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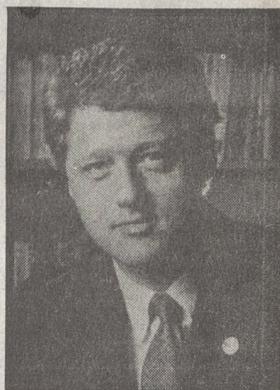
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## Clinton elected President



BILL CLINTON

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### Lauch Faircloth wins

Republican Lauch Faircloth unseated his former friend Terry Sanford in North Carolina's U.S. Senate race Tuesday. Unofficial statewide results showed Faircloth with about 52 percent of the vote to 42 for the former North Carolina Governor and former President of Duke University.

Faircloth, a 64-year-old farmer and former Democrat, trailed the 75-year-old Sanford in the polls until less than two weeks ago when Sanford was hospitalized for heart

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The old adage "As Maine goes, so goes the nation" held true in Tuesday's Presidential election as Governor Bill Clinton of Arkansas unseated President George Bush.

With 98 percent of the precincts counted at the Herald's Wednesday morning press deadline, Clinton had won 32 states and 360 electoral votes (270 are needed for election) while Bush had won only 17 states and 160 electoral votes. Clinton won 43 percent of the

popular vote with more than 42 million votes while Bush took 38 percent and over 37 million votes. Independent Texas billionaire Ross Perot won 18 percent and 18 million votes, but no electoral votes.

While much of the country felt it was time for a change, voters in Kings Mountain and Cleveland County apparently were happy with the way the Bush administration had led the nation during the past four years. They gave the

Republican a narrow victory over Clinton, with Bush collecting 13,647 votes (43.8 percent) to 13,039 votes for Clinton (41.8 percent). Perot ran third with 3,784 votes (12.1 percent).

Bush carried 13 of the 23 Cleveland County precincts, winning over Clinton at Bethware (932 to 505), Boiling Springs (592-416), Casar (371-158), Fallston

### Democrats complete CC sweep

Cleveland County Democrats completed their clean sweep of the Board of Commissioners Tuesday by ousting the lone survivor, Republican Charlie Harry of Shelby.

Two Democrat members of the board - Joe Cabiness and Jack Spangler - lost in the May primary to the three men who won seats in Tuesday's election, E.T. Van Hoy, Sam Gold and Cecil Dickson.

Van Hoy, a retired Highway Patrolman, led the voting Tuesday, just as he did in the May Democratic primary. He collected 16,327 votes to 15,708 for Dickson and 15,043 for Gold.

Harry and fellow Republicans Johnny Short and Robert Williams did not have opposition in the May Republican primary. Harry, a one-term commissioner, ran the strongest of the three with 14,947 votes, while Short received 9,849 and Williams 9,266.

Harry ran strong in his native Grover and in the large Shelby and King Mountain precincts, and at Bethware, but his opponents dominated in other areas of the county. The Grover Industries executive led with 979 votes in Bethware, 269 in Casar, 544 in Grover, 1,151 in West Kings Mountain, 1,217 in Shelby #2 and 1,117 in Shelby #7.

Van Hoy carried seven precincts and ran strong in all of the county's 23 precincts. He was particularly popular in the rural areas of upper Cleveland County.

Gold carried five precincts, including East Kings Mountain where he received 852 votes, Holly Springs, Mooresboro, Polkville and Rippy. Dickson led at Boiling Springs, Fallston, Shelby #4 and Shelby #5.

Van Hoy garnered 52.4 percent of the vote and Dickson 50.4. None of the other candidates topped the 50 percent mark.

A total of 31,141 voters went to the polls. The county has 45,182 registered voters.

### Back to school



Sharon Earney, at computer, went back to school at the new Parent Resource Center which opened two weeks ago at West School. Looking on is trainer Barbara Bridges. There is no cost to the adult education program.

### Adults learn new skills in West Resource program

After being out of high school 17 years and raising two teenagers Sharon Earney is learning keyboarding and using a word processor almost every day at the new Parent Resource Center at West School.

"I was here when the doors opened two weeks ago and find it a good opportunity to learn what my kids are learning so I can help them with their homework," said Earney, who said her typing was "a little rusty" but she has picked up speed.

"She's a good student," says Barbara Plonk Bridges, the KM District School's Parent-Teacher Trainer for the Chapter I-funded program which is available to not only the parents of the 300-plus

Title I students but to all interested parents.

A planning meeting of adults interested in adult education classes two mornings a week at West school will be held November 10 at 9 a.m. Adults can improve their reading and basic skills or study to receive their high school diplomas. Or, they can visit the Resource Center and find a number of helps, including tapes, books, pamphlets, support services, computer classes, videos, and parent conferences to help them help their children.

Mothers like Earney and Valerie Shipp are taking advantage of the Center's software and reading program for adults. Shipp is learning to type and is interested in a course

on time management. Both housewives say the computer instruction will be valuable when they apply for jobs. Earney formerly operated a sewing machine at Clevemont Mill.

Bridges, a resource teacher for three years, also heads up a reading lab for teachers and the new program, CORE - Child Oriented Reading Experience.

