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LEAVING THEIR TRACKS - Members of the Kings Mountain High Class of 1986-87 march past the huge Mountaineer footprints leading into John Gamble Stadium for Tuesday

night's graduation exercises. The class left some footprints of its own, earning over \$400,000 in college scholarships.

Smith To Run For KM Mayor

Kyle Smith, 59, Kings Mountain resident for the past 21 years, announced this week that he will seek the office of mayor in the upcoming city election.

Smith, who has served for 10 years on the Kings Mountain Board of Education, is a personnel manager of Wales Manufacturing Company in Gastonