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Pansy Turner is 100, and 'hungry' for more

By ELIZABETH STEWART of the Herald Staff

A century of living hasn't dulled the gleam in Pansy Hardin Turner's eyes nor added many wrinkles to her face.

The former Grover resident had to park her 1962 Nova in Grover eight years ago but she wheels her wheelchair now with the same ease she drove her car.

"I don't know what I'll be doing on my 101st birthday but right now I'm ready for supper," said Mrs. Turner as she gathered up her big assortment of birthday cards to head for the dining room at Northwoods Health Center.

Wednesday was a big day for "Grandma Turner" who had her hair set. Dressed in her Sunday dress, she greeted 75 friends and relatives and they all

enjoyed birthday cake and plenty of hugs.

In apparent good health, Mrs. Turner belies her age. Friends told her she had fewer wrinkles than her younger relatives and Turner's son, Gene Turner, joined her in reminiscing about life in Grover.

The widow of Walter Turner, Mrs. Turner is the oldest member of her church, Sulphur Springs Church in Shelby. A Cleveland County native, she attended Patterson Springs School and moved to Grover from Shelby in 1938. Mr. Hardin worked at the Auto Inn and Mrs. Turner used to work at the old Campbell's Department Store. Her son said her main job was that of a homemaker.

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PANSY HARDIN TURNER

Neisler, Joy file for mayor

Last-minute filing assures competition

By ELIZABETH STEWART of the Herald Staff

Last-minute filing Friday by seven candidates produced a race for Kings Mountain mayor, a three way race in Wards 1 and 3 and a four-way contest for two At-Large seats open on City Council.

Mayor Scott Neisler made it official Thursday he will seek his third term at City Hall and Gary Joy said he will challenge him.

In Ward 1, Joe King joins Rev. Howard Shipp in challenging incumbent Phil Hager and in Ward 3 incumbent Ralph Grindstaff is being challenged by Clavon Kelly and Gilbert Hamrick. Retired Police Chief Bob Hayes and James Self challenge incumbents Norma Bridges and Dean Spears for the two At-large positions on the board. In Ward 4 Jerry White did not seek reelection and Gene White and Pat Childers are in a two way race. In Ward 5 Lou Ballew and Jim Norris challenge incumbent Rick Murphrey. In Ward 2 incumbent Jerry Mullinax faces a challenge from Jim Guyton.

The filing period ended Friday at noon with 19 candidates seeking eight seats at City Hall November 4.

Neisler, 42, is a Kings Mountain native, son of Charles and Mary Neisler and an employee of Dicey Fabrics in Shelby for 18 years. A graduate of Florida Southern College, he has two children, Wendy, a sophomore at Kings Mountain High School, and Garrett, a seventh grader at Kings Mountain Middle School. He is a Sunday School teacher and member of the choir at First Presbyterian Church.

"There are more things I want to see happen in Kings Mountain and that's why I'm running for a third term," said Neisler, who said he's glad that Kings Mountain has a choice in the mayor's race and said he wished his opponent "the best." Neisler said he is quite pleased with the operation of city government under the leadership

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ED GUY BOLIN

Four more file for School Board

The Cleveland County Board of Elections Wednesday voted unanimously not to place Billy Houze's name on the ballot for the upcoming Kings Mountain School Board election.

Houze, of 1725 Shelby Road, filed to run for reelection to an At-Large seat but his papers did not reach the Board of Elections office in Shelby until 1:30 p.m. Friday. The filing deadline was noon.

Houze said he had paid Federal Express to deliver his filing letter from Florida by noon Friday, but Johnnie McClain, Deputy Director of the State Board of Elections, says the law makes no allowances for extenuating circumstances of any description. She said the notice of candidacy and a filing fee must be received by the Board of Elections by 12 noon on the deadline.

Houze said he hadn't decided whether or not to seek reelection when he left for a two-week trip to Florida. He said he will not appeal the Board's decision and has not decided if he will run as a write-in candidate.

Notices of candidacy which are mailed, according to GS 163-294.2, must be received by the board of elections before the filing deadline regardless of the time they were deposited in the mails.

Three other candidates filed last week, bringing the total to six who seek the two seats open on the Kings Mountain Board of Education in November.

