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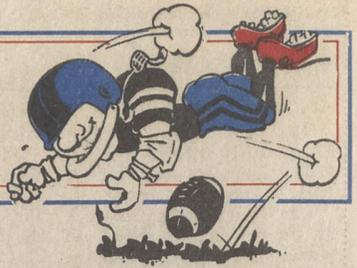
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Low turnout, close votes

Miller and Peeler win seats on School Board

Kings Mountain voters welcomed a new citizen with open arms and also rewarded one of their native sons with seats on the Kings Mountain School Board in Tuesday's non-partisan election.

Shearra Miller, who moved to Kings Mountain from Charlotte over a year ago when her family purchased Bridges Hardware, led the voting in the five-person race for two seats. She received 1,061 votes to 1,029 for B.S. "Sonny" Peeler, a life-long Kings Mountain resident who taught in the Vocational Department at Kings Mountain High for 16 years before retiring.

Board Chairman Billy King, who is completing a four-year term, was ousted. He ran third with

995 votes, followed by Mark George with 291 and David Lynn with 252.

A big advantage in the West Kings Mountain precinct was the difference for Miller and Peeler. They also ran neck-and-neck at Bethware while King led the way in East Kings Mountain and Grover. Miller led Peeler by one vote (484 to 483) at West, while King received 395, George 118 and Lynn 113. Peeler led Miller by one vote (107 to 106) at Bethware. King got 94, George 54, and Lynn 52.

King led at Grover with 191, followed by Miller 161, Peeler 133, George 35, and Lynn 31; and King also led in East KM with 312, followed by Miller 161, Peeler 133, George 35, and Lynn 31; and King also led in East KM with 312, followed by Miller 161, Peeler 133, George 35, and Lynn 31.



Shearra Miller is congratulated by some of her supporters Tuesday night at City Hall after leading the ticket for one of two seats on the Kings Mountain Board of Education.

Moretz and Guyton win seats on City Council

Incumbent Al Moretz won a two-year term as an At-Large representative and Jim Guyton edged neighbor Roy Pearson by 21 votes to win the four-year seat as the Ward 2 representative in Tuesday's Kings Mountain City Council runoff.

Moretz had served four years as District 1 councilman under the old six-district set-up. He had finished second to Norma Bridges in the October primary, giving Mrs. Bridges the four-year At-Large seat.

Moretz won by an even 100 votes (712 to 612) over Joe King, who ran third by two votes in October. Guyton had edged Pearson in a four-man field in October but did not get a majority vote. Only voters who live in Ward 2 were eligible to vote for Guyton and Pearson.

Only 1,346 voters, or 27 percent, went to the polls.

Guyton, who had run unsuccessfully for city commissioner 20 years ago, received 136 votes to 115 for Pearson. He said he began working toward this election as soon as the primary was over in October.

"I'm happy," he said as supporters congratulated him in the lobby of City Hall where the totals were posted by Elections Board

Chairman Moretz said he anticipated a close race with King, who has lost narrow races in the last two city elections.

"I think Joe ran a very tough campaign," Moretz said. "And that's good for the political system."

"I had a lot of support," he added. "I look forward to continuing to help Kings Mountain improve in all areas. I couldn't do this without the voters."

Things looked good for Moretz when the results of the West Kings Mountain (Armory) precinct were posted. He led King by 455-320 there. King was expected to run stronger in East Kings Mountain, and he did win that precinct, but his 292-257 margin was not enough to pull out the victory.

