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Politicking Quiet As Election Day Nears

With Kings Mountain's city election only 12 days away candidates were pumping hands, putting up placards, but otherwise, outwardly quiet.

Three seats on the city board of commissioners are up for grabs on Tuesday, Oct. 8th, and voters will go to the polls at the two precincts in town - at East Kings Mountain at the Community Center

and at West Precinct at The National Guard Armory.

Political observers predict that District 6 will see the hottest race with two former city commissioners, Jim Childers and Harold Phillips, and a woman candidate who he faced in a runoff, Jan Deaton, challenging the veteran incumbent Jim Dickey for the seat he has held for 12 years.

In District 2 the incumbent three-term commissioner

Humes Houston is being challenged by political newcomer Leonard A. Smith Sr., former retired Sadie Mill plant manager, and by former mayoral candidate Gilbert Hamrick.

In District 5, first term commissioner Curt Gaffney is being challenged by Fred E. Finger and by Ruby M. Alexander, both political newcomers.

A total of 4,500 citizens are

registered to vote in the Oct. 8 election.

In political advertising the incumbents say they are running on their records and want re-election to see completion of programs begun in office.

In political advertising the challengers are asking for a change at City Hall and are saying they have "No axes to grind" but want to see more open communications in city

government.

Filing by candidates for offices in the Nov. 5 election ended Friday.

In the Kings Mountain area, incumbent Paul Hord Jr. is seeking re-election to a Kings Mountain school district outside city seat and is being challenged by Ann Corry and Phil Bouchard.

In Grover, Bill Camp, whose four year term on the

council is ending, filed for election to fill the two years remaining on an unexpired term. That seat is now held by Don Rich, who filed for a full four-year term. Also filing for the four-year terms on the council were Harold Herndon, a former commissioner, and incumbents Grady Ross and Jim Howell.

A total of 62 seek municipal seats in Cleveland County.



BOW PROJECT—Band students, above, open boxes of colorful all-occasion and holiday bows which they are selling to finance their April trip to Orlando, Fla. From left, Victoria Shaw, Lisa Hambricht, Keith Duncan, Amy Austin, Fluvanna Ferebee, Ashley Gossett and David Dellinger.

Shopping For Holiday Bows? See A KMSHS Band Student

Buy your Christmas bows and all-occasion ribbon from a member of the Kings Mountain Senior High Band and Band Parents.

That's the plea of Band Parents who are sponsoring the sale of bows at \$3.50 for 10 bows in beautiful pink, gray and blue colors and in an assortment of holiday colors just in time for the upcoming

holidays. The bow project is the first fund-raiser sponsored by Band Parents who hope to raise \$10,000 to support the annual KMSHS Band Trip to Disney World in Orlando, Fla., April 9-13.

"Our sale is going great," says Amy Austin, KMSHS correspondent for The Herald, who says that the

ribbon-bow is ideal for using on your packages now and then reusing again. The unique ribbon makes a bow easily and then can be reused by folding it up.

Band students in grades 10-11-12 have the bows or they can be obtained at the high school or by contacting any Band Parent.

City Applying For Hydro License

City commissioners voted unanimously Monday night to apply for a license to construct a \$1.3 million hydroelectric plant on Moss Lake.

The action came after a 30-minute presentation of drawings and project discussion led by the consulting engineer for the project, Charles Mierek, who said that filing for a license could be done as soon as one more environmental study is completed downstream. "We're looking at three to four weeks," he told the board.

Mierek said the project, which has been talked by the board for several months, involves the construction of a powerhouse near the spillway of the existing dam. Two turbines, one 850 kilowatts and one 350 kilowatts would be used to power certain city operations such as the waste water treatment plant. Power would also be generated for daily periods of peak electricity demand among city residents.

Commissioner James Dickey, chairman of the city's energy committee, opened the discussion by reiterating that the city would follow "the full licensing route," instead of possible shortcuts available in the licensing procedure which had been discussed in prior meetings. Dickey named numerous agencies which are cooperating in the project, including N.C. Wildlife Resources, N.C. Department of Resources and Community Development, N.C. Public Works Commission, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Department of Interior, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fish and Wildlife Association of Raleigh and Asheville and Office of Environmental Protection, among others.

He said a tower would be built four feet above the lake level and there would be no fluctuation in the level of the lake in peak periods which he said would be early mornings Monday through Friday in the winter months and on

Sunday in late evenings with six hours of peak energy anticipated. A transmission line would run from the water filter plant into town and every kilowatt produced by the unit would be used. He said one settling basin was already in operation and that, as time permits, sediment would be taken from the upper reaches of the lake.

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Traffic Study Underway

Traffic congestion and several wrecks occurring in the East Gold-Gaston Street area where the new U.S. Post Office and where 48 apartments are under construction have heightened the city's plans for a traffic control study.

