

Herald To Publish Early Next Week

Because of the Christmas holidays, next week's Herald will be published two days early.

The paper will be printed early Monday morning and will carry a Christmas Eve dateline. Mail subscribers will receive their paper on Tuesday and the paper will be available for street sales Monday.

Next week's paper will carry the traditional Christmas messages from advertisers, letters to Santa Claus, and Christmas features in addition to regular news.

Deadline for all advertising and news matter will be 5 p.m. Friday. Advertisers wishing to place a Christmas greeting ad should call the Herald advertising department at 739-7496.



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KINGS MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA

Mayor's Vote Names Houston Mayor Pro Tem

Board Splits 3-3 On Several Issues

Mayor John Henry Moss broke a tie vote Monday night as the new city administration elected District 2 Commissioner Humes Houston Mayor Pro Tem 4-3 and split 3-3 when the Mayor declined to cast the tie-breaking vote to cut commissioner's pay.

The meeting, which was actually two-in-one, with the "old" board approving old business and the "new" board taking oath of office, was not in keeping with this season of "peace on earth

and good will toward men" and uncharacteristic of Kings Mountain city board meetings. The Mayor had to call for order several times and at times the agenda was interrupted by heated verbal exchange back and forth at one point between citizens and some commissioners.

The issue of who would be elected mayor pro tem and whether or not the city commissioners would receive a cut in pay caused the split and drew the audience par-

ticipation in the form of "boos" and applause.

The first order of business of the new board, which included newly elected commissioners Humes Houston, Fred Finger and Harold Phillips, was the election of mayor pro tem and revealed a sharp split among the six board members, each of whom had varied opinions about how the choice was customarily made.

Phillips was nominated by Commissioner Norman King

who said that Phillips was the top vote-getter in the runoff election. Finger seconded the motion. When the vote was called for, commissioners King, Phillips and Finger voted for Phillips. Commissioner Corbet Nicholson, Irvin Allen and Houston voted against Phillips. Mayor Moss asked for a show of hands and refused to break the tie, noting that a city ordinance states the mayor "may", not "must", cast a tie-breaker.

The Mayor announced that

the vote failed to carry for lack of a majority and asked for further nominations. King nominated Phillips. Finger seconded. Again, the vote was 3-3. Attorney George Thomasson suggested the Mayor break the tie. Several people from the audience interrupted, "we want you to vote." The mayor voted "negative" and refused to give his reason to a citizen he told was stating an improper question. "Each individual has a right to vote," said

Moss, who earlier had said he "begged to differ with the commissioners but during the past 20 years the honor of mayor pro tem had been accorded the leader in the primary.

The Mayor reopened nominations.

Commissioner Nicholson nominated Houston and Allen seconded. There were several interruptions from the audience with remarks

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SWEARING-IN CEREMONIES—Clerk of Superior Court Ruth Dedmon administers the oath of office to newly-elected city commissioners. From left, District 2 Commissioner Humes Houston, who was also elected mayor pro tem, District 6 Commissioner Harold Phillips and District 5 Commissioner Fred Finger.

Smith To Stay On Board

Kyle Smith announced today that he will remain on the Kings Mountain Board of Education.

Smith, an eight-year veteran who is serving his second six-year term, threatened to resign after last week's board meeting when he was not elected chairman, a post which he said he expected to receive since board chairmen have been rotated every two years for the past 10 years.

Smith said he had received numerous phone calls from parents, teachers and others encouraging him not to resign.

"Even though I think I was wronged by some members of the Kings Mountain School Board, they are the ones that have to live with themselves, not me," Smith said. "And since they were not the ones that elected me to the board, I feel that I owe it to the citizens of Kings Mountain to remain on the school board. The people elected me to the board of education to help see that their children receive a good education, and I can't do that sitting at home. I feel that I would be doing parents, teachers, and most of all, the children of our community a disservice by resigning, so after much soul-searching and deliberation with others I have decided not to resign."



KYLE SMITH

Bill McDaniel was re-elected chairman for the next two years at last week's meeting. McDaniel, June Lee and Doyle Campbell voted for McDaniel and Smith and Paul Hord Jr. voted for Smith. Smith turned down the nomination as vice-chairman, a post he had held for the past two years.

Citizens Want Rescue Service Left At Hospital

Petitions with signatures of 1,000 to 1,200 Kings Mountain citizens asking county commissioners to maintain county paid ambulance service now being provided at Kings Mountain Hospital were presented by Larry McDaniel to the commission Monday morning.