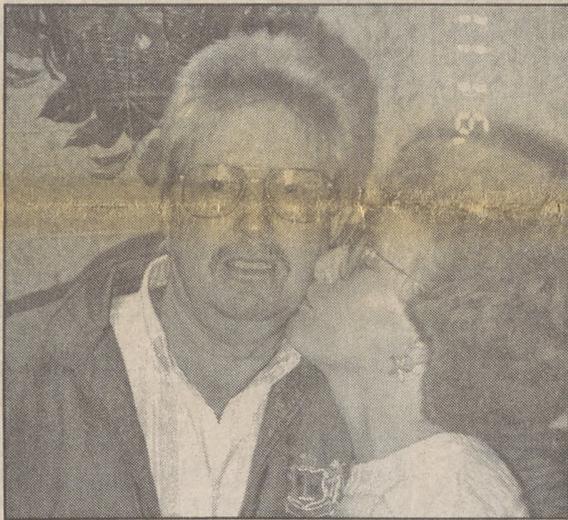
Queen new Grover mayor

GROVER - Four-term Mayor Bill McCarter was ousted from office Tuesday by voters who put former mayor pro tem Ronald Queen in his chair, returned one incumbent, elected a former commissioner and named a newcomer to the three seats up for grabs in the municipal election.

With 62% of the registered voters going to the polls, Ronald Queen, 53, plant engineer for Grover Industries, received 43% of the votes. He received 85 votes to McCarter's 60. Former commissioner Norman King ran third with 51 votes. A total of 199 people of 319 registered went to the polls on a sunny, cold Indian Summer day.

In the commissioner race, Jack Herndon, 67, newcomer to town politics, led the field of five candidates with 152 votes followed by incumbent Sandra Spangler Ellis, completing her first term on the board, with 103 votes to easily win the four year seats. Placing third was Don Rich, who served on the board several years ago who won the two-year seat with 90 votes. Dr. Philip Day ran fourth with 64 votes; Evelyn Willis, active Woman's Club member and housewife, ran fifth with 63 votes; and Sam Stevenson placed fifth with 49 votes.

Queen, who has served on town council 12 years and mayor pro tem for nine years, said he appreciated the support. "My goal is to be



Ronald Queen, Grover's newly-elected mayor, is congratulated by his wife, Jackie, after returns were posted Tuesday night in Grover. The former mayor pro tem and three-term councilman beat out two other candidates, including the four term mayor.

mayor of this town. The mayor is no better than council," he said. "I think I am energetic enough to get the job done for residents."

Queen said the reason he ran was to contribute "my good ideas to make my hometown a better place for everyone."

Herndon, chairman of the Cleveland County Planning Board,

has lived in Grover all his life and said he wants to give helpful input into keeping Grover a congenial and enjoyable town for everyone. "I love this town," said Herndon, 67, retired after 33 years service with Sears. He serves on the advisory committee for Carolina State Bank in Kings Mountain.

McCarter, congratulating Queen

and the other winners after the election results were posted at Finally Restaurant, said he has no immediate plans but will now have time to enjoy retirement. Mayor since 1975, he retired from Minette Mills after 42 1/2 years as supervisory maintenance engineer. McCarter ran on his record, saying that one of his most immediate concerns were having the streets resurfaced and park improvements completed with as little expense as possible. "It is very important that Grover stay on track financially by trimming unnecessary spending and remain a balanced town without raising taxes," which McCarter said his administration had been able to do while renovating town hall, completing the sewer system and annexing several areas of town while updating police protection by adding two policemen.

"We need to resolve the problems with water contamination in Grover and do away with the well systems," said Rich, warehouseman in Gaffney, S. C. and a resident of Grover 16 years. "I believe that Grover people should be taken care of first before we annex and we need to spend our money on fixing up the town."

Ellis says Grover needs more citizen participation in local government. "I would like to see us grow and the uptown streets updated," she said.

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Jim Guyton, left, and Al Moretz shake hands after learning of their election to the Kings Mountain City Council Tuesday night.

Kings Mountain People

Hord has cooked fish since the age of 12

By ELIZABETH STEWART
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When Paul Hord Jr. takes off his chef's hat and apron he relaxes by politicking, panning for gold and chopping wood.

