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## COMING IN NEXT WEEK'S KINGS MOUNTAIN HERALD

### Special Outlook Edition

You'll want to make plans to get in line at your favorite news stand next week to purchase the Kings Mountain Herald.

Included in next week's paper will be our special Outlook Edition which will feature history about the town, county and Battle of Kings Mountain; as well as services offered by our city and county governments, medical facilities, Chamber of Commerce, volunteer organizations, and businesses.

The paper will be the biggest ever published by the Herald, and you won't want to miss it. It will be a collector's item.

Herald mail subscribers will receive the Outlook edition free. It will be inserted in your regular paper. Those who pick up the Herald at area news stands will also have the special edition inserted into their paper. The cost will be 35 cents.

Extra copies will be available at the Herald for \$1 each. Purchases at the Herald will be limited to 10 per customer.

Members of the Herald advertising and news staffs have been working on the special edition since December. It is the first progress edition the paper has published since the Bicentennial publication of 1976.

We think it's going to be so popular that it will become an annual tradition.

## OUTLOOK EDITION

Past - Present - Future



## Harris, Stewart file for Senate

Former nine-term State Senator J. Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain made it official Monday that he's running for the newly-created 37th District Senate seat and former N. C. House Speaker Carl Stewart and seven-term legislator of Gastonia filed for the N. C. Senate 25th District seat.

The 37th Senate District, where there is no incumbent, now includes most of Shelby, Kings Mountain, Grover, Boiling Springs, Waco, Lattimore, Casar and all of Rutherford County.

Holding the seats now in the

25th District are Senators Jim Forrester of Stanley and John Carter of Lincolnton, Republicans, and Helen Marvin, Democrat, of Gaston County. Both Marvin and Carter have said they do not plan to file for reelection.

Harris was defeated in his reelection bid for the 25th District seat two years ago. He served in the General Assembly from the 25th District composed of Cleveland, Gaston, Rutherford and Lincoln Counties for 18 years, 14 of which he chaired the Mental Health and Resources Commission

and was honored by that group with the Valond award and nominated for the national Nathan Harris award.

A Cleveland County native and Cleveland County mortician for 64 years, Harris has owned and operated Harris Funeral Home in Kings Mountain since 1947. Cleveland County Coroner from 1946-70, he stepped down to run for the state senate.

Stewart, a lawyer and House speaker from 1977-80, made an unsuccessful run for lieutenant

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## Lutz hopes to retain House seat

Incumbent Rep. Edith Lutz of Lawndale is seeking another term and filed with the Cleveland County Board of Elections Tuesday.

Mrs. Lutz, Dr. Jack Hunt of Lattimore and Bill Withrow of Rutherford County represent the 48th House District which has been revamped with redistricting and now includes all of Cleveland County, Cherryville, part of Polk County and all of Rutherford County.

Cleveland County now is split

between two Senate Districts--the 25th and 37th.

Filing for seats in the Legislature and county offices, including three seats on the county's board of commissioners and three seats on the Cleveland County Board of Education, ends at noon March 2.

Filing also began Monday for county register of deeds, a position held by Doris Borders, who has announced Monday she will seek reelection and for three judicial seats in Judicial District 27B which in-

cludes Lincoln and Cleveland Counties.

The district court judicial seats now held by George W. Hamrick, John K. Fonvielle and James T. Bowen III are up for election.

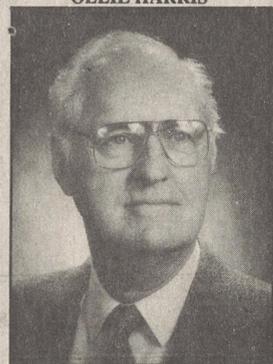
One seat is up for election on the five-member Cleveland County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Candidates have until noon on July 3 to file with the Cleveland County Board of Elections.

The primaries will be held in May. The general election is in November.



OLLIE HARRIS



E.T. VAN HOY

## Board reviews Report Card

While the Kings Mountain school system dropped to below par from a par ranking last year, Supt. Dr. Bob McRae said its actual achievement didn't change significantly.

In terms of achievement, Kings Mountain schools still ranks within state levels.

He gave a review of the school's report card from the state for 1990-91 to board of education members Monday night.

"I don't think we need to over-act," McRae said.

What did change were some of KM District School's criteria on the index of advancement which is based on such factors as number of students enrolled, parent or guardian educational background, number of students on free or reduced lunch, number of teachers per pupil, number of teachers with graduate degrees and amount of local supplement.

Kings Mountain improved in some of these areas, McRae pointed out, in the charts supplied by the Department of Public Instruction to the board. The standards they were judged against were much stricter.

"We must work very hard to improve achievement level," said McRae, calling attention to low fifth grade science performance.

