



Shriners Barbecue Saturday  
**10:30 A.M. TIL**  
York Road at East Gold Street

## SNAKES ALIVE!

Students learn about reptiles  
**5-A**

## KM's BRYAN JONES

wins ACC tennis tournament  
**7-A**



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## Hall of Fame ceremony Monday

### Baseball legend coming to banquet

Baseball legend Henry Frazier "Slow" Robinson will be among the special guests at Monday night's Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce Sports Hall of Fame banquet and induction ceremony at 7 p.m. at the Community Center.

Robinson, who recently moved to Kings Mountain, played several seasons in the Negro Baseball Association in the 1940s. He was the catcher for the legendary Satchel Paige for several years with the Kansas City Monarchs

and Satchel Paige All-Stars. Robinson is listed in the Legends of the Negro Baseball Association. Each year the group meets for a reunion in a major league city.

While playing in the Negro major leagues, Robinson played with or against some of the greatest players in the game, including Jackie Robinson, Hank Aaron, Willie Mayes, Josh Gibson, Larry Doby, and many others. Robinson was the best friend of the late

Satchel Paige, and is a personal friend of all-time home run king Hank Aaron.

Many other familiar sports figures will be at Monday night's banquet, including some of the all-time greats in Kings Mountain High School sports.

Tickets are still available at the Chamber of Commerce, Kings Mountain Herald, McGinnis Department Store and Champion's Contracting. Tickets will also be available at the door.

The stars are coming out for Monday night's fifth annual Kings Mountain Sports Hall of Fame Banquet at 7 p.m. at the Community Center.

Art Weiner, a two-time All-American end at the University of North Carolina and the newest inductee into the College Football Hall of Fame, will be the guest speaker.

This year's inductees are former professional baseball stars Eugene Goforth and Hugh Ormand, KMHS and Florida State basketball standout Otis Cole and former KMHS football coach Everett L. "Shu" Carlton.

The Kings Mountain High soccer team, which won its first-ever Southwestern 3-A Conference championship last fall, will receive the Special Achievement Award.

Weiner, who now lives in Greensboro, joined with his best friend Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice to bring Carolina football to its finest hours in the late 1940s.

**TICKETS** - Tickets for the Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremony are \$10 each. They may be purchased at the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, Kings Mountain Herald, Champion's Contracting or McGinnis Department Store. Tickets will also be available Monday night at the Community Center.

Weiner was All-Southern and All-State for the Tar Heels in 1946, '47, '48 and '49 and was first team All-American his junior and senior years when he led the nation in receiving.

Weiner is regarded as one of the best past-catching ends of all-time. Wally Butts of Georgia, one of the game's winningest coaches and himself a former end, called Weiner "the greatest pass-catching end I've ever

See Hall of Fame, 10-A



Nine of the 11 Democratic candidates on the May 5 ballot for Cleveland County commissioner participated in a forum Tuesday night at City Hall. From left, Jerry Adams, Doyme Allison, Bob

Chadwick, Cecil Dickson, Coleman Goforth, Sam Gold, Gale Kirk, Robbie Morgan, and Jack Spangler (not shown.) Three seats on the five-member board are up for grabs.

### Candidates support district representation

The majority of the nine Democratic candidates at Tuesday night's forum agree that district representation is needed on the county board of commissioners and at least one candidate is pushing for enlargement from five to seven members on the board.

Cleveland County mayors sponsored the second forum of the current political season at Kings Mountain City Hall Tuesday night. In spite of a power outage, the program went on as scheduled with assistance from firemen who provided emergency lines and power for about

an hour until the lights went back on about 9 p.m.

Two other issues the candidates see as "hot" are the board's method of sales tax distribution to municipalities and the question of county-wide recreation.

Most of the candidates said that recreation needs should be settled by individual cities and if a countywide recreation system is proposed that voters should make the decision, not the commission members.

All agreed there is no early solution to the

sales tax distribution issue.

There are currently two methods in the N.C. General Assembly for distributing local sales tax revenue. These two methods are the per capita method and the ad valorem method. The board of county commissioners has the option of choosing the method of distribution from the state which collects the sales tax and distributes it back to the county and its municipalities. The county sales tax grant program is scheduled to be eliminated this year.

See Forum, 3-A

### Mark Cedel to direct symphony

Under the baton of Assistant Conductor Mark Cedel, the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra will perform Thursday night, April 30, at 8 p.m. in Barnes Auditorium.

Tickets are on sale at all schools at \$6 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens or from the KM District School's Office on Parker Street.

Hallie Blanton, president of the Kings Mountain Concert Association, said that businesses and organizations are invited to buy tickets to distribute to friends and school students. Blanton said that prior to the concert and at intermission the public can view art work by Kings Mountain students in the auditorium lobby.

Leo Dreihuys is music director for the Orchestra which will perform "Capriccio Espagnol" by Rimsky-Korsakov; "A Jerome Robbins Broadway" by Lowden, "Pops Hoedown" by Hayman, "Blue Danube Waltz" by J. Strauss Jr., "Old Timers Waltz" by Hermann, "Hungarian Dance No. 5" by Brahms, Anderson's "Blue Tango" and "Big Band Fantasy" by Kincaide.

Members of the Orchestra will present a program for elementary students the morning of April 30. For the past several weeks Lynn Echols, elementary music teacher, has been teaching the history of the string section and demonstrating instruments to the students in her

music classes who are also learning to dance the minuet. Orchestra members will be playing violin, viola, cello, harp, flute, oboe, English horn, clarinet, bassoon, French horn, trumpet, trombone, tuba, and keyboard.