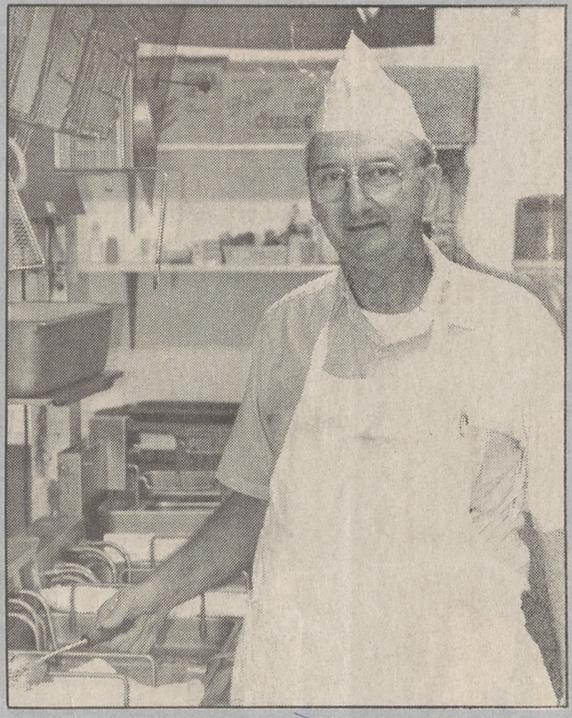
The Kings Mountain native and popular restaurant owner said his love of politics happened in the 1980's when he ran for a seat on the Kings Mountain Board of Education, was elected in 1982 and served until 1989. Maintaining an active interest in the schools today, he said he may offer for an outside city seat open on the board in two years.

Inheriting his love for cooking from his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hord Sr., he started cooking in the family business at age 12 when he had to stand on a Coca Cola crate to reach the huge pan of grease in which he and his brothers were frying fish. Paul, Charles and the late James Hord learned to cook at the old Trout Club on Galilee Church Road, the first business owned by the family. Paul recalled the first

spanking came when he filled a basket with pasteboard instead of freshly peeled potatoes. His job was k. p. and at that time but it wasn't one of his favorite chores.

Sixteen years ago Paul and his wife of 35 years, Joyce Biddix Hord, bought the family business on York Road and have remodeled and expanded twice. The dining rooms will comfortably seat 150 hungry fish lovers and the kitchen has been expanded to include stainless steel walls and the newest in appliances. Fryolators have replaced some of the first equipment used by Paul when he joined his father in the business in 1954. Ruby Hord decorated the walls with her own unique wall plaques, hen and rooster designs made from beans, and still helps out busy mornings in the business but Paul Sr., who has officially retired, says he is the official taster. Kim Hord, youngest daughter of the Hords, and her mother run the "front part of the business," according to Paul, and

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Paul Hord cooks fish at Paul's Seafood on York Road.

COTA chairman will speak at East School

Organizers of a fund drive to help pay the medical costs of a Kings Mountain student with aplastic anemia hope to "rejuvenate" their efforts the next week.

Dorcas Beasley, a teacher at East School who helped organized the "COTA for Angela" fund for 12-year-old Angela Strickland, said Roger Taylor, chairman of COTA, will be at East School next Wednesday night at 7 p.m. to speak with school officials, parents, businesses and "everyone else" interested in helping the Strickland family.

Angela, now a sixth grader, at was in Ms. Beasley's fifth grade class at East when her condition was diagnosed last year. She is now hospitalized in Minneapolis where she underwent a bone marrow transplant on October 25.

"She is having a rough time now," said Ms. Beasley. "That was expected. It's normal for this type procedure. All her hair came out and she is in a lot of pain. The doctors told her the first month would be like this."

Local people have raised \$17,500 of the estimated \$75,000

which Angela's family will be responsible for paying. The total cost of the operation will be between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

"Mr. Taylor is coming to town to get things rejuvenated," Ms. Beasley said. "He knows we're working hard but we still have a long way to go. He hopes this meeting will be a motivational type thing."

While in Kings Mountain, Taylor will go to Charlotte to tape a segment for WBTV's "Top of the Day" program which will be aired the following week.

Next week's meeting will be held in the spacious lunch room at East Elementary. "We would like for business people, friends, and anybody and everybody that's interested in helping Angela to come and hear Mr. Taylor and help raise the money," Ms. Beasley said.

Several fund-raisers have been held and a special account is open at Carolina State Bank where citizens can mail donations. Mark your check "COTA for Angela" and mail them to Carolina State Bank, P.O. Box 340, Kings

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