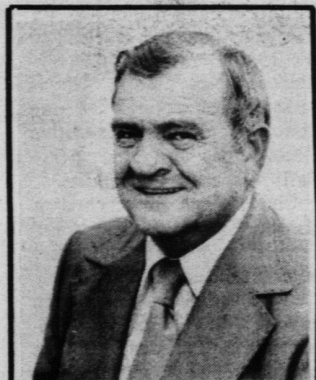


Commission Slate Has Experience

Harley Gaston Represents South Point

Harley B. Gaston, Jr., a Belmont attorney, is a candidate for re-election to the Gaston County Board of Commissioners as the representative on this board from Southpoint Township.

Harley is married to the former Katherine Beatty of Charlotte and they have two sons, Bo and Curtis. He is a lifetime resident of Gaston County and he and his family reside in Belmont.



GENE CARSON

Gene Carson
Serves From
Crowders Mt.

Gene Carson is running for re-election as County Commissioner for the Crowders Mountain Township. He has served one term, after being elected in 1976.

At the present time he is serving on the following committees for the Commissioners: Water and Sewer Land Development Committee, Building and Grounds Committee, Fire Commission, Rescue Squad Committee and others.

Gene is married to the former Sue Willis, and they have two married children and 2 grandchildren. He is self employed in the electrical contracting business. He is a Mason, a Shriner, belongs to the Scottish Rites.

Gene is a Deacon at his church which is the Pisgah ARP Church.

Presently serving as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, Gaston was first elected as a member of the Board in 1976. He believes in and has encouraged greater citizen participation and involvement in government. As to specific programs, he believes it essential that some beginning be made in the future development of a county wide water and, perhaps, a county wide sewer system and that if properly instituted a county wide water and, perhaps, a county wide sewer system will eventually be accepted as a necessary part of the development of the county. He believes that he is in a unique position to understand the necessity of planning for a new Courthouse to serve the citizens of Gaston County and the problems involved in obtaining community support for this project, and that this planning should begin now.



HARLEY GASTON

He believes in Gaston County and its citizens and that with proper leadership it can and they will recognize the real needs of the County and will support those ideas and programs necessary to maintain Gaston County in a position of leadership in this State and which are necessary to and in the best interest of the future of Gaston County. He hopes to develop a positive attitude, spirit and image in or and for Gaston County, rather than the negative attitude, spirit and image that we have frequently seen portrayed in recent years. He maintains that he has worked hard in what he perceives to be in the best interest of all of

the citizens of Gaston County and that his efforts deserve your support.

In offering for re-election he solicits your support for the programs in progress in Gaston County, and your ideas as to what can be realistically done and how these things might be best accomplished and continued in Gaston County.



Left to right - Beth Bolin, Sam Beam, Atty. General Rufus Edmisten and Bud Black.

Robert Heavner Of Gastonia Township

Greater economic opportunity and continued effective law enforcement are the cornerstones of Robert Heavner's bid for reelection to the Gaston County Board of Commissioners from the Gastonia Township.

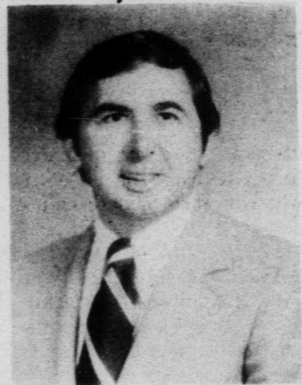
Finishing out his first term as a commissioner, Heavner has been active in most all phases of county government.

He currently serves as chairman of the following committees: Building and Grounds, Cablevision and land-use. He serves as a member of the personnel and landfill committees.

"Law enforcement," Heavner said, "is foremost in most everyone's mind and the opportunity to better themselves. County government can and does help in these areas."

"The fear of crime is one of the great concerns of our citizens in this county," Heavner added.

Heavner, 37, is married to the former Patricia Cloninger



BUD BLACK

Bud Black
Of Cherryville
Seeks 2nd Term

A.M. (Bud) Black of Cherryville, N.C. is seeking a second term of the Gaston County Commission. Bud is self-employed as a realtor and broker.

He proudly serves as the first vice-president of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, a highly important post.

He also belongs to the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development Policy Advisory Committee, the Legislative Research Study Committee on State Revenue Sharing as well as the local government Advocacy Council Interim Balanced Growth Board of North Carolina, in an appointment made by Governor Hunt.

Bud is considered one of the State's most promising young leaders.

He has proved himself in the past by numerous accolades and awards he has received. He was chosen outstanding public servant for 1977 by the Gaston County Mental Health Association, and the Gaston County Association of Retarded Citizens awarded him the Award of Merit in 1978.

He has, of course, served on numerous committees for the Gaston County Commission.

Since his election in 1976, Bud has consistently supported increased funding for education, for smaller classes, increased support for volunteer fire departments, for the county wide recreation program for all ages and groups, and for support of the mental health program.

