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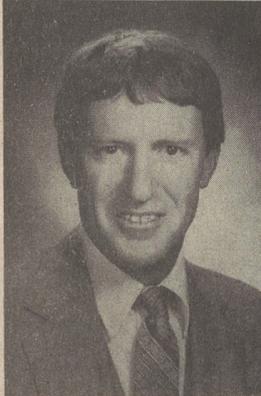
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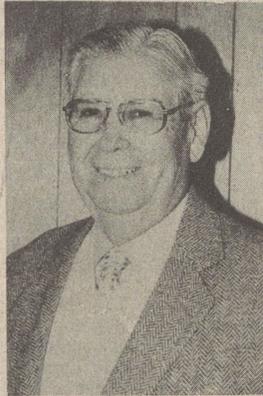
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Primary Elections Tuesday



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Kings Mountain voters will go to the polls Tuesday as they join their neighbors from across North Carolina in May Primary Day.

Polling places will open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. and the voting places are West Kings Mountain at the Armory; East Kings Mountain, Kings Mountain Community Center; Grover, at the Rescue Squad Building; and Bethware, at Bethware School.

In the Kings Mountain area, chief interest is centered on the Cleveland

County board of commissioners race, where Kings Mountain banker L.E. (Josh) Hinnant is running for reelection, and in the 25th District state senatorial race, where incumbent J. Ollie Harris, Kings Mountain mortician, is running for reelection and the three incumbents Senators Harris, Marshall Rauch and Helen Marvin, are challenged by Democrat Bruce Scism of Kings Mountain in the primary.

In the race for two seats on the county board of commis-

sioners, Coleman Goforth, a former commissioner, is challenging Hinnant, a former chairman of the board, and the present chairman Pete Stamey, all Democrats. Republicans have two candidates for the two seats open in the persons of Charlie Harry, formerly of Grover, and Robert Cabaniss of Shelby. The two top vote getters in the Democratic Primary will face Harry and Cabaniss in the November general election.

Local voters will also be in-

terested in several statewide races.

Democrats and Republicans are fielding a large number of candidates in the 10th District N.C. House race, where Grover native Les Roark is a contender among Democrats and in the U.S. Senate race, where Rep. Jim Broyhill, David Funderburke and Glenn Miller are candidates. In addition, the Democratic Primary in the U.S. Senate race has a large field of candidates, including former governor Terry Sanford.

Second Request To Be Made

A second request by the Kings Mountain Indoor Pool Foundation that the City of Kings Mountain give \$15,000 annually for operation of a proposed indoor swimming pool at Kings Mountain Senior High School is on the agenda for Tuesday night's 7:30 p.m. meeting of the board of commissioners.

Dr. Scott Mayse, president of the Foundation and chairman of the Kiwanis Club steering committee which started the \$750,000 fund drive several months ago and has raised over \$600,000 to date, said that because of "significant misunderstanding in regards to our recent proposal" he has clarified to commissioners and will point out Tuesday night that funds from the city will not be needed until the Fall of 1988 as construction of the pool complex is not anticipated to begin until early 1988. "We realize that it would be difficult for the city to know what its financial status will be at that time, but we do

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Gibson Services Conducted

Graveside services for Eugene William Gibson, 66, retired Auto Parts Manager at Wade Ford, were conducted Tuesday morning at 11 a.m. from Mountain Rest Cemetery by Rev. Richard Plyler.

Mr. Gibson died Sunday afternoon at 5 p.m. at his home at 910 N. Piedmont Ave. of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the chest, according to Assistant Cleveland County Coroner Dwight Tessenner. He had been in seriously ill health for several months.

A native of Gaston County, he was son of the late Robert W. and Georgia Shattles Gibson. He was a veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Aileen Black Gibson; three sons, Eugene Gibson, Barry Gibson and Shane Gibso, all of Kings Mountain; four grandchildren; and three sisters, Mrs. Naomi Blanton of Gastonia, Mrs. Doris Church and Mrs. Margie Yancey, both of Kings Mountain.

KM Country Singer Hopes To Hit It Big

Through thick and thin, she kept the faith, and when a heart true to country music led Patty Lovelace back to Nashville, Tenn. last Saturday, it was almost as if the city had been waiting for her return.

The 27-year-old Kings Mountain singer's story is every bit as country as the music Patty loves so well. She was born one of eight children, the daughter of the late coal miner John and Naomi Ramey, in Pikeville, Ky. Her fascination with country music led her to begin writing songs before she reached her teens and to begin singing professionally at age 12.

