

ELECTION

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The County Board of Commissioners race has four Republicans, Ruby M. Alexander of Kings Mountain, Joe E. Cabannis, A. Carl Hastings and L. Ray Thomas, all of Shelby, running against eight Democrats, Ken Cook of Kings Mountain, Frank Cloyd, Cecil Dickson, John W. Goforth, John R. McBrayer, Willie B. McIntosh, Jack L. Spangler, all of Shelby, and Robert A. Williams of Fallston.

Tuesday's election will whittle the list of commissioner hopefuls from 12 to six, three Democrats and three Republicans, who will face off in the November general election.

Local interest is also centered in the 48th House District race for three seats open in November. Democrats Andrew Thomas Dedmon, Aileen W. Ford, Doug Pearson and James B. Petty are challenging the two incumbent Republicans John Weatherly of Kings Mountain and Debbie Clary of Shelby who are joined by Dean Allen, Homer Arnold and Tony Helton. Three Democrats and three Republicans will face off in November for the three seats up for grabs.

The State Senate 25th Senatorial District race between Democrats James W. "Buck" Carr and incumbent Hoyle and Republican incumbent Dennis Davis and C.C. Guy is also getting attention from local voters.

Democrats have fielded candidates for Governor (Robin Hayes, Art Manning, Ken Rogers and Richard Vinroot), for Lieutenant Governor (Steve Arnold and Joe Hege), for auditor (Jack Daly and Bob Dinubila); for commissioner of agriculture (Tom Davidson, Dick Gray, Earl Rountree and Leo Tew); for commissioner of insurance (Mike Causey and Larry Rogers); for su-

perintendent of public instruction (Vernon Robinson and Bill Sharpe) for state treasurer (Ann Duncan and Larry Linney) for associate justice of Supreme Court (Nate Pendlay and Carl Tilghman) and for President of the US (Lamar Alexander, Pat Buchanan, Bob Dole, Steve Forbes, Alan Keyes, Richard Lugar and no preference.)

The Democratic ballot includes Bill Clinton, Lyndon LaRouche and no preference for President; former Charlotte Mayor Harvey Gantt, Ralph McKinney Jr. and Charlie Sanders for the US Senate; Mike Daisley, William Jackson Jr. and Joe Lyles for U. S. Congress from the 9th District, (the winner of that race to face Republican Sue Myrick in November); for commissioner of labor Tom Funderburke and Harry Payne Jr.; for Secretary of State Mort Hurst, Howard Kramer, Joyce Langston, Valeria Lee, Elaine Marshall and Brenda Pollard; for superintendent of public instruction David Diamont and Mike Ward; for treasurer Harlan E. Boyles and Michael Weisel; and for court of appeals Lonie Carraway and Linda McGee.

Since Cleveland County is in a split Congressional district, some Democratic voters will cast ballots for either James Mark Ferguson or E. Nathan Frizzell for member of Congress from the 11th Congressional District. The winner will face the Republican incumbent in November.

Some Cleveland County voters, including Waco precinct, will also receive a ballot in the non-partisan school district election for three seats open on the Cleveland County Board of Education. The candidates are Jo Boggs, Terre Bullock, Doris Davis, Tommy Greene, Maybelline Haynes and George Litton.

The Cleveland County Volunteer Fire Department will post election night results.

HALL

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"It's a great honor to be selected to the Hall of Fame," he said. "For most of my 67 years I have been in Kings Mountain and most of the people in Kings Mountain have really supported me."

Cashion gave a special note of appreciation to his family, former players who came from Taylorsville and Kings Mountain to see him inducted, and to fellow coaches who helped him along the way.

"Don Parker probably influenced everyone who came through Kings Mountain from the late forties on," he said, "and Bill Bates was a big influence in my life. My friends influenced me greatly, and inspired me."

Withers spent 37 years in education - most of them in Kings Mountain - and he served for 17 years as principal of Kings Mountain Junior High.

A native of Dallas, he played several years of professional baseball before beginning his teaching and coaching career in Sumter, SC, where he coached Bobby Richardson. After two years there during which time he compiled a 54-3 overall record, he moved to Bessemer City briefly as principal and then came to KMHS in 1955 to teach and coach baseball.

