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**DIVISION CHAIRMAN OF UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN**—Pictured are Division Chairmen in the current Kings Mountain United Way Campaign. From left, Ernest Rome, Dr. Joel Jenkins, Dr. Martin Stallings, Jim Harry and Marvin Chappell. The campaign seeks a goal of \$100,000.

## UF Pacesetters Campaign Gets Drive Off To Good Start

Pacesetters in the 1986 Kings Mountain United Way Campaign reported donations and pledges of \$30,000 this week as the campaign for \$100,000 was kicked off at a luncheon at the Holiday Inn of divisional chairmen and leaders.

"We'll make our goal and more", predicted Lavon Strickland, Campaign chairman, who said 20 organizations, including many from this area, will benefit from one "fair share" gift from local citizens.

Robert Belville, of Romarco Corporation of Morganton, a past Jaycee state president and campaign chairman and past president of Burke County United Way, echoed her remarks as he made the keynote address. "There is hardly no one untouched by United Way and when times are tough and with withdrawal of federal monies to many of these agencies we need to remind those we contact that their one gift aids at least 20

causes. United Way is more than a fund-raiser, it's a provider of services and needs for this community. Much of these funds stay here in Kings Mountain and this is not a fund just for needy people," he said, as he challenged the drive leaders to follow the examples of the five pacesetters, Park Dale Mills, Commercial Shearing, Anvil Knit, Kings Mountain Hospital and First Union National Bank and work "even harder and united to reach this ambitious and worthy goal of \$100,000."

Also present as a guest was Peter Auerbach of Charlotte, Director of Planning for North Carolina United Way who also challenged the volunteers to use a "one on one" approach in their solicitation efforts in the community.

With a budget of \$100,000, the Kings Mountain United Way has only earmarked \$2500 for administrative costs and hopes to provide \$15,000 to the American Red Cross, \$12,750 for the Kings Mountain

Ministerial Association Helping Hand Fund and Chaplain Service; \$7,300 to the Girl Scouts of the Pioneer Council; \$6,800 to the Boy Scouts of the Piedmont Council; \$6,037 to the North Carolina United Way for a variety of causes; \$6,800 to the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad; \$5,925 to the Cleveland County Shelter Home; \$6,000 to the Kings Mountain Boys Club; \$5,200 to the Grover Rescue Squad; \$4,000 to the Cleveland County CODAP; \$2,500 to the Salvation Army; \$1,000 to the Cleveland County Mental Health Association; \$1,000 to Hospice; \$1,000 to Child Abuse Prevention; \$500 to Community Partnership Community for Disabled; \$500 for Toys For Tots in Kings Mountain.

First report date is Sept. 18th. Second report date is October 2, a luncheon and evaluation meeting is scheduled by campaign leaders at noon on October 16th and the Victory dinner is Nov. 8th.

## Filing's Over, 10 Seek Board Seats

With the passing of the filing deadline at noon on Friday, the candidate list for three seats on the board of city commissioners remains at 10.

All three incumbent commissioners in District 2, 5, and 6 have opposition, and challengers include two former city commissioners, several who have sought office before and several political newcomers.

Kings Mountain citizens will go to the polls Oct. 8th at the Armory and at the Community Center.

In District 2, incumbent Humes Houston is seeking reelection. He is being challenged by former mayoral candidate Gilbert (Pee Wee) Hamrick and by retired Sadie Mill plant manager Leonard A. Smith, Sr.

In District 5, first term commissioner Curt Gaffney is being challenged by Fred E. Finger, who is retired, and by real estate agent Ruby Moss Alexander.

In District 6, Jim Dickey, a 12-year veteran of the board of commissioners, is being challenged by three candidates. Also seeking the District 6 seat are Jim Childers, a former commissioner who lost a re-election bid to Irvin Allen in District 1 and who has since moved to District 3; Harold Phillips, a former commissioner who served on the board in the 1950's; and Jan Deaton, who lost a bid for office in a runoff with Dickey in the previous election.

Kings Mountain municipal elections regulations require a majority vote to win. If a run-off is necessary, the candidate with the second highest vote total in a district race will have until Monday, Oct. 14th, to request, in



**GILBERT HAMRICK** writing, a runoff. Should a runoff be necessary, it will be held on Nov. 5th.

A total of 4,500 voters are registered to vote in the Oct. 8 election, according to Becky Cook, Chairman of the Kings Mountain Board of Elections.

In his filing statement, candidate Gilbert Hamrick said: "I am announcing myself as a candidate for city commissioner for Ward 2 in the Oct. 8 city election. I am 44 years old, live at 308 S. Oriental Avenue with my wife Shirley, we have two sons, Mike and Scottie Hamrick. Mike and his wife live in Kings Mountain. Scottie lives in Oklahoma with his wife, Scottie is a sergeant in the Army at Fort Sill. I am the son of Wilburn and Mary Jane Hamrick of Kings Mountain. I am a member of the American Legion Post 155, I am a Baptist, and a Democrat. I am a high school graduate and I served in the Army as a military policeman and am a disabled veteran.

