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Bush Leads In KM

A survey conducted by the Kings Mountain Herald last week showed that Republican candidate George Bush had a wide lead over his Democratic opponent Michael Dukakis.

With some four weeks remaining until the November 8 election, the poll indicated that Bush had a substantial lead locally. In the survey of 200 residents, 44 percent favored Bush 32 percent Dukakis, 20 percent were undecided, and four percent had no comment.

"We were surprised that there was so much of a margin," said Herald editor Gary Stewart. "Because our readership area is so heavily Democratic, we thought that it would be fairly close. But it didn't turn out that way."

The Herald's survey was conducted by telephone and used standardized telephone survey methods. Two hundred residents were asked, "If the presidential election was today, who would you vote for? There is a margin of error of eight percent, plus or minus."

Voters who have already made up their minds on the candidate probably will not be swayed dur-

ing the final days of the campaign. However, a lot of local voters in the Kings Mountain area have not decided.

"There is always a large block of voters who remain on the fence," Stewart pointed out. "And, I expect you will see both candidates trying to pull those votes into their camps."

Local Republican leader Bob F. Maner, was surprised by the survey results.

"I am surprised it is so heavy for Bush. But I believe that Bush's campaign is more consistent with the conservative thinking in our area."

Local Democrat Joyce Cashion of Kings Mountain said she is still not that much of a believer in poles.

"Anything can happen in 30 days, and I have seen things turn around in two weeks, especially in state elections," Cashion said. "I, as a Democrat, am not giving up on my candidate."

Cashion said she believes voter apathy may have an impact on the election. "Anything can happen."

PRESIDENTIAL POLL

BUSH	44%
DUKAKIS	32%
UNDECIDED	20%
NO COMMENT	4%



GEORGE BUSH

N.C. GOVERNOR SURVEY



BOB JORDAN

JORDAN	40%
MARTIN	36%
UNDECIDED	20%
NO COMMENT	4%

KM Plant To Expand

Philips and Du Pont Optical today announced an expansion of its optical disk manufacturing plant at Kings Mountain to produce erasable disks.

The expansion will require a limited amount of new construction. Equipment installation will begin immediately, with manufacturing due to start early in 1990.

Production from the expansion will meet increasing demand from the information storage industry for erasable optical disks. The market for these disks is expected to reach several hundred million dollars in the 1990s.

The 160,000-square-foot Kings Mountain facility opened two years ago and has been manufacturing CD-Audio and CD-ROM disks for the consumer entertainment and professional data distribution markets.

More than 350 people are employed at the plant, which is one of a PDO international network of high technology production facilities manufacturing a wide variety of optical disks. The expansion will create a need for about 30 new jobs, with additional people hired as the market for erasable optical media continues to expand.

"The Kings Mountain plant provides PDO with a first class location at which to operate state-of-the-art production of erasable optical disks," said Ian Edwards, managing director of PDO's professional media business. "It will help further strengthen our commitment to work ever closer with leading optical disk drive companies to continue producing high quality products tailored to their specific requirements."

The facility will be strategically linked to PDO's erasable optical disk development facilities in Wilmington and Eindhoven, the Netherlands. These facilities are evaluating and developing a range of optical media from which those technologies that best fit immediate and future market needs will be commercialized. In addition, the Kings Mountain facility will benefit from the optical disk systems know-how of Philips and the materials development work and process technology research of Du Pont.

The facility's first products will comprise a variety of erasable disks, one of which is being used in a disk drive system announced in May by Maxtor Corporation. This 5 1/4-inch disk can store more information than any other comparable erasable disk on the market and is the first to exceed the storage capacity of Winchester magnetic disks. It can store up to one gigabyte of information, with seek times of 30 milliseconds and average transfer rates of 10 megabits per second. A gigabyte is equivalent to one billion bytes of information, or about 400,000 typed pages, 4,000 floppy disks, or 20,000 images. Business, government and the military will use this technology for

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Jordan Leads Martin In Governor's Poll

In a poll of 200 residents last week by the Kings Mountain Herald, Democratic challenger Bob Jordan holds a narrow margin over Governor Jim Martin.

Local residents favored Lt. Governor Jordan by four percentage points. The poll showed that 40 percent plan to vote for Jordan, 36 percent Martin, 20 percent were undecided and 4 percent had no comment.

Local political observers said that Martin will probably carry Cleveland County, and should be highly favored in the east Kings Mountain box.

Both Martin and Jordan have been running a hard-hitting campaign, featuring television commercials that depict Martin as "monkeying-around" with the state budget, and Jordan as a "good-ole boy" holding closed meetings.

Water Meters Being Replaced In City

Upwards of 500 water meters will have been replaced on Kings Mountain distribution lines by the end of Friday and work will begin October 31 on completion of the project, Director Walt Ollis said Wednesday.

Ollis, department head of water and wastewater services for the city, reported that the replacement project was going along very smoothly.

Meeting of department heads, the contractor and others working on the project will be held Thursday morning. Tommy King, water plant treatment operator, is the Kings Mountain inspector on the job.

