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Be Patient, Please!

There's an old saying that "good things come to those who wait."
We're asking you to bear with us over the next few weeks, so we can give you a better newspaper in the long run.
This week, two new units were installed on our press and we're in the process of working out the kinks. The units will allow us to print larger sections and multi-color advertisements.
However, until those kinks are worked out, you will find some dark and light spots in your paper. We ask you to bear with us for now, but promise you that you'll have a better product in the future.

Memory Of Bygone Days



Oh, what we'd all do to re-live some of the good ole days. And if you were a young person in Kings Mountain in the fifties and sixties, you'll certainly remember this site. It's the old Silver Villa on East King Street, which was located at the site between where the Phillips 66 station and new

Silver Villa stand today. The restaurant offered "just good food", curb service, and most importantly, a gathering place for youngsters. Pictured in this photo is Melton Kiser, who was the owner. The photo, taken on July 4, 1951, is courtesy of Clyde Falls.

Annexation Tax Dominates Meeting

Satellite annexation requests drew critical response from some commissioners at Tuesday night's regular monthly meeting of the City Board at the Governmental Services Facilities Center.
In response to a request from developer Robert E. Lee to annex 100.38 acres on the west side of Highway 74 west (better known as the Ware property) some commissioners said it would be "wise" for the city to annex all the property between the city limits and the Ware property at the same time.
"I don't mind receiving this property," noted Commissioner Fred Finger, "but would it not be wise to include all the property out there? We ought to be running all services out there and taking in the whole area. It would be cheaper in the long run."
Mayor John Moss said the city is in the process of planning annexation of the area, but that it must be sure it follows state guidelines for "statutory" annexation as opposed to "voluntary" annexation.
Community Development Director Gene White said he had discussed Lee's proposed annexation with Woody Harton of the N.C. Department of NRCD and how it would affect the city's annexation program in that area. He said Harton ruled that satellite annexation of Lee's property would not "compromise our statutory required qualifications of the area."
However, White cautioned the city board to "carefully examine" a paragraph in Lee's annexation statement which said "we the undersigned owners of all the real property requested for annexation, do also petition the city of Kings Mountain for access to all the utility services (electricity, natural gas, water and sewer), available from the City of Kings Mountain."
Mayor Moss said the annexation committee headed by Commissioner Humes Houston would probably have its proposed annexation program for that area complete in the next two months, and Houston urged White to give copies of that proposal to Finger and other commissioners.

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Mrs. Bynum Named West School Principal



SHIRLEY BYNUM

The administration of the Kings Mountain District Schools System for 1987-88 is complete following the selection of a new principal for West School at Thursday's meeting of the Board of Education.
Shirley Bynum, assistant principal at Woodhill Elementary School in Gastonia, was appointed West principal in a special meeting of the board. She replaces Hugh Holland, who

served as West principal for one year before being transferred to Bethware School at last Monday's board meeting.
Holland replaces Ron Nanne, last year's North Carolina Principal of the Year, who resigned as Bethware principal to take a position with the Cleveland County Schools.
Mrs. Bynum has served as an assistant principal in the Gaston County System for the

past 10 years, including five each in junior high and elementary schools. Before that, she taught sixth and second grades in Mount Holly and Stanley.
Mrs. Bynum is a native of Gastonia and attended Gastonia city schools. She obtained her B.S. from Winthrop College and masters in counseling from UNC-Charlotte. She is presently working on a doctorate in education administration at

UNC-Greensboro.
She began her duties at West Wednesday morning.
"I anticipate great things at West," she said. "I've heard nothing but fine things from the community, student body and from the faculty. Everyone has told me about the great job they're doing and I'm looking forward to coming in and working with everyone and work together

in making it even greater. "I'm very anxious to get started," she added. "I know it will be a great experience for me and I hope nothing but the best for the community and the student body."
Mrs. Bynum, who lives in Mount Holly with her husband, Harold, and 20-year-old daughter Ceci, who is a college sophomore, plans to move to Kings Mountain in the near future.