The only standard that Kings Mountain Schools did not meet was its high percentage (5.7) of dropouts. but in terms of state accreditation, KM Schools met or fully met 92.6 percent of the standards. For a system to be accredit-

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## Diploma requirement to change

More rigorous high school graduation requirements will apply with the Class of 1996 and next year's freshman class will be getting prepared in upcoming orientations.

Supt. Dr. Bob McRae that after almost two years of study the State Board of Education has adopted the new graduation requirements which he outlined to Board of Education members Monday night.

The 20 total units are unchanged but required are four units of English, three units (instead of two) in mathematics, one of which must be Algebra I; three units in social studies, one of which must be government and economics; one in U. S. History and the additional unit in world studies; three units in science, one of which must be biology and one a physical science; one unit in health and physical education; and six units which may be electives or designated from the standard course of study.

McRae said this is the first step in a Quality Assurance 2000 initiative, meaning that by the year 2000 end-of-course testing may be required for course credit. Computer proficiency may have to be exhibit-

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## County filing underway

Early filing activity this week ensures a race for all three seats up for grabs on the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners.

Cecil D. Dickson, 56, of 214 Park Drive, Shelby; Sgt. E. T. Van Hoy, 68, of 914 North Post Rd., Shelby; Jerry O. Adams, 36, of 1426 Billy Bob Drive, Shelby; and Sam H. Gold, 55, of 3026 Bettis Rd., Earl, are challenging incumbent Democrats Joe E. Cabaniss, 68, of 216 Park Circle Dr., Shelby, currently chairman of the board, and Jack Spangler, 62, of 200 Lutz Rd., Lawndale, in the May Democratic Primary.

A third incumbent member of the board, Charlie F. Harry, Republican, is also expected to file for reelection.

Both primaries will be held on May 5. The general election is in November.

Filing deadline is March 2 at noon at the Cleveland County Board of Elections, 310 E. Dale St., Shelby.

Challenger Cecil Dickson, life-long resident of Cleveland County and owner of Dickson Auto Supply in Shelby since 1929, says that county government should be responsive to the people. He says he



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wants to know what the people of Cleveland County think about the political issues that concern them.

Dickson says his involvement in local organizations, such as past president of Shelby Kiwanis Club and a former director of Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce, has given him the experience to deal with local issues and has provided him with an appreciation for hard work that is involved in achieving long reaching goals.

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## Fresh water flowing through Grover pipes

GROVER - All four wells are operating in Grover now and the city's water system is back on target, Mayor Ronald Queen told city council Tuesday night.

Queen said the town spent \$4,343 last month for water from Kings Mountain but this month's bill, thanks to the improvements in Grover's water system, would be cut to about \$1,000.

In response to Troy Blanton's request to buy 1,000 gallons of non-drinking water from a fire hydrant, the town agreed to buy a meter and offer the water to anyone wanting it for watering grass, etc.

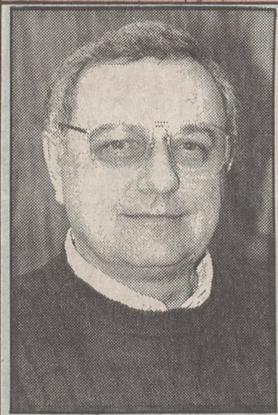
"We just need to meter it and control it," said councilman Jack Herndon.

Queen reported that a fence had been put up at the town hall to enclose the trash truck and city vehicles and said a road had been repaired on Main Street. He asked commissioners to take a look at all the streets in Grover and make suggestions on priorities for street improvements in next year's budget.

Upon recommendation of Bill Lail, the council will launch a clean up campaign in the community and weekly trash pickups on

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## KINGS MOUNTAIN PEOPLE



JERRY KING

## King involved in Kings Mountain

By RENEE WALSER  
Of The Herald Staff

Walk into Jerry King's office on the second floor of the First Union building and you walk down memory lane.

King has memorabilia from his life as a navy pilot and community activist including photos of his first plane and famous people he has met.

In 1975, King served as executive director of the Bicentennial Commission for vice president Nelson Rockefeller's visit to Kings Mountain. Up on the office wall

are pictures of Rockefeller during that visit.

Another familiar face, that of former South Carolina governor John West, hangs in the center of the left wall. King taught Sunday School with West before he became ambassador to Saudi Arabia.

And a picture and letter from Jim Hunt thanking King for participating in Kings Mountain's industrial development program.

Up behind King's desk is a plaque declaring King a recipient of the Paul Harris award, an honor given to King by the Kings Mountain Rotary. The award usual-

ly involves a thousand dollar donation from the recipient, but the club voted to present King with the honor as a gift.

"My mother and father were involved in community service one way or another," King said. "It's just our belief that you should put back into society as much or more than you take out."

King was born and raised in Kings Mountain, the son of Louise King and the late Denver King. He attended Western Carolina University, where he was elected

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