Major street improvements, which could total \$134,788, are also planned.

The city board of commissioners Monday night authorized Mayor John Moss, Public Works Supt. Wayne Kimbrell and City Engineer Walt Ollis to work with KM Postmaster Fred Weaver on the traffic study and heard presentation by Ollis and Kimbrell of proposed signalization of S. Bat-

tleground and Gold and proposed improvements of East Gold from Gaston to York Road which would result, when finalized, in a four lane street all the way from Cherokee and Battleground to York Road with major improvements, including curb and gutter, water lines, storm drainage, etc.

"This has really been an on-going thing," said Kimbrell, "but with the build up of traffic now in the East Gold-Gaston Street area, it's become an immediate need and I really think that Gold carries as much traffic as King," he declared.

12th Division Traffic Engineer Bob Jenkins of the Department of Transportation (DOT) is working with city officials on plans for the signalization of the Main Street area which includes moving signals, bringing all traffic lights up to uniform standards, and channelization of traffic.

In other actions, the Board: Prohibited truck traffic through Northwoods subdivision; lowered the speed limit from 45 m.p.h. to 35 m.p.h. on York Road; and agreed to allow the Kings Mountain Historical Museum to use portions of the old city hall downstairs for storage. The

foundation is currently soliciting donations of items to be exhibited when permanent site is found for historical museum.

The Board forwarded Zoning Board recommendation from Warren Rezone his project Military Hill, adjacent WKMT on 161, from GB and from R-8 to property at the intersection of C Avenue and Church

The Board forwarded the Zoning Board recommendation to Dr. Joe Zucker from R-10 to RO located on Country at its intersection with Highway 74 West to be used as a parking lot.

The Board also authorized the mayor to negotiate and implement program for spot gas for the Kings Mountain Natural Gas System for industrial-interruptible customers who are now, or who have the capability of using No. 6 fuel oil. "I feel we need to give these industrial customers a helping hand," said the mayor. "The gas market and oil market are quite vulnerable at this time and we need to help industry seek relief," he added.

700 Attend Dedication

Sunday, September 22nd was a hallmark day for First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain.

First Baptist dedicated their new sanctuary and worship center with 787 persons present.

The service of dedication included the presentation of a large symbolic key given by the architect to the church building committee and from the building committee to the church trustees.

Represented in the congregation were many former members, representatives from the various companies that participated in the construction, and several former church staff members.

Mountaineer Days Entries Invited

A two-day Mountaineer Days celebration is planned in Kings Mountain Oct. 4 and 5 with events planned in the downtown area by the Kings Mountain Fire Department.

Entries are now being accepted in the parade to be held on Friday afternoon, Oct. 4th, and those interested should contact Fire Chief Tignor as soon as possible.

Forty-eight exhibitors are preparing booths for a big Crafts Fair to be held in the lobby of the new City Hall. Others interested in obtaining a booth should contact Mrs. Irvin Allen, Jr. for details. The Crafts Fair will be open on Sat., Oct. 5th, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

It's Official! Broyhill In Race

It's official! U.S. Congressman Jim Broyhill has ended weeks of speculation and has announced he will seek the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Senator John East.

The veteran 10th District Congressman said in making his announcement Friday that "President Reagan needs a strong candidate on the ticket in North Carolina to keep the U.S. Senate seat in the conservative column for the Republicans."

Broyhill, a 12-term congressman and Lenoir furniture executive, who has represented Cleveland County since redistricting in 1968, said his candidacy would "offer the people of North Carolina some choices."

With the seat he has held for more than two decades now up for grabs, several area people have said they may consider running from the 10th District on the Democratic ticket including

Gastonia Marshall Rauch, Democrat, who had previously been considering a run for the U.S. Senate and Lattimore dentist Jack Hunt. Both Rep. Hunt and Senator Rauch serve in the North Carolina legislature from this area.



REP. JIM BROYHILL

Howell Wins Third Herald Football Contest

S.S. Howell, of Route 2, Cherryville, edged out two other contestants to win the \$100 prize in the third Pick The Winners Football Contest.

Howell predicted winners in 17 of the 20 games and guessed the tie-breaker in the Georgia-Clemson contest would be 34 points scored. (The total score was 33). Assistant Police Chief Bob Hayes predicted 16 of 20 in the area high school and college games and his tiebreaker guess was 31. Diane Caldwell, 304 Somerset Drive, also predicted 16 of 20

winners and her tiebreaker guess was 38 points.

The fourth of 10 weekly contests is inside today's Herald. Pick the most winners and get us your entry by 4 p.m. Friday and you'll join Howell, Tracy Sullens and Robert Murphree in the \$100 winner's circle. Mail your entry to Football Contest, P.O. Box 752, Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086, or bring it by our office on Canterbury Road. Remember, whether you mail your entry or bring it to us, we must have it no later than 4 p.m. Friday.

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