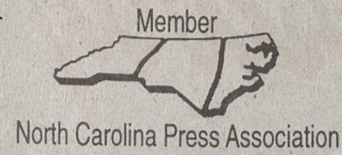


Area baseball star makes debut with Atlanta Braves

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Barnettes face another hurdle

by ELIZABETH STEWART of The Herald Staff

If a Mom of the Year award is ever given certainly Helen Price Barnette would be at the top of the list.

The longtime Kings Mountain nurse and her husband, Butch, have been battling their grandson Billy Bridges Jr's life-threatening health problems for six years but now Helen needs prayers and some financial support to weather health problems she faces.

Mrs. Barnette, 57, underwent major surgery Thursday after being hospitalized at Cleveland Regional Medical Center since July 4 for diverticulitis which resulted in removal of 12 inches of her bowel. She has had complications with elevated white blood count and low blood pressure.

"I wanted to lose some weight but not this way," Helen said this week. Her health problems first started with a bad bout of sinus infection January 27.

Little Billy, who requires around the clock nurses, calls "Mom" four or five times a day. The little boy talks about Heaven and God and on a recent day told Mrs. Barnette, "Let's you and me go to Heaven and visit, God's up in Heaven and He's looking after you."

Billy Jr. is on a first name basis with The Heavenly Father, according to his doting grandparents who took the little boy into their home from Carolinas Medical Center when he was nine months old.



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Butch and Helen Barnette and Billy Bridges

City Council approves 7-member lake board, 2 seats for homeowners

by ELIZABETH STEWART of The Herald Staff

Whether a lake authority was created by legislative action or city ordinance the bottom line, according to city officials Monday night, was control of city-owned Moss Lake.

"We want them to be happy but we have to look after the city's business," Councilman Ralph Grindstaff said in response to criticism by Moss Lake resident Mike Bolt, who charged after the meeting that the city deviated from an agreement on the composition of a lake authority and on a revision of user fees schedules.

Grindstaff, who was present during talks with property owners last week, said there was no "done deal."

"We understood that the user fees would be reevaluated and retroactive to July 1," said Bolt.

But Grindstaff said City Manager Jimmy Maney had only promised readouts on monthly expenditures. He said the first business of the new lake commission will be to look at user fees.

"We're unhappy," said Bolt.

Bolt said lake property owners met for hours with Council members "a couple at a time" to try to negotiate concerns over city imposed user fees and membership on a lake board.

Negotiations between the two sides in the controversy began last week after the N. C. House delayed the vote on a bill proposed by Rep. Debbie Clary that would create a lake authority without a majority membership of Kings Mountain residents.

Council voted twice Monday night before it came up with a final vote, 5-1, to reestablish the lake commission by city ordinance with membership to include five inside-city residents appointed by Council and two

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-Ralph Grindstaff

Moss Lake residents appointed by the Moss Lake Property Owners Association. The board would function, as it had in the past, as an advisory board.

Attorney Carl Stewart said House Bill 777, the city's original annexation bill, was rewritten completely by Rep. Debbie Clary. The new bill proposed a new way of government for Moss Lake, he said.

Stewart notified N. C. Senate and House members that the bill is unacceptable to the citizens of Kings Mountain.

Stewart said Rep. John Weatherly, author of the city's original annexation bill, would be asked to present substitute legislation.

The three areas of concern in negotiations were detailed by Stewart.

Would a substitute bill include the original language of House Bill 777 to authorize annexation of city owned property at Moss Lake? A proviso would include the language that city would not levy taxes on the eight vertical feet buffer area it owns.

Would the city reinstate a lake authority/commission, either by state legislature or by local ordinance? Stewart said the Clary bill stipulated an authority of five people, two from City Council, one from the county board of commissioners and two lake property owners.

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Bloodmobile visit Thursday at First Baptist

The Cleveland County Chapter of the American Red Cross will hold a blood drive Thursday, July 17 from 1:30-6 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Kings Mountain.

Sandi Bolick, Blood Services Director for Cleveland County Chapter, said blood inventory levels are critical in the county and area and encourages all eligible donors to give at Thursday's visit.

"Our normal inventory level of blood to ensure an adequate supply for three days for use by patients in local hospitals is 4,300," said Bolick. "As of this morning, the available inventory of blood was 1,962 units or 46 percent of what is needed, which means that we are shipping about 50 percent of what our hospitals are requesting at this time. This is largely due to a decreased number of blood drives held leading into the July 4th holiday period.

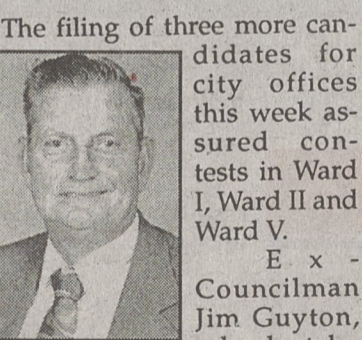
"There is an emergency need for donors with blood types O positive, B positive, and O negative and a critical need for donors with blood types A positive, A negative and B negative. Traditionally, summer is a challenging time of the year for blood donations as many regular blood donors are involved in vacations and other outdoor summer activities. Unfortunately, increased travel can also result in increased accidents which lead to more blood usage.

