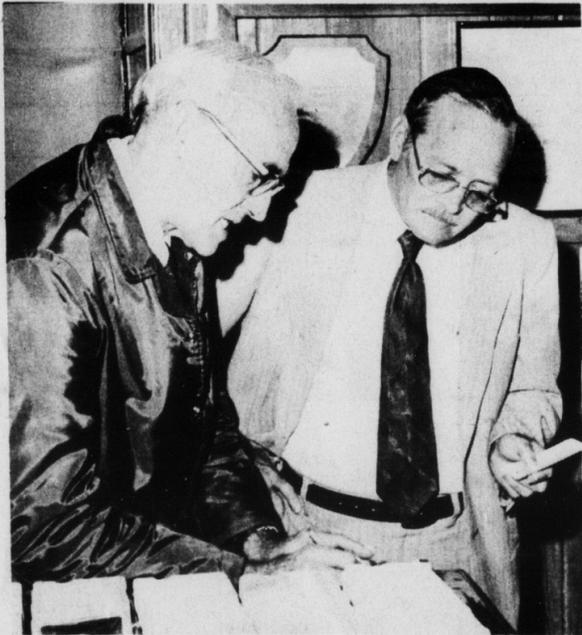


Houston, Grissom Re-elected, Wright, Dickey In Runoff



Photos by Gary Stewart

CHECKING THE COUNT - District Two Commissioner Humes Houston and Candidate W.S. Biddix check the vote count at the Mirror-Herald offices Tuesday night following the election. Biddix was second highest vote-getter, but declined a runoff election giving Houston the office for four more years.

By TOM McINTYRE
Editor, Mirror-Herald

Less than one-third of the registered voters in Kings Mountain went to the polls Tuesday to re-elect Commissioners Humes Houston and William Grissom for four year terms.

The same electorate gave incumbent Fred Wright and challenger James Dickey the opportunity to meet again in the Nov. 8 runoff election.

Dickey told The Mirror-Herald Wednesday, "Since the vote totals between Commissioner Wright and myself were so close, I feel obligated to meet him again in the runoff election next month."

Commissioner Grissom was the top vote-getter in Tuesday's election with Commissioner Houston second and Wright third.

In the district five contest Grissom was a clear majority winner over opponents James E. Amos and Thomas Barnette. Grissom polled more votes than his two opponents combined.

In the district two race Commissioner Houston lacked one vote giving him a majority. However, the second highest pollster, W.S. Biddix, told The Mirror-Herald Tuesday night that he "will not call for a runoff contest between Mr. Houston and myself. I congratulate Commissioner Houston on his

campaign and victory.

Tuesday there was a total of 4,089 registered voters eligible to participate in the election. A total of 1,261 went to the polls, which is less than one-third of the registration. In 1975, with 39 candidates running in the mayoral and six district races, about 50 percent of the total registration voted. Almost that number voted again in the November 1975 runoff elections.

Total votes cast in both East and West KM Precincts Tuesday for the 12 candidates were:

District Two: Humes Houston - 609; W.S. Biddix - 265; Lloyd E. Davis - 172; Jerry Mullinax - 163; and Gilbert Hamrick - 9.

District Five: William Grissom - 728; James E. Amos - 390; and Thomas Barnette - 105.

District Six: Fred Wright Jr. - 479; James J. Dickey - 473; Charles Parker - 181; and M.C. Pruette - 159.

There was one write-in vote, recorded at West KM Precinct, for Howard Shipp in district 5. Registrars, judges and observers totaled all ballots in about one hour after the polls closed Tuesday.

Special problems encountered during Tuesday's election were several citizens who had moved from one district to another during the past year and failed to notify the elections board for a change of registration address. There were a couple of instances where voters had moved to a different address within the same district. In those cases the registrar was empowered to change the address on the registration book and allow the citizens to vote.

In the Nov. 8 runoff Fred Wright Jr. will meet James J. Dickey for the district six commissioner seat. Local voters will also select two Kings Mountain District School board members from a field of five candidates and help decide the fate of two state-wide bond referendums and five proposed state constitution amendments.

City commissioners will be sworn-in to begin four year terms on Dec. 8, 1977.



FRED WRIGHT JR.

JAMES J. DICKEY



CONGRATULATES WINNER - Commissioner James Childers offers congratulations to District Five Commissioner Bill Grissom on his overwhelming victory in Tuesday's municipal election. Grissom was the only clear winner in the balloting, defeating two opponents to retain his office for four more years.

County To Receive Grant For Comprehensive Employment Training

By GARY STEWART
Staff Writer

The Kings Mountain board of education learned at its Monday night meeting at Grover School that the system will be receiving a CETA (Comprehensive Employment Training Act) grant which will enable the schools to expand its extended day program.

Supt. Bill Davis told the board members that Cleveland County will receive \$198,000 which will probably be divided between the Kings Mountain and Shelby districts. The Cleveland County school system does not have an extended day program.

The funds, Davis said, will provide Kings Mountain with better instruction, better equipment and a job placement service for the students in the program.

The extended day program, he explained, now serves 20 students who found it necessary to drop out of high school or else just could not fit in to the regular academic program.

The program is currently held at Compact but will be moved back to Kings Mountain High School.

The program will be implemented by November 1, Davis said.

In other action Monday, the board:

-- Heard comments from Grover Principal Jim Scruggs on the programs at Grover School, which has an enrollment of 422 students and employs 47 persons.