When she was 14, older brother and sometime singing partner Roger Ramey brought Patty to Nashville for the first time. The young girl had 30 of her own songs tucked under her arm the day she met Porter Wagoner. "I

just walked right on into his office", she recalled. "Those were the days when you could still do that." Happily, Wagoner was impressed enough with Patty to become a friend and advisor, as did the other half of Nashville's hottest duet team of the day, Dolly Parton.

Later that same year, Patty's singing impressed another legendary country duo, Doyle and Teddy Wilburn. The encounter took place one night when Patty was on a concert bill with The Wilburn Brothers, Bill Anderson and others in Louisville, Ky., where her family had moved from Pikeville. It just happened that the Wilburns were looking for a female vocalist to replace another coal miner's daughter, Loretta Lynn, who had recently left their road show.

For the next three years while finishing her high school education, Patty was a

featured singer with The Wilburn Brothers. She was also signed to the brothers' Sure Fire Music as a songwriter. But as far as a recording career was concerned, Patty recalled, "I was so young, Doyle really wanted to work me, but Teddy felt that I needed more seasoning, more experience."

Husband Terry Lovelace, 32, son of Fred and Louise Lovelace of Oak Grove Community, takes up the story.

Lovelace, who had started playing drums as a teenager, met Patty when he played backup for The Wilburn Brothers in 1975 after an offer to play with the American Country Express led to his trip to Nashville. "It was love at first sight", said Lovelace, who said the two found they also shared a love for music. Lovelace returned to Kings

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Patty Lovelace

...Going To Nashville

Services Held Wednesday For Rev. Fred Wells, 69

Funeral services for Rev. Fred Wells, 69, of Route 1, York Road, were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 3 p.m. from Midview Baptist Church, of which he was pastor.

Rev. Curtis Bundy, Rev. David Kime and Rev. Cline Borders officiated at the rites and interment was in Oak View Baptist Church Cemetery.

Mr. Wells died suddenly Monday morning at 4 a.m. at Kings Mountain Hospital Emergency Room of a heart attack. He had been in ill health for several months but had been active in the ministry and had led the Sun-



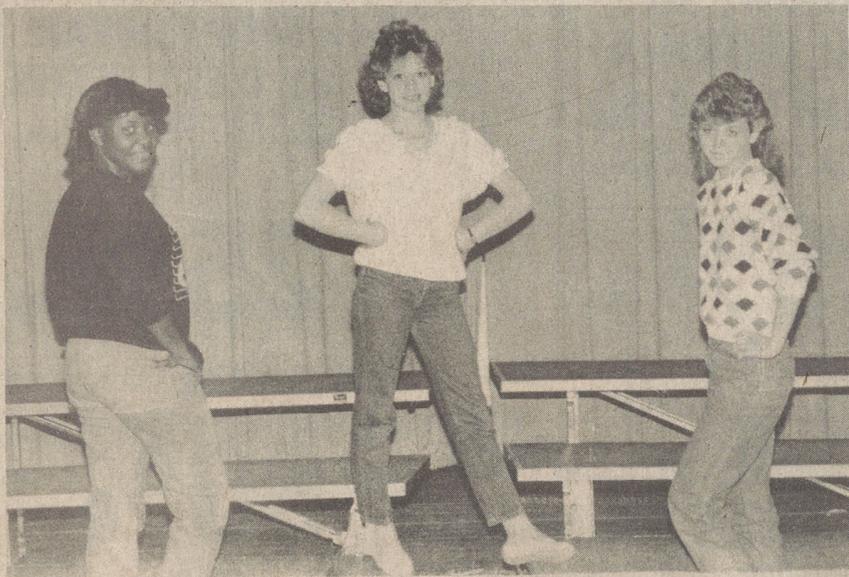
REV. FRED F. WELLS

day morning and evening worship services at Midview

Baptist Church. He was also active in the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association Helping Hand program and other community projects and was chaplain of Travelers Protective Association of Gastonia.

He was a native of Gaston County, son of the late James Hunter and Bessie McClure Wells.

Surviving are his wife Ethel Sistare Wells; three sons, Steve Wells of Cherryville, Frank Wells of Clover, S.C. and Jerry Wells of Indian Trail; and one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Brittain of Cherryville; one sister, Mrs. James Gualtney of Kings Mountain; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



BYE BYE BIRDIE OPENS MAY 1—The Three dancers, above, rehearse a scene in the upcoming "Bye Bye Birdie" which opens Thursday night, May 1, by KMSHS students at Barnes Auditorium. From left, Tamara Godwin, Viola Joy and Heather Welch.