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Queen to challenge McCarter for Mayor's seat in Grover

A race for the mayor's seat developed in Grover Monday when Mayor Pro Tem Ronald Queen filed for mayor.

Queen seeks to unseat veteran Mayor Bill McCarter, who announced last week he will seek his fifth term.

Sandra S. Ellis also announced this week for reelection to town council. The four-year terms of Ellis, McCarter and Queen expire this fall.

Filing period ends August 2 at



QUEEN ELLIS

noon with the Cleveland County Board of Elections.

Filing for Kings Mountain Mayor, City Council begins Monday

Filing for the municipal city election begins Monday.

With five of eight city hall seats up for grabs, Elections Board Chairman Becky Cook expects the filing period to be the busiest ever. Candidates must file with Mrs. Cook at her home at 717 Meadowbrook Road between July 22 and August 9.

To run for city office a person must have been a resident of the city for six months prior to filing date. Filing fee for mayor is one-tenth the annual salary of \$6,000 or \$60. Filing fee for commissioner is one-tenth the annual salary of \$3,600 or \$36.

To be elected are:

+A mayor for a four year term. The term of first-term Mayor Kyle Smith is expiring.

+Ward I commissioner in the newly-created

minority/majority ward. This commissioner must reside in Ward I and will be elected by only those voters of Ward I.

+Ward 2 commissioner. This commissioner must reside in Ward II and will be elected by only those voters of Ward II.

+Two commissioners will be elected at-large, the high vote-getter to a four-year term and the other for a two-year term.

Four-year terms of Commissioners Al Moretz, who now represents Ward I but lives in Ward 4 in the new ward-alignment; Jackie Barrett and Norma Bridges, both of whom represent Wards 3 and 4 but in the new ward-alignment reside in Ward 2, expire this fall. Terms of Commissioner Elvin Greene, Ward 3; Scott Neisler, Ward 4; and Fred Finger, Ward 5,

do not expire this year. Their terms expire in 1993.

In a unique election year, redistricting in Kings Mountain will elect five of the eight members of the City Council.

Runoffs, if necessary, will be held on November 5.

The deadline for registration is September 9 for the election and October 7 for the runoff. No new registration is required, however, new voters can register now at Mauney Memorial Library and voters with address changes may also change their addresses on the voting books by visiting the library.

Election day is October 8.

"I know there will be questions from candidates. We have ward and precinct maps available to all," said Cook.

Woodside woes should end soon KM recycling site to open in August

Drainage project underway

Woodside Drive and Monroe Avenue residents in East Kings Mountain are seeing a long-awaited project get underway.

Storm drainage, a longtime headache of residents, is getting the attention of construction workers this week who started putting in 400 linear feet of 42 inch storm drainage pipe, the city's number one drainage project this year which will cost \$57,395.00. John E. Jenkins is contractor for the first of two phases, which will include three good size catch basins.

"We are very pleased that work is underway here in what has been a continuing problem," said Woodside property owner Yates Harbison, who along with property owners Clayvon Kelly, Whiteside heirs and Chris Cole gave the city the required easements.

Community Services Director Tom Howard estimated the project will be completed in 60 days, weather permitting.

The one-mile perimeter of Woodside and Monroe has been labeled a "flood plain." When heavy rains flood the area water backs up 30 to 40 feet in the Kelly residence, said Kelly, who said his house has been badly damaged over the past 15 years. "My wife, Dot and I appreciate City Manager George Wood, Tom Howard, and Karl Moss helping us in getting this problem solved and feel that the new drainage pipes is a step in the right direction." Next phase of the project is to change the drainage on Linwood Road and Cleveland Avenue, said Kelly.

Both Howard and Public Works Supt. Karl Moss reminded citizens that during heavy rainfall catch basins and drainage systems become cluttered or blocked with debris. They ask citizens to remove limbs and branches if they find basins clogged and call the public works department.



The city of Kings Mountain got a major water drainage project under way Tuesday in the Woodside Drive and Monroe Avenue area. Picture at top shows some of the 400 linear feet of 42 inch drainage culvert for the \$57,000 project. Photo at left shows some of the drainage ditch and culvert which will carry the water under Monroe Avenue and hopefully eliminate the flooding that has occurred in the area during heavy rains.

Photos by Gary Stewart

Howard said that in addition to the drainage project in East Kings Mountain that bond project work is "moving ahead strong" as well as construction of a five million gallon water tank. During the July 4th holiday period when plants were closed city crews conducted the annual semi-annual maintenance of sewer lines and with a TV camera located lines in need of repair. Pouring of concrete began at the site of the Gaston Street electrical substation and work is underway at the York Road electrical substation with completion expected by Christmas, said Howard.

A progress report on bond projects in water, wastewater, sewer and electric was made at Wednesday night's meeting of the city utilities committee.



KM recycling site to open in August

The new Midpines manned solid waste/recycling container site is shooting for a August 1 opening.