Mrs. Belt Files For School Board

Susan H. Belt of Oakland Street is the first person to file for an inside-city seat on the Kings Mountain School Board in the November election.
The seats of Mrs. June Lee and Doyle Campbell are up for election this year. Mrs. Lee, who has served 12 years on the board, earlier announced that she does not plan to seek re-election. Campbell, who is completing his first term, has not yet announced his intentions.
Mrs. Belt filed this week at the Cleveland County Board of Elections in Shelby. Filing

continues through noon August 4.
Also up for election this year are the city council terms of Kings Mountain commissioners Irvin Allen, Corbet Nicholson and Norman King, and the seat of Mayor John Henry Moss, who has held his position for 22 years. Local school board member Kyle Smith has filed for mayor but Moss has not yet filed. None of the commissioners have filed for re-election but Joe King and Jeff Gregory filed last week for the District Four seat of King. Filing for the city



SUSAN BELT

board is with local election board chairman Becky Cook.
In nearby Grover, the seats of Mayor Bill McCarter and commissioners Ron Queen and Bill Camp are up for election this year. None of the three have announced their intentions and Sandra Ellis thus far is the only citizen to file for council. Filing is at Grover Town Hall.
Mrs. Belt, a native of Shelby, is running for public office for the first time. She and her husband, Steve, who is employed at Duke Power's

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82-Unit Sub-Division Planned

The Kings Mountain City Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a contract Tuesday night to provide water and sewer services to a sub-division. Gastonia attorney Henry Whitesides has planned off Linwood Road.
Whitesides, who is attorney for the city of Gastonia, said he has planned for several years Mountain Manor on a 59 acre tract his family owns

on Linwood Acres. He plans to construct 82 single family dwellings which will range in price from \$80,000 to \$120,000.
Although the land is inside the city limits, Whitesides said he was willing to operate on the "outside city" policy and pay the total cost of on-site water and sewer lines in order to get construction going soon.
Normally, under an "inside city" policy, Whitesides said,

the city and developer would divide those costs. He said the city's only cost would be \$12,000 to extend offsite sewer lines to the development.
"I'd be better off if I operate on the outside city policy and put things in myself," he told the board.
Whitesides said he is ready to begin construction on eight homes which would bring the city \$3,400 in tax revenue next year, and over the next two to

three years the city would receive \$32,000 in revenue "and we would have put in all utilities."
Whitesides said the city's total investment to send utilities to the development would be \$12,000 while his would be \$160,000.
"We're surrounded on three sides by Duke Power," he said, "but we hope to get

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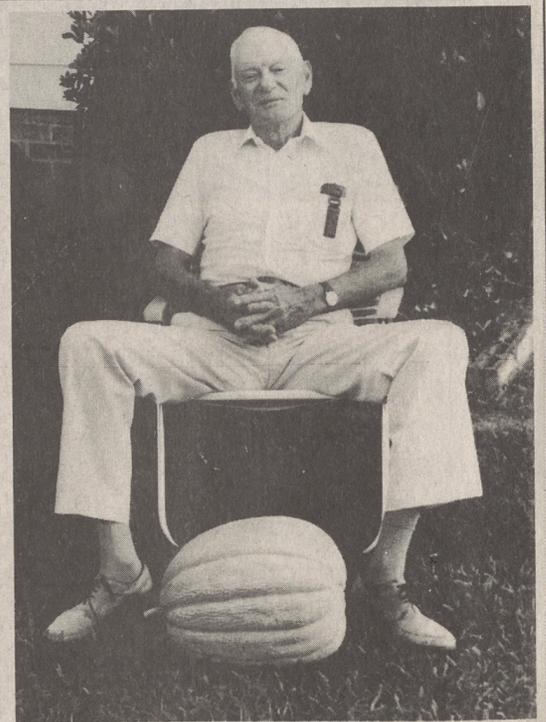


Photo by T.C. McKee

BIG CANTALOUPE - Texans may be known for producing everything big, but you'll have to go some to beat this cantaloupe grown by Tom Hamrick of the Patterson Grove Community near Kings Mountain. Hamrick grew this cantaloupe to 28 pounds, three ounces. He had another one that weighed three pounds less than this one.