



JOYCE CASHION

Succeeds Late L.E. Hinnant

Cashion Named To County Board

Joyce Falls Cashion, 57, former county commissioner and Kings Mountain grocer, was appointed unanimously Monday to fill the unexpired term of the late L. E. (Josh) Hinnant who died of an apparent heart attack April 12. He was chairman of the board and serving his fourth term.

Mrs. Cashion, who failed in her bid for reelection to the board last year after serving four years, will serve out Hinnant's term, which expires in December 1990.

She was sworn by the county board of commissioners Monday who followed a state

law that applies to Cleveland and about 30 other counties to accept the nominee of the county Democratic Executive Committee.

The committee voted Thursday night to nominate Cashion to fill Hinnant's seat in a narrow, 2 1/2 vote victory over Ralph Gilbert. Only three names came before the 60-member committee. On the first ballot voting, the Rev. R. E. Devoe of Shelby received 10 votes while Gilbert got 51 and Mrs. Cashion 61.5. A total of 1631/2 votes could be cast and the committee agreed that 62 would be a majority.

Mrs. Cashion, who was represented by her husband, Bill at the Thursday night meeting, said she thought her involvement over the years with the party paid off. She is the first woman chairman of the county Democratic party and currently chairs the social services board and had served as vice-chairman of the county commission. Last May, Cashion placed third in the county's Democratic primary for two open seats on the board. Joe Cabaniss, also a Democrat, went on to win Cashion's former seat and eventually to succeed Hinnant as chairman last month.

Ralph Gilbert was third highest vote-getter in the general election last November, defeated by Republican Charlie Harry, a new member of the board.

After she was sworn in Monday, Cashion made the motion to approve a paramedic program for Cleveland County subject to finding funds in the new budget. Mrs. Cashion told The Herald that she is in favor of paramedics but she is against raising a tax rate and expressed concerns about the funding.

County Going After Uncollected Taxes

County commissioners Monday approved initiating legal action for collection of 1988 real estate taxes and others from previous years as soon as possible.

Beginning this year, the tax collector's office will turn the uncollected real estate taxes amounting to \$200 or more over to the county attorney's office for foreclosure proceedings as soon as the unpaid taxes are advertised in the local newspaper.

Unpaid 1988 taxes will be advertised in the local newspaper next week.

Tax Collector Mary A. Laughlin recommended, and the commission approved, that wage garnishments be used to collect all unpaid personal property taxes and real estate under \$100. Garnishment proceedings begin on those as soon as possible after Jan. 6.

The board approved advertising unpaid real estate taxes next year in March instead of May.

Laughlin said that no legal action will be taken until each property owner is notified at least twice by letter.

Senior Health Screening Set At Central Methodist

A free health screening for interested senior citizens in Greater Kings Mountain area will be held Monday from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church.

The health fair is an annual event sponsored by Cleveland County Council on Aging/Senior Center and Cleveland County Health Department.

All senior citizens, regardless of income, are invited to take advantage of the opportunity to have testing for height/weight, blood pressure, anemia, diabetes, glaucoma, and hearing problems. SMA-12 blood analysis will also be done. Evaluation and referral will be done by a registered nurse after all tests have been completed. Appointments will be made with the Health Department for all participants needing a pap smear. All tests are free, with the exception of the blood analysis.

Transportation will be provided by calling the KM Senior Center at 734-0447 by Friday.

Contact Paper With Names Of Area's Oldest Mothers

Sunday, May 14 is Mother's Day and the Herald would like to help recognize some of the area's deserving mothers.

We need the public's help in doing this. We're looking for the oldest mother in the area. If you know some elderly women in the area, give Lib Stewart a call at the Herald office (739-7496) before 5 p.m. Friday and give her their names, addresses, telephone numbers and any other information you may have about them.

We'll contact the oldest one of the bunch and write a Mother's Day feature story on her in next week's paper, and feature the others in later editions.

City Utility Committee To Look At Drainage

A review of the proposed new city drainage policy and a discussion of an underground electric policy is on the agenda for Thursday's meeting of the City Council's Utilities Committee.

The committee has already targeted areas for drainage improvements and is expected to refine the policy and discuss priorities to present to the City Council as the Council begins work sessions soon on the 1989-90 city budget.

Currently, charges are not spelled out for an underground electric policy and the committee plans to formulate such a policy.

The committee, chaired by Councilman Al Moretz, meets at 7:30 p.m. in the upstairs conference room at City Hall.

Tickets Are On Sale For KM Sports Banquet

Tickets are on sale at any school office for the May 22 annual sports banquet of the Kings Mountain High School Boosters Club.

Tickets are \$7. The banquet honoring athletes will be held at KMSHS cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. on May 22.

Red Cross Bloodmobile To Visit First Baptist

Kings Mountain Hospital will sponsor a one-day visit by the American Red Cross Bloodmobile Thursday, May 4.

Donors will be processed from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church fellowship building.

Goal of the collection is 125 pints of blood.