Kings Mountain had gone 14 years without winning a baseball championship when Withers appeared on the scene but after a few seasons he had the Mountaineers competing with such western powers as Shelby, Cherryville and Belmont for the Southwestern Conference championship. In 1963 - Withers' last year as coach before health problems forced him to step down - the Mountaineers won their first baseball championship in 22 years.

Ratterree played sports at KMHS in the late-thirties, and he later played at Appalachian State and Wake Forest. He was All-State and All-Southern his senior year at Wake. After one year in professional football he began a coaching career which lasted 35 years at Staunton Military Academy, Lenoir-Rhyne, Davidson, Wake Forest, The Citadel and the University of South Carolina.

Coming back to Kings Mountain "brings back a lot of fond memories," he told the crowd. "It truly is an honor to be selected to the Hall of Fame. I am sure there are many people more deserving than I, but I appreciate it."

Rev. Eugene Land, pastor of Second Baptist for over 25 years, spoke on behalf of the Second Baptist men's softball team which won 17 championships from 1973-83. Player-coaches Tommy Barrett and Dewitt Guyton accepted the Hall of Fame award on behalf of the many men who played on those teams.

School employees appreciated

In a few weeks my youngest daughter, Molly, will graduate from Kings Mountain High School. She has spent the past 10 years in this school system, so I have what I think is an accurate read on how well we educated at least one of our students. Often it may be more important for me to evaluate us from a parent's perspective than from that of the superintendent. When I do that regarding Molly's years as a student, I answer the following questions.

Did she receive an academic preparation which will allow her to be successful after high school? I have no qualms in answering yes to this question. Her teachers in each grade were diligent in their efforts, and she is prepared to be successful in her next phase of education, college. Every parent must deal individually with this question, as individual students have different goals for the years after high school. What a school system must do is give the students the preparation needed to pursue what they want and to change directions if need be. I am absolutely convinced that a student who sincerely wants to get prepared for life after his or her K-12 experience can find that opportunity here.

Did she attend school in a safe environment? I can also answer yes to this question. In her early years of high school there were some system level concerns about violence in our schools. The system moved to address these concerns, and I sense the atmosphere is improved. Even given that consideration, I never got the feeling that she felt particularly unsafe.

Did she receive opportunities to expand her horizons beyond purely academic pursuits? Yes, again. Our system has offered my daughter numerous "extra" opportunities. She has been in the band, in a high school musical, in several student clubs has had the chance to go on numerous field trips including trips to Washington and Florida - the list goes on. These are opportunities afforded each of our students depending on what specific interests they have. Her development is better rounded due to each.

Was she treated with dignity? Absolutely. I would not say that she never complained about anything. That would be far fetched. However, I do not recall a

"Church recreation is a little different because of the sponsor," Land told the crowd, "but if you play any sport you grow closer together. There are a lot of memories - not just of winning - but memories of teammates and other teams you play against. You get to know those players very closely and there's a bonding that lasts for the rest of your lives."

Land said the church used its softball team as an evangelistic outreach program, and that he has seen many lives changed and has seen people who came to church originally to play softball become faithful to the Lord and remain in Second Baptist or other churches in the area to this day.

He said the team's motto was "victory is not in the score of the game but being like Christ," and the team's purpose was "to do all to the glory of God."

Barrett, who was a high school standout in basketball and baseball at KMHS, spoke briefly to thank the Hall of Fame on behalf of the team and also gave an inspiring message.

"Like any other team we liked to win," he told the crowd, "but all of us are a part of a much greater team, and that's God's team. We all want to be a member of God's Hall of Fame."

Richardson, too, encouraged the crowd to be on God's team and to stand for a principal even though the world stands against you.

"There is power in our example," he said. "Don't show one thing on the outside and be something else on the inside."

