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People won't know which way to go now that the 'Purple House' is gone
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Mountaineers beat Burns, Shelby here Friday night
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Public hearing Tuesday on abolishing elections board

Citizens are invited to give input to City Council Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. on a proposed charter change governing city elections and on the proposed abolishment of the 45-year-old city board of elections.

The board passed a resolution of intent at last month's meeting to ask the County Board of Elections to run the city elections and to amend the charter to establish non-partisan elections to be determined by simple plurality vote.

A non-partisan election with plurality means there is no primary election and no runoff, only one election in November with the highest

votegetter the winner in each race. In event of a tie, the winner would be decided by the luck of a draw. The present charter provides for a primary and a runoff if necessary.

Elections Board Chairman Becky Cook had suggested the changes some months ago, citing the cost of two elections and noting that under the present system absentee votes are not allowed because the city does not open its board of elections office five days a week.

If the new proposal is adopted, candidates would pay their filing fees in Shelby but voters could still register here at Mauney Memorial

Library as well as at the county elections board office in Shelby. City officials would have to negotiate the cost of the service with the county board of elections.

The proposal could be adopted at the November meeting of Council but would still require approval of the US Justice Department.

Public hearings will also be held on a rezoning request from Don Welch, Dixon School Road, and on the agenda is a determination of fitness of a dwelling owned by Linda Smith, 110 Center Street.

Council will receive a petition from residents

of Southwoods and Somerset Drives for four-way "children playing" signs at the intersection.

The board will be offered a gift to the city of 3.1 acres of land from Plonk Heirs. The tract is located on Dilling Street behind the existing Gaston Street Sub-Station.

The board will set Christmas holidays and vote on bonuses for employees.

City Manager Jimmy Maney will report on ongoing city projects, including the Peak Generation plant for which the foundation has been poured on North Gaston Street. Construction is expected to start on the \$2 million facility next week.

GOING AFTER #1



Kings Mountain High football coach Ron Massey talks to his team following an outstanding effort in a recent 28-28 tie with 4-A power Crest at Gamble Stadium. The Mountaineers face their

toughest challenge of the season Friday when they host Shelby in a battle for first place in the Southwestern 3-A Conference. See stories on page 6-A.

Dr. Anderson enjoying life in U.S.

Dr. Christian Anderson, 38, is looking forward to next year when he becomes a United States Citizen.

Meantime, the native of West Africa is continuing his work in the Emergency Room at Kings Mountain Hospital and is joining Dr. Emmanuel Eloi in the practice of internal medicine and primary care at Kings Mountain Walk-In Clinic on King Street.

A native of Ghana, Anderson set his sights on the medical profession as a teenager growing up in a big family in Ghana which is about the size of North Carolina.

He had two uncles who are doctors and he decided to follow in their footsteps. After graduation from Medical School in Ghana, he came to the United States in 1988 and completed a three year residency in internal medicine at New York Hospital Medical Center of Queens. In 1992 he moved to Welch, West Virginia and practiced for three years before he was recruited by Kings Mountain Hospital and Carolinas Medical Center to move to this area.

Anderson went to work at Kings Mountain Hospital in 1995 and moved to Gastonia.

He is accepting new patients and will be admitting patients to Kings Mountain Hospital. Although no appointment is necessary for patients at Kings Mountain Walk In Clinic, appointments may be made by calling the clinic.

For relaxation, Anderson enjoys golfing and movies. He attends St. Stephens AME Zion Church in Gastonia. He is single.

Anderson says he loves small town life and has met many new friends in the area. "We can get the big city ameni-

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DR. CHRISTIAN ANDERSON

Candidates speak out at CCC forum

The majority of the six candidates for three seats on the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners favor an industrial park but not all want tax money to be used to finance it.

They participated in a candidate forum Monday night at Cleveland Community College.

"We have been trying to get an industrial park for five years and it's time for the county to step in and show we are progressing," said Kings Mountain's Ruby Alexander who said she thinks the use of tax monies to finance the park is an "investment for the county."

On other issues none of the candidates agreed with the county's appointment of two minority commissioners and limited voting that will begin in 1998 to insure minority representation on the board.

Willie McIntosh, the only African American running for county commissioner, said limited voting is "detrimental to the county."

Only Democrat John McBrayer supported the merger of the county's three schools. He said "down the road merger will definitely happen in Cleveland County."

The county's increased crime problems was a concern of candidates as well as such priorities as more jobs, economic development and improvements to utilities infrastructure.