CHINESE DELEGATION VISITS CITY-A Chinese delegation visited the city Monday as Wise Industries announced that a new plant in Tianjin, China has purchased \$700,000 worth of equipment, the second group to buy equipment from Wise in the past several years. From left, Mrs. Wang Wei Jie, engineer; Song Chun Ling, translator, Han Meng Zhou, assistant manager; Mayor Kyle Smith; Jia Jing Xiang and Mrs. Pan Bai Jin, new plant managers; Back row, Max S. Clark and Dan S. Wise, local industry officials and Shan Yung Sheng, assistant plant manager.

Chinese Visit KM Monday

A Chinese delegation visiting Kings Mountain Monday issued invitation to Americans to come to China and do business with them as a local industry has done for three years.

Wan Li Hand Over To Woven Fabric Corporation bought \$700,000 worth of equipment from Wise Industries, Inc., the second group from China to buy large amounts of equipment from Wise.

Wise shipped the non-woven

equipment from Charleston, S. C. port last week. Monday's visit by the group here was so the Chinese could become more familiar with the Wise equipment, with North Carolina and the United States of America, Jia Jing Xiang and Mrs. Pan Bai Jin, managers of the new Chinese company, told Mayor Kyle Smith as the mayor presented Jin a key to the city and Jin presented him a set of Chinese vases which

Jin said were what the Emperor of

China presents to visiting dignitaries.

"We like to do business with the American people especially small companies and small towns like Kings Mountain where the atmosphere is so friendly," said Jin through an interpreter.

Wise personnel also accompanied the Chinese delegation to Dalton, Ga. to visit Dalton Sheet Metal Co. which supplied the non-

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WINS PRESS AWARD-Herald staffer Lib Stewart, above, receives a first place writing award from N.C. Press Women. Making the presentation is Dwayne Walls, of the UNC School of Journalism at Chapel Hill.

Stewart First Place Winner

Six months after undergoing a modified radical mastectomy, Herald staff writer Lib Stewart wrote a personal column for The Herald last December which appeared in a full-page feature, "Women Refusing To Be Victimized By Cancer."

Saturday Miss Stewart was presented the first place award for her column, "Attitude Important" at the spring meeting of North Carolina Press Women in Chapel Hill.

Republic Newspaper reporters swept the awards presented in the non-daily category for columnists. Second place winner was Glenda R. Loftin of the Mount Holly News for "Getting In Shape Can Be A Real No Win Situation" and third place winner was Belmont Banner-Mount Holly News Editor Dwight Frady for "We Need Another Song, Irving Berlin." The Herald is also owned by Republic Newspapers.

Lawrence Maddy, columnist for The Virginia-Pilot and The Ledger Star newspapers in Norfolk, Va. and founder of the National Society of Newspaper Columnists,

judged the columns.

Maddy wrote of Miss Stewart's entry: "The writer's ordeal with cancer is clearly told and every word tells. Quotes are used sparingly but have a strong effect. The writer uses the first-person style of a good novelist, so that the reader feels he or she is sharing the terror and the uncertainty. This column is longer than most but is executed with such vigor and clarity that it seems short. Such vivid writing takes care and talent."

Miss Stewart has previously won awards in news and feature writing in N. C. Press Women and N. C. Press Association contests. This is her first award for a column.

A former state president of North Carolina Press Women and American Legion Auxiliary, Miss Stewart is a native of the Dixon Community, daughter of Mrs. Letha B. Stewart and the late George T. Stewart. She is the veteran member of the staff of The Kings Mountain Herald. At one time she and her brother, Gary Stewart, editor of The Herald,

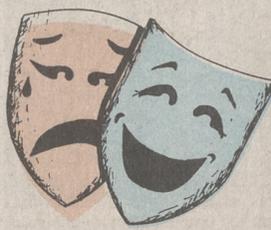
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Opens Thursday at KMLT



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Weather

Partly cloudy through Saturday with chance of showers each day. Lows in 40's. Highs in high 70's and low 80's.

Home Building On Rise In Kings Mountain Area

Home building is on the upswing in Kings Mountain despite predictions of a slower trend by savings and loan officials who say rates for loans are expected to go up.

Brenda Lovelace, loan officer at First Federal Savings & Loan, said that in 1988 First Federal closed a total of 402 loans totaling over \$24 million, the largest dollar volume of loan closing in the history of the association which was formed in 1907. "We're looking for a slower trend in home building this year with rates expected to go up on adjustable loans to 10% (from 8 3/4-9%) and on fixed loans from 10-11 1/2% to 11 1/4-11 1/2%.

Suzie Sellers, loan officer at Home Federal Savings & Loan Association, said that Home Federal has been able to offer different types of consumer loans to customers and equity loans, although mortgage loan activity has slowed down. Home Federal made 1,224 loans in 1988 for a total of \$24 million.

Ruby Alexander, charter and past president of the Kings Mountain Board of Realtors, said that home building is definitely on the upswing in Kings Mountain by many newcomers who are moving into the community and working

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