

Vote Tuesday - Polls Open 6:30 A.M. Close At 7:30 P.M.

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## ABC Election Set For Tuesday

Kings Mountain voters will go to the polls Tuesday to vote on four issues in an ABC referendum which comes a little more than three years after voters turned it down by a mere 100 votes.

City Elections Board Chairman Becky Cook estimates that 5,100 citizens are registered to vote and that more than 700 will be new first-time voters.

Polls will open at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday and close at 7:30 p.m. Inside-city residents will vote at two precincts: West Kings Mountain at the National Guard Armory on Phifer Road; and East Kings Mountain at the Community Center on Cleveland Avenue.

Mrs. Hilda Moss will be registrar at the Armory polling place and Mrs. Joyce Dye will be registrar at the Community Center polling place. Mrs. Becky Cook will be at City Hall all day and results of the voting will be tabulated at City Hall and posted there in the

lobby of the new Governmental Facilities Center, she said.

Mrs. Cook said there have been some questions about transfer voting. She points out that even if a resident of the city has changed addresses since the last election that person can still vote if he or she still resides within the city limits. "If you have moved, you must go back to your old precinct on Tuesday where you are registered and ask for a transfer slip. The registrar will give you the transfer slip. You bring the transfer slip to City Hall and I will handle the transfer and allow you to vote at City Hall", she explained.

Voters will vote on four issues:  
Off-premise sale only of malt beverages.  
On-premise sale of malt beverages by Class A hotels, motels and restaurants and to permit off-premise sales by other permittees;

On and off-premises sales of unfortified wine; and

Operation of an ABC Store.

Citizens for Legal Control, headed by Claude Suber and Kemp Mauney, circulated petitions in the Fall and presented 1800 signatures to the Elections Board in October. State law required 1100 valid signatures and Mrs. Cook verified that more than 1100 signatures on the petitions were those of registered voters of the City of Kings Mountain.

The new petition came three years after voters went to the polls and turned down a measure to allow the off-premise sale of beer, wine and liquor and establishment of an ABC store by less than 100 votes on each measure. By law, three years must have passed since the referendum.

Tuesday's election will be the fourth time in 16 years that "dry" Kings Mountain has voted down an alcohol referendum. Similar liquor votes were turned down in 1948 and 1975 by larger margins.

The Positive Action League, headed by David Lawing, Rev. Eugene Land, Rev. Pruella Kilgore and Miss Delores White, has sponsored several public informational rallies, purchased anti-liquor advertisements in the local newspaper and conducted a telephone poll of voters in recent weeks. The group invited Coy Privette, director of the N. C. Christian League, to address the public information rally on a recent Sunday at B. N. Barnes auditorium.

outwardly quiet, the upcoming referendum is expected to attract record crowds to the polls on Tuesday. The "wets" have maintained the ABC referendum "purely an economic issue for citizens which will help the community", noting that "dry" Kings Mountain is surrounded by ABC stores in nearby Shelby, Cherryville, Bessemer City and Gastonia. The "dry" forces disagree.

## Updated School Facility Study Approved By Board

An updated study on Kings Mountain school facility needs and approved Monday night by the Board of Education calls for \$9,394,544 over the next six years and is being forwarded to the county board of commissioners.

The closing of Central School, a landmark, and renovation of grades 6-7 could save the system up to \$4 million and is "something we need to look seriously at," said Supt. Bob McRae in presenting the study which was done by the administrative staff and the state Division of School Planning in conjunction with Governor Jim Martin's proposal for a state-wide bond issue for school construction.

McRae said the new cost estimate is \$3 million more than a 1984 study on facility needs. The new study calls for replacement of metal and mobile units at estimated cost of \$526,440; replacement of obsolete buildings at estimated cost of \$6,570,484; renovation of old buildings, \$600,000; exceptional children's program, \$111,000 for renovations of bathrooms, accessibility for handicapped and an elevator at the high school; energy conservation, \$220,500; community schools and central office, \$500,000 and other needs, \$866,120, including aux-

iliary PE gym at the high school, close circuit system at the high school and new traffic patterns at North School. The 1984 study reflected the total rebuilding of Central school on a new site and also included the addition built to the Junior High. In arriving at the new cost figures, McRae said the study assumed the closing of Central School as a classroom facility, additions to other schools, and the conversion of Central for uses such as community schools program, maintenance and central office, assuming the present administration office building was sold and also system owned Park Grace School.

McRae said that those working on the study were hopeful the Central auditorium could be utilized by the Little Theatre and others. McRae said that expansion at the present Central site would be impossible and that to replace the school would cost more than \$5 million. McRae reviewed facility needs at Central school and next month will review facility needs at junior and senior high schools.

The board has reviewed facility needs at each of the schools in the system at monthly meetings in recent months.

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## KM Jaycees' DSA Banquet Scheduled For January 26

Kings Mountain Jaycees will honor citizens for outstanding achievement during 1986 at its annual Distinguished Service Awards Presentations Monday January 26 at 7 p.m. at the Central U.M. Church Fellowship Hall.

