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Beer And Wine, Too Voters Say No To ABC Stores

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Kings Mountain voters said no to ABC stores and off-premise sales of malt beverages and unfortified wine in Tuesday's special election. Shelby voters approved the package stores, but rejected malt beverages and unfortified wine in that city's special election also held Tuesday. When the final unofficial tallies were recorded late Tuesday night, three of the city's six wards had approved ABC stores by slim margins. Only one ward approved malt beverages and unfortified wine. The final tally was 1,471 against - 1,310 for ABC; 1,499 against - 1,267 for malt beverages and wine. An unofficial count indicates 2,781 of the city's 4,193 qualified voters went to the polls Tuesday. In the 1967 special ABC election 2,511 of the city's, then 3,719 voters defeated the issue 1,411 to 1,091. The breakdown shows in ward one 249 voters were registered, 96 did not vote; ward two, 638 registered, 266 did not vote; ward three, 740 - 263; ward four, 742 - 222; ward five, 1,425 - 446; and ward six, 399-109. The unofficial tally by wards as reported by ward registrars Tuesday night is as follows:

ABC: Ward one: for 77 - against 76; ward two: for 194 - against 178; ward three: for 189 - against 288; ward four: for 158 - against 362; ward five: for 565 - against 404; ward six: for 127 - against 163.

Malt Beverage, Unfortified Wine: Ward one: for 71 - against 84; ward two: for 170 - against 184; ward three: for 182 - against 296; ward four: for 159 - against 359; ward five: for 562 - against 410; ward six: for 123 - against 166.

The "wet-dry" campaign during this special election compared to the one in 1967 was a Sunday picnic, according to many citizens. In 1967 the issue spilled over into an open conflict of personalities with numerous heated debates.

The just past election was low-key from beginning to end with forces in each camp working quietly behind the scenes to get citizens registered. The Kings Mountain Elections Board said 1,164 new voters were registered this time.

In the final analysis Shelby's ABC victory Tuesday places one Cleveland County unit with legal liquor sales, which means that now clubs and restaurants in Kings Mountain and anywhere else in the county may apply for a brown-bagging permit. With the permit citizens may take their own bottles to the clubs or restaurants and be sold setups.



Photo By Tom McIntyre

CHECKING THE VOTES - Tuesday night at the special ABC election returns came in to election headquarters Luther Bennett, elections board chairman, Boyce Tesseneer of the Wet

Force; Rev. M. L. Campbell, Dry Force, and Mrs. Betty Mercier, elections board official, carefully checked off the totals.

B. N. Barnes Honored With Dedication And Reception

B. N. Barnes was superintendent of Kings Mountain schools from 1934 to 1967. Last Friday night the community paid honor to Barnes with the dedication of the \$29,280 theater named B. N. Barnes Auditorium and constructed next to the senior high school on Pfifer Rd. The 1,000 seat auditorium was filled to capacity Friday to honor Barnes and to see the first public program designed to show off the auditorium. George Mauney, chairman of the local education board, led Barnes to a corner of the stage and unveiled a large color portrait of Barnes. The portrait will hang in the lobby of the auditorium.

Kale, Anna Lanier, Cheryl Lutz, Jean Ware, Chuck Keller, Scott Moss, Tracy Cook, Mike Whisnant, Tommy Bridges Jr., Jeff Jones, Allen Baird, Steve Walker, Robert Swofford and Dennis Bolin. Members of the KMSHS band were Kevin Allison, Richard Anderson, Ed Anthony, Scott Bennett, Kenny Bumgardner, Rusty Cloninger, Elizabeth Eaker, Pattie Herndon, Debbie Hinson, Karen Hinton, Clyde Kerns, Myra McGinnis, Sarah Maner, Jennie Mauney, Kaki Mauney, Scott Moss, Tony Payne, Richard Plyler, Ann Rowell, Mike Smith, Tiara Timms, Desiree White, Wesley Young, under the direction of Donald Deal.

Brown, Johnny Byers, Cindy Cabiness, Evelina Camp, Donna Dedmon, Greg Dixon, Tony Falls, Norma Gardner, Edward Goode, Janice Gordon, Kathi Haywood, Monica Hunter, Barbara Jamerson, Jeff Jones, Ann Lail, Robin Lary, Wendell Leach and Terry Lefevers. Also Mynon Lewis, Janice Littlejohn, Gracie Logan, David B. Lucas Jr., Lynn McDaniel, Janie McSwain, Eddie Mauney, Brantley Mercer, Carolyn Mintz, Marilyn Mintz, Marcella Mitchem, Michael Moore, Sandra Moore, Donna R. Nicholson, Kevin Pace, Alvin Rhodes, Mary Shear, Freddy Smith, Nathaniel Smith, Shelia Stokes, Deloris Watkins, Johanna White, Edwina Wilson, Wanda Vandyke and Roy Young.

