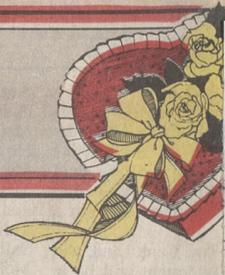




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KINGS MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA

Activities Being Scheduled

Dedication Scheduled For Pool

After about seven years of planning and fund-raising, Katherine Neisler Natatorium, the city's indoor swimming pool, will be dedicated in public ceremonies Sunday, March 5, at 3 p.m.

Dr. Scott Mayse, who led the drive for the \$830,000 facility, said that heating of the 42x75 foot pool, installation of a diving board, trim work around the walls, and some mechanical work is still to be completed. He said that contractors are meeting Thursday morning with representatives of the Kings Mountain Indoor Pool Foundation, Kings Mountain District Schools and City of Kings Mountain officials to "pinpoint things to be completed before a final inspection".

Use of the pool is being coordinated by the Indoor Pool Foundation, Kings Mountain Senior High School and Kings Mountain Parks & Recreation Department.

Users of the facility will include members of Cleveland County's Sharks Aquatics Club, high school gym students, and swimming and scuba diving classes. The pool will also be available to recovering cardiac and arthritis patients. The city recreation department plans to sponsor swimming lessons, water aerobics, scuba diving classes and public swimming and the school plans to require swimming classes as part of regular physical education classes beginning this fall.

The high school will also hire a coach for its new swim team to be organized for the season beginning in October.

Sarah Mayse, president of the aquatics club, said she hopes the pool will help the club recruit new members. The club recently added about 20 members to its roster of 50. The Sharks, based now at Shelby High School, competes with teams throughout the state. Mrs. Mayse said the team will use both pools for practice.

Interest in swimming classes has been good, according to Recreation Director Dave Hancock who announced a full schedule of pool recreation activities in this week's Herald.

Dr. Mayse said he expected the water temperatures would be regulated this week.

The pool has six lanes, each seven feet wide, which is standard for pools used for competition. There is ample balcony space for viewing by the public. The water is a cool shade of blue. The facility is well lighted and spacious.

Dr. Mayse said that Kings Mountain Indoor Pool Foundation has raised \$790,000 of the \$830,000 cost of the construction and hopes fees and more donations from the public will provide the \$40,000 still needed. The school system donated \$100,000 and City of Kings Mountain has pledged \$15,000 a year toward the project. Public donations from individuals and businesses have swelled the fund.

Dr. Mayse said that speakers for the dedication service, open to the public, are now being contacted. "March 5th will be a red letter day in the history of Kings Mountain and we look forward to having a large crowd present for the pool's formal opening," he said.