Candidates running for three seats open on the board are: John McBrayer, Jack Spangler and Willie McIntosh, all Democrats; and Ruby Alexander, Joe Cabaniss and Ray Thomas, Republicans.

Rep. Clary defends attendance record

The question of whether state legislators not attending committee meetings should be paid was a hot topic at Tuesday night's candidate forum at Cleveland Community College which evoked some jabs from both Republicans and Democrats.

On other issues, the 11 candidates for two seats in Senate District 25, two seats in District 37 and the seven candidates for three seats in House District 48 were in general agreement that jobs, economic development and educational improvements were priorities.

The candidates are: Democrat Walter Dalton and incumbent Republican Dennis Davis, District 25 Senate; incumbent Democrat David Hoyle and Republican Ray Hoyle, Senate District 37; and incumbent GOP House 48 Representatives John Weatherly and Debbie Clary, Republican Dean Allen, Libertarian Mark Seiler, and Democrats Aileen Ford, Andy Dedmon and Doug Pearson.

With the exception of Ray Hoyle, all were in agreement that the governor should have veto power.

Ray Hoyle also stood alone on the question of the school bond issue. He said he would vote against both the school and road bonds because "there's too much debt now."

The Senate forum attracted 50-60 people and the House forum attracted a smaller number, mostly candidate families and reporters.

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THE CHURCH HOUSE

Ground to be broken for new Foursquare church which began in home of Rev. and Mrs. Dale Randle

Rev. Dale Randle, 46, is a modern day Jonah and Abraham.

Like Noah, the Bethlehem Community man was reluctant to follow God's call to preach.

But 15 years ago, by his own testimony, he and his wife, Ann, stepped out in faith like Abraham. Without job security or insurance they left a comfortable home and business to go into the gospel ministry.

Four months ago four people started a church in the Randle home in Bethlehem Estates.

Sunday at 3 p.m. the 35 members of the new congregation will break ground for Woodbridg Foursquare Church. By early spring the \$150,000 house of worship will open.

Mrs. Randall turned the den of their four-bedroom, three bath home into a sanctuary with 50 chairs and a pulpit. An organ and computer system were donated. One of the bedrooms is now an office and children's church and Sunday

School classes are held in two bedrooms.

Ann supports her husband by running errands, teaching in the Sunday School or visiting the sick and shut in.

Randle said he was called to preach as a teenager growing up on a dairy farm and attending Bethlehem Baptist Church. A 1968 graduate of Kings Mountain High School, he started dating Ann Sprouse in high school and they wed in 1971 and built a new home in 1978. Randle was partner with his brother, Larry, in Randle Brothers Grading for many years.

"I made a decision for Christ in 1978," he said. He attended a small Four Square church on Second Street and was assistant pastor at Kings Mountain Foursquare before taking a pastorate in Lincolnton from 1980-85. The couple moved to Macon, Ga. in 1985 and served four years before returning to

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DALE AND ANN RANDLE

KM school officials considering building new school for grades 5-6

School officials could be mulling over the possibility of a new school for grades 5-6 in a central location of the community.

The idea hinges on passage of the school bond referendum Nov. 5 in which Kings Mountain's projected share of the pie is \$6.1 million for school improvements over a five year period, said Board of Education Chairman Ronnie Hawkins.

Hawkins is encouraging every voter to vote "yes" for school bonds.

"There's a possibility that a new school could go up for grades K-5 to handle the growing populations at Grover and Bethware areas but I like the idea that came from a local principal who suggested that a new school house grades 5-6," he said.

Hawkins said the suggestion could be a winner because by putting all fifth graders in one schools and taking the sixth grade from the middle school would give more classroom space where it's needed and also alleviate some of the traffic problems at the middle and

high schools.

Hawkins said bonds will be paid from existing state revenue sources. Hawkins said State Treasurer Harlan Boles has said that as long as the economy is healthy the bonds could be paid off without a tax increase.

Funds would enable the rate of school construction to double in North Carolina and the three school systems in Cleveland County would share in a whopping \$25 million over a five year period if there are matching dollars and Hawkins says Kings Mountain has matching dollars from purchase of computers and renovation of Central School among other things.

The school bonds are No. 4 on the ballot. There are three constitutional amendments voters will also decide at the polls: veto power to the Governor; probation, restitution, community service and work programs as punishments imposed on a person convicted of a criminal offense; and adding Victims Rights giving crime victims basic rights to participate in the justice system.