-- Received a letter of thanks from the N.C.A.E. and the A.C.T. for the life insurance policy the board recently made available for its employees.

-- Was told by Davis that four committees representing all grade levels are working on promotion and retention policies. Davis said any changes will be reported to the public.

-- Was informed that October 10-14 has been set aside as School Lunch Week and was given a brief review of the free and reduced lunch and breakfast programs.

-- Was given a report by Assistant Supt. Bill Bates on capital improvements that have been completed since the beginning of the fiscal year and also on improvements that are in progress and those coming up over the next several months.

Some of the major improvements, he pointed out, included new lighting for John Gamble Stadium, kindergarten rooms at Bethware, demolition of the cannery at Grover, landscaping at the junior high, pavement repairs at KMHS, cafeteria furniture for KMHS and North, roof repairs at Central, a new bus for Grover and a TV antenna system for the junior and senior high schools.

Bates said improvements are scheduled through March.

-- Was told by Bates that this is National School Bus Safety Week and was given a brief report on bus transportation. Bates said the KM district transports 2,800 students daily.

-- Was told by Davis that the N.C. School Boards Association Meeting

is scheduled for November 3-5 in Wilmington.

-- Received board training packets on programs for exceptional children and the Primary Reading Program.

-- Learned that seven CETA positions had been eliminated due to lack of funding. However, Davis noted, five of the positions had not been filled and the other two were absorbed with local funds.

-- Was told that October 9-15 had been declared National Educational Office Personnel Week.

-- Approved a sale of surplus items for October 22 at 9:30 a.m. at Parkgrace School.

-- Received a letter and sample school board ballot from the County Board of Elections.

-- Granted several student transfers and three admissions from Gaston County.

-- Approved a mid-nine weeks report on the progress of all students in the system.

-- Tabled a request from the Piedmont Shrine Club to ask fans for donations at the last two home football games.

Enter Football Contest By Noon Friday

If you haven't entered this week's Mirror-Herald football contest, you still have until noon Friday.

First prize is \$50 and second \$25. The contest is in Tuesday's Mirror-

Herald. Just fill in the blanks with the teams you think will win and mail it to the Mirror-Herald, P.O. Box 752, Kings Mountain; or bring it by our office at 204 South Piedmont.

Final Report Day For United Fund Drive

Final Report Day in the Kings Mountain United Fund Drive for \$45,000 will be held Friday at a noon luncheon at Kings Mountain Inn.

Campaign Chairman Pat Cheshire encourages all drive leaders to make their reports of pledges and contributions at the luncheon meeting.

"One Gift Works Many Wonders The United Way" is the theme of the

1978 drive for 11 local agencies, including Ministerial Helping Hand, Boy Scouts of America, American Red Cross, Girl Scouts of America, Kings Mountain High School Band, Kings Mountain Rescue Squad, Kings Mountain High School Chorus, Salvation Army, Cleveland County Association for Retarded Citizens, Grover Rescue Squad and Cleveland County Community Organization For Drug Abuse Prevention.

District Meeting Tuesday

Kings Mountain's local government one-on-one meeting, postponed from Oct. 11 because of the city election, will be held next Tuesday at Trinity Episcopal Church.

District six Commissioner Fred Wright and Mayor John Moss will co-host the meeting.

District six residents, and interested citizens from throughout the city, are urged to attend the 7:30 p.m. meeting. Trinity Episcopal Church is located on Phifer Rd.

Bloodmobile Visit Here On Monday

The Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled for Mon., Oct. 17 from 11 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Kings Mountain Community Center.

Lyn Cheshire and Sandy Mauney, co-chairmen for the local visit, said the goal is 180 pints and added, "The need to reach this goal is urgent. In recent Kings Mountain visits the goal has fallen far too short."

The bloodmobile will be set up in the Mountaineer Room at the community center.

KMLT Directors Request Financial Assistance From City Art Council

Directors of Kings Mountain Little Theatre have requested financial assistance from the city's arts council "to broaden the scope of production."

Mrs. Katherine Mauney, president of the community theater, told the commissioners Monday, "We feel drama is an important part of community life and the local theatrical group has been a part of life here for the past 30 years."

She said the KMLT wants to branch out, to try more ambitious productions. "We must appeal to

the public" on many levels, Mrs. Mauney said, then requested a liberal percentage of the annual arts council budget.

Mayor John Moss explained that the Kings Mountain Arts Council was created initially under a "two part process. \$5,000 from the North Carolina Arts Council and \$5,000 from the city under the Community Development program. That was for 1975-76. There was no state grant in 1977-78 and the CD application for

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Karl Adkins To Speak At Voters Registration Association Banquet

The first annual awards banquet sponsored by the Cleveland County Voters Registration Association is this Friday at Kings Mountain Inn.

The 7 p.m. dinner is planned for the presentation of awards to county citizens for their contributions in the areas of politics, law, business, education, music, religion, sororities, fraternities, government and others.

Dr. Joseph Roberts, chairman of the association board of directors,

said the various age groups to be recognized are the young, middle-aged and senior citizens. Recipients are men and women from all ethnic backgrounds.

The keynote speaker is Karl Adkins, an attorney with the Charlotte firm of Chambers, Stein, Ferguson and Becton. Adkins will speak on political action in the law.

Tickets are \$6 and are available by contacting William Hager (739-3975) or John Jordan (739-3385).