

## Meet voters at City Hall

An informal 'after hours get-together' will be hosted by Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce Thursday from 5:30-7 p.m. at City Hall and all the candidates for City Council and school board positions are invited to attend to talk with their constituents.

"We hope that the community will turn out to talk one-on-one with the candidates in an informal manner," said Chairman Ruby Alexander.

Light refreshments will be served.

## Neuman speaks to students

Moses Okoric Neuman, native of Nigeria, West Africa and a Kings Mountain resident, delighted Honors English students at Kings Mountain High School recently with a review of the book, "Things Fall Apart," by Chinua Achebe.

Nucman, President of First Africa World Trade of Kings Mountain, spoke on a program arranged by Susan Patterson to English students in the Library of the high school.

Nucman talked about the tribes and cultures and illustrated the subject with slides and with a world globe and African artifacts.

Nigeria is one of the largest countries in West Africa, bordered

in the east by Cameroon, on the west by Benin, on the north by Niger and on the south by the Atlantic Ocean. Nigeria has a population of about 100 million people and is one of the world's largest producers and exporters of crude oil.

Nucman said Africa is one of the seven continents of the world and has 53 countries divided into five zones of regions, including North Africa, South Africa, Central Africa, East Africa and West Africa.

Nucman, who has been in the U. S. 13 years, is married to Marlene Claudie Grier Nucman of Kings Mountain.

## Correction

Last week, in the special FYI section of the Herald, There was an error and an omission.

The telephone number for the Rescue Squad was a private residence number. To contact the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad, please call 911.

One of our area churches was left out by mistake. Here is the proper information:

Long Branch Baptist Church  
Long Branch Rd.  
Phone.....937-7919



Sixteen members of the Kings Mountain High School Class of 1938 returned to Kings Mountain Saturday with two former teachers for the 55th year reunion. Front row, from left, Lib Plonk Mercer and Mitchell Williams and Josephine Weir, former teachers; middle row, Sarah Henry Summitt, Nell G. Sherrer, Mildred English Jolly, Faye C. Penland, and Lillian Moss Wright; back row, Aileen Black Gibson, Lois Baity Guyton, Betty Cloninger Smith, Ned Hayes, C. T. Carpenter Jr., Marriott Phifer, Paul Stewart, Irene Gladden McAbee and George H. Mauney.

## KMHS class of '38 has reunion

Sara Henry Summitt missed only one question Saturday in the "Do You Remember?" fun test of 15 questions at the 55th reunion of the Kings Mountain High School Class of 1938.

The occasion was the nostalgic reunion of 16 alumni who gathered at Holiday Inn with spouses and friends to reminisce and listen to fantastic 'oldies' on the record player.

"We've had such fun planning this event," said Lib Plonk Mercer, who was assisted by Lillian Wright, Charles Carpenter, Aileen Black Gibson, George H. Mauney and Summitt.

After dinner, door prizes and raffle ticket winners were announced. Paul Stewart won both the GE clock radio and watermelon flag presented during a prize drawing. George and Barbara Mauney took home the door prize, a fig tree. Bed pillows were won by Mildred Jolly, Mitchell Williams, who taught the

class in 7th grade at West School, won a travel kit. Stewart won electric scissors and Marriott Phifer won a touch table lamp.

Irene Gladden McAbee of Grand Blanc, Michigan traveled the longest distance to attend the reunion. McAbee, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gladden Sr., married her high school sweetheart, Sam, also a member of the graduating class. McAbee's daughter accompanied her to the reunion.

Charlie Earp read the class prophesy, "Visions," which he wrote for the school newspaper in 1938.

Members also enjoyed a memorabilia table of newspaper clippings, yearbooks and class pictures and reminisced with former teachers Josephine Weir and Mitchell Williams.

