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Jim Childers To Run For District 1 Seat

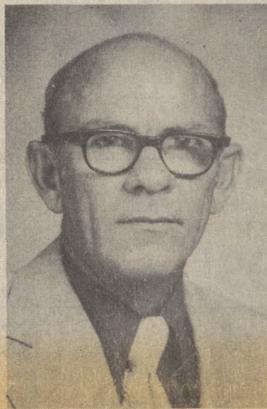
Jim Childers, who is nearing completion of his second four-year term as Kings Mountain's District One Commissioner, filed for re-election Friday afternoon.

Childers was the first person to file for the October 11 city election. He paid his \$5 filing fee shortly after filing began at 12 noon. Candidate filing will continue through 12 noon September 9.

In announcing, Childers pointed to several successful projects he's had a hand in during the 7½ years he's served on the board.

Those accomplishments include the completion of a new Public Works facility, new

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JIM CHILDERS

Nicholson To Run For District 3 Seat

Corbet Nicholson, incumbent District Three Commissioner, announced today that he will seek re-election in the October 11 city election.

Nicholson will face a challenge from T.C. "Red" McKee, a former city fireman, and Ronald Franks, an employee of First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Kings Mountain.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank my many friends in Kings Mountain for their confidence and trust and would appreciate their continued support," Nicholson said.

"I am very proud of the progress the City of Kings Moun-

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CORBET NICHOLSON

Norman King To Run For District 4 Seat

Norman King announced today that he will seek re-election to the office of District Four Commissioner for the City of Kings Mountain.

King was first elected to his seat in 1963. He thus far has opposition from Harry "Dutch" Wilson and the Rev. M.L. Campbell.

"The office of city commissioner has been challenging and rewarding," King said. "Many things have been initiated and completed for the benefit of all citizens, namely the John Moss Lake, community center, Governmental Services Facilities Center, Ellison Water Plant, Citizens Service Center, Pilot

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NORMAN KING

Family Harassed

The wife and children of the white man accused of fatally stabbing a 15-year-old black youth last week have been the target of verbal abuse and their apartment at 28 Pine Manor has been broken into twice since the stabbing incident last Tuesday.

Thomas Edgar Robinson, 33, who was charged with murder in the death of T.C. Bowden III, is in Dorethea Dix Hospital in Raleigh undergoing evaluation.

His wife, Jean, who has taken her two children to live with relatives in another area of the city, said she has lost over \$1,500 worth of merchandise and clothing in two separate break-ins since the stabbing. Both incidents are under investigation by the Kings Mountain Police Department.

The apartment was broken into the first time late Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning of last week. Mrs. Robinson said she returned to the apartment Sunday to pickup some of her things and it had been broken into again.

When she entered her children in school Monday morning, she said they were the targets of verbal abuse by other children and have been subjected to questions by other children since.

"The school officials have been very cooperative," she said, "and it's getting better."

"I know the Bowden family and their friends have gone through a lot," she added. "I'm not condoning what happened, but I don't think the people should take it out on my children and me. We didn't have anything to do with it."

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Due to a computer error, Kings Mountain Herald renewal cards for June and July were not set out. Anyone who has suddenly stopped receiving their Herald without a renewal notice should contact the Herald at 739-7496.



Photo by Gary Stewart

IT'S SCALDING HOT - Kings Mountain and North Carolina received its hottest temperature readings of the year this week, with record highs recorded in almost every city in the state. It reached 106 Sunday in Kings Mountain, and was 110 in many eastern cities.

Home Savings Won't Merge

The proposed merger of Home Savings and Loan of Kings Mountain and North Carolina Federal Savings and Loan of Charlotte is officially off.

The Board of Directors of Home Federal, in a meeting Tuesday, voted unanimously to continue operating as it has for the past several years.

Tom Tate, president of the association, was out of town Wednesday and could not be reached for comment. The board issued the following statement:

"The association previously voted in favor of a merger with North Carolina Federal Savings and Loan Association along with

three additional savings and loan associations which were also to merge with North Carolina Federal Savings and Loan.