J. D. Morrison, Charlotte-Mecklenburg; Myra Jenkins, Gaston County; Maggie Lauterer, Rutherford County; Rose Julian, Salisbury City; Marjorie and Homer Haworth and Gene Ellis, Shelby City Schools. The two-hour production featured slide projections and music telling a story of the coming of man to this area, square dance, interpretive and ballet dances, vocalists, special music and skits. Following the program there was a reception in the senior high gym for Barnes, his family and members of the board of education. Refreshments were prepared by the local schools food service department. A special student art display was also set up in the gym.

Under the direction of Mrs. Myrle McClure, members of the chorus included Buddy Adams, Julia Adams, Sandra Adams, Lynn Alexander, Sharon Allison, David Bell, Kevin Bridges, Tobbie E.

Performers from other school systems were: Jayne Wilkins, Burke County; Rita Vollbracht, Cleveland County;

Schools Need Parents Aid

Although the Kings Mountain District Schools have a survey underway it's possible not every eligible parent has information about kindergarten and first grade enrollment for their children. Joe Hedden, principal at West Elementary, said "All parents with children who will be five or six years old on or before Oct. 15, 1975, should contact the school in their areas to get necessary forms for enrolling children either in kindergarten or first grade." Hedden said the five year olds will be eligible for kindergarten and six year olds, for first grade.

"We've had a survey underway for sometime," Hedden said, "but we feel there might be many parents who do not have access to information on enrollment. It is very important we establish contact with these people and provide them with the forms and enrollment information." Kings Mountain has state supported kindergarten within the local system. There are also church-based kindergarten classes in the city. Hedden said he felt the state supported kindergarten facilities in Kings Mountain will be expanded in the next school year to handle the increase enrollment.

KMUF Short Of Goal

The Kings Mountain United Fund, scheduled for completion last month, has fallen short of its \$30,000 goal by \$22,000.

To date only about \$8,000 in cash and pledges have been received, according to Bill Bates, past president of the KMUF.

"I believe it's a matter of getting the community over-committed," Bates said.

Bates said a meeting was scheduled this week to re-organize the campaign and perhaps set a more realistic goal, something like \$20,000 and give the agencies relying on the fund two-thirds of what originally budgeted.

"I believe we can pull things out to that extent," Bates said. "People are beginning to see now that we've got to get something going."

Last year the United Fund met its goal of \$36,000.

Bates said several factors had hurt the campaign to date. First, the annual drive was postponed because of the Centennial celebration in Kings Mountain. During this celebration business, industry and citizens were hit hard by a fund drive to finance the city's birthday party. The campaign chairman moved from the city and was never replaced. Then the economy dropped and many of the large donors in past UF campaigns had closed their doors and laid off employees. And several civic clubs and churches began fund-raising drives to help the area needy caught in the economic crunch.

Bates said none of the agencies requesting aid from the United Fund will go without because whatever monies is collected will be distributed on a pro-rata basis.

EASTER CANTATA

First Congregation Church Lincoln Academy Choir will sing the Easter Cantata, "Hallelujah, What A Savior", on Palm Sunday morning at the church. Mrs. M. W. Wilson, minister of music, will direct the cantata.

P-TA BENEFIT

Grover P-TA will sponsor a hotdog and hamburger supper with serving from 5 until 7:30 Friday night in the school cafeteria. Hotdogs will sell for 30 cents each or four for \$1 and hamburgers will sell for 40 cents each or three for \$1.

Two City Employees Killed In Accident

Two sanitation department employees of the City of Kings Mountain - brothers Isaac Bell, 57, of Rt. 2, and J. C. Bell, 51, of Rt. 4, died in a two-car crash about 4:25 p. m. Sunday on N. C. 161 S. just inside the city limits.

Chief William Roper, Jr. said the two men were passengers in a car driven by Willie Moore, 46, of 4700 Margrace Rd., which was involved in a wreck with a car operated by Roy Guinn, 32, of Rt. 1.

No charges have been filed and investigating officers were Pt. Donald Ivey and Ptl. Houston Corn.

Damages were estimated at \$700 to the Moore vehicle and \$4,000 to the Guinn car.

