

# Three Commissioners To Face New Election

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Two, Five and Six will be up for grabs next October. The seats are currently held by Humes Houston, William R. Grissom and Fred Wright Jr., respectively.

The two education seats up for grabs this year are now held by Tommy Bridges of Kings Mountain and F. A. (Tip) Francis of Grover. These board seats are held for six years.

"This year is also the year we purge the registration books," Bennett said. "This is not a new registration. It does mean that citizens who are now registered, but

who did not vote in the 1972 general election nor have voted in any election since must re-register to be eligible to vote in the coming municipal election."

Bennett said a purge is "more or less a penalty one must pay for not exercising the privilege to vote over a period of time."

The registration books are open all year round, but close 21 days prior to any election. Bennett said the 21 days include only weekdays, Mondays through Friday.

In 1975 the city commissioners election began under a staggered term system. The mayor and three commissioners were elected for four

year terms. The three low vote polling commissioner candidates were elected for two year terms until 1977. This year the three commissioner candidates (Districts Two, Five and Six) will be elected for four years. The next municipal election comes in 1979 when a mayor and three commissioners will be elected.

In 1979 one member of the local education board will be up for re-election. That seat is now held by Alex Owens. Two new members of the board, elected in 1975, will not come up for re-election until 1981. Those two are Mrs. June Lee and Mrs. Marion Thomasson.

# Hatch Is Honored At Scouting Fete

George Hatch of Kings Mountain was among six Cleveland County citizens honored in Cleveland County's scouting program Friday night at the annual district banquet for adult scout leaders at Shelby Presbyterian Church.

Also receiving special framed certificates of appreciation for their work in 1976 were Tom Hayes of Shelby, district chairman, Joe Towery of Shelby, vice chairman, advancement chairman Herman Best of Shelby, district camporee chairman Flay Cooke of Lawndale and Joe Hartsell of Shelby. Mr. Hatch is district activities chairman.

Seventy-five attended the dinner meeting. Piedmont Council President Jim Fry and Council Executive Tom Diemler told the gathering that the

future of scouting "is bright in the Piedmont area," both commenting on the new scout camp under construction near Union Mills in Rutherford County, explaining some of the new programs and advantages for Scouts in the new facility.

Joe Hartsell urged the leaders to encourage scouts to take advantage of the Philmont Expedition from Cleveland County. He will lead a group of Cleveland County Boy Scouts on a trip to Philmont Scout Camp in Cimarron, New Mexico later this year.

Tommy Greene, Troop 117 Scoutmaster in Bolling Springs, told the group about the national jamboree coming up in early August at Moraine State Park in Idaho. Greene will head up the local contingent that will travel to the Jamboree.

Battleground District is composed of 24 scout troops, 15 cub packs and five explorer posts involving 734 boys and 402 adult leaders in Cleveland County.

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separated from their last job may receive up to 26 additional weeks of allowances. No workers may receive more than 78 weeks of allowances.

Workers are not eligible for trade adjustment assistance under the Trade Act if their last separation from adversely affected employment occurred before the impact date or after the termination date specified in the certification or more than one year before the date of their

petition.

Eligibility rulings, payments, testing, counseling, training, job search grants, and relocation allowances will be administered primarily through the state employment security agencies with funds provided by the Federal Government.

To be eligible, a worker must have been employed at one of the affected facilities for six months out of the year prior to layoff.

**WHITE CAN TALK**

William Wallard of the Charlotte Central Lions Club will present a program on White Cane at tonight's dinner meeting of the Kings Mountain Lions Club. The club meets at 7 p. m. at the KM Country Club. Lion Jim Downey arranged tonight's program.

# Howard Attending Association Meeting

Grady Howard of Kings Mountain is among hospital administrators from

across the state who will participate in the North Carolina Hospital Association's Interim meeting Jan. 25 and 26 and hear reports on contemporary issues facing hospitals.

Of key importance will be proposed congressional reform measures for Medicare and Medicaid and contractual arrangements between hospitals and third party payors.

A highlight of the two-day meeting which will be held in Raleigh, will be a special dinner honoring

members of the North Carolina General Assembly on Tuesday (January 25) evening.

C. Edward McCauley, chairman of the Board of Trustees, will make an address to the legislators entitled "Hospitals in

Transition." His report will stress cost containment activities being conducted by North Carolina hospitals.

The Interim Meeting enables hospital administrators to become more familiar with current

changes facing hospitals. The purpose of the Hospital Association, which represents 155 members institutions, is to keep administrators better informed on issues and to assist in management services.

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# Dr. Poston Is 'Rearing To Get On With Living'

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On February 2nd, Dr. Poston has an appointment with Governor Jim Hunt and a later appointment that same day with Howard Lee. It is safe to say that the subject of conversation at both meetings will be Liberia - her educational needs, the possibility of exporting some of her abundant mahogany, and a new market for her in textiles.

The President of Liberia, Tiltman Bailey, is a personal friend of Dr. Poston's. President Bailey's son is a student at Gardner Webb College where Dr. Poston served as President for 17 years. Needless to say, the venture to Liberia would serve more than one purpose for one man. It could serve two nations.

We talked for a while about President Carter. Gene Poston considers Mr. Carter to be a "great Christian man, one who is open and sincere, one who can be depended on to do what he says to the best of his ability." He considers

it very important Mr. Carter is a great student of the Bible, and reminded me of our own Abe Lincoln's statement that a man could not be considered educated until he knew the Bible well. He feels that the country will follow the guidance of its chief, and that President Carter will bring great spiritual uplift to our nation.

In talking about youth today, Dr. Poston remarked that he felt the young people of today have deeper faith and are searching for realities and truths rather than material rewards. "In my day," he said, "we grew up having to make a living. We were constantly aware of it. Today, they don't feel that pressure to conform, to compete - that we did. And it's good. The question is whether the adult generation present in society today will cheer them on and encourage them in their quest for truth."

Rev. J. C. Goare, Kings Mountain Baptist Church pastor, said of Dr. Poston: "My knowledge of Gene Poston is very favorable. He is a very effective public speaker and a student of the Bible. I have been with him at various meetings and heard him at conventions and General Board meetings. My impression is that he is a very good administrator."

"We all recall that Gardner Webb grew from a Junior College to a four-year school, and, of course the faculty and student body grew also.

"I did get the feeling that though he was a good administrator in this field, he would not necessarily be as effective as a public officeholder, that politics may be out of his area of expertise.

"Another factor with regard to his loss in the primary was that he was up against a rather well-known candidate. Also, his unique type of campaign (grassroots) may not have impressed people too well. "Personally, I am a great admirer of Dr. Poston, I

believe him to be one of the great Christian leaders of our area."

If he holds to one philosophy, Poston said, it would have to be to take one day at a time. Perform that day the very best that you can and learn from your mistakes. "Do you know," he asked, "that the average man only achieves 10 percent of his potential."

I get this gut feeling that Dot and Gene Poston have unlimited potential. Perhaps in the campaign there was a lesson they needed to learn - whether it was in losing or just in the day-to-day campaigning. A lesson that may be picked up and used in the unknown future, in some unknown place... like Liberia.

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