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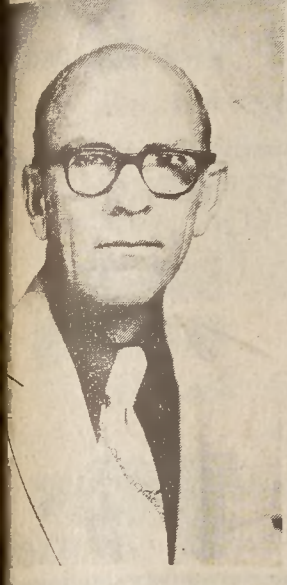
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JAMES CHILDERS



HUMES HOUSTON



CORBET NICHOLSON



NORMAN KING



BILL GRISSOM



FRED WRIGHT JR.



MARION THOMASSON



JUNE LEE

Lee And Thomasson Are School Trustees

Kings Mountain school district voters elected two women to school board trusteeships Tuesday.

Mrs. Joe Lee and Mrs. George B. Thomasson were the front-runners among six candidates, including four men.

Only two women have served on the board of education in recent years — Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch and Mrs. John L. McGill.

Both June Lee and Marion Arthur Thomasson sought public office for the first time. Mrs. Lee led in Bethware and East and West Kings Mountain boxes garnering 887 votes.

Mrs. Thomasson led in Grover and polled 800 votes followed closely by Charles F. Mauney with 791 votes. William Orr received 637 votes, Herman Greene garnered 466 and Kyle Smith received 437.

Both Mrs. Thomasson and Mrs. Lee were elated.

Said Mrs. Lee, "I am just thrilled and excited and want to thank everyone who worked for me. I will work hard for quality education for all students in the Kings Mountain

school district."

Mrs. Thomasson echoed her statement, adding, "I will strive to represent all the people of the Kings Mountain School District to the best of my ability."

Wife of Kings Mountain lawyer George B. Thomasson, Mrs. Thomasson is the daughter of Mrs. J. H. Arthur and the late Mr. Arthur. She worked for 13 years in the offices of Superior Stone Co. after two and one-half years in Tokyo, Japan as administrative assistant for the Department of the Army. The Thomassons are parents of a daughter, Ann, and attend First Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Lee, who grew up in Anderson, S. C., is wife of KM medical doctor, Dr. Joe Lee. She earned her B.S. in biology from Limestone College and took a course in medical technology. The Lees have resided in Kings Mountain nearly 12 years and are active in First Baptist Church. Mrs. Lee is President of the newly-formed KM Hospital Auxiliary and is a parent volunteer in the school system. The Lees are parents of four children, Nancy, Stephen, Michael and Suzanne.

The new school board members will be sworn Dec. 1 and will replace George H. Mauney, chairman of the board, and James E. Herndon, Jr., both of whom did not seek re-election.

McCarter Elected

W. W. (Bill) McCarter, Grover alderman, edged Sam Stevenson, political newcomer, by two votes Tuesday to win the mayor's race of Grover by 81-79.

All Grover's registered voters — 165, went to the polls.

Three aldermen were elected, including Grover's first woman alderman in the person of Martha (Mrs. Gary Dan) Byers. Mrs. Byers received 95 votes.

Also elected were Tommy Keeter, who led the field with 126 votes, and Bob Hambricht, incumbent, who garnered 88.

M. H. Camp, who received 80 votes, was defeated in his bid for re-election and Arthur Davis, who polled 34, and Larry White, who received 49, were defeated.

Bethlehem Calls Frank

Bethlehem Baptist Church has extended call to Vernon Frank of High Point to become Minister of Music and Education.

Mr. Frank has accepted the call and expects to move with his family to Kings Mountain Dec. 1.

A native of North Carolina, Frank was educated in Tennessee and at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Mrs. Frank is a native of Missouri and the couple are parents of two children, Nathan, 13, and Sally, seven.

Mr. Frank comes to Bethlehem from Lexington Avenue Baptist Church of High Point.

Five New Commissioners Elected Nicholson Top Vote-Getter

Nicholson is one of three men who will serve on the city board for the next four years. The other five commissioners elected Tuesday were James Childers, district one; Humes Houston, district two; Norman King, district four; Bill Grissom, district five; and Fred Wright, district six.

In the district one race Ray Cline, who lost by only six votes, said Tuesday night "I am considering calling for a

recount. I haven't made up my mind."

James Dickey, district six candidate who lost by an unofficial 29 votes, said Tuesday night "I will request a recount."