Richardson recalled some of his personal experiences with Yankee legend Mickey Mantle, who died last year of liver cancer and made a lasting positive impact on the world by urging young people not to live like he did. Richardson prayed often for Mantle and eventually saw him accept Christ as his Savior. Richardson said his friend who was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility now is in *God's Hall of Fame*, which he quoted:

"To have your name inscribed up there is greater yet by far,

"Than all the halls of fame down here and every man-made star,

"This crowd on earth, they soon forget the heroes of the past,

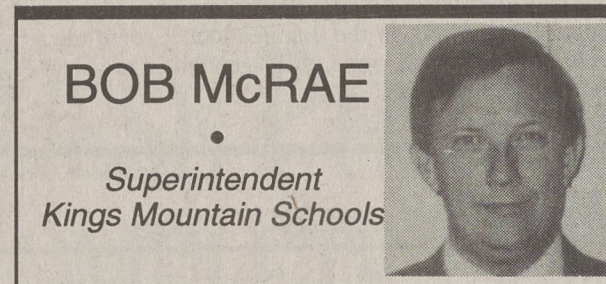
"They cheer like mad until you fall and that's how long you last,

"I tell you friend, I would not trade my name however small,

"If written there beyond the stars in that celestial hall.

"For any famous name on earth or glory that they share,

"I'd rather be an unknown here and have my name up there."



BOB McRAE
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Kings Mountain Schools

single time when I felt she had been belittled by a school employee. They tried to help her through her problems when help was warranted. Clearly, they served the parental role well when my wife and I could not be present.

Was she happy? Most of the time. Some days were better than others. On balance the experience was good, and she enjoyed it. That's all I could ask.

By now you probably wonder why I am taking you through this process. It is a process which is personal to each parent, and some may answer differently than I did. While I hope all of our students enjoy their years in our system, I know some struggle.

The main reason for this exercise is to point out that next Tuesday, May 7, is Employee Appreciation Day in Kings Mountain District Schools. Each year the board of education recognizes employees with a visit and small gift of appreciation on this special day.

I appreciate each of our employees every day. However, in this Molly's last year of school, I would not want the day to pass without saying a special thank you to the employees of the system. I consider trusting the education of my children to them the premier compliment I could pay. My trust has not been compromised. They, especially those of them who do not have children of their own, could never imagine the admiration I have for what they do.

To the employees of our school system, many thanks for helping Jackie and I raise our child. We could not hope to improve on what you have done, and for that care, concern, and competence, you have our most sincere gratitude.

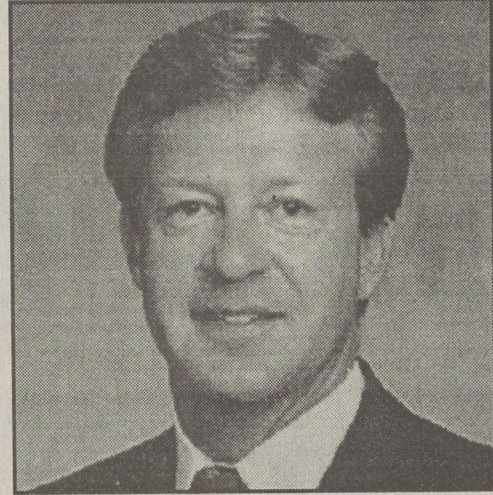
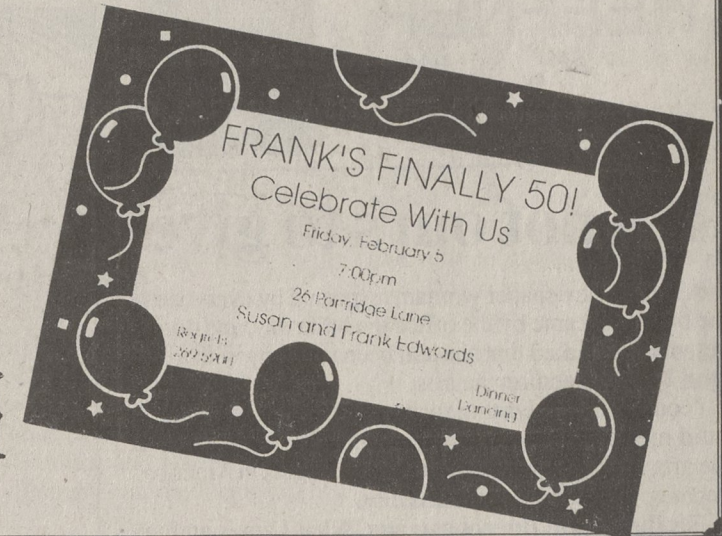
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