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JOHN MOSS

Runoffs Set In Districts 3 And 4

Moss, Allen Win Seats

By GARY STEWART
Editor

The voters of Kings Mountain "gave a hoot and voted for Toot" Tuesday.

Irvin "Tootie" Allen, who used "Give A Hoot—Vote For Toot" as his campaign slogan, unseated Jim Childers by an almost two to one margin to win

the District One Commissioner's seat and was the only clear winner in the three council races in Tuesday's city election.

Mayor John Henry Moss won his eighth term in office. Incumbents Corbet Nicholson and Norman King led the ticket in districts three and four, but their nearest competitors, Ronald Franks and Rev. M.L. Campbell, announced that they would call for a runoff. Those runoffs will be held on November 8.

Luther Bennett, chairman of the City Elections Board, said Franks and Campbell have until noon Monday to submit written requests for a runoff.

Allen, the owner of Kings Mountain Trucking Inc., who was seeking political office for the first time, out-distanced Childers 1,295 votes to 687 votes to take the District One commissioner's seat. Childers had held the position for the past eight years. Allen led by 837 to 481 at the Armory, the two candidates' home precinct, and by 458 to 206 at the community center.

The large margin of victory surprised everyone who crowded into the community center to await word of the count.

"I'm really surprised at the margin," Allen said. "I think we ran a real good, clean campaign, and I think Jim Childers has done a fine job. It was just one of those things."

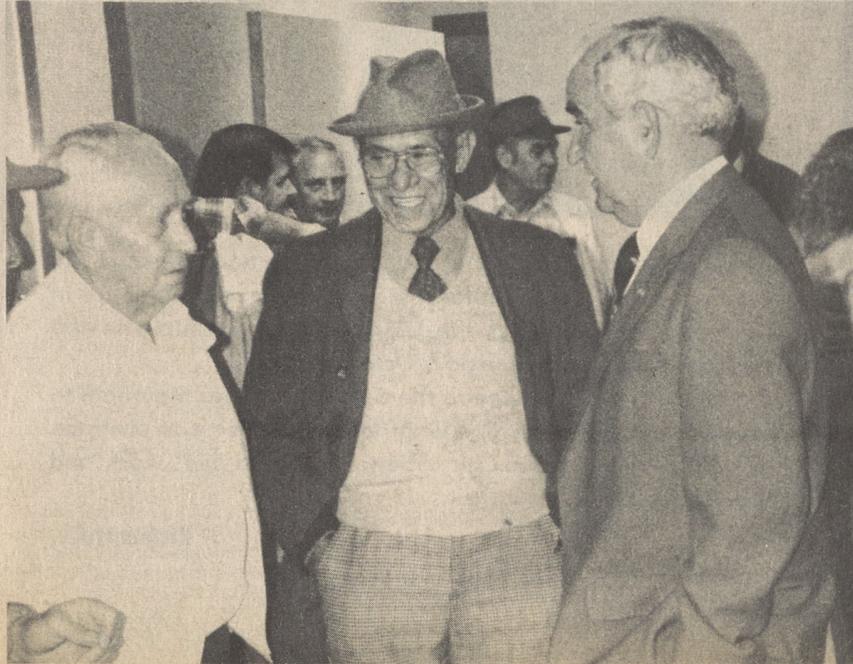
A total of 1,999 voters went to the polls on the cool, rainy day. Voting early Tuesday morning was very light at both precincts, election officials said, but as the day went on the lines picked up.

Bennett had predicted a turnout of 1,800 but most people felt the rain would lessen that figure. Many long-time residents

of the city said the turnout was as good as they could remember. One man said he remembered just one time when the turnout for a commissioner-mayor's election topped 2,000.

Mayor Moss, who has been in office 18 years, ran away from Gilbert "Pee Wee" Hamrick even though Hamrick made his

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WAITING FOR RESULTS - City commissioners Norman King, right, and Corbet Nicholson, left, and District Four candidate Harry "Dutch" Wilson, center, talk Tuesday night at the community center while awaiting the count of votes in the city election. Nicholson and King led their tickets but did not get enough votes to win without a runoff.



Photos by Gary Stewart

BIG WINNER - Irvin "Tootie" Allen, right, chats with Tim Gladden at the community center as citizens awaited the official count of votes in Tuesday's city election. Allen, seeking political office for the first time, received 1,295 votes to win the District One council seat over incumbent Jim Childers.

Schools To Ease Traffic Congestion

The Kings Mountain Board of Education Monday night approved plans for improving the traffic flow at West Elementary School and Kings Mountain junior and senior high schools.

The school system is presently constructing a new drive along the west side of the property at West School, with the entrance planned off Mountain Street and the exit onto Goforth Street.