Kings Mountain Elections Board Chairman Luther Bennett said "requests for recounts must be made prior to the official canvass of votes. The canvass is at 11 a. m. Thursday at city hall."

"The recount request, with a reason stated, must be in writing and in my hands by 5 p. m. today," Bennett said.

Despite the heavy turnout in Tuesday's runoff election the ballot counting was fast.

Voting results in the East and West Kings Mountain precincts were: District one — James Childers — 420 & 566 — Ray Cline — 439 & 541; District two — W. S. Biddix — 277 & 420 — Humes Houston — 576 & 681; District three — Jim Guyton — 260 & 337 — Corbet Nicholson — 587 & 748; District four — Norman King — 541 & 648 — Don McAbee — 309 & 446; District five — James Amos — 410 & 465 — Bill Grissom — 439 & 616; District six — James Dickey — 391 & 569 — Fred Wright Jr. — 457 & 532.

The other two commissioners, based on high vote-getting, are James Childers and Norman King. Houston, Grissom and Wright will serve for the next two years.

Following the final vote count Tuesday the new commissioners made comments to The Mirror-Herald:

Bill Grissom — "I don't know what to say. I'm just flabbergasted. I never dreamed I would win. I'm very grateful to the people who voted for me and I thank them from the bottom of my heart. I will strive to work for the betterment of the city to the best of my ability..."

James Childers — "It's been a long campaign and I truly thank the voters of Kings Mountain for placing their confidence in me. I will try to fulfill all obligations as a commissioner to the best of my ability..."

Norman King — "I appreciate the vote of the people. I've made no promises other than to do the very best I can for all the citizens of Kings Mountain and to make Kings Mountain progressive and aggressive for the future..."

Humes Houston — "I'm well pleased in my first showing in a political campaign. I'll do my best to represent the people of Kings Mountain in all matters coming before the city board..."

Fred Wright — "I'd like to thank the citizens of Kings Mountain for the good turnout for the runoff election. I appreciate your support and will try to return your confidence in me by voting in your best interests..."

Corbet Nicholson — "I'm very surprised by the vote for me in both the Oct. 7 and Nov. 4 elections. I couldn't believe it. I'd like to thank all of the citizens for the fine support they gave me and I'll try to serve all the citizens to the best of my ability..."

The new board will be sworn in on Dec. 8 following a brief meeting of the present board to clear the agenda of pending old business. The six new commissioners will take the oath along with Mayor John H. Moss.

'Unrest' At High School Could Be From Discipline

By TOM MCINTYRE Editor, Mirror-Herald

What's behind the reported "unrest" among students at Kings Mountain Senior High? Did this have anything to do with the fist-fights that occurred in the bus parking area Monday?

School officials seem to think the one doesn't necessarily have anything to do with the other. The reported "unrest" was heightened, however, by the violence between blacks and whites on the school grounds Monday.

The fight Monday was related to a fight between a black and a white last Thursday, said Principal Forrest Wheeler. "That fight took place away from school property. The one Monday was between different students, but was indicated to me as being related to the first fight."

Supt. Don Jones said he felt the fight between the two students goes back to the differences that black and white students feel they have.

Jones said he and other school officials felt the fight Monday was far from being a "race riot" first reported by them.

The other reports of "unrest" among the senior high student body, according to

Senior Citizens

Meet Here Friday

The Senior Citizens Club will meet at noon Fri., Nov. 7 for a catered dish luncheon. The group, sponsored by the Kings Mountain Woman's Club, will meet at the club on Mountain St.

VFW Sets

Poppy Sale

Frank B. Glass Post 9811 VFW Auxiliary will conduct a sale of Buddy Poppies Saturday on downtown streets beginning at 9 a. m. Peggy Guin, VFW president, said members will be offering the red poppies which are made by hospitalized veterans. Proceeds will benefit special projects benefiting hospitalized veterans and their families.

both Wheeler and Jones, apparently stems from the discipline guidelines instituted by Wheeler. The principal is serving his first year in office, replacing J. C. Atkinson who resigned to take an education-administration post elsewhere.

"When I came here I found there were so many rules and regulations that had not been enforced in the past," Wheeler said. "I don't believe in having rules just for the sake of rules, so some were enforced, others discarded and replaced."

This, according to the principal, has brought him some criticism from among the students. "Perhaps they feel their rights have been violated," Wheeler said, "but my job is to administrate an educational facility in Kings Mountain and that's what I am doing and intend to do."

There has been a general grumbling from among some students because they have been assigned seat numbers during special programs at Barnes Auditorium.

