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Four Seats Up For Grabs In KM

By ELIZABETH STEWART
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Kings Mountain citizens will go to the polls Tuesday (today) in the biennial city election to elect four office holders of 10 candidates.

Because of an outwardly quiet election season, many political observers are predicting a light vote. However, candidates have been doing much personal contact.

Polls open at 6:30 a.m. today, close at 7:30 p.m. Voting precincts are East Kings Mountain, for Districts 1, 2, and 3, in the lobby at the front entrance of the Community Center, and at West Kings Mountain, for Districts 4, 5, and 6, in the Kings Mountain Armory.

Registration officials are: East Kings Mountain: Delores Falls, registrar and Loralne Jonas and Mrs. Jack Hauser, judges; West Kings Mountain: Betty Spears, registrar, and Hilda Moss and Matoka Campbell, judges.

A central office for the tabulation of votes will be set up in the new City Hall.

Elections Board Chairman Luther Bennett is encouraging campaigners to refrain from soliciting within 50 feet of the polling places.

The Kings Mountain campaign to date has been a gentlemanly one, advertising materials being devoid of the personality mudslinging which used to characterize campaigning here in the 50's. If mud-

slinging has been done, it has been practiced word-of-mouth.

Top interest, as customary, is being attracted through the three-way race for mayor where incumbent Mayor John Henry Moss is seeking re-election to his seventh and second four year term at the helm of city government. He is opposed by Gilbert Hamrick, who sought the mayor's seat unsuccessfully four years ago, and by Jerry Mullinax, who was an unsuccessful candidate for District Two commissioner two years ago.

Probably the other race attracting top interest, and where the guessperts are predicting a run-off is the four-man race for District 3 where veteran Incumbent Com-

missioner Corbet Nicholson is challenged by Ex-Commissioner T.J. Ellison and by two newcomers to politics, Lawrence Batty and Wayne Worcester.

In District 4, veteran Incumbent Commissioner Norman King faces opposition from a former city employe, Harry (Dutch) Wilson.

Home-free minus opposition for a four-year term is District 1 Commissioner Jim Childers.

The top candidate in Tuesday's election must poll more than the total of his combined opposition to be a clear winner, according to Elections Board Chairman Luther Bennett. The candidate placing

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JOE BOHELER



MARTHA BYERS

Roamin' Around Town



With

Darrell Austin

(Ingredients: There will be bits of news, very little wisdom, some humor and comments, some views from other editors. Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but please avoid an overdose.)

Carl "Fuzz" Davis of Kings Mountain was killed in a tragic accident last Thursday evening. "Fuzz" was an unusual type person. He loved to sit around and outwit you with his big words and most of the time he would be right. In our last conversation he asked "Big D, I bet you don't know the meaning of the word rote." I said the only rote I have ever heard of was Kyle Rote the football player. He said "go look it up"...I did, and there were five different definitions in the dictionary. After he would stump you he would turn and say with a grin on his face "you aint right man." So long "Fuzz", you will be missed by your friends. You were a kind and generous man.

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Carl Wilson of Kings Mountain told me this one: Seems his dad went to my grandfather who was then pastor of the Second Baptist Church. He asked as he was chomping on a big cigar. "Is it a sin to smoke?"... "Sure is," said Rev. Austin. "That stuff is too good to burn," as he sp' a big wad of tobacco juice on the sidewalk.

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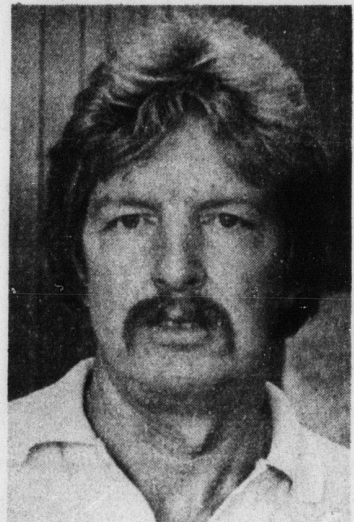
A man in a small town decided he would run for commissioner of one of the seats available. He paid his filing fee and ran what he thought was a good race. At the election headquarters he patiently awaited the results. In District One he had two votes, district three, three votes and at 1 a.m. when the final tally of all the districts came in he had a total of 12 votes. When he arrived at a late hour, his wife had locked him out of the house. He banged on the door and a voice from inside asked, "who is it?"...his reply..."dang near nobody."