Romey, Pawleys Island landscape and grading contractor, the firm hired by the city to do the replacements, began work in the York Road area October 10. The firm is a top-flight, nation-wide replacement operator, Ollis said.

With virtually the entire eastern half of the city already covered, Romey will probably start, after a weeks layoff, in the Walker Street area. Crews work seven days per week for two weeks and have the following week free.

Ollis noted that no temporary water cutoff notice is given to city customers but that the time water is off at a given meter is very short. No out-

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Kinmont Plant Sold, To Be Renovated

Sale of Kinmont Industries will result in major one-million-dollar-renovations and retention of its 350 local employees according to published reports.

Abbey Holdings Inc., a Boston management and investment company, made the announcement last week and said the firm plans to pump new life and capital into the plant, located at 200 Kinder Raod in Kings Mountain Industrial Park off Bessemer City Road.

The new Kings Mountain firm intends to streamline the Kinmont operations with refinancing and new management, with the goal of turning around the company in 18 months.

Kinmont has suffered big losses in production and profits, a company spokesman said, on annual sales of approximately \$20 million. It produced comforters, bedspreads, curtains, drapes, pillow shams and other bedding accessories.

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Former KM Mayor Tom Fulton Is Dead

Funeral services for H. Tom Fulton, 82, of 102 S. Gaston St., former mayor of Kings Mountain, 1947-49, were conducted Monday at 2 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home Chapel.

Rev. Bob Collins and Rev. J.C. Goare officiated at the rites and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mr. Fulton, in declining health, died Saturday in Kings Mountain Convalescent Center. A Kings Mountain native, he was son of the late H.T. Fulton Sr. and Sarah Salina Baker Fulton and owned and operated Fulton Mortuary in Kings Mountain until 1947. He was also a former co-owner of D.F. Hord Furniture



H. TOM FULTON

Company. He was past president of the N.C. Funeral Directors Association and past executive secretary of the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders Association. He was a member of Kings Mountain High School's first football team in 1922.

Surviving are his wife, Nell Hord Fulton, and his nephew, Norman F. McGill Jr. of Kings Mountain.

Active pallbearers were David Hord, W.S. Fulton III, Chip McGill, Oren Fulton, Glenn Grigg Jr., Marvin Moss, Dr. Tom Baker and Ed Bunch.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



THIS IS TEXTILE WEEK — This week is Textile Week in Kings Mountain. Mayor Kyle Smith, seated, joins local industry in signing an official proclamation encouraging Kings Mountain citizens to take tours of industry and see the heritage that is Kings Mountain's and observe first hand where our livelihood comes from. "Textiles play a very important part in the welfare of our citizens and I compliment every one connected with Textile Week this year," said Smith. Pictured with Smith are Glen Raven Mills Personnel Director Marlene Reynolds and CleveMont Personnel Director Russell Green.



THE END OF THE LONESOME PINE? No one seems to know exactly how old the white pine at the library is, but it is commonly regarded as one of the largest and most beautiful white pines in the area. While many associate it with Christmas decorations, many others feel that the tree is beautiful and valuable in its own right and are opposed to plans to cut it.

Timber

Library Board Wants City To Cut Christmas Tree

By ROBERT L. WILLIAMS

"I like the tree," Rose Turner, director of Mauney Memorial Library in Kings Mountain. "I don't want to see it cut. There are those who say that the tree hides the library building, but I feel very strongly about trees and about nature, and I am opposed to losing a tree that has brought so much joy to so many for so long."

Rose Turner was talking about the stately white pine that stands on the corner of the library lot. For more than a year, she says, there has been a move to cut the tree, but in recent weeks the movement has gained impetus, and last week the library board voted to have the tree cut.

"One argument advanced is that while the decorated tree is very beautiful at Christmas, the city can find something else to decorate that would be almost as pretty," Turner said. "My position is that it's not just a beautiful tree at Christmas: that tree is beautiful all year long, and it brings a great deal of pleasure to me and to hundreds like me who think a tree is a very special thing."

The tree at the library is more than special to Rose Turner and to many other city residents who feel that the tree is a symbol of the library and of the city.

David Crawford, 21, agrees that the tree is important. "It is a symbol of the entire city," he

says, "and I'll be very disappointed if the tree is cut."

Another opponent of cutting the tree is Bill Vancil. "I moved here from Illinois," he said, "and we don't have many trees like this up there. It's one of the prettiest I have ever seen. It's also a landmark, and it's a shame to destroy a landmark."

Carroll Sanders is equally adamant about losing the tree. "They ought to leave that tree alone," he insists. "It's the only one decorated at Christmas by the city, and there's something special about it. To be brief, I just like that tree. A lot!"

Another Kings Mountain resident who spoke out against cutting the tree is Tim Huffman, who said: "That tree has been here too long to cut. Folks here know where the library is, and they don't need to cut that tree for people to find the library."

"It's total nonsense to cut that tree," said Jeff Wilson.

One resident who asked not to be named said that the tree has been at the corner as long as he can remember, and he thinks that it would be a simple matter to move the name of the library if the tree is in the way. "It's my understanding that a new entry to the library will be completed soon. Why not put the name over the new entry and leave the tree where it is?"

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