"I am in support of Mr. Wheeler," Jones said. "At the beginning of the year seats were not assigned and some of the senior high students abused the privilege. There were incidents of unruly conduct, disrupting programs and becoming so distracting that speakers found it difficult to continue. That is the reason seats were assigned. Since then the disruptions have stopped."

Since taking over the principalship at KMSHS, Wheeler has also enforced rules about use of the school corridors during class activities. Another infraction that can cause a student grief is breaking in line in the cafeteria. Certain areas outside of the school buildings have been designated for the smoking student, whereas before there were no restrictions and a much closer check is made on students coming into and leaving the school facilities.

Jones said he supports Wheeler in the new rules he has instituted. Prior to the beginning of school this semester Wheeler commented that he is an teacher-administrator who believes in discipline. That discipline includes suspending students from three to 10 days if they break the rules and disrupt the educational process at the senior high.

The fight reported Monday resulted in some aches and pains for a few students and for the students pointed out as the ringleaders it meant suspension for up to 10 days.

"We are going about it quietly," Wheeler said. "There are others who are instigators. Troublemakers, if you please, and they will also be found out and suspended."

Wheeler indicated that under the law, until students reach 16, they must attend school and when they are under 16 and cause trouble school officials must deal with it the best they can.

"It would certainly help if some of our more troublesome students received some discipline in their homes," the principal said. "We do have rules and guidelines set up at school and they are enforced because it is best for the majority of the students who are here to learn."

"Now, as far as fights between blacks and whites," he continued, "I could lie and say everything is smooth, but it isn't and never will be as long as students develop their own prejudices and resentments or pick up those feelings in their homes."

Wheeler said there have been times when administrators have talked with students about the trouble they have gotten into because they did not heed the advice to talk it over with teachers or principals. The answer he said that has come back says something like "my ol man told me not to let people push me around."

Wheeler said the type of school Kings Mountain has now and will have in the future depends entirely on the type of school the community as a whole indicates it wants.

Pee Wees Win 19-6

Kings Mountain's pee wee footballers ran their record to 3-5 last Tuesday night with a 19-6 Gaston League victory over Belmont.

Boo Robinson scored on runs of two and 20 yards and also ran for an extra point to lead the KM attack. Dougy Wright scored the other KM touchdown from 25 yards out.

Wright, Robinson, Tony Rainey, Trent Hullender and Ricky Green led the KM defensive charge.

Kings Mountain citizens have made record contributions to the United Fund this year with collections totaling \$46,800.

Led by Spectrum Textured Fibers' 348 employees who gave \$32 per person or \$11,153.13, industrial workers have swelled the 1975-76 goal, oversubscribing the quota of \$36,000 by more than \$10,000.

Spectrum tripled its goal this year over 1974-75 with indus-

try contributing \$34,975.10, more than \$12,000 over its goal of \$22,000.

Second highest industrial leader is Duplex where 250 employees topped their quota and contributed \$6,083.00.

Third highest industrial leader is Mauney Hosiery Mills, which also doubled its quota, contributing \$5,626.00.

In the Commercial division of the campaign \$5,200 has been contributed, the quota

oversubscribed by \$200. Professional men have contributed \$1,260, topping goal of \$1,000. School employees topped their goal of \$2,400 with total of \$2,900.94. Postal employees also topped their goal of \$100, giving \$155. Contributions from the Ministerial division are \$210 with goal of \$1,000 and city workers have contributed \$25 with a goal of \$100.

"We're just elated," said

Photo By Lib Stewart



INDUSTRIAL LEADER IN UF DRIVE — Spectrum employees were leaders in the 1975-76 United Fund with contributions of \$32 per person or \$11,153.13, tripling their goal. Kings Mountain citizens have contributed a record \$46,800 to the drive which supports 10 causes. Larry Wood, Spectrum per-

sonnel manager, receives check from Fay Gantt as Katherine Hollins and Ruth Thurman, front row, left to right, look on. Back row, from left, David Adams, Bill Stewart, Gary Blackwell, Carl Morrison and Steve Daves.

Gifts Above Goal United Fund Goal Going To \$50,000?

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Campaign Chairman Lee McIntyre, who estimates that with collections not yet reported from Fiber Industries and Lithium Corporation of America that the United Fund total from Kings Mountain would reach the \$50,000 mark.

All contributors will be recognized and honored at the annual United Fund Awards Banquet Nov. 12 at 6:30 p. m. in Kings Mountain Junior High School Cafeteria.