Melony Clark Bolin and Gene Ballard Jr., filed for the At-large seat held by Houze. Edgar Guy and Denorris D. Byers seek the two outside seats for which incumbent Ronnie Hawkins and Larry Allen have filed.

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Schools to open Monday

School bells will ring August 11 for the fall term of school for 4,300 students and 575 school employees.

With the hiring of Valerie Boyd as an assistant principal at Kings Mountain High School, major positions have been filled but the system is still interviewing for five certified teaching positions, according to Supt. Dr. Bob McRae.

Character Education will be kicked off at all school plants this year and signs are already going up on campuses. Materials and a tabloid newspaper are being prepared for circulation to parents at the start of school.

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GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL - DOT employees put the finishing touches on a new entrance to Kings Mountain Middle School. School begins for over 4,000 Kings Mountain District students Monday morning.

Grover Council will have new members

Three new people will sit on Grover's five-member Town Council with fall elections and this week three more political newcomers joined three others in throwing their hats in the ring.

Filing this week were Spectrum employee John Higginbotham, Charlotte postal employee Martha Bennett Allen and Bill Favell, retired trucking company president.

The trio joins electrician Adam Greene, Planning and Zoning Board Chairman Max Rollins and Robert Roper who filed last week for the three seats up for grabs.



HIGGINBOTHAM ROLLINS

FAVELL ALLEN

This week Roper said he won't be a candidate. His name, however, will appear on the ballot since state law requires that a candidate withdrawing make his intent known prior to the filing deadline, which was

noon Friday. Elections Board Chairman Debra Blanton said if Roper had withdrawn before Friday at noon she could have reimbursed his filing fee and his name would not have appeared on the November 4 ballot.

None of the three incumbent Councilmen - Robbie Sides, Tim Rowland and Noel Spivey - filed for reelection to a four year term. Terms of Mayor Ronald Queen and Council members Jack Herndon and Elizabeth Throop are up in 1999.

Favell, of 113 Lakeside Drive, chairman of the Grover Board of Adjustment and President of Grover Lions Club, retired from Mercury Motor Express in Tampa, Florida after a trucking career of 40 years. He was promoted from terminal manager. He has been associated with Wilson Real Estate for 18

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'Andrews' to introduce community to crusade

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

The Chairman of the Personal Evangelism Committee for the upcoming Jay Strack Crusade, Rev. Olin Byrum III, will lead a door-to-door canvass of the community August 23 to invite people to attend.

"This is an all morning blitz by every church in the community to personally contact people and to ask them to pray for a revival in Kings Mountain," said the pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist Church.

Operation Andrew was the first project for the committee. Andrew led people to Jesus, his brother, and brought the little boy to Jesus with the five barley loaves and two fish for the miracle feeding of the 5,000, said Byrum.

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OPERATION ANDREW - Rev. Olin Byrum III and his secretary, Carole Dixon, are distributing Operation Andrew prayer cards and are planning training events Thursday and Saturday at Kings Mountain Baptist Church for volunteers in a house-to-house crusade canvass.

Interim Chief Reynolds plans to carry on tradition of service to community

Richard Reynolds, 51, the recently appointed Interim Chief of the Kings Mountain Police Department, said his goals are essentially the same as his predecessors - to run a top department.

"We have a good group of people working in this department and my goal is to give the citizens we serve a safe community, drug free, and the employees a good working environment and benefits they de-



REYNOLDS

serve so they will stay in Kings Mountain," said Reynolds.

A Kings Mountain native, Reynolds was promoted through the ranks from a patrolman 29 years ago to the top position in the 45 person department of patrolmen, crossing guards, dispatchers, secretaries and reserve officers.

Reynolds is in the process of hiring three new patrolmen to augment the staff which is three short, he said this week.

Hired by Chief Tom McDewitt June 19, 1969, Reynolds was the 12th patrolman to join the staff that year and he bought his own gun, leather belt and holster. The city issued the clothes,

badge, whistle, chain and handcuffs.

Equipment was slim back in those days, according to Reynolds. There were two hand-held walkie talkies in the whole department and Junior Roper, who later became Chief, was the lone detective in the department and there were no secretaries.

Kings Mountain's police department moved up in the early 1970s. Women were hired and other officers included school resource and D. A. R. E. officers. In addition lake patrols were added as well as community policing and a K-9 patrol with a drug dog. More people were

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