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Democrats Win Local And State Races

Democratic candidates in Cleveland County followed the lead of those all over the state to grab early leads and unofficial election returns put the Democrats in the winning column except in the 10th District where Cass Ballenger of Hickory defeated Les Roark of Shelby, Grover native, to become the 10th District's first new U.S. Congressman in 23 years.

In the big race for the U.S. Senate seat, now held by Senator Jim Broyhill, the Democrats' strong vote gave the win to Former Governor Terry Sanford who pulled ahead of his Republican opponent in a close race.

Broyhill vacated the seat he had held in the U.S. Congress for 23 years in July when he was appointed to fill the unexpired term of the late

Senator John East of North Carolina.

Democratic candidates for two seats on the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners racked up solid early leads over their Republican opposition. Kings Mountain banker L.E. (Josh) Hinnant led the ticket with 10,731 votes followed by former commissioner Coleman Goforth, dairy farmer of the Stony Point community with

9,736. Defeated were Republican candidates Charlie Harry, formerly of Grover, with 8,803 and John Cabaniss of Shelby with 7,457. Hinnant has served on the county board for nearly 15 years and is a former chairman. Goforth was off the board two years but when this new four year term is completed will have 20 years service on the county board. With completion of this four

year term Hinnant will have almost 20 years service, having been off the board for about eight months during that period.

In the 25th Senatorial District, Kings Mountain's J. Ollie Harris was re-elected to his eighth term in the N.C. Senate, having served as 14 years and is chairman of human resources committee.

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VOTERS WAIT IN LINE—Voters at the Kings Mountain precinct, above, wait in line to vote Tuesday afternoon about 5 p.m. A heavy turnout of Kings Mountain area citizens went to the polls on Tuesday at the four area polling places and lines were long most of the day at both the West KM (Armory) and East KM; (Community Center) polling places. Martha Myers, of East Precinct, said "we had a crowd all day."

Halloween Tricksters Slash Tires

Halloween vandals slashed tires of 13 vehicles parked at KMSHS Friday night while their occupants were attending the KMSHS-East Rutherford football game in Forest City.

The vehicles were owned by Charles Bolin, 606 Landing St., Chris Cole, 705 Woodside Dr., Lewis Franklin Messick, Route 2; Calvin Lee Humphries, 607 W. Gold St., Melvin Eugene White, 315 Fulton St., Judy Bowen, Route 1, Grover, Richard Roark, Route 3, Paul Raymond, Route 2; Herman Blalock, Jr., Route 2; Albert Lee Embright, Route 1, Grover; Harry Vernon Cady, 304 Scotland Dr., William Wiggins, 505 Ellenwood Dr., and Shirley Blanton, 207 Fulton St.

A vehicle parked at the KM Junior High had its tires slashed also and the owner was identified as Jeffrey Patrick, 1315 Grover Road.

One other vandalism incident on Halloween was reported to Kings Mountain Police. Sometime during Halloween evening pranksters painted a truck owned by Butler Heating and Air Conditioning, 319 N. Piedmont Ave., with black paint.

In other reports made to Kings Mountain Police Department:

Alvin Rhodes, 1008 N. Center St., reported theft of a firearm, valued at \$150, from his home; Dean Spears, who is constructing a new home in Southwoods, reported theft of 40 sheets of plywood from the site; Harvey Beeler, 4015 Pinecrest Dr., Shelby, reported theft of three suits, two dresses and 36 yards of materials valued at \$1040 from his car parked at KM Hospital; and Shirley Howard, 405 E. Parker St., reported an attempted break-in at her residence.

Kings Mountain's Winners Appreciate Local Support

"You gave us a tremendous vote of support and we appreciate it."

These were the statements of Kings Mountain Democratic candidates J. Ollie Harris and L.E. (Josh) Hinnant early Wednesday as they watched and listened to early election returns which returned Hinnant to the county board of commissioners for another four years and Harris to his 8th term in the N.C. Senate.

Voters also returned a former board member and dairy farmer Coleman Goforth to the county board of commissioners.

Goforth, who served four consecutive terms but lost his seat in the 1984 Democratic primary, placed second to Hinnant who led the