"The support for these programs has been a direct reflection of the people and their wishes," Bud stated, "and I will continue to represent this in all my decision making. I believe that my experience over the past four years has shown that my efforts are to represent my people and I pledge the same over the next four years."



ROBERT HEAVNER

of Dallas. They are the parents of two boys, Eric and Anthony, and make their home at 3516 Sherwood Circle in Gastonia. The family attends Holy Communion Lutheran Church in Dallas.

Heavner, president of Pierce-Heavner Builders, Inc., General Contractors, attended Gaston Technical Institute and is a registered surveyor.

Young Democrats Bring Spark To County's Political Life

The Young Democrats Club of Gaston County has certainly come a long way in the last several years. It is now recognized as one of the strongest clubs in the State and certainly had added a great deal to the political life here in Gaston County. Do not think that age precludes you from joining. Beth Bolin, president of the Gaston County YDC stated: "As long as you are young at heart, you can join the many elected public officials and other party members who belong to the Gaston County YDC."

Young Democrats in Gaston County are now led by Beth Bolin, President; John Eaker, Vice-President; Libby Snuggs, Secretary; and Simms Doster, Treasurer. Jim Johnston is secretary-treasurer of the 10th Congressional District YDC.

The local club hosted the first Tenth District Congressional YDC rally during the winter.

Eight members attend the State YDC convention in the spring. The local club also sponsored a hospitality room at the convention that proved quite popular.

President Beth Bolin served on the Awards Committee at the State Installation Banquet and our local club received strong praise from statewide officers.

The YDC not only is active in State Young Democrat activities, but provides support for the local senior party ac-

tivities. Members have worked hard to help clean up and decorate the party headquarters on U.S. 321. Club members help with the 10th District Convention.

"In fact, it is hard to tell where the YDC ends and the senior party begins," commented party chairman Joe Roberts. "The YDC has certainly been the mainstay of the party during the last several years."

Beth Bolin is a typical example. She serves not only as president of the YDC but also as secretary of the County party and is in charge of special events for this fall, organizing the highly successful ticket sales and trip to the Vance-Aycock Banquet in Asheville this October. Jim Johnston is another example. He is past president of the YDC and was recently elected 10th Congressional District Chairman. He is also helping Chairman Joe Roberts in the preparation of this newspaper. Simms Doster has been the campaign fund raiser for the senior party. Blake Beam is treasurer of the County party. Terry Propst is chairman of the Get Out To Vote Campaign. This just points out that the young Democrats are vitally active in senior party activities.

Members also run and have run in the past for various public offices. Young Democrats provide a training ground for members planning to run for office and

also provides a fertile ground for laborers in other campaigns.

The club usually meet the first Thursday in the month, usually gathering first for supper. The YDC in Gaston is not all work, however, they have numerous social activities. Last Christmas the club had a party at the home of Linda and Len Clemmer where the members displayed their culinary skills by bringing a covered dish.

If you are young and interested in getting involved in politics, you can find no better organization to join than Gaston County Young Democrats. For a good balance of hard work and enjoyment, there is no better way to be introduced to politics.



CAMPAIGN FACTS
Reagan says he'll cut taxes. He also promised that when he ran as governor of California ... yet when he became governor he raised taxes by \$2.5 billion - more than any Democratic administration.



Terry Propst and GOTV staff hard at work.

Get Out The Vote Effort A Success

What takes dedicated workers, countless hours, a small army of volunteers and two months to complete? The 1980 GET OUT THE VOTE campaign in Gaston County!

Actually, this year's effort began in June when county chairman, Joe Roberts, called on Terry Propst to head the voter drive. After an August workshop led by state party people, the GOTV '80 campaign was under way.

Since September 2nd, six workers have put in three nights per week telephoning voters. Volunteers have filled in on Thursdays. This effort was financed by the Century Club.

Over 18,000 voters were contacted. GOTV chairman Terry Propst reports that the effort has been successful; "State par-

ty officials have given our campaign a great rating and have said our's is one of the best in the State."

"The purpose of the drive," Propst said, "is to identify strong Democratic supporters and those who are undecided. Brochures will be mailed to the undecided ones. The good Democrats will be called again before election day. On election day we will keep up with who has and who hasn't voted. . . and will encourage those who haven't, to vote."

Nellie Little has served as phone bank supervisor with Kris Metcalf, Robbie Caldwell, Deloris Thompson, Jan Bradley, Mary Little and Pam Whisenant as callers.



YDC Officers from left to right, Libby Snuggs, Secretary; Sims Doster, Treasurer; John Eaker, Vice-President; and Beth Bolin, President.

Bell Seeks To Serve Again

E. Graham Bell, a Gastonia businessman, is seeking his fifth term in the N.C. House. Graham has served as Chairman of the Banks and Banking Committee and of the Exceptional Children Educational Council, Member of the N.C. Housing and Finance Agency, Vice-chairman of the committee on Aging and on the Education and Election Law committees.

A diligent, hard-working legislator, he is a man with a solid reputation for getting things done.



GRAHAM BELL