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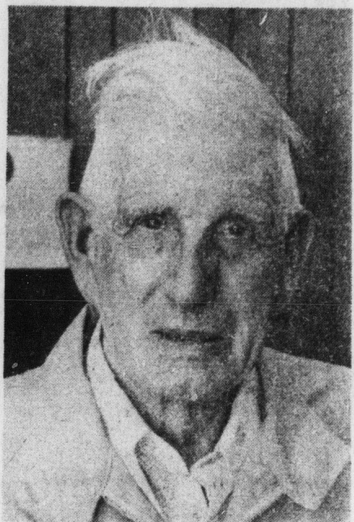
You know it's going to be a bad day when you call suicide prevention and they put you on hold. Also, it's going to be a bad day when you wake up to discover your water bed has a leak, then you suddenly realize that you don't have a water bed.

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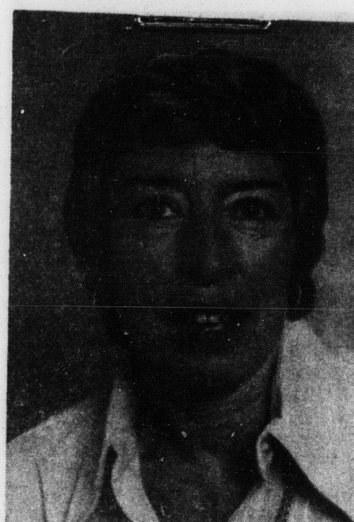
(To comment in this column, write Roamin' Around Town, P.O. Box 762, or give me a call at 739-7496.)



RONALD QUEEN



GRADY ROSS



MARTHA SCRUGGS

Found Guilty In Bomb Case

Conner Gets 18 To 20

Superior Court Judge Lacy Thornburg Monday sentenced Donald Conner, Sr., 45, of Kings Mountain, to serve "not less than 18 years nor more than 20 years in prison" after an Iredell County jury found Conner guilty Friday of trying to bomb the home of Gaston County C. L. (Sarge) Waldrep.

Defense Attorney Charles A. Horn

of Shelby entered notice of appeal and bond was set at \$100,000.

The sentence was handed down Monday morning in Gaston County Superior Court.

The prosecution's key witness, Jeffrey Thompson, 18, also of Kings Mountain, had pled guilty to the bombing attempt and like Conner

also faced possible life imprisonment. Thompson was not sentenced yesterday.

Conner's first trial in Catawba County ended in a mistrial after the jury failed to reach a verdict.

The Iredell jury returned the verdict after deliberating 25 minutes.

Sheriff Waldrep, who did not testify at the first trial of Conner, took the stand for the prosecution during the second trial. He told the court last week that Conner called him the day after Conner's Kings Mountain Men's Club burned in Gaston County and told him, "I hope I don't find out it was you who had it burned." That was April 6, he said. A bomb was found at the sheriff's home Apr. 9. The jury was able to hear the tape recording of that conversation and Waldrep testified that the taped conversation was one of at least five calls Conner had made to complain about law-enforcement raids on his club.

During the first Conner trial, accessory charges against three of Conner's relatives, including his wife, Betty, their son, Don Conner, Jr. and their brother-in-law, Johnny Stewart.

Judge Thornburg was on the bench for both trials.

Kenny Corn Wins Grid Contest

Kenny Corn of Kings Mountain hit the tie-breaker on the nose to win last week's football contest.



He hit 18 of the 20 games listed. He missed only the Furman-Wofford game, won by Wofford, and the Duke-Army game, which ended in a tie. He predicted 34 points in the tie-breaker game, which was won by Penn State over Maryland 27-7.

Others tying Corn but losing out on the tie-breaker included Larry Appling, Donald Phillips, J.E. Bumgardner, Terry Yarbrough, Ricky Leach, Joan Barnhardt, and David Bolton.

Another contest is inside today's Herald. Get us your entry by noon Friday, either by mailing it to Football Contest, P.O. Box 762, or bringing it by our office at 431 North Piedmont. You, like Kenny, may win \$75.



