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**UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY**—Four members of the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad, above, measure the temperature chart of the United Way Campaign 1986 and call attention to the fact that more funds are needed to reach goal, which is now just a little over 50 percent. The KM Rescue Squad is one of the agencies that benefit from the campaign. Citizens working out-of-town are encouraged to mark on their donor cards that they want their donations applied to the KM United Way Campaign. From left are Captain Roy Hammett, First Lt. Jeff Cloninger, Squad member Darlene Short and 2nd Lt. Barry Dellinger, right.

## It's Official! Runoffs In All Three KM Races

It's official! A run-off election for all three seats on the board of city commissioners will be held on Nov. 5th.

Jim Dickey called for a runoff with Harold Phillips in District 6 on Thursday. Ruby Alexander called for a runoff with Fred Finger in District 5 on Friday. Leonard Smith called for a runoff with Humes Houston in District 2 on Saturday. All second place finishers among 10 candidates on Oct. 8th requested the run-off in writing to Becky Cook, chairman of the Kings Mountain Board of Elections.

Kings Mountain citizens will also be voting in a school board election on Nov. 5th with incumbent Paul Hord,

Jr. facing opposition from Phil Bouchard and Ann Corry, and voter turnout is expected to be higher. A little over 35 percent of Kings Mountain registered voters (1,524 out of 4,300) went to the polls in the Primary. Humes Houston was the only incumbent commissioner to finish first place in voting for his district. Incumbent Jim Dickey placed second in the voting in his district and first term incumbent commissioner Curt Gaffney was ousted by voters.

In District 6, Harold Phillips, ran a close race with Dickey and emerged as the first place finisher among four candidates. In District 5, the contest is between two political newcomers, Ruby

M. Alexander and Fred Finger, who ran neck-in-neck at the polls Oct. 8th with Finger leading the contest. In District 2, second place finisher Leonard Smith is also a political newcomer.

Humes Houston, who retired after many years at the former Kings Mountain Drug Co., is chairman of the annexation committee, among others, and a 10 year veteran on the board of city commissioners.

Leonard Smith, who retired after many years as manager of Sadie Cotton Mill, is a political newcomer. He says citizens want more input into city government.

Ruby M. Alexander, Kings

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## City Board To Study Electric Rate Increases

The city board of commissioners Monday night authorized an electric rate study by Southeastern Consulting Engineers, Inc. of Charlotte. Mayor John Henry Moss said the study is necessary to study what effects Duke's proposed increased rates could mean to the city.

In other major actions of the short meeting, the board approved final plans for construction of Redevelopment Parcel No. 14, the property on Battleground Avenue between McGinnis Department Store and Fitness Center which has been purchased from the city by Horace Ledford. Mr. Ledford proposes construction of an office 50x30 feet between the two other existing buildings and

said construction will begin this week.

The board authorized a study of the West Mountain Street Improvement Project in conjunction with the North Carolina Department of Transportation. Public Works Supt. Wayne Kimbrell said the city would provide maps of the area to DOT and make a traffic survey. Widening and channelization of traffic from Castlewood East to Phifer Road and widening and extending the right turn lane at Weiner King on U.S. 74 West so that traffic can come out of the shopping center and turn west in the aim of the project, said Kimbrell. "The traffic flow on King Street is not as great as it used to be but better traffic flow is needed in

and out of the shopping center", said Kimbrell. City Comm. Jim Dickey called the area a "bottleneck" and said the improvements would greatly benefit the citizens who live in the area. Mayor Moss said that improvements would be a safety factor also. "We don't have any figures on accident rates in that area but we are sure there have been some."

Fire Chief Gene Tignor, reporting on activities of the department during the past year, said that Fire Prevention Week should be a year round celebration, not just one week, and said he was proud of the fact that only 146 fires occurred in the city last year, including 14 house fires, three mobile home fires, 19 vehicle fires, five trash fires,

24 grass fires, and 64 miscellaneous fires including some false alarms, with the lowest record of fires and damages caused from fire in many years. He said damages to \$45,610 and said that the installation of additional hydrants and water mains by the city and efforts made by the city in the electrical, water and gas departments could take some of the credit. He said that citizens had also become more fire conscious. Kings Mountain is the only city in the area with a "command post", started two years ago, and this receptor system is taken to every fire along with three trucks "on the line to go" at anytime with backups and well trained firemen. He said that a new truck and 1250 gallon

pumper had been purchased during the past year and firemen themselves overhauled and remodeled a 1960 model firetruck at cost of \$2400, saving the city a bill which would have amounted to \$12,000. He said that firemen also used a mini truck and hose truck to get water to a fire quicker and that with the addition of the diesel engine truck and pumper the city has capacity of pumping water at 3500 gallons per minute.