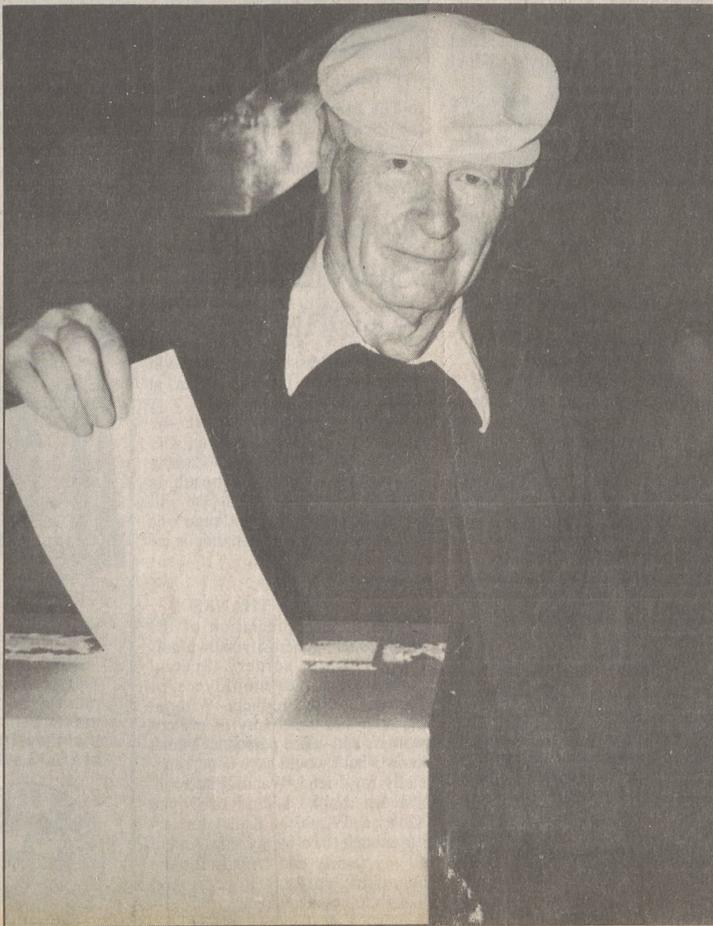


Photo by Gary Stewart

CASTS VOTE - Calvin Payne of Kings Mountain drops his ballot into the ballot box at the East Kings Mountain precinct during Tuesday's special Kings Mountain utility bonds referendum. KM voters narrowly passed all three issues, granting city officials authority to issue \$9.2 million in bonds to upgrade the city's water, sewer and electrical departments.

KM Bonds Approved

Small Turnout Barely Approves \$9.2 Million

Kings Mountain voters approved water, sewer and electrical bonds by narrow margins Tuesday as 1,161 citizens went to the polls. The turnout was light and represented 22.58% of the registered vote of 5,140.

As city officials and a handful of citizens watched Elections Board Chairman Becky Cook post the final returns from the West Kings Mountain precinct about 9 p.m. Tuesday night they all breathed a sigh of relief. Thirty minutes earlier East Precinct totals were posted and showed all three issues failing.

"I was nervous," said Councilman Harold Phillips, who was chairman of the city bond committee promoting the referendum. "I was nervous too but I knew Kings Mountain citizens would do the right thing," said a confident Mayor Kyle Smith.

"I'm real happy about the outcome and am sorry that some people were swayed by others and voted against the project", Smith said. Phillips called the passage of the bond issues "the greatest thing that ever happened in Kings Mountain." He took the occasion to thank the bond committee and the people who worked and voted for passage of the referendum. "Now we can move on and progress," he said.

Councilman Fred Finger said he was well pleased with the results

THE VOTE

WEST KM		
	YES	NO
Sewer	409	248
Water	401	255
Electrical	402	259

EAST KM		
	YES	NO
Sewer	215	280
Water	209	288
Electrical	208	277

and that passage of the bonds will open up for development of the city in the long-run.

"I'm delighted," said City Manager George Wood. "Now it's up to the mayor, council and all of us in city government to show the voters we can provide these improvements and do it right and that's what we intend to do." Wood said the bond committee, Mayor and Council are to be congratulated for their team effort. "This is a big step forward for the town," he said, adding that "now we don't have to look at another \$3.7 million."

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Nicole Setzer Spells Momentum, Disguise To Win KM Spelling Bee

The words momentum and disguise were correctly spelled by Nicole Setzer, Central School 6th grader, on Monday after she eliminated six other elementary school winners to become Kings Mountain Spelling Bee Champion.

Runner-up was Bethware School 4th grader Erin Anderson who misspelled momentum. Setzer became the champion by spelling disguise correctly.

Thirty-two words were pronounced by KMSHS Principal Jackie Lavender before Anderson missed a word. She is the daughter of Gail Farris Anderson.

Setzer, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Setzer, will advance to the regional Bee sponsored by The Charlotte Observer March 10. The winner receives an all-ex-

pense-paid trip to Washington, D. C. to compete in the national spelling bee.

Other Kings Mountain runners-up will accompany Miss Setzer and her mother to Charlotte and be guests at a luncheon. They are: Tarrence McVay, East School; Erin Anderson, Bethware; Melanie Dixon, KM Junior High; Felicia Davis, North; Joshua Briggs, Grover; and Becky Taylor, West School.

Judges for the local competition at the District School's Office were Sarah Griffin, KMSHS librarian; C. A. Allison, retired North School principal; and Rev. Harwood Smith, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.



SPELLING CHAMP-Nicole Setzer, right, smiles broadly after winning the Kings Mountain District School's championship Monday, defeating other elementary school winners and the first runner-up Erin Anderson, left. Jane King, Director of Public Instruction, center, congratulates the students.