"Parents can help their kids learn and help them do better in school," says Bridges, who has been surveying parents of school-age children about the resources they need. She has found it frustrating because working people have so little

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### Harris and Weatherly going back to Raleigh

#### Jim Hunt wins governor's race



HARRIS



WEATHERLY

Kings Mountain's Ollie Harris and John Weatherly will be returning to Raleigh after scoring big victories in Tuesday's election.

Harris was elected to his 10th term in the State Senate, defeating political newcomer Dennis Davis of Lattimore in the race for the 37th district seat.

Weatherly, who served one term before losing in the 1990 election, ran second in the race for the three seats from House District 48. Incumbents Jack Hunt and Edith Lutz were reelected.

Harris, who lost two years ago due to a heavy Republican victory in Gaston and Lincoln counties, received 23,053 votes in the re-structured 37th District, while Davis, a Crest High School teacher, received 20,647.

A big margin in Kings Mountain and Shelby precincts were the keys for Harris, who won Cleveland County by 13,302 votes to 10,798. Davis carried Rutherford County with 9,849 votes to 9,751 for Harris.

The Kings Mountain funeral home owner said the victory was "very gratifying, particularly after losing two years ago because of Gaston and Lincoln County." Harris praised Davis for running a clean race. "He did outstanding for a newcomer."

Harris won 14 of the county's 23 precincts and had phenomenal support in Kings Mountain and Shelby. He out-pollled Davis 1,291 to 730 in his home precinct, West Kings Mountain, and won by 1,222 to 566 in East King Mountain. Harris led 892-761 at Bethware and 605-380 in Grover.

In Shelby, where Harris lived before moving to Kings Mountain in the late 1940's, Harris won five of the six precincts. Davis's biggest support came in upper Cleveland County and Boiling Springs.

"I had excellent support in Kings

Mountain and Shelby," Harris stated. "It couldn't have been any better."

Harris said he looks forward to returning to Raleigh and serving the people.

"The main thing is to go up there and see how much appropriations you've got and see where the need is, and spend the money wisely," he said.

Harris expects to continue his work on health and mental health problems in the state, areas in which he gained an unmatched reputation as a leader in his previous nine terms.

"I've pretty well been assured that I'll be chairman of Human Resources again, and I will be the Democratic dean of the Senate," he said.

Weatherly, a Republican, unseated Democrat Bill Withrow, who, incidentally, defeated Weatherly for his House seat two years ago. Weatherly ran second to Democrat Jack Hunt. Incumbent Edith Lutz ran third.

Hunt led the big, re-structured 48th district, which includes Cleveland and Rutherford counties as well as parts of Gaston and Polk, with 31,845 votes. Weatherly received 31,673 and Lutz 30,804. Withrow ran fourth with 29,510 and Republican Dean Allen was fifth with 25,517.

"I am certainly very pleased," Weatherly said, "especially because I overcame a terrific gerrymandering handicap. I did well in Gaston

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### Let's fill this stocking

Christmas is just around the corner and it's time to begin thinking about what to give our loved ones. When you make your list, don't forget those less fortunate.

Some children in the Kings Mountain area will not have presents under their tree if their neighbors don't reach out to them.

One way to assure that the less fortunate children have toys and clothes is to contribute to the Kings Mountain Empty Stocking Fund.

The fund, beginning its fourth year, is sponsored by the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association and Kings Mountain Herald. Its sole purpose is to provide Christmas for children while other arms of the Ministerial Association and other groups provide assistance during crisis situations throughout the year.

All gifts - no matter how great or small - will be appreciated. You may give in honor or in memory of a loved one, give unanimously, or give in lieu of exchanging gifts or Christmas cards.

Churches, individuals, businesses and civic clubs are invited to participate.

Donations may be taken to Home Federal Savings Bank and deposited in a special account there; or they may be mailed to The Empty Stocking Fund, P.O. Box 1461, Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086. All donations are tax deductible.



### Kings Mountain People

#### Hazel Gill loves to help others

By ELIZABETH STEWART of The Herald Staff

Hazel Lee Gill, 70, is a survivor. Back in 1954 there were no black-owned ambulances and funeral businesses in Kings Mountain. A few had started and failed. Equipment was expensive. It was hard for an independent business to survive.

Gill, who had bought a dump truck in 1948 and started Hazel Lee Trucking, bought a 1936 Packard ambulance in 1954 and launched an ambulance and funeral service with his brother-in-law, Raleigh Brown. The business is operated today, 38 years later, as J.W. Gill and Sons Funeral Home, named after his father, Joshua Wilson Gill, and his brothers.

Gill conducted three funerals the first year of operation in Kings Mountain. With hard work he stuck to the profession and built it into a



HAZEL LEE GILL

solid business while sending two sons to college. He ran for city council when it was virtually impossible for a black to be elected

and won the praise and respect of his community.

"I reckon people saw something in me that was instilled as a boy growing up on the farm," said Gill, who attributes his apparent good health to not drinking milk and not eating butter, half cooked eggs and raw oysters.

Gardening, watching baseball and the news on TV are hobbies he enjoys when he isn't working at his funeral business/chapel at 103 S. Cansler St.

He is proud of his wife, Gladys, and their twin sons, Ronnell and Donnell, two grandchildren and his daughter-in-law and considers family top priority.

Gill still turns the dark red soil with a shovel at his home on Lake Montonia Road, growing vegetables and sharing them with neighbors and friends.

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