Presentation of the coveted "Distinguished Service Award" will highlight the awards presentation. The award honors a young woman or man under the age of 35 for exhibiting

meritorious service to her/his family, community, and nation during the past year. This award represents the highest award presented by the Kings Mountain Jaycees.

Presentations of Outstanding Service Awards will be made to Kings Mountain Outstanding Youth Educator, Outstanding Young Teenager, Boss of the Year, Outstanding Former Jaycee,

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## New Plant To Build Cabs For Mack Trucks

Sheller-Globe Corporation of Toledo, Ohio announced Thursday morning at a press conference in Shelby that it has selected Grover Road as site for its new truck cab manufacturing plant.

Kings Mountain city officials, Mayor John Henry Moss and Cleveland County officials welcomed the news as "a great day for Cleveland County" at a luncheon afterwards at Cleveland Country Club.

In making the announcement, Chester Devenow, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, said his company will make a major investment, reportedly about \$10 million, in the new state-of-the-art manufacturing facility to produce the new line of Class 8 truck cabs for Mack Trucks, Inc. early

in 1989. The Grover road location, across from the new Dupont plant, is located 75 miles from Mack Truck's new truck assembly plant in Winstonsboro, S.C., assuring daily delivery of cabs ready for direct transfer from the specially designed, enclosed trailers to Mack's chassis assembly line.

Construction of the new facility is expected to begin early this fall with operations scheduled to begin early in 1988.

The plant will employ initially 80 to 100 people with employment expected to reach 130 to 150 by 1993.

"We are very pleased to welcome Sheller-Globe to the Kings Mountain area", said Mayor John Moss who said

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VETERAN OFFICER RETIRING - Kings Mountain Police Chief J.D. Barrett, above at his desk at City Hall, announced his retirement Tuesday. Barrett, who joined the force 31 years ago as a patrolman on the third shift, was promoted through the ranks to become Chief of the 24-member department.

## Police Chief J.D. Barrett Is Retiring On January 31

Police Chief J. D. Barrett, 55, is retiring after nearly 31 years with the Kings Mountain Police Department.

He tendered his resignation to the city board of commissioners Tuesday night, effective Jan. 31.

Barrett joined the force as a third shift patrolman April 3, 1956 and served under six chiefs before taking the chief's job about three years ago after serving as acting chief on several occasions, and as acting chief about seven years after former chief Earl Lloyd stepped down. He was hired by the late Hugh A. Logan, Jr., then served with Martin Ware, the late Paul Sanders, Tom McDevitt, William Roper, Jr. and Earl Lloyd.

"It was a big decision but I plan to enjoy my retirement years", said Barrett, who is an avid deer hunter and fisherman.

Mayor John Henry Moss said Barrett "will be difficult to replace and has done a tremendous job for Kings Mountain citizens. This department has come a long way under his leadership. We wish him well."

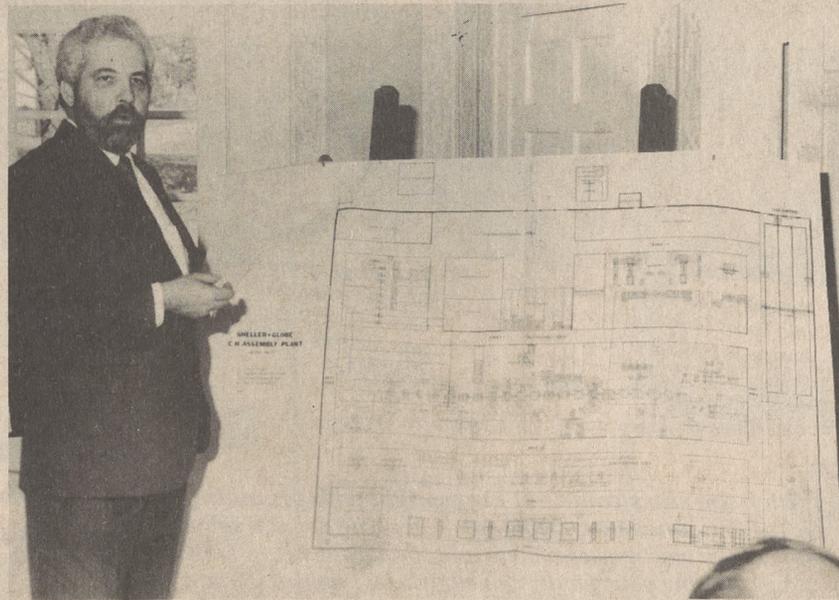
Chief Barrett said one of his reasons for retiring now is to take advantage of a change in state law which allows some police officers to collect larger pensions than before even if they have not served a full 30 years. The N. C.

legislature made the change in its recent short session and numerous law enforcement officers in the area have announced plans for early retirement.

A native of Kings Mountain and son of Mrs. Daisy Barrett Queen and the late T. R. Bar-

rett, Chief Barrett came to work with the city shortly after a four year tour of duty with the Navy in World War II. He was 24 and had worked a short time for Davis Heating. He recalled that he

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NEW PLANT TO LOCATE ON GROVER ROAD—Frank Dombrosky, above, manager of the new Sheller-Globe Corporation plant to be constructed on Highway 29 south of the city, points out features of the new truck cab manufacturing facility.