

### Population

Greater Kings Mountain	21,914
City Limits	8,465

The Greater Kings Mountain figure is derived from the Special United States Bureau of the Census report of January, 1966, and includes the 14,990 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,124 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowders Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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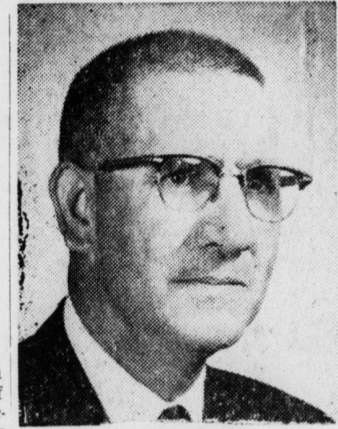
Kings Mountain, N. C., Thursday, November 8, 1973

PRICE TEN CENTS

Eighty-Fourth Year

# Township For Owens, Bonds; Against Liquor By Drink

## Nicholson Defeats Commissioner Ellison



ALEX OWENS  
Trustee-Elect

### Owens Margin Is 272 Votes Over Stewart

Kings Mountain school district voters returned incumbent Alex Owens to the board of education for a second six-year term Tuesday. Mr. Owens led in all five precincts.

Challenger Mack Stewart, in his first bid for public office, showed what many considered surprising strength, as he won 992 votes against Mr. Owens 1261. The margin of victory was 272 of the 2256 votes cast.

Otherwise, Number 4 township voted with their Cleveland County and North Carolina neighbors on three state-wide issues. Voting percentages virtually coincided.

The four-precinct township supported the \$300 million school bond issue, supported clean water slightly more strongly than the rest of the county, and was virtually even with its neighbors in opposing legalization of mixed drinks by 3-1.

The township totals:

- 1) \$300 Million school construction bond issue: for 1387, against 975.
- 2) \$30 million water bonds (amendment to original proposal approved in May 1972): for 1886, against 454.
- 3) Legalization of sale of mixed drinks: for 601, against 1828.

Registrars at all precincts, Mrs. J. B. Ellis, Grover, Mrs. J. A. E. Connor, Bethware, Mrs. J. H. Arthur, West Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Nell Cranford, East Kings Mountain, reported no untoward incidents and a "smooth" election.

Mr. Owens is a Kings Mountain farmer and landscaper. He is a member of Kings Mountain Baptist church.

\* In Ward 5 H. O. (Toby) Williams received a write-in vote for school board.

### Tom Trott Is Appointed

Thomas L. Trott, Kings Mountain insurance man, has been appointed a member of the Insurance Education Advisory committee of the State Department of Insurance.

His appointment was announced this week by John Randolph Ingram, Commissioner of Insurance.

The advisory committee will meet in the Commissioner's office in Raleigh at 2 p. m., December 11th.

Mr. Trott attended his first meeting of the committee last Tuesday afternoon.

Said Commissioner Ingram, "The Department of Insurance realizes the need that exists in many areas to upgrade and professionalize insurance agents and adjusters to better serve the people of North Carolina, therefore it gives me great pleasure to appoint Tom Trott as a member of this advisory committee."

Mr. Trott owns and operates Trott Insurance Agency here.

### Challenger Wins Run-Off Voting Easily

Voters made it a clean sweep for challengers for city office Tuesday as Corbet Nicholson easily defeated veteran Ward III Commissioner T. J. (Tommy) Ellison by 866 to 458.

Voting was slightly heavier Tuesday than in the election of October 9, when Mr. Nicholson failed to attain a majority by the small margin of three votes in a three-man race, but Comm. Ellison was able to improve his October 9 total by only 31 votes out of an additional 118 cast in the Ward III contest.

Mr. Nicholson won in all six wards, the closest being in light-voting Ward IV, where the Nicholson margin was slightly less than 4 to 3-48 to 30.

Three other challengers to incumbents won on October 9: Lloyd E. Davis, Ward II; Don McAfee, Ward IV; James E. Amos, Ward V; and Murray Pruette, Ward VI.

The successful candidates will take oaths of office on Monday, December 3.

Only holdovers from Moss Administration IV will be Mayor John Henry Moss, who will begin his fifth term, and Ward I Commissioner Ray W. Cline, who will begin his eighth term. Neither had opposition, though an announced write-in campaign by Hugh A. Logan, Jr., was worth 334 votes against Comm. Cline's 669.

Comm. Ellison has served ten terms on the commission, continuously since 1959. Previously he had served from 1947-51 and 1953-55.

Mr. Nicholson unsuccessfully challenged Mr. Ellison four years ago.

A former city natural gas system superintendent, Mr. Nicholson is owner of City Heating Company. He is a member of Temple Baptist Church, a World War II Marine veteran, a Legionnaire. Mrs. Nicholson is the former Elva Holden. They have two children.