The system plans to ease some of the traffic congestion at the junior and senior high by making a road to run behind the high school and around the KMHS

baseball field to the junior high. The road will be used by the 12 buses which transport both junior and senior high students and will cut the bus traffic on Phifer Road in half.

Assistant Superintendent Larry Allen said that grading is completed on the West School project and curbing and guttering was scheduled for Wednesday. Paving and sidewalk work should be completed by November 5.

The West School PTO has undertaken a beautification project of the school grounds and

will plant shrubs and flowers over a period of several years.

The new road will be double lane, Allen said, and 14 parking spaces will be added on the west side of the grounds for teacher parking. The road will be closed to the public during school hours, Allen said, but will be used for parking for PTO and other school activities.

The project is necessary due to the heavy flow of traffic on Mountain Street during loading hours, Allen said. When the project is complete, students in grades kindergarten through se-

cond or third grade will load and unload on the new drive, and older student will continue to load and unload in front of the school.

"We anticipate that this will completely remove any cars parked on Mountain Street," Allen said.

In addition to the driveway project, a sidewalk will be built around the back of the school, connecting the new drive to the present paved area on the east side of the school.

The grading work on the road project at the high school and

junior high will be done free of charge, Superintendent William Davis said.

The system also plans to close the present entrance to the junior high and build a new entrance and new exit, which will allow more parking and better flow of traffic.

The road project should be completed soon, Davis said, but the new driveway project in front of the junior high won't be completed until next summer.

Allen said there is an "old wagon road bed" behind the high school now and there's a

culvert a creek which the road crosses.

"We can widen the road with a minimal amount of grading," Allen said.

Allen said six of the 12 junior high-senior high buses will be parked at each school and they will meet each other as they go to pickup students.

"When students are loaded, the six buses leaving the high school will leave toward Shelby Road and most of the ones leaving the junior high will go

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JOHN HOUZE



CAROL BRAZZELL

Field Is Complete For School Board Race

The field is set for next month's Kings Mountain School Board election.

Eight persons are seeking the two inside and two outside city seats, which are available for terms ranging from two to six years.

Paul Hord Jr., who was appointed earlier this year to fill

WHO CAN VOTE

According to several school board candidates, many citizens who live outside the city limits think they cannot vote in the November 8 Kings Mountain School Board election. Any registered voter who resides in the school district is eligible to vote.

the seat of Harold Lineberger until the November election, is unopposed for the two years remaining on Lineberger's term. Lineberger resigned the position when he moved to Gaston County.

The other two present board members—Kyle Smith and Bill McDaniel—face opposition, and there is a two-man race for the four years remaining on the term of Jerry Ledford, who resigned several months ago. No one was appointed to fill Ledford's seat since his resignation came so close to election time.

McDaniel, who lives outside the city limits, faces a challenge from Grover druggist Quint Mc-

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UF Drive At 26 Percent

By GAIL SHYBLE

Kings Mountain United Way has reached 26% of the \$71,000 goal as they entered the third week of the fund drive.

At a progress meeting held Monday at the Holiday Inn, Bill Davis, Campaign Chairman reported that \$18,205.78 had been raised for the drive. Currently, only 13% of the \$47,600 Industrial Goal has been met, with Foote Mineral being the leading contributor to date. Industrial contributions must carry over half of the needed pledges to fund local United Way Activities.

Kings Mountain Hospital has also been a big leader in this drive meeting 190% of their goal. According to Ron Bagwell, Director of Nursing and Hospital Campaign Director, their employees have pledged a total of \$5,698.98 this far into the campaign.

Local agencies which will benefit from this drive include the American Red Cross, the Community Organization for Drug Abuse Prevention, the

TRAVELOGUE

The Kiwanis Club Travelogue series will begin Tues., Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at B.N. Barnes Auditorium with the showing of "The Badlands of Our Country's West. Tickets for the four-film series may be purchased for \$10 at Bridges Hardware. Tickets at the door will be \$3.

Piedmont Council Boy Scouts, the Pioneer Council Girl Scouts, Grover and Kings Mountain Rescue Squads, the Cleveland County Shelter Home, the Kings Mountain Ministerial Associa-

tion, the Salvation Army, Mental Health, the Kings Mountain Boys Club and the Committee for the Disabled.

The local United Way also supports a number of state and

national agencies including the Arthritis Foundation, the Children's Home Society and the National Council on Aging.

The fund drive will officially end November 7.



STORE ITEMS - Pictured above are three members of the Kings Mountain Woman's Club with items that will be sold in "Ye Ole Country Store" at the Woman's Club autumn festival Wed., Oct. 19. The store will open at 11 a.m. Left to right are Mrs. Don Crawford, Mrs. Robert Crawford and Mrs. Robert Whiteside.