

Grid Contest Coming

Okay, all you football guessperts. Get out your crystal balls, Dunkels Index, Harmons Forecast, et al. It's time again for the Herald's football contest.

Beginning next week, Herald advertisers will once again sponsor the \$75 winner-take-all grid contest, which over the years has proved to be the most popular advertising promotion of this newspaper.

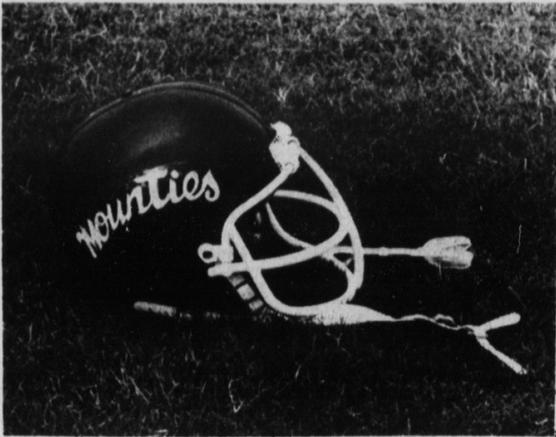
The contest will run for 10 weeks and will include high school, football and pro games. The person predicting the most of 20 winners will receive the \$75.

The Herald and its sister-papers in Belmont and Cherryville have the distinction of giving away the largest amount of money of any paper in the two Carolinas.

There are some slight changes in the rules over past years, so each contestant should carefully read the rules. All entries that do not abide by the rules will be disqualified.

The rules, which will be printed on the football page each week, include: Only one entry per person; no typewritten entries; all entries must be received by the Herald no later than 5 p.m. on Friday; in case of a tie, the tie-breaking method will decide the winner. If the tie-breaking method cannot decide the winner, the \$75 will be divided if no more than two persons tie. If more than two persons tie, a drawing will determine the winner.

The first contest will appear in next week's Herald. So get ready!



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HALLOWEEN?—Not quite. It's Kings Mountain District School kindergarten teachers participating in a reading workshop held last week at Bethware School. For a feature story on the successful Kings Mountain reading program, see Mrs. Martha Bridges' story and pictures on page 1-B of today's Herald. It's the fourth in a series of 17 articles on the Kings Mountain School System.

Moss To Participate In Grant Meeting

Kings Mountain Mayor John Henry Moss will travel to Atlanta Monday to attend a Reagan Administration-sponsored transition meeting on Block Grants recently approved by Congress.

The focus of the meeting will be on the roles of governors, state legislators, state agencies

SERTOMA CLUB

Cleveland County Sheriff Dale Costner will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Kings Mountain Sertoma Club Thursday at 7 p.m. at Hank's Chicken and Steak Ranch, formerly Cattle town U.S.A. All members are prospective members are urged to attend.

Harris Is Appointed To Service Committee

Lieutenant Governor Jimmy Green announced the appointment of Senator Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain to a two year term of membership on the Child and Family Service Interagency Committee. His term expires June 30, 1983.

In naming Harris to the Com-



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and local governments in implementing the block grants.

Representatives from the Department of Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Education, and the Office of Management and Budget will be participating and will respond to questions from local officials.

The meeting will include an overview of all block grants, departmental sessions on implementation and sessions during which representatives from the various states will have time to discuss implementation from their perspective.

The all-day meeting will be held at the Georgia Tech Student Center.

Green said, "Senator Harris is a fine legislator whose abilities and experience will add much to the Committee."

Senator Harris, who is President of Harris Funeral Home, Inc. of Kings Mountain, is serving his fifth term in the Senate. He represents the 25th Senatorial District, comprised of Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln and Rutherford Counties. During the 1981 Session of the General Assembly, he is Chairman of the Senate Committee on Human Resources, and Vice Chairman of the Senate Committee on Senior Citizens Affairs.

The General Assembly has declared that the policy of the State is "to promote and encourage programs and practices to support and strengthen families in North Carolina." The Child and Family Service Interagency Committee is to coordinate federal, state, regional, and local programs, agencies and activities relating to the General Assembly's family and children policy.

Gas Rates Reduced...

By GARY STEWART
Editor

The Kings Mountain City Board of Commissioners Monday night approved a natural gas reduction of seven percent, but District One Commissioner Jim Childers said "it should have been more."

Childers cast the only no vote to the proposal by the city's gas consultants, Heath and

CALLED BOARD MEETING

The Kings Mountain Board of Commissioners will hold a called meeting Friday at noon at the Governmental Services Facilities Center.

Mayor John Moss said he will ask commissioners to pass a resolution requesting the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency to set aside \$3 million in mortgage money for individual housing in the city limits of Kings Mountain.

"We feel this will assist citizens in acquiring privately-owned housing and will particularly aid young couples in buying their first home," Moss said.

Associates.

"I want the clerk to enter into the minutes the reason why I am casting a no vote," Childers said. "I personally feel the decrease can be more."

The reduction comes to 35 cents per MCF, Mayor John Moss said. One MCF equals out to 1,000 cubic feet.

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...But Hospital Rates Increase

It will cost you more to get sick next week.

Room rates at Kings Mountain Hospital will rise approximately \$28 effective September 1, Hospital Administrator Grady Howard announced today.

The average rate for semi-private rooms will rise from \$94 to \$120 and the average rate for private rooms will rise from \$97 to \$125.