The commission took no action on the request but said it would be considered with others.

The Shelby Rescue Squad earlier this month requested permission to take over the ambulance service in Kings Mountain with satellites in Kings Mountain and neighboring Waco. Their proposal has also been under consideration.

At Monday morning's meeting, a large delegation of Waco residents led by town

council member John Barrett, Jr. renewed a request for an ambulance in Waco. "Geographically we're in a bad spot", said Barrett, who suggested an ambulance could be parked at Waco Town Hall and manned either by county EMS personnel or by volunteers. Barrett said that sufficient volunteers live in the area, including the Waco Volunteer Fire Department, who will be willing to take the required EMT training.

"We feel like we're sitting out there by ourselves", said Barrett.

The Town of Waco is now served by Shelby Rescue Squad.

In 1982 Waco, which borders Kings Mountain and Upper Cleveland, asked for a separate rescue district. Bar-

rett said that especially critical areas are Washington School and the heavily populated Mary's Grove area and Moss Lake area between Kings Mountain and Waco.

He said that ambulance response time is usually 20-45 minutes, noting that Waco is 10 miles from Kings Mountain and eight miles from Shelby.

McDaniel, a member of the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad, said he was presenting the request as a concerned citizen of Kings Mountain. He said residents are pleased with the service of Cleveland County Emergency Management Service which assumed control of ambulance service here last month after the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad said it did not have adequate certified manpower



LARRY McDANIEL

to continue to do so. The Kings Mountain Squad now provides rescue and backup ambulance service.

In his statement to the board of commissioners, McDaniel said:

"As each of you know we are opposed to the proposal by the Shelby Rescue Squad. The Kings Mountain community has as good a Rescue Squad as anyone could ask for anywhere. The Greater Kings Mountain area now has a full time ambulance service working out of Kings Mountain Hospital, and are well pleased with this service!

"All we ask is that you allow Mrs. Ledford get on with her job as EMS Director for Cleveland County and hire enough qualified personnel to staff the Kings Mountain Ambulance Service.

"There are a couple of questions that have been raised to which the citizens of Cleveland County should be given answers. Why does the Board of Commissioners want to appoint a Volunteer

to supervise these County Employees, when the County already employs an EMS Director and a Personnel Director? Let me give an example, what would be the difference if the County would appoint me to supervise the County Maintenance Department, when this is already the job of Mr. Joe Hendricks?

"Let's be realistic; if the County has employees then they should be supervised by the County! What are the legal aspects of the Volunteer Supervisor setup? If there is a law suit of some sort comes out of this set up who do you think is going to be sued? I'm sure it's not going to be the Volunteer Supervisor, they are going to sue the County and the board of commis-

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Coach Honored

ain High football coach Denny Hicks has been Carolina Coach of the Year by the Associated

lected by AP sportswriters for having turned er program around after a 1-9 season in 1984. ntainers finished 11-2 overall and won two ate 3-A playoffs. The 11 victories broke the old e 10 wins in a single season.

18-15 overall record in three years as KMHS over the head coaching position in 1983 after igned to join the coaching staff at the Univer- Hicks' first KM team finished 6-4 and was in a state playoff berth until the last game of the

to Kings Mountain in 1980 as defensive coord- to that, he served as head coach at Owen High School near Black Mountain.



DENNY HICKS

KM Approves Voting System

A new electronic voting system for city commissioners was unanimously approved by the city board of commissioners Monday night.

The system will be similar to the one now used by the Shelby City Council which publicly displays each council members name and "yes" or "no" vote in lights and is expected to cost about \$200, plus city labor.

The commissioner's method of voting orally has been heavily criticized,

especially when confusion resulted about how commissioners voted on controversial issues.

The matter surfaced again Monday night at the meeting of the "old" board before the new board was sworn.

Citizen Johnny Beam, who brought the matter to the attention of the board at recent meetings, asked that minutes of the November meeting be read so that those attending the meeting could learn how commissioners voted on a recent controversial rezoning

matter. The Mayor complied with his request.

Several citizens distributed, prior to the meeting, a copy of an editorial which appeared in a recent Shelby Star which called for commissioners to vote by show of hands and was written after commissioners voted to retain the usual manner of voting, by saying yes or no.

During the voting at Monday's meeting Beam got to

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