

# McCarter, Keeter, Byers And Herndon Are Winners

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wish to thank all of them. I also want to thank all of the voters who saw fit to give me the opportunity to serve them as a member of the board of education.

"Like Mr. McDaniel, I have confidence in Supt. Davis and the other board members and in our school district programs," Smith continued. "I will continue to work toward stronger vocational education in our system and I want to reiterate that I will be receptive to the public's concerns about our local education programs and will get answers to their questions. I congratulate Mr. Mauney on his fine campaign and say I feel he is a gracious opponent."

Candidate Roberts called The Mirror-Herald following Tuesday's election to make the following statement:

"I am grateful for the opportunity to run for the Kings Mountain School Board. Some people say I have lost the election, but I say our time will eventually come. I understand Abraham Lincoln lost several elections before becoming President. The most important thing for all of us is to never give up fighting for justice for all. I will continue to be involved in looking at what is going on in the Kings Mountain schools."

Smith will replace Tommy Bridges of Kings Mountain, who is completing a six-year term. Mc-

Daniel replaces P. A. Francis of Grover, who completes nine-years on the school board. Francis finished three years of a term won by Holmes Harry, then won election to a six-year term.

The two new board of education members will be sworn in at the first board meeting in December.

### GROVER BOARD ELECTION

In the Grover Municipal election Tuesday the incumbent mayor, W. W. (Bill) McCarter was returned to office for another two years.

McCarter won on a write-in campaign to defeat the only official mayoral candidate, Dean Westmoreland. McCarter polled 96 votes to Westmoreland's 83. Rev. Paul Sorrells of Grover also garnered two write-in votes for mayor.

In the council race incumbents Tommy Keeter and Martha Byers were returned to office along with newcomer J. Harold Herndon. Keeter polled the highest number of votes, 133, of any candidate Tuesday. Mrs. Byers was second with 85 votes and Herndon third with 69 votes.

First-time candidates Ronald Queen, Karen Moss, Wendell White and Ray Cash polled 67, 65, 62 and 35 votes, respectively. R. E. Hambricht received one write-in vote for council.

Councilman Keeter was the highest pollster two years ago also with 113 votes. Both Keeter and Byers have served one term on the local board.

Westmoreland, the defeated mayoral candidate, filed for mayor following a public statement by incumbent mayor McCarter that he would not seek re-election. Westmoreland has served one year on the town board, completing the unexpired term of Bob Hambricht.

Following his victory Tuesday, McCarter said, "This was unexpected. I had heard rumors of a write-in and had had some people tell me they were voting for me on a write-in. I had no idea anything like this would materialize."

When asked who he voted for in the mayor's race, McCarter answered, "Dean Westmoreland."

McCarter said he will accept the office of mayor for a second term "because I feel to be elected on a write-in is quite an honor. I don't know how anyone could turn down the office under these circumstances. I will continue working with the board on the programs we have underway and the new programs the community needs. We have a good many things that are needed in Grover. I trust we can make even more headway in the coming two years."

Mayor McCarter and council members Keeter, Byers and Herndon will be sworn-in at the Mon., Dec. 5 board meeting.

## Succession Amendment Squeaks By In County

Cleveland County voters by a slim margin of 45 votes (3,335 for and 3,290 against) approved the gubernatorial succession amendment. Unofficial election returns showed slim margin here and throughout the state.

With exception of Bethware voters, Kings Mountain citizens favored Amendment No. Three of five constitutional amendments North Carolina voters approved in an unofficial count with 21 percent of the state's precincts reporting late Tuesday night.

In Cleveland County the other four proposed amendments that had attracted little attention here and all over the state appeared to have passed substantially.

Cleveland County voters approved highway bonds by vote of 4069 for and 2744 against and water bonds by 2-1, the unofficial tally being 4383 for and 2189 against.

At the Bethware precinct, the gubernatorial succession amendment lost by 13 votes, the unofficial totals being 98 for and 106 against.

Leading by solid margins were proposals to provide \$280 million in bonds to help local govern-

ments enlarge or improve wastewater treatment and water supply systems and to issue \$300 million in highway bonds for construction and improvements of state roads.

With more than 21 percent of the state's 2,345 precincts counted, here is how the amendments fared:

A proposal to extend to surviving husbands the \$1,000 homestead exemption now granted widows so that creditors would not be able to claim a home for debts — 90 percent in favor.

A proposal to allow wives to leave life insurance benefits to husbands and to protect the benefits from creditors — 89 percent in favor. The insurance and homestead provisions would give men and women equal benefits under the state constitution.

A proposal to allow municipalities that own electric distribution systems to own power plants jointly with private utilities — 68 percent in favor.

A proposal to require a balanced state budget by forbidding deficit spending — 81 percent in favor. The state has historically had a balanced budget, but

the legislation felt requiring it in the state constitution would increase confidence in the state's financial integrity.

On the highway bond issue, with over 21 percent of precincts counted late Tuesday, the vote was 68 percent in favor. For the water bonds with 21 percent of the precincts counted the vote was 74 percent in favor.

At the East Kings Mountain Precinct (Community Center) the vote was: Water Bonds, 292 and 157 against; highway bonds, 263 for and 192 against; At West Kings Mountain (Armory) the vote was: highway bonds, 587 for and 358 against; water bonds, 669 for and 284 against.

At East Kings Mountain, voters approved the gubernatorial succession amendment by 28 votes (the vote 227 for and 199 against). At West Kings Mountain the margin of approval was 108 votes

(499 for and 391 against.)

Bethware voters also turned down the water bonds amendment by a margin of five votes. The unofficial vote there was 101 for water bonds and 106 against. Bethware approved highway bonds by two votes, the vote 102 for and 100 against.

### Thompson Freshmen At Tech

William A. Thompson from Kings Mountain, has enrolled as a freshman at Tennessee Tech this fall.

The freshman class of 1,418 students include representatives of 25 states, 81 Tennessee counties, and a dozen foreign countries. The university's overall enrollment of more than 7,400 is up by about 150 from last year.

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