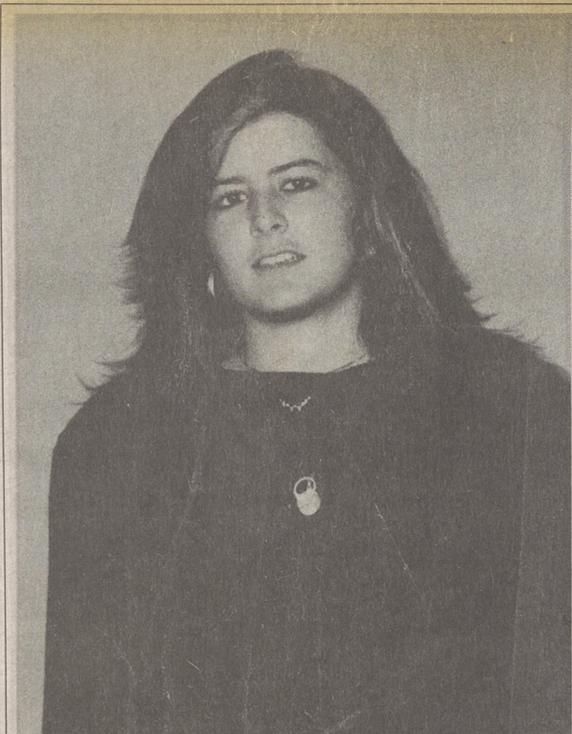
OLLIE HARRIS



L.E. HINNANT

ticket with 10,731 votes. Goforth received 9,736 votes. The two Democrats were challenged by Republicans Charlie Harry of Shelby, Grover native, who placed third with 8,803 votes and John Cabaniss of Shelby who received 7,457 votes.

High voter turnout slowed election returns. With 90 percent of precincts reporting in Gaston-Cleveland Counties, incumbent Senator Marvin led the ticket with 45,462 votes followed by Harris with 44,795; Rauch with 44,357 and Spicer with 33,139.



LAURA RAMOS

...Loves Kings Mountain

Spanish Student Loves It At KMHS

Spanish exchange student Laura Ramos, 17, KMSHS senior, has loved math since first grade and plans to follow in her father's footsteps and become an economist.

Next year at the University of Madrid, Spain, she plans to begin post high school studies in marketing and economics.

This year she is taking math, biology, English, U.S. History, typing and art at Kings Mountain Senior High and making her home with June and Marcus Roberts, 14-year-old Wayne and 6-year-old Dawn, in the Quail Run community on Dixon Drive.

It's no secret that mathematics is her favorite subject.

An "A" student, Laura spent the past two summers in England as an exchange student with Educational Foreign Exchange Program.

One of the nicest differences in this country and Spain, she says, is that school days are much shorter. Here,

classes begin at 8 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. In Madrid, classes begin at 9 a.m. and end at 6 p.m. Here, the students change classes. In Madrid, the teachers change classes. Here, the students have a choice of subjects and more electives.

Miss Ramos says she has adjusted to her new school life and community and finds Kings Mountain people "very friendly".

"I like it a lot", she says. Since Laura speaks three languages - English, Portuguese and Spanish. She has made many friends and is testing her English speaking language at KMSHS.

Although she is modest about it, Laura speaks English quite well and has studied English for a number of years in Spain. Another difference in school customs in Spain and America is that here she answers the roll to Laura Ramos and in Spain

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UF Volunteers Hope To Wrap Up Campaign

Volunteers of the Kings Mountain United Way are pushing for completion of their \$105,000 fund-raising drive by end of November.

"At 72 percent we have a long way to go", said co-chairman Lavon Strickland, of Parkdale Mills, who encouraged all citizens who live and work in the Kings Mountain area to support the drive which benefits many charitable causes.

"We're at the point that we do have some concerns," she said, "but we are optimistic that Kings Mountain area citizens will again prove they are caring people and we will surpass our goal again this year."

Mrs. Strickland said that reports have not been received from some drive leaders, including the biggest contributors, area industry. She again asks that employees clearly mark their pledge cards noting the

agency, whether Kings Mountain, Cleveland County or Gaston County as the recipient of their donations. "We will just keep pushing to get all the funds in. We know the money is here," she said.

"Volunteers have been working very hard," Mrs. Strickland said, and she praised the KM United Way for a team effort which has proven successful for many years. "Perhaps some of our local businesses and industry have been too busy to mount an active campaign but we hope they will do it this month so that we can see the finish of the campaign before the holidays," she said. Mrs. Strickland said she appreciates companies and industry using the payroll deduction plan to assist employees in giving a "fair share" to the United Way.

Retired Cooper's Employee Dean Payne Dead At Age 62



MARION DEAN PAYNE

Funeral services for Marion Dean Payne, 62, of Route 3, Bessemer City, retired assistant manager of Cooper Furniture Company of Kings Mountain for a number of years, were conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. from Harris Funeral Home Chapel by Carlton Cecil, interment following in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mr. Payne died Sunday at his home.

He was a Cleveland County native, son of the late Elbert

Franklin and Susie Armstrong Payne. He was a veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Twyla Wilkerson Payne; four sons, Ron Payne of Charlotte, Tony Payne of Kings Mountain, and Michael Payne and Jason Payne of Bessemer City; two daughters, Becky Barrett of Rock Hill, S.C. and Pat Davis of Kings Mountain; a brother, Billy Payne of Gastonia; a sister, Grace Fuller of Bessemer City; and five grandchildren.