

EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Vote Tuesday, Or Don't Gripe

Kings Mountain citizens will go to the polls Tuesday to elect three members of the Kings Mountain Board of Commissioners.

Since this is an "off" election year and the Mayor and other high-ranking city and county officials are not up for election, the vote is expected to be light.

The Herald has a long-standing policy of not endorsing candidates on the local level. We won't break that policy this year.

However, last week, we carried an in-depth questionnaire-type interview with the candidates in an attempt to give the voters a means of

evaluating the prospects. We hope some of the questions we asked were questions some of the voters had on their minds, and we hope the answers given by the candidates will help the voters make three good choices.

The best thing we feel we can do is to encourage all voters to go to the polls. Since this is an "off" year election and the Mayor and other high-ranking city and county officials are not up for election, the vote is expected to be light.

The Tuesday election is important. The three people to be elected will have half the voting power on the Board of Commissioners. They should be elected by a majority—not a minority—of the voters.

There will be important decisions to be made during the next two years and important programs to be carried out that will touch the lives of every Kings Mountain citizen.

Chances are those decisions will not satisfy every citizen. And, chances are the most dissatisfied will be the very ones who stay home on Tuesday.

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Fire Prevention Week

Next week is Fire Prevention Week across the United States.

The Insurance Information Institute, in a new brochure entitled "Be Fire Smart. Tips for Home Owners and Renters" suggests many ways we can improve our own fire safety.

Any persons interested in the brochure may receive a free copy by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Insurance Information Institute, 6 Executive Park Drive N.E., Suite 270, Atlanta, Ga. 30329.

But here are some of the facts:

A home fire breaks out every 45 seconds in the U.S., property damage runs into the billions and 7,500 lives are lost each year.

Some things you can do to prevent fires in your home:

*Keep trash in covered containers and dispose of regularly. Paints, paint thinners and other flammable materials should be stored in their original containers and away from fire sources. Clean up following do-it-yourself projects.

*Don't overload circuits or use frayed electrical extension cords. Wiring should be checked by a good electrician periodically to make sure it isn't faulty.

*Use only fuses and circuit breakers bearing the Underwriters' Laboratories (UL) label or another testing laboratory.

*Don't run an extension cord under a rug or behind curtains. Try to avoid letting large amounts of trash accumulate. Clean attics, basements, closets and garages often.

*If smoke detectors are battery-operated, the batteries should be checked often to make sure the unit is operational. Every home should have at least one smoke detector in the hallway leading to the bedrooms.

*Additional smoke detectors should be considered, especially if your home has more than one level. The smoke detector's alarm may give your family precious extra minutes to escape, especially at night when most home fires occur.

*A family escape plan should sketch the layout of each floor, including the windows, doors and stairs. Every family member should be familiar with the layout. There should be two escape routes from each room and they should be marked clearly on the sketch. Frequent fire drills, including some at night, should be held so everyone will know what to do and be able to act quickly in an emergency. A family member should be assigned to help the elderly or very young escape. A meeting place should be designated outside the home and everyone should go there at once in case of a fire. Count heads, stay together and don't go back into the house for personal items.

Reader Dialogue

Deep Interest

To the editor:

May I commend the Herald for its edition of Sept. 24. Having read "KM Candidates Speak" was of deep interest indeed.

The Herald is to be greatly commended for its foresight and in-depth poll or survey of the candidates.

There were many questions of a pertinent nature of which the citizens greatly desired to be answered as to their personal viewpoints and opinions.

The Herald did an excellent and a superb job of permitting the candidates to express themselves.

This is indeed a healthy attitude.

May I again express my sincere appreciation for your many acts of kindness toward me within the past, of which has been a tremendous help in many respects of a your writer trying to make good.

I shall be greatly indebted to the Herald and I shall always covet your deep interest and concern, as your concern has given me a greater outlook toward the future with renewed hope in my fellow man; that there is still hope for the human race.

May I remain yours, a friend.

Respectfully,
Everette Pearson

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Grand Ole Opry - September 11-13, October 23-25
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Nova Scotia New England - October 6-19

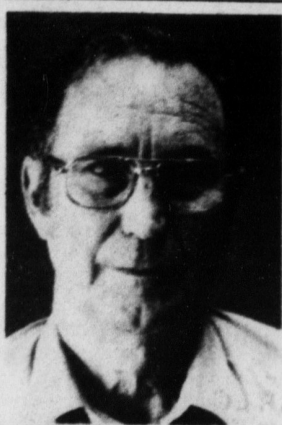
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