Photo by Katrena McCall

CARMET IS EXPANDING—Jerry J. Schweiner, left, vice-president and general manager of Carmet Minetool Products Division of Kings Mountain, chats

with Mayor John Henry Moss, center, and Jerry King, executive director of the city's Economic Development Office, about plans for expansion.

Field Is Complete

By GARY STEWART
Co-Editor

The field for Grover's Nov. 8 general election was completed Friday when five more candidates announced for the five board of commissioner seats.

Ray Cash, who announced Wednesday he would oppose incumbent Mayor W.W. (Bill) McCarter, withdrew from the race, leaving McCarter alone in that race.

The commissioner race now includes 11 candidates. Friday, Martha Scruggs, Joe Boheler, Ronald Queen, Grady Ross and incumbent Martha Byers entered the race. Others who filed earlier include incumbent Harold Herndon, Juanita Pruette, Phil Harry, Edward Phibeck, Gene Atkins and Quay Moss. Tommy Keeter, who held a seat on the board for four years, is not seeking re-election.

The five candidates polling the most votes will win the commissioner seats. The town, in a special ordinance several months ago, increased the commissioner positions from three to five and elected not to have a runoff.

Mrs. Byers, seeking her second term, said in her filing statement, "Community pride and involvement are important to me as an individual. Serving on the town council has been my way of contributing."

"Continuing growth and development of a recreation program and plans for a sewer system are assets for our small town," she added. "Goals are attainable through cooperation and interest."

"My interest, if I am re-elected, will be solely on Grover's behalf," she said. "My pledge will be, as always, to serve fairly all the citizens of Grover."

Mrs. Scruggs, seeking her first term, issued the following statement:

"I decided to become a candidate for town council in Grover due to requests from many of the residents and to continue work I have done during the past 23 years promoting worthwhile community projects and trying to help make Grover a better place in which to live."

"Grover has reached a crossroad at the present time and progress can

be made in the vital issues facing her and still retain the charm of the turn of the century town. The children, the senior citizens, the young married couples, the established industries and businesses and the new industries moving near the town limits all have needs that should be taken into consideration in making decisions for the future. I pledge to represent all age groups and all areas of the town to the best of my ability."

Mrs. Scruggs, wife of Grover School Principal Jim Scruggs, organized and served as first President of the Grover Woman's Club, organized and served as one of the first Girl Scout leaders, and has been active in volunteer work and many civic and charitable causes. She received much publicity in newspapers and television coverage for her work on beautification in Grover.

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KM Man Is Killed

Carl Davis, 45-year-old Kings Mountain man, was killed in a head-on collision in Charlotte early Friday.

The Highway Patrol said that Davis, Willie Jay Holbrook, 41, of Ware Shoals, S.C., and Van Howard Brezeale, 39, of Easley, S.C., were killed about 12:15 a.m. when their south-bound vehicle ran across an I-85 median on Charlotte's north side and collided with another car head-on.

The Patrol said that the driver of the other car was injured slightly.

Davis is survived by his mother, Mrs. Elise Emery Davis of Kings Mountain, his brother, Bill Davis, of Kings Mountain, and his grandmothers, Mrs. Zora Davis of Shelby and Mrs. Betty Emory of Kings Mountain.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. from First Wesleyan Church by his pastor, Rev. Dwight Edwards, assisted by Rev. Robert Hoyle. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Carmet Expanding

Carmet Minetool Products Division in Industrial Park will expand its present facilities and hire additional employes "in the very near future."

The joint announcement was made by Jerry J. Schweiner, vice-president and general manager of the company, Kings Mountain Mayor John Henry Moss and Jerry L. King, executive director of the Kings Mountain Economic Development Office.

Carmet, a subsidiary of Allegheny Ludlum Industries, Inc., now employs 68 people.

Schweiner said that full plans will be announced soon and are subject, he said, "to the indicated willingness of the Gaston County Industrial

Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority to issue tax exempt bonds, the proceeds of which would be utilized by Carmet to expand its present-based facilities."

Said Mayor Moss, "Carmet is a new Kings Mountain industrial citizen who has come to Kings Mountain and found that the community is the place it wants to live in and grow. We are elated at the news of Carmet's expansion plans which will bring more jobs to Kings Mountain citizens."

"We are excited", said Schweiner, "about our expansion plans. We have enjoyed our operations in this community for the past two years and look forward to an even better relationship in the future."