Howard said the increases are "representative of the revenue we will need to meet our budget, and paying back money we borrowed to build our new building."

The hospital this year began a \$5.5 million building and renovation project. Howard said \$9 to \$10 of the room rate increase will go toward repaying the loan.

"Heretofore, in most instances, this type of capital program has been financed by the sale of bonds, paid for by the taxpayers," Howard said. "This loan will be paid back by the hospital. This is the current trend throughout the country."

Howard said the new building is about 25 percent complete, but progress is behind schedule

due to rainy weather in June and July.

The first phase of the project, the construction of the new wing, is expected to be com-

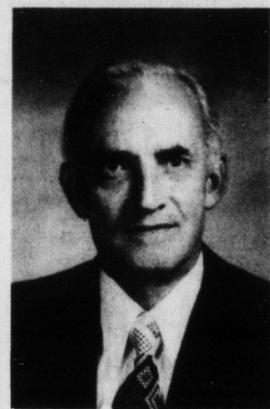
pleted by late summer of 1982.

The second phase, which includes renovating the current building to make it an all-private facility, is scheduled for comple-

tion in late summer of 1983.

"We have a good plan," Howard said. "Everyone seems to be well-pleased with the progress."

Houston's In The Race



HUMES HOUSTON

Incumbent District Two Commissioner Humes Houston Saturday filed for re-election to his third term on the Kings Mountain Board of Commissioners.

Houston was the only candidate to file during the past week, Luther Bennett, chairman of the Board of Elections, reported.

Houston's filing puts a candidate in each district, but still only one race is developing. Houston is the only candidate in District Two and Kings Mountain barber Curt Gaffney is the only candidate for the District Five seat currently held by Bill Grissom.

The only race thus far in District Six, where incumbent Jim Dickey is facing two challengers, Jan Deaton and Johnnie Caldwell.

Houston has served six years on the board, one two-year term and one four-year term. He serves as chairman of the Personnel Committee, which developed the city's first written personnel policy, chaired the Supply Committee, is co-chairman of the Downtown Revitalization Committee, and is a member of several other committees.

He is retired from the U.S. Army and is retired Sales and Purchasing Manager for Cornwell Drug, formerly Kings Mountain Drug. He was employed there for 30 years.

Houston is a member of First Presbyterian Church, the Kiwanis Club and the American Legion. He and his wife, Dorothy, have one son, Samuel Humes Houston Jr., who is as-

stant superintendent of the Davidson County School System.

Houston pointed to the building of the new city hall and new Citizens Service Center (Public Works Department), updating of the water and electrical systems, and the implementation of the Personnel Policy and Supply System as some of the administration's top accomplishments during the past six years.

"If re-elected," he said, "I would like to see the city continue updating gas, water and sewer services, and one of my primary objectives would be the improvement of city streets and roads."

The filing period for candidates continues through September 4. Interested candidates may file through Luther Bennett, Elections Board chairman. A \$5 filing fee is required.

Voters who are not registered may register at the Cleveland County Board of Elections or through the registrar at their precinct. Voters registered by September 7 will be eligible to vote in the October 6 election. In case of a runoff, voters registered by October 5 will be eligible to vote in the November 3 runoff.

Course Slated By WCU

Registration for Western Carolina University's off-campus credit courses to be taught this fall in Kings Mountain will be held Thursday, Aug. 27, during the first class meetings.

The classes to be offered are Reading, Diagnosis and Correction (EDRD 573) and Advanced Children's Literature (EDEL 653). Both three-hour credit courses will be taught from 4 until 7 p.m. each Thursday through Dec. 10 at Kings Mountain High School.

The reading course will be taught by Dr. Jimmie Ellis Cook, director of WCU's Reading Center and professor of reading. The children's literature course will be taught by Virgie M. McIntyre, WCU associate professor of elementary education and reading.

The fee for each course is \$133.50, based on a minimum of 20 students. If less than 20 register, the fee will be adjusted.

For more information, contact the Division of Continuing Education, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, N.C. 28723, telephone (704) 227-7397.

Wells Is ACT Head



STEVE WELLS

William Steven Wells, a teacher in the Kings Mountain District School System, recently assumed the presidency of the North Carolina Association of Classroom Teachers, the largest division of the North Carolina Association of Educators.

Wells was elected to the position last year by the teachers of North Carolina. His term of office will expire July 1, 1982. The local Board of Education granted Wells a year's leave of absence from his position as resource teacher at Grover Elementary School and as the system's homebound teacher.

Wells is a native of Grover and graduated from Kings Mountain High School in 1960. After serving three years in the U.S. Army, he received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1968 from Appalachian State University. He then served as

director of an anti-poverty program which served mountain counties in North Carolina and initiated and maintained the Head Start program for two counties.

Wells came to Kings Mountain as a teacher at Central

School in 1970 and has been assigned to Grover School for the past eight years. He received a Master's Degree in Mental Retardation from Appalachian State in 1976.

His duties as president of the ACT this year will include assisting members of the organization, speaking at meetings, organizing programs and representing the concerns of the teachers of North Carolina.

Wells is married to the former Betsy Hart, who is the English/Drama teacher at Kings Mountain Senior High. They reside on Dixon School Road and are the parents of two sons, William Hart, 4, and Brett Hampton, 2. Wells also has a daughter, Kellene, 16. Wells is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Harold Wells and the grandson of Mrs. Eula H. Ledford and the late C.T. Ledford.