After his presentation, Mayor Moss took the occasion to praise all city firemen. Those attending the board meeting gave Chief Tignor and the fire department a standing ovation.

In other action: The Board forwarded to the

Planning and Zoning Board for review and recommendation request of Belt & Belt Associates, Gastonia, to rezone from R-8 to NB property on North Carpenter St. to be used as parking facilities in conjunction with a mini warehouse to be constructed on adjoining lot and referred to the zoning board request of E. Scott Cloninger, attorney representing J.O. and C.S. Plonk Heirs, request for annexation of four acres and for rezoning from R-20 to R-10 property on Downing Court for a five lot division.

The Board adopted a resolution congratulating Norick Brothers, Inc. on its 75th anniversary and inviting

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## Local Men Hospitalized After Wreck With Police

Richard Jeffrey Hamm, 19, of 310 Fulton St. and Tony Brent Horne, 20, of Route 6, were hospitalized Sunday morning for injuries after Hamm's 1982 Yamaha, being chased by police, struck a second police patrol car on Meadowbrook Road.

Chief J.D. Barrett, who investigated, charged Hamm with reckless driving, stop sign violation, speeding, failure to stop for a blue light and siren, and driving left of center.

Hamm underwent surgery

for a broken leg on Tuesday morning at Kings Mountain Hospital. Horne was transferred from Kings Mountain Hospital to Cleveland Memorial Hospital and was recuperating from head injuries and broken leg. Sgt. Billy Benton, operating the back up unit which was struck by the Yamaha, was not injured. The 1985 Ford owned by the City of Kings Mountain was damaged \$1700. Hamm's 1982 Yamaha was damaged \$1,000.

According to Chief Barrett, Hamm and Horne were

riding on Hamm's Yamaha at 3:15 a.m. Sunday when Ptl. Jimmy West, operating a patrol car on Meadowbrook Road, attempted to stop the bikers because Horne was without a helmet. West called for assistance when the bikers tried to outrun police and Sgt. Billy Benton, traveling south on Meadowbrook, observing the motorcycle and lights of the other police unit, stopped in the traffic lane with blue light and siren on. Hamm, according to Chief Barrett, attempted to pass Benton on the wrong side and hit the Benton-operated patrol car on the right front side.



**GIFT TO BAND**—Darrell Austin, left, of the Kings Mountain Herald, Leon Thatcher, second from right, of the Printin Press, and Dennis Byrd, right of Mountain Video present a Sharp VCR to Kings Mountain High band member Ashley Gossett for the band to raffie off to raise money for its spring trip to Florida. The VCR was donated by the Herald and Mountain Video and the Printin Press donated the raffie tickets.

## School Board Authorizes Study Of Coaches' Pay

School trustees Kyle Smith and Doyle Campbell were authorized by the KM Board of Education Monday night to investigate funding sources and salary levels in an attempt to get the coaching salaries comparable with similar positions in other school systems.

Board Chairman Bill McDaniel said the study is the result of proposals on supplements for coaches of minor sports at the high school and changes in assignments for some football coaches.

In other action, the board heard report on an effective

teaching program being established in the school system this year. The 30 hour study program will start Nov. 11th for 40 people, including principals and a steering committee, which will monitor teachers.

Supt. Bill Davis also reported that the new road connecting the Kings Mountain High School and Kings Mountain Junior High School has been completed and he also reported that a mobile classroom has been installed at the Junior High to take care of a temporary space shortage.

## KM's Hughes Wins Football Contest

David Hughes of Route 4, Box 461, Kings Mountain hit the tie-breaker on the nose to edge out 13 other contestants and take the \$100 prize in last week's Herald football contest.

Fourteen contestants predicted 18 of 20 winners but Hughes predicted 36 points on the tie-breaker (Penn State 19, Alabama 17). Hughes hit all nine college winners but missed the Crest win over West Mecklenburg and Cherryville's victory over Maiden.

Others who missed just two games, with their tie-breaker predictions in parenthesis, included Dale Hollifield of Kings Mountain (37), Ted Hale of Kings Mountain (no tie-breaker prediction), Johnny McKinney of Kings Mountain (24), Ann Pardo of Kings

Mountain (28), Pat Smith of Bessemer City (30), Wade Beam of Bessemer City (38), Devoil Butcher of Kings Mountain (40), Wayne Bridges of Kings Mountain (41), Donna Howell of Cherryville (41), Todd Jaycox of Kings Mountain (42), Ed Spencer of Durham (45), Steve Bess of Kings Mountain (42), and William Leach of Kings Mountain (44).

This week's football contest is on pages 1 and 4-D. Pick the most winners and get us your entry by 4 p.m. Friday and you can have 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.