Cedel joined the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra on September 1, 1990. He previously was assistant conductor and principal viola of the Charleston, SC Symphony Orchestra.

He is a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and studied for two years at the N.C. School of Arts and then went on to the renowned Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. He was a distin-

See Symphony, 3-A



MARK CEDEL

### Forum format criticized

The format of the second county commissioner candidate forum sponsored by county mayors was criticized by one voter at the Kings Mountain forum Tuesday night.

"You're asking all the questions," said Rev. Charles Rudisill of Shelby to moderator Rick Howell of Boiling Springs.

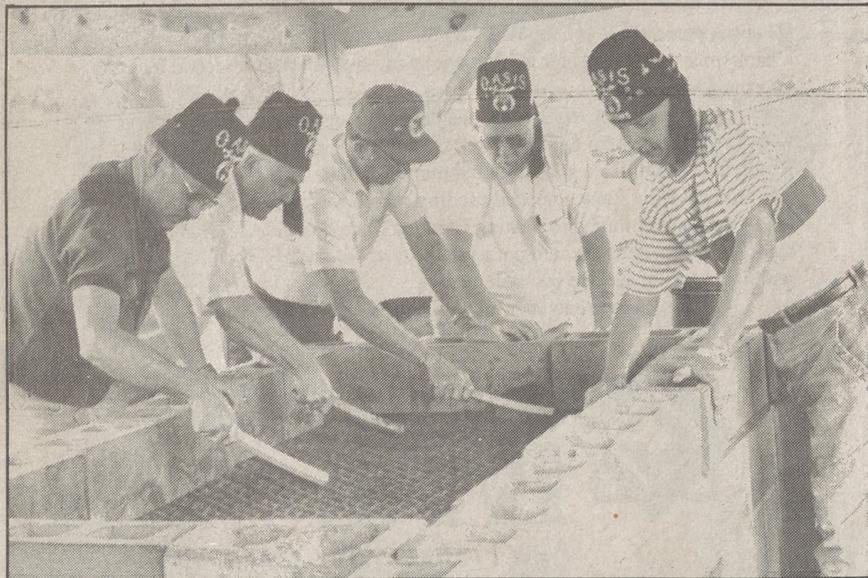
Rudisill, pastor of Vision Baptist Cathedral, wanted to pose a question to each of the nine Democratic hopefuls but signaled out incumbent Jack Spangler after he was told the format didn't include questions submitted by the audience.

Howell said mayors submitted questions to him recently and he questionnaires submitted to all 11 candidates for three seats up for

grabs on the county board. He said the questions to the panel focused on the major issues the mayors see in the upcoming years for municipalities and candidates were given several days to study the questions before appearing at the forum. Rudisill strongly disagreed with the format.

More than 50 people were in the audience but no other citizens asked to be recognized.

Spangler said he agreed basically with Rudisill's statement that government should stay out of private business as much as possible but sometimes the county boards could not. Although neither man elaborated on the issue in question, See Format, 2-A



GETTING READY FOR BARBECUE - Members of the White Plains Shrine Club clean the grids for Saturday's big Spring barbecue at the vacant lot on York Road and East Gold. Shriners will begin selling barbecue at 10:30 a.m. and will continue until they sell out. Shoulders are \$30, plates are \$4, and two sandwiches are \$4. The event will be held rain or shine. Left to right, Joe Wallace, Larry Carringer, Bobby Bridges, Bob Ramsey, and Ralph Grindstaff.

### Kings Mountain People

## Richard quit? Never!

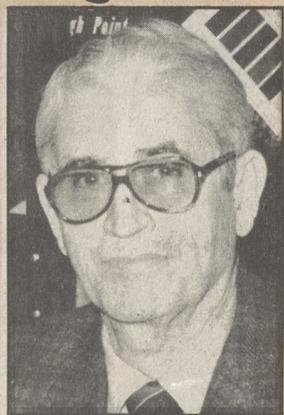
By ELIZABETH STEWART  
of The Herald Staff

Service with a smile is one of the trademarks of Richard Barnette, who has sold furniture for 52 years and doesn't plan to quit.

The personable Barnette, who was hired for two weeks by the late J. Harold Coggins in October 1940 to collect bills, soon moved up the ladder in the trade to president. He bought the business in 1979.

Summer weekends find Barnette and his wife, Rene, at their favorite camp site, Buck Hill on the North Toe River in Linville. It's their "home away from home" and they love it.

Relaxing and fishing, Barnette never frets about business at the store. He says his loyal employees and customers have made the Railroad Avenue furniture business



RICHARD BARNETTE

a success despite a sluggish economy.

Barnette's affection for his em-

ployees and customers is evident. Under the glass top of his office desk are yellowed clippings of anecdotes and words of wisdom contributed over the years and started by Octavia Coggins in the early years of the business. Originally Kings Mountain Furniture Company in 1935, the Coggins family bought the D. F. Hord Furniture Company in 1948 and changed the name to Cooper Furniture. As the years went by, the clippings increased and proved to be very valuable to salesman Richard. Waiting time was more pleasant when the customer could sit in the big rocking chair and enjoy a chuckle as he read the various clippings on the desk.

Richard Barnette and Rene Leigh met on a blind date arranged by her sister, Eva Moss, and were married in December 1939.

See Barnette, 3-A