Chief Roper said a Kings Mountain patrol car operated by Sgt. Tommy King was damaged \$2,000 when it hit a utility pole on S. Carsler St. while enroute to the fatal wreck. The patrol car went out of control, the Chief said, and was involved in a collision with a car operated by Bobby Eugene Eters, of 701 Crescent Circle. The patrol car went off the road into a curb and hit a utility pole. The Eters car was damaged \$350, according to investigating officers.

J. W. Gill & Sons Funeral Home is handling arrangements for the accident victims and are incomplete. Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bell, J. C. Bell was employed by the city sanitation department for 31 years. Surviving are two sons, Carl

and Thomas Bell of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Mrs. Doris Bobby and Isaac Louise Thompson of Kings Mountain; four brothers, R. A. and David Bell of Kings Mountain, Lonnell and J. W. Bell of New Haven, Conn.; four sisters, Mrs. Geneva Crocker, Mrs. Leola Crocker and Mrs. Annie Mae Smith of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Martha Harris of New Haven, Conn.; and nine grandchildren.

A native of Chester County, S. C., Isaac Bell was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bell, and an employee of the city sanitation department.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Bessie Wilkes Bell; five sons, A. C., Ezell Bobby and Isaac Bell, Jr. of Kings Mountain and Frankie Bell of Gastonia; five daughters, Mrs. Ethel Dawkins of High Point, Mrs. Diane Grier of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Bernice Littlejohn of Shelby, Roxann and Teresa Ann Bell of the home; four brothers, R. A. and David Bell of Kings Mountain, Lonnell and J. W. Bell of New Haven, Conn.; four sisters, Mrs. Geneva Crocker, Mrs. Leola Crocker and Mrs. Annie Mae Smith of Kings Mountain; and Mrs. Martha Harris of New Haven, Conn. and 19 grandchildren.

Judge In Error

Lamar Clements, Director of the Regional Center of the Department of Civil Rights, Atlanta, Ga., told the Mirror-Herald Wednesday morning that Kings Mountain District Schools are in compliance with the civil rights law.

Kings Mountain system was among 39 schools cited by a federal judge in Washington, D. C. ordering investigation into possible violations of the civil rights law.

Mr. Clements said 18 of the schools listed should "not have been on the list."

He said he had apprised the Washington, D. C. office of HEW of the "mix-up", which he said was an error in the reporting of 1972-73 statistics. Kings Mountain District had met full requirements subsequently when it closed the Early Childhood Center at Compact because of racial disparity.

Clements said he had written Supt. Don Jones in November advising him that KM District Schools was in "full compliance" and would write him again this week to clear up any misunderstanding on the citation by U. S. District Judge John H. Pratt.

Mirror-Herald Sponsors File Photograph Session

The Mirror-Herald is sponsoring another photo session with C. W. Robinson Mar. 24, 25, 26 and Apr. 1, 2 and 3.

Robinson will set up his cameras in the First Union National Bank conference room from 9:30 a. m. until 5 p. m. on those six days.

This will be the third visit to Kings Mountain for the photographer and this time, as the first two, he will be shooting portrait-type photos of individuals to be used in The Mirror-Herald photo files.

"You are under no obligation to purchase any photos from Robinson," said M-H General Manager Darrel Austin. "The photos Robinson makes for us will be used by the newspaper in connection with news events. Any photos you may want for your personal use will be between the individual and the photographer."

Who should make an appointment for a photo?

Anyone who wishes it done to have a photo on

file with the local newspaper.

Austin said people who are making the news in Kings Mountain, men, women, oldsters and youngsters, should make a special point of meeting with Robinson to be photographed. The photos will be wallet size and will be retouched just as larger portraits done for individuals. The photos taken for the newspaper will become the sole property of the newspaper.

After your photo session with Robinson you will receive proofs of the various poses taken. You are asked to encircle your choice and return all proofs to Robinson. The pose you select will be the photo that is returned to The Mirror-Herald for filing and future use.

Remember the dates (Mon., Tues., Wed., Mar. 24, 25, 26, Apr. 1, 2, 3) and the times (9:30 a. m.-5 p. m.) in the conference room at FUNBank, S. Battleground Ave.

Then you may look at yourself in The Mirror.



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OVERWHELMED - B. N. Barnes, former Kings Mountain schools superintendent, chats with old friends during a reception in his honor following the dedication of The Barnes Auditorium, also named for him, last Friday night.

Students from KMSHS in the square dance number were Janet Alexander, Cindy Bridges, Lisa Bridges, Cathy Cornwell, Charlotte Davison, Elizabeth Eaker, Pamela