The 16 class members who attended were Lois Baity, Aileen Black Gibson, Charles Carpenter

Jr., George H. Mauney, Lillian Moss Wright, Marriott Phifer, Betty Cloninger Smith, Charles E. Earp, all of Kings Mountain, Irene Gladden of Grand Blanc, MI, Ned Hayes of Burlington, Mildred Jolly of Anderson, SC, Elizabeth Plonk Mercer of Alexandria, VA, Faye Penland of Anderson, SC, Nell Sherrer Brafford of Sanford, Paul Stewart of Gastonia and Sarah Henry Summitt of Lincolnton.

Other guests were Francis Hunt, Mrs. Bess Phifer, Howard Smith, Hal Brafford, Mutt Hayes, Jenny and Crystal Stewart, Marian Carpenter, Barbara Mauney, Fred Wright, Jim Mercer, Carol Cunningham and Clara Flowers Ross.

Forty-eight seniors graduated from Kings Mountain High School in 1938, marking at that time the largest class in the history of the school.

he was responsible for the out-of-school suspension program as Assistant Principal. "Our suspensions were below 50 days each year and compared to other schools in this area that were 15 times higher."

Payseur said a leadership principals' assessment in 1992 from his co-workers ranked him above the national level on 89 leadership skills and ranked him 100 percent on how he related to children. "I don't want anything I don't deserve but I need a fair opportunity and I love working with children," said Payseur.

Payseur joined the exceptional children's program at the Kings Mountain Junior High in 1974. In 1976 he began teaching 8th grade Science. In November 1981 he became assistant principal at Central School. In 1988 he came Assistant Principal of Bethware and Grover Schools. He was interim principal at Bethware School during the illness of Hugh Holland, filling in for Holland the first time in the summer of 1990 and later when the principal was absent due to back surgery. He was appointed interim principal at Bethware by the school board in January 1992.

"Since July 8, 1987 I have been denied a promotion specifically because I was told I would not be hired as an administrator as long as I was out for two weeks every year in the Reserves," said Payseur.

Payseur said he has applied for principalships each time they became open and most recently at Bethware School. He holds a six year degree, including two undergraduate college degrees in education and is certified on a master's level to teach intermediate grades.

## GRIEVANCE

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McRae said he could not comment on personnel matters to the newspaper.

Payseur contends the Kings Mountain Board of Education and Dr. McRae, as superintendent, violated a federal law when it passed him up for promotion.

Janet Evans, UNISERV Director for the North Carolina Association of Educators, presented the grievance to the board, along with Payseur, during a nearly two hour meeting in the superintendent's office.

Payseur contends the board appointments of principals have been politically motivated.

Payseur contends that one of the ongoing reasons he was given for not being promoted in the system was that he had to be on active duty for training each fiscal year in the Naval Reserves, but he was also told other reasons were that he was unsympathetic to children and because he had initiated a volunteer drug testing program for bus drivers at Bethware School for which he said he got permission from Principal Hugh Holland and School Bus Administrator Dr. Larry Allen. He said he has applied more than once for principal positions over the years and passed over.

Payseur has been in the Naval reserves for 16 years. He says he is required by law to participate in two weeks of active duty.

For seven years in a row at Central School he said



## IF YOU

Are satisfied with the way city government has been run the last four years and the way it has worked for **you** then go ahead and vote for my **opponent**.

## BUT IF

- You think the city should provide more and better services to its citizens
- You think the city should provide you with protection from crime and drugs
- You see the need to have a program for street maintenance that would be fair and consistent in each ward
- You think that you need a voice in City Government that will ensure equal representation for all citizens
- You recognize the urgent need to update city

zoning ordinances (The commissioners are presently operating with zoning ordinances established in 1976)

- You think that the city should work to attract industry compatible with the labor force in Kings Mtn.
- You see the need to increase recreational opportunities for our young people during the winter months
- You think that the person you vote for on Oct. 5th should have No obligation to any interest groups

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Councilman Ward 3

Oct. 5th

Pol. Pd. Adv.

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