"At other times of the year, we could get help from other areas of the country. In the summer, however, blood collections are down across the USA so finding help elsewhere is not an option. Five areas of the country are currently going to their media to appeal for blood donors due to critical blood inventory levels."

BEATING THE HEAT



When the temperature reached 96 degrees and the heat index hit 100 Tuesday afternoon, Kings Mountain area people had to have some relief. John Clark, left, and Devin Clark in photo at right found that a cup of fruit flavored Hawaiian ice hit the spot. The 7- and 3-year-old children of Melinda and Chad Clark were served by John Eng, left photo, at John and Sandra Eng's stand at Parker's Amaco on Business 74.



GUYTON
Councilman Jim Guyton, who lost by one vote Jerry Mullinax two years ago after serving four years as Ward II Commissioner, Jim Norris, 1003 Sherwood Lane, running again in Ward V against incumbent Rick Murphrey and Rev. Howard Shipp, of 507 Mitchell



NORRIS
Street, challenging Phil Hager in Ward I, threw their hats in the political ring this week. Filing for all seven seats open on the Kings Mountain City Council and the mayor's seat closes at noon on August 1 with the Cleveland County Board of Elections.



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Kings Mountain Bible teacher for 18 years, Fisher teaches the Old Testament the first term of the new school year and New Testament the second term. She

Three more men file for KM City Council

The filing of three more candidates for city offices this week assured contests in Ward I, Ward II and Ward V.

Three incumbents, Mayor Scott Neisler, At-large Councilwoman Norma Bridges and Ward 4 Councilman Jerry White have not announced.

In the Kings Mountain Board of Education race where three seats are open only the chairman of the board, Ronnie Hawkins, has announced for reelection. Both Connie Allison, who represents the outside district seat along with Hawkins, and Billy Houze, member at large and current vice-chairman of the board, have not announced.

In Grover the terms of three councilmen, Tim Rowland, Mayor pro tem, Robbie Sides and Noel G. Spivey are up. Rev. Shipp, the associate minister of New Life Christian Church and a Kings Mountain minister since 1969, is a Kings Mountain native and retired employee after 20 years at Eaton Corporation. He is married to Kay Frances Wells Shipp and they have four children, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

"Kings Mountain has been good to me and now that I am retired I feel that, if elected, I can make a contribution to my community and give something back to my city," said Shipp in a filing statement. "I would like to see us bring new industry to

town and I see the reestablishment of an industry-seeking commission as a way to recruit new industry," he said. Shipp said another major concern is more recreation for young people. He said adequate swimming facilities are needed at both Deal Street and Davidson Parks.

Norris, of 1003 Sherwood Lane, an employee of Commercial Intertech for nine years and a Kings Mountain resident since 1963, is the son of Maude and Mitch Norris of Kings Mountain and is married to Lorraine Wright Norris. The

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JEANINE FISHER

Mrs. Fisher serves where she is needed

(Ed. Note - This is the fifth in a series of weekly articles on local leaders in the Jay Strack Crusade to be held August 24-28 at John Gamble Stadium in Kings Mountain.)

Jeanine Fisher's big job as a member of the Executive Committee of the upcoming Jay Strack Crusade is over. Now she's making the rounds of the community inviting people to attend.

The Kings Mountain District School's Bible Teacher was a member of the search team

which invited evangelist Jay Strack to lead the August 24-28 Crusade in Kings Mountain.

"We chose him after watching videos of his preaching missions and then cleared our choice with the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association," said Fisher.

"We chose Jay Strack mainly because we thought he'd appeal to all age people," said Fisher. "He has a rapport with youth and we want youth to come to the crusade and hear his message."

Fisher plans to volunteer to

sing in the choir, to counsel, or to serve wherever she is needed as a member of the large executive committee and sub-committees running the crusade.

The Strack Crusade will be Fisher's third in which she has been active. She sang in the choir for both the Clyde Dupin and Rick Gage Crusades and said she received a blessing from her participation.

Kings Mountain Bible teacher for 18 years, Fisher teaches the Old Testament the first term of the new school year and New Testament the second term. She

also teaches World History.

"I was working in Laurinburg and heard about an opening in Kings Mountain for a Bible teacher," said Fisher, who was first hired by Dr. Paul Ausley, pastor of First Presbyterian Church and a former president of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association which co-sponsored the teaching of Bible in the schools.

"I had worked as a Director of Christian Education after graduation from High Point College but I feel like The Lord was

calling me to teach Bible," said Fisher.

Fisher enjoys the 32 students in her Bible Class at the high school. "I feel like young people are searching for more meaning in life and I try to help them find answers through classes at school or in Sunday School," she said.

"I enjoy young people and working with young people and we have so many good young people in our school system," she said.

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