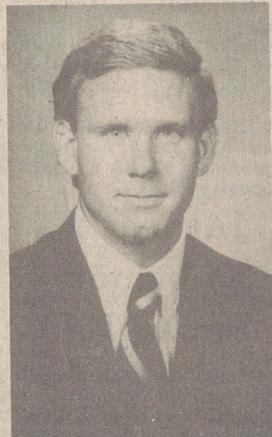


BRUCE SCISM



COLEMAN GOFORTH

Windley Seeks Re-Election



WALT WINDLEY

went to get projects that often cannot be justified for the expenditure of public funds. I vigorously opposed the 'Pork Barrel' bill and led a walkout to dramatize that the bill was being rammed through without debate!

"Unlike many of those in the party, we freshman

Republicans are characterized by youth, by enthusiasm, and yes, by a certain idealism. By and large, we are family folks with young children. It is a particular sacrifice for each of us to be in Raleigh from the standpoint of career and family stability. Maybe as a result, we are less tolerant of time wasted which costs you tax dollars and are less willing to 'go along to get along.' We believe 90 days is more appropriate for a session of the legislature rather than six months. We believe North Carolina needs a truly citizen legislature than one whose members are able to meet in continuous session for lack of anything more pressing to do. We are also characterized by an irreplaceable belief in free enterprise and a conviction that government, whether state or federal, must be restricted to doing a few things well, or it will continue to eat up individual freedoms, stifle initiative, and spend with abandon. Assuming the federal govern-

ment is pulling in its tentacles, 'watch out,' we say, for the growth of state government into a similar omnipresent monolith which has already begun to emerge.

"As to moral issues, I will continue to fight for the rights of the unborn. The Supreme Court erred in its 1973 decision upholding abortion and such a judicial error demands reversal. Continued funding of abortion by this state should cease, the legislation to that effect was introduced this past session."

"Recent passage of the new obscenity statute will allow North Carolina to rid itself of an ashamedly deserving title, 'Smut Capitol of the United States.' For too long we have tended to 'look the other way' and allow the pornography trade to flourish within our borders - now, we have the opportunity to check its growth."

"These and other issues will continue to occupy my time and efforts as I serve in

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