### Vandals Take Hub Caps, Tapes

Several incidents of vandalism occurred in the Kings Mountain area during the weekend.

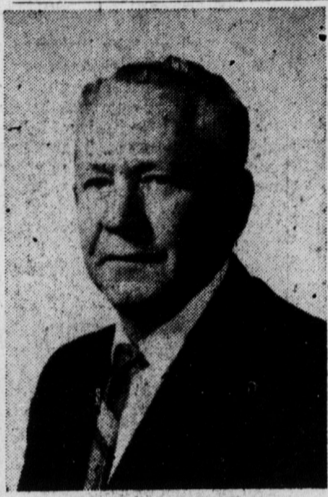
Tommy Barrett of 120 Center street told police he left his automobile in the parking lot of Second Baptist church October 28th while attending Baptist Training Union, returned to the car at 8:15 p.m. and found his radio tape player missing. The car was unlocked, police said.

Richard Barnette of 1012 N. Candler street told police two solid disc hubcaps were removed from his 1971 Chevrolet Impala while it was parked Wednesday night in the carport of his home.

Mrs. W. L. Mauney, of 704 W. Mountain street, elementary teacher, told police two 15-year-old boys snatched her purse from the front seat of her 1972 Chevrolet in the parking area of the school administration building at 500 West Parker street. She said when she returned to her car she saw the youths running, gave chase and reclaimed her pocketbook but found two five dollar bills, two one dollar bills and a silver dollar missing. Police were called and reclaimed the cash from the boys.

### IMPROVING

Floyd Grigg, 71, of route four, is improving in Charlotte Memorial hospital from head injuries, members of his family reported this week.



CORBET NICHOLSON  
Commissioner-Elect

### Mrs. Blackmer's Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Mrs. Louise O'Farrell Blackmer, widow of Hayne S. Blackmer, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p. m. from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Blackmer succumbed to a long illness Wednesday night at 11:35 p. m. in Shelby Convalescent Center.

She was daughter of the late Oscar Cameron and Harriett Brown O'Farrell. Her late husband was a founder of Blackmer and Company of Kings Mountain.

She was a member of First Presbyterian church and before her illness was active in the Kings Mountain Woman's club, garden and bridge clubs and Colonel Frederick Hambricht chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Her pastor, Dr. Paul Ausley, officiated at her final rites.

Surviving is her sister, Miss Katherine O'Farrell of Washington, D. C.

Active pallbearers were Hall Coforth, Bob Maner, Henry P. Neisler, Charles A. Neisler, R. H. Webb and George B. Thomasson.

### Assault Charges Are Lodged

Emmitt Shelton faces charges of assault with deadly weapon following an incident at Apts. 11, Chesterfield Courts.

Shelton is charged with cutting Ernest Fay Webb with a pocket knife resulting in 14 stitches to Webb's left eye, four stitches to his right elbow, and surgery of his left hand. Webb is a patient in Kings Mountain Hospital.

Lt. Bob Hayes arrested Shelton at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Clark at 2:10 p.m. Saturday.

### Clowns To Appear In Yule Parade

Two well-known television clowns, Joey and Ronald McDonald, will appear here Friday, November 30, when the Kings Mountain Merchants association stages its Christmas opening parade.

Mickey Bell, chairman of the parade committee, said the parade will feature also marching bands of Kings Mountain high school, Shelby high school, and Burns high school.

"And we expect to have a lot of beauty queens," Mr. Bell added.

Other members of the parade committee are Bob Myers, Reagan Harper, Lynn Cheshire, Bill Grissom and Ronnie Plummer.

### Sons Of Light Here Sunday At Grace Church

The "Sons of Light" from Greensboro will sing Sunday morning at Grace United Methodist church at the 11 o'clock worship hour.

The group is composed of young men dedicated to God to witness through song and personal testimony," said a spokesman. They have sung together for a year and a half in more than 250 into many states. They have witnessed 1600 decisions for Christ", the church spokesman continued.

The men sang during the youth revival at Grace Methodist church during March.

The community is invited to worship with the Grace congregation in the special service of song.

Members of the Sons of Light are Phil Parrish, age 21, tenor; Rick Ray, bass, age 19; Kevin Kilbrath, lead, age 17; Chip Holden, pianist, age 18; Roy in Webb, drummer, age 19; and Terry Heath, guitarist, age 25.

### FOCUS Group T First Baptist

Fifteen Gardner-Webb college students are coming to First Baptist church this weekend, November 9-11, to conduct a series called "a weekend experience." Fellowship of Christian United for Service, FOCUS, is a division of the Baptist Student Union of the college.

First meeting is schedule to be in the Church Fellowship and Activities Building Friday evening after the high school football game. Various meetings will be going on Saturday, and a service will be held Saturday, 7:30 p. m., in the church sanctuary.