"The association relied and voted upon information contained in the joint proxy statement regarding the composition of the Board of Directors of N.C. Federal, ownership of its outstanding shares of stock, and its financial standing. And this joint proxy statement and the stock subscription offering materials was supplied to our association by the employees, officers, and agents of N.C. Federal.

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Board Okays Repairs To Moss Lake Dam

By GARY STEWART
Editor

For the second time this year, City Commissioners Monday night gave their approval to necessary repairs of the John H. Moss Lake dam.

The board accepted a bid of \$516,345 from Hickory Construction Company, for repairs in phases one and three of the project. The total project cost after administrative and engineering fees will be \$577,000. The cost will be shared by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (\$385,000), the state of North Carolina (\$144,250) and the City of Kings Mountain (\$47,750).

The repairs should take about a year, noted Ralph Johnson, engineer with the W.K. Dickson Company of Charlotte. At the completion of the project, the city will be in compliance with all federal and state dam safety requirements, Mayor John Moss said.

The city has been discussing the repair of the dam for several years. Earlier this year, the board okayed a plan by Johnson to repair the dam, but on the night bids were received, Johnson suggested that the board reject them and go back to the drawing board to seek safer ways of installing an underwater valve.

"The dam is something that you cannot fix and it stays fixed," Johnson warned the board. "Maintenance is a must. Especially, you should keep it clean so if something occurs you can detect it early."

The city plans to lower the lake level by 20 feet, or an estimated seven billion gallons of water. Moss said in cases of emergency the lake level can be lowered "in excess of 50 percent."

To lower the water level, a siphon is being installed 30 feet below water level.

The main reason for the repairs, however, is the leaking liner of the dam. A new liner will be installed and the area between the old and new liners grouted with concrete. Johnson said the concrete will strengthen as it ages.

Commissioners Jim Childers and Jim Dickey, who served with Mayor Moss on the committee which studied the leaking dam situation, urged Johnson to supply the city with a maintenance schedule, so major repairs won't be necessary again in the future.

"Hopefully, in a year we'll have the pipe lined and will be meeting all the dam criteria," Moss said. "There are a number of criteria that didn't exist when the dam was constructed in 1967. In the passing of time, more criteria have become mandatory. But upon completion of this project we'll be in compliance with the dam safety laws."

Johnson said many devices

which will be used in repairing the dam will be of use if the city decides to build a hydro-electric plant at the lake.

"However, I wouldn't recommend drawing any water out of the lake for a hydro project. Use only the water that goes over the dam," he said.

In other action Monday night, the board:

*Approved a request from M.E. White to rezone 26.116 acres on North Cansler Street from general business to Residential-10.

*Approved a request from James E. White to rezone 29.769 acres in the Brookwood North sub-division from R-20 to R-6 for the purpose of residential development. Al Moretz, engineer for the project, told the board White plans to have the property annexed into the city limits when the first house is sold in the development.

*Accepted a petition to curb and gutter West Parker Street

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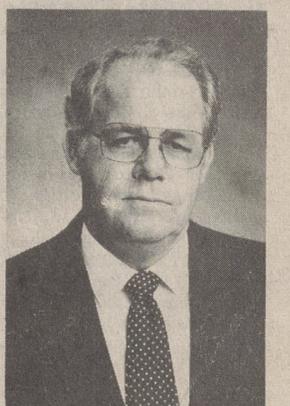
Bill McDaniel To Run For KM School Board

Bill McDaniel announced today that he will seek a second six-year term on the Kings Mountain Board of Education.

McDaniel will run for one of the two outside city seats available in this year's race. The other outside seat, currently held by Paul Hord Jr., will be for the two years remaining on the term of Harold Lineberger, who resigned last spring. Hord was appointed to hold that seat until the November election.

McDaniel becomes the third person to enter this year's race. Kyle Smith and Doyle Campbell earlier announced that they would file for the two inside-city seats, Smith for the six-year term

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BILL MCDANIEL