Lent Services Are Scheduled At Central

Kings Mountain churches are joining in midweek Lenten services again this year at Central United Methodist Church. The services from 12:05-12:25 p.m. will be held on Wednesdays beginning February 15. A light lunch will follow in the fellowship hall and a \$2.00 donation is suggested.

The theme for this year's series is "Struggling With The Cross," a look at five of the disciples of Jesus Christ and how they dealt with Jesus' crucifixion.

"The theme is appropriate for the closing of the 1980's, because the usual expectation of our way of living has the hero/heroine winning, the good guy first, the nice person successful...When that expectation is thrown into the agry furnace of the ethical morass of today's business, labor, politics, entertainment, we wonder about these traditional expectations. Then, when the good guy is killed, the nice woman gets cancer, the helpful co-worker is laid off, the polite young man gets left behind...The struggle with the cross is a present dilemma," said a spokesman for the sponsoring Kings Mountain Ministerial Association.

Everyone is invited. Businesses are invited to allow workers extra time to attend. Worshipers are urged to "come as you are." Dressing up is not necessary.

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DARRELL AUSTIN



GARY STEWART

Austin Named General Manager

Kings Mountain Herald Sold

The Kings Mountain Herald has been sold to Republic Newspapers, Inc., a Farragut, Tennessee based newspaper company.

The sale was jointly announced this week by Darrell Austin, new General Manager for the paper, and Gary M. Greene, the previous owner and publisher.

Austin, 53, an 18-year veteran of the Herald, was previously the advertising director.

Editor Gary Stewart, 42, will retain that position with the new company.

Greene was publisher of the paper since March 1 of last year. He bought the newspaper from Garland Atkins, who had owned the Herald since 1972.

In making the announcement, Austin said, "I accept this position with enthusiasm and look forward to

working with a staff of experienced newspaper people. We will continue to develop the ideas that were implemented under Gary Greene this past year. This includes total involvement in civic and community affairs. I will miss Gary and would like to thank him for the opportunity to create an even better newspaper. At the same time, I am excited about becoming a member of Republic Newspapers, Inc., and will try to serve the community well by publishing an informative, interesting newspaper which will benefit our readers and advertisers well."

Austin is a life-long resident of Kings Mountain. He is married to Shirley Falls Austin, retired music teacher in Kings Mountain District Schools. They have one

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Dawson Buys Cinderella

Carl DeVane, Plant Manager of Cinderella Knitting Mills in Kings Mountain, announced this week that The Reeves Brothers, Consumer Products Groups which includes the local plant, has been purchased by Dawson International, Scotland's leading textile group.

DeVane said Dawson is composed of specialist companies operating in world markets.

The Reeves Brothers group included these divisions: West Knitting Mills in Wadesboro, the Kings Mountain, Gastonia, Great Falls, S.C. and Lancaster, Pa. Cinderella Knitting operations, a distribution plant in Lancaster, Pa., a manufacturing plant in Denver, Pa. and Comfy Home Furnishings in Kenansville, N. C.

Dawson International is best known for luxury branded knitwear. Its world famous Scottish brands include Pringle, Ballantyne, McGeorge, Barrie, Braemar and Glenmac. In recent years the Group has broadened

its spread of interest in other specialty textile areas.

Dawson is the U. S. market leader in thermal underwear under JE Morgan and Duofold labels. It is also the market leader in shower curtains. Dawson International is the world's largest processor of cashmere, its traditional product area in the USA under the name Cashmere Cashmere and brands include cashmere by Oscar de la Renta and Cashmere and Co.

Strong financial returns are the group objective achieved through the pursuit of excellence in design, quality and marketing in manufacturing and financial discipline. The Group is structured into four divisions, Cashmere Knitwear and Fine Yarns, USA Operations, Spinning and Weaving and Fur Fabrics. Each division is headed by a group director of proven experience who

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KM POLICE ARRESTS

	1985	1986	1987	1988
Breaking, Entering & Larceny	29	28	23	37
B&E Motor Vehicle	39	46	31	46
Forgery & Counterfeiting	2	0	2	18
Possession Stolen Property	4	3	8	4
Possession Weapons	4	6	1	8
Motor Vehicle Thefts	0	2	2	0

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