The FOCUS group will be leading in the Sunday school period Sunday morning and will be in charge of the morning worship service.

Designed and planned as a weekend revival, the meetings are in charge of the student group, but they are for all ages.

Reg Alexander, associate campus minister, and BSU leaders are coordinating the planning, working together with First Baptist church leaders.

### Busy October For Rescue Crew

The Kings Mountain Rescue Squad reported a total of 107 calls during the month of October, traveling over 1,300 miles, with squad members volunteering 1,025 manhours.

The calls included 49 transport trips to Kings Mountain hospital, 16 wrecks, six to local doctor's clinics, six service calls, two shootings and one blood relay. Also, the squad made 19 out-of-town calls to Charlotte, Shelby and Gastonia.

The squad was on duty for six football games and also aided Gaston County in a simulated disaster practice alert on Oct. 14.

The unit also took part in the Kings Mountain high school homecoming parade and held open house at their new building on Parker street.

### Steve Lee Kills 375-pound Bear

Steve Lee, Kings Mountain auto salesman, killed a 375-pound bear Saturday in a hunt near Grandfather Mountain.

Others on the hunt included Lafayette Pearson, Paul Carson, Harold Lifford, Henry Lewis, James Lewis, Jackie Dean Barrett, and Frank Bennett.



RETIREE SOLDIER WINS HONOR — Sgt. Harley Wells of the Dixon community, like many other members of the U. S. Soldier's and Airmen's Home, has a plot of land and a green thumb to make things grow. The garden editor of the Washington Star-News judged Well's garden plot third place in the Home's annual garden contest. The garden is only one of many recreational facilities available at the Home in Washington, D. C. Before returning to Washington, D. C. Mr. Wells lived in the Dixon community enjoyed a garden and was active in Dixon Presbyterian church. (Army News Features Photo by SFC Ray Jewett)

## Low Bids \$734,848 On Sewage Project



DIRECTOR — Richard S. Lennon Jr. has been named acting director of the East Carolina University Computing Center effective immediately, according to an announcement by ECU officials.

### Electrical Section Bids Short By One

A. P. White & Associates of Charlotte and Rand Construction Company of Richfield are apparent low bidders for the city's sewerage treatment expansion and line extension project.

The White bid of \$544,356.00 was low among seven bidders for construction of a two million gallon per day sewage treatment plant expansion.

The Richfield firm was low among seven bidders at \$190,493.00 for sewer lines, outfalls, pump station and force mains.

Buck Johnson of W. K. Dickson & Company, the city's consulting engineers, said yesterday the city will probably need to re-advertise for bids for the electrical

### Ground Broken For Hardware

Bridges Hardware, Inc., broke ground this week for construction of its new building at the corner of West King and Candler streets.

City building permit was purchased which estimated cost at \$85,000.

The building will be of metal and brick construction.

Other permits issued:

To Mrs. Emma Fulton, 400 East King street, \$575 roof repair.

Paul W. Owens, 200 Fulton Drive, metal utility building.

### Cars Damaged By Pranksters

Halloween pranksters damaged several automobiles by Wednesday, police reported.

R. K. Moore, of route two, operator of a Red Ball taxi, said he was traveling in the 200 block of North Candler street when someone threw rocks and broke the left back window of the 1973 Ford cab.

Herchel E. Spangler, also traveling in the 200 block of N. Candler street, told police his car windshield was struck by coke bottles thrown from a person or persons unknown.

### School Board Weighing Revamped Athletic Program When JHS Opens

School officials are expected to recommend to the board of education at its Nov. 19 meeting that a complete revamping be made of the total school athletic program.

Supt. Donald Jones said that KMHS athletic director Bob Jones, KMHS principal Jake Atkinson, Central Junior High athletic director Perter Griggs and Central principal Fred Withers will meet with the board to discuss the change.

Supt. Jones said the main purpose for the proposed change "is to help get ready to move into the new junior high school", now under construction.

The plan, he said, calls for all freshmen athletes, beginning in the spring of next year, to be combined with the Central teams and for both Central and KMHS to field junior varsity teams in football and basketball. Wrestling will also be added to the Central program and cross country girls golf and girls tennis are also projected.

How the new plan will affect coaching positions has not been discussed but Supt. Jones said other some new coaches will have to be hired or some present coaches will have to change assignments.

Supt. Jones said the construction contract for the new junior high calls for a Sept. 4, 1974 completion and it's possible the school will be occupied at the beginning of the 1974-75 school year.

### Unofficial Results - Nov. 6, 1973 City Run-Off Election

Forth Ward 3 Commissioner	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
T. J. (Tommy) Ellison	26	53	111	50	188	30	458
Corbet Nicholson	79	103	151	162	323	48	866