



The forecast for today through Thursday calls for variable cloudiness with slight chance of rain. Highs are expected to be in the lower 70s and the lows in the lower 50s.

It's Election Day In Kings Mountain And Area

Wright And Dickey In Runoff Today

Kings Mountain voters will go to the polls today to decide between incumbent commissioner Fred Wright Jr. and former commissioner James J. Dickey for the district six board seat.

The two candidates are the only ones in today's runoff election for the city board of commissioners. The elected candidate will serve four years in local government.

When the votes were totaled following the Oct. 11 municipal election Wright led Dickey by only six votes, not a clear majority, which gave Dickey the option to call for a runoff election.

Two other district six candidates, Charles Parker and

M. C. Pruette, were eliminated from contention by polling 131 and 159 votes, respectively. Wright was tops with 479 votes. Dickey polled 473 votes.

In the district five race on Oct. 11 Commissioner William Grissom won re-election for four years by defeating candidates James E. Amos (390 votes) and Thomas H. Barnette (105 votes). Grissom polled 728 votes, the largest number of votes awarded to any candidate in the Oct. 11 balloting.

District two Commissioner Humes Houston was re-elected to a four year term on Oct. 11. He lacked one vote polling a clear majority, but the second highest pollster, W. S. Biddix, declined his opportunity to call

for a runoff election. Houston polled 609 votes, Biddix - 285, Lloyd E. Davis - 172, Jerry Mullinax - 163, and Gilbert Hamrick - 9 votes.

A total of 4,089 voters were eligible to cast ballots on Oct. 11, but only 1,261 actually went to the polls making it less than a one-third turnout record. The popular local consensus is that the vote total would be even lower today if it were not for the fact the Kings Mountain District Board of Education race and the state-wide bond referendums and State Constitution amendment elections are also being held today.

The local polls opened at 8:30 a. m. and will close at 7:30 p. m.



FRED WRIGHT JR.
... commissioner



JAMES J. DICKEY
... commissioner

Five Compete Today For 2 School Seats

A total of 6,429 persons are registered to vote in today's Kings Mountain District Board of Education election.

Five candidates are campaigning for the two seats available. William McDaniel of the Bethlehem Community, Fain Hambricht, Grover Postmaster, and Dr. Joseph Roberts of the Ebenezer Community are candidates for the lone out-side - Kings Mountain seat. Kyle Smith and Charles Mauney are candidates for the lone inside-city seat.

Smith and McDaniel were the first candidates to announce intentions to file for the school board. Dr. Roberts was the third. Hambricht and Mauney filed close to the deadline to campaign.

The outside-seat is currently held by P. A. (Tip) Francis of Grover. Tommy Bridges of Kings Mountain holds the inside seat. Both incumbents announced prior to filing deadline they would not seek re-election.

Both Smith and Mauney were unsuccessful candidates for the school board in the 1975 election. Hambricht, Roberts and McDaniel are first-time candidates for the education posts.

Smith is personnel manager for Gastonia's Gurney Industries (see filing statement inside today's issue) and a KM resident. Mauney is a KM native and an official with Mauney Hosiery here. Hambricht, a Grover resident, is postmaster there. Dr. Roberts is an associate professor of Human Development and Learning at UNC-Charlotte. He is a native of Kings Mountain. McDaniel is a postal employe working as a

rural route carrier out of the Kings Mountain Post Office.

The winners of today's election, which is being handled by the Cleveland County Board of Elections, will be sworn in the second Monday in December unless a new date is set by the school board. They will serve six year terms. Currently serving on the board are Alex Owens, who holds the other outside seat; Marion Thomasson and June Lee, both of whom were elected in 1975. Owens' seat comes up for election in 1979.

The board seats held by Mrs. Thomasson and Mrs. Lee will be up for election in 1981. All school board members are elected, on staggered terms, for six years.

The Kings Mountain School District includes the majority of Township No. 4 and a portion of Township No. 5. Less than 20 persons, currently registered, in Township 5 are included in the Cleveland County School District.

Polling places for today's election are the National Guard Armory and Community Center in Kings Mountain; Grover Rescue Squad Building in Grover; Bethware School; and Waco Volunteer Fire Department. According to the county elections board records, a total of 346 persons will vote for the KM District Education Board candidates in the Waco precinct.

The polls opened at 8:30 a. m. and will close at 7:30 p. m. today.

Grover Elects Mayor And Council Today

GROVER - Today, the citizens of Grover are going to the polls to elect a mayor and three council members to serve for the next two years.

Only one of the candidates, Dean Westmoreland, is assured of election unless a rumored strong write-in

campaign for incumbent Mayor W. W. (Bill) McCarter upsets the scales.

Westmoreland is completing a year as councilman having been appointed to finish out the term of Bobby Hambricht, who resigned to accept a county govern-

ment agency appointment. Westmoreland, a teacher at Kings Mountain Senior High, was the only candidate to file for the office of mayor.

McCarter declined to seek re-election, noting that his 20 years of community service as an elected official

"was long enough." However, it has been suggested that McCarter be drafted by a write-in campaign. Neither this comment nor the one gathered today

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KYLE SMITH
... inside seat



CHARLES F. MAUNEY
... inside seat



WILLIAM McDANIEL
... outside seat



DR. JOSEPH ROBERTS
... outside seat



FAIN HAMBRICHT
... outside seat



DEAN WESTMORELAND
... for mayor



MARTHA BYERS
... council



TOMMY KEETER
... council



KAREN MOSS
... council



RONALD QUEEN
... council



RAY CASH
... council



WENDELL WHITE
... council