Two large trash compactors and eight containers for eight different types of materials, bulk waste and household garbage will soon go up on the site on Margrace Road. Three attendants have been hired to work from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and 1-6 p.m., on Sundays. There is no charge to the public.

Cleveland County Recycling Coordinator Sam Lockridge III said workers hope to put the finishing touches on the site this month, weather permitting. Rainy weather slowed the project but the past month has found workers busy almost daily with only wiring and fencing yet to be completed.

Lockridge says the best way to get into the recycling habit is to separate one or two items from your household garbage. "Don't try to recycle everything in your wastebasket. Pick out the heavy items-like newspaper and glass. Analyze things before you throw them away."

Stack newspaper, glass and other recyclables in a basket beside your garbage can and take the laundry basket around to each of the several containers at the manned site and throw in the proper items, he says. There will be separate bins for glass, plastic bottles, jugs and containers, newspapers, scrap metal, white goods, aluminum cans, batteries and motor oils, free of water.

The following items cannot be recycled: ceramics, lids, window glass, windshields, toys, bags, dirt in containers, liquids in containers, brown bags, string, plastic bags, magazines, storm windows, food in cans, paint buckets, 55 gallon oil drums, gas tanks from cars, burn barrels, brake fluids, solvents, paint thinner or household batteries.

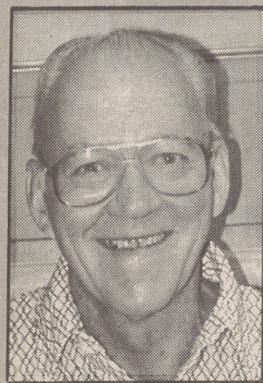
Recyclable items are: clean glass, green glass, clear glass, brown glass, food jars, drink containers, clean plastic, 2 liter bottles, 16 oz. bottles, milk jugs, 1/2 gallon or 1 gallon jugs, brown plastic, green plastic, clear plastic, newspapers, computer paper, ledger paper, clean metal, any size steel beverage cans, steel food cans, any type used metal, washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves, water heaters, ranges, microwaves, furnace blowers, freezers, fans, dish washers, air conditioners, beverage cans, any size batteries, lead batteries, calcium lead batteries, motor oil, hydraulic oil, transmission fluid, yard waste, including brush, tree trimmings, branches, leaves, and grass trimmings. Passenger and truck tires can all be recycled but a 30 cent fee for passenger and a 60 cent fee for truck tires will be charged at the site.

Lockridge said recycling protects the environment, keeps the county from developing more landfills and keeps fees at a minimum, noting that no charges are made at the recycling center. Mandated by Senate Bill 111, Cleveland County officials started charging landfill fees and weighing garbage July 1, assessing a \$19 per ton tipping fee for household garbage to industry, municipalities, commercial businesses and private haulers and assessing a \$9.50 per ton fee to construction and demolition contractors for hauling debris such as roofing, old wood, etc. and \$5 per ton to businesses which haul yard waste, leaves, brush, limbs, etc.

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Kings Mountain People



YATES HARBISON

Yates Harbison was always a father figure

A "father figure" is how Yates Harbison, 68, sees himself to the many young people he worked at Winn Dixie 35 years.

Every weekend for many years Yates worked with 35-40 young people at the store and taught more in his Sunday School class at First Baptist Church. "For many of those guys it was their first job and at 16 years of age a father figure was important and I wanted to make a difference," said Harbison, who retired in 1981 but still makes a difference in CARE, a special program

underway by deacons of his church.

The CARE program, which started three years ago and is conducted on a daily basis by 15 men, comforts, assists, reaches out and encourages people who are shut-in, hospitalized or who need a hand for transportation to the doctor or grocery store or to mow grass or put in a light bulb.

"We have a long list of people to help because we have 1,000 members in our church but it's the most rewarding thing I've ever done besides teach a Sunday School class,"

said Harbison, who has taught all ages of Bible students for 25 years. His favorite gospel is John.

A native of Morganton, Harbison grew up on a farm in Burke County and after graduation from Morganton High School went to work at A&P Food Store but was drafted by Uncle Sam during World War II and served in the Pacific Theater of Operations. After nearly three years in the Army, he returned to Burke County and married his childhood sweetheart, Margaret Peeler, in 1946 and went to work with Winn Dixie,

moving to Charlotte, then to Gastonia and to Kings Mountain 43 years ago. When Yates came to Kings Mountain, Winn Dixie was located where McGinnis Department Store is today, then moved to the present Plonk Tire building and then to the new store at Kings Mountain Plaza. His first job was produce manager and he worked his way up to store manager and saw many changes from a small frozen-foods department to a full-service store, included a delicatessen. Cold cuts and bologna were the first meats in the first

food store he worked in at age 18. His first real job on the farm was milking cows and hauling hay, helping his father who worked for a tannery in Morganton.

During retirement Yates enjoys gardening and shares home-grown vegetables and beautiful azaleas with friends. His volunteer work with CARE takes up much of his time but he also finds time to drive a Vacation Church School bus.

His family includes two children: David Harbison of California

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