"I'm not going to make a lot of promises I cannot keep but if I am elected, I will work for each and every

citizen of Kings Mountain. I will work toward getting all streets that need it repaved and continue to upgrade all city equipment. I will listen to and follow up on all citizens complaints. I feel that I can work with the members of the city board, whoever they may be. If I am elected to the office of District 2 Commissioner I will spend whatever time it takes to help the citizens of my ward and other wards to the best of my ability."

In his filing, Incumbent District 2 Commissioner Humes Houston said:

"In 1975 the first time I ran for public office I made the statement, "I may not agree with all programs that may be presented but I will give my support to all programs that will work toward the economic growth and progress of our city, continue to search for new industry and work toward budget plans that will keep our taxes at the lowest level possible."

"I have served on the board of commissioners for three terms, covering a span of 10 years, and again, with the ten years of experience, I am running for re-election to continue the efforts of the above statement.

Houston, 66, served for many years on the staff of Kings Mountain Civic Company and later with Cowell Drug Co. until retirement. A resident of Kings Mountain since 1923, his father the late H.H. Houston, was secretary-treasurer. He graduated from Kings Mountain High School and entered the U.S. Army in 1941, retiring with rank of Major in 1969. During service in the European Theatre of Operations he received the Bronze Star for

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## KM School Board Honors Its Teacher Of The Year

Kings Mountain's Board of Education honored Teacher of the Year Joel Rountree during Monday's board meeting at the Kings Mountain High School library.

Rountree, a Grover resident and graduate of Shelby High School and Davidson College, is a history teacher at KMHS. He was selected District Teacher of the Year in April after competition with other individual school winners in the local system.

Rountree now enters Regional and State Teacher of the Year competition and School Superintendent Bill Davis said he is confident

Rountree will win those honors.

Rountree was accompanied to the 30-minute reception by his wife, Patsy, a Central School teacher, and children, Katy, Joshua and Emily, and his parents, Glenn and Jackie Rountree of Grover. A large number of teachers and administrators were also in attendance.

"I really don't think I'm Teacher of the Year," Rountree told the group. "I'm average at best. I don't think I'm as good a teacher as the teachers who are here

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**UNITED WAY KICKOFF**—Kings Mountain United Way kicked off the 1986 fund drive in Kings Mountain this week for \$100,000. From left, Robert Belville of Morganton, guest speaker; Lavon Strickland, 1986 campaign

chairman; Mark Wilson, United Way President; and Peter Auerbach of Charlotte, Director of Planning for North Carolina United Way.

## Mayor Moss Says Claims Response Slow

Mayor John Henry Moss promised citizens attending Monday night's one hour city board meeting that "the city aims to stay on top of the city's insurance firm, Nationwide Insurance," which has been slow to respond to claims that resulted from heavy rains of August 17 and subsequent damage to homes on Bridges Drive, Second Street and other areas.

In a report at the close of the regular agenda, the Mayor asked City Attorney George Thomasson to contact the city insurance carrier again.

The Mayor said that the city has placed check valves on homes that experienced sewage backup during the

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## Atlanta Woman Missing Since Wednesday Wreck

A 56-year-old Methodist missionary and seminary student, formerly of Lawndale, has been missing since last Wednesday at 7:19 p.m. when her car wrecked on E. King Street within sight of the Kings Mountain Police Department.

The disappearance of Barbara Buck Newman, of Atlanta, Ga., brought her husband, Harry, and their five sons to Cleveland County to join sheriff's deputies, Kings Mountain, and Gastonia police, and various rescue teams, including the Kings Mountain and Bethlehem

Fire Departments and KM Rescue Squad, Red Cross, and others, in an air and land search and house-to-house canvass, which as of yesterday, had failed to locate the missing woman.

According to Kings Mountain Police Department reports, Mrs. Newman was driving a 1979 Dodge Aspen which ran the red light at the intersection of E. King and South Piedmont (at McGill Exxon) and struck a 1974 VW operated by Lisa Canipe, of 111 Gaston Street. The

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## Murphree Wins Football Contest



Robert Murphree of 817 West Gold Street, Kings Mountain, predicted 17 of 20 winners to take the \$100 prize in last week's Herald football contest.

Murphree missed only one high school and two college games to nose out several contestants who missed just four games.

Murphree missed West Lincoln's win over Lincolnton, East Carolina's victory over N. C. State and Penn State's win over Maryland. He correctly picked Kings Mountain over East Lincoln, Ashbrook over South Point, Crest over Burns, East Gaston over North Gaston, East Rutherford over R-S Central, Cherryville over Charlotte Latin, Bessemer

City over Polk Central, Hickory over West Mecklenburg, Hunter Huss over Shelby, Kansas over Statesville, South Carolina over Appalachian, Duke over Northwestern, Florida State over Nebraska, Florida over Miami, Wake Forest over William and Mary, UNC over Navy and Western Carolina over Davidson.

The second of 10 weekly contests is inside today's paper. Pick the most winners and get your entry to us by Friday at 4 p.m. and you will win the next \$100 check. Mail your entry to Football Contest, P.O. Box 752, Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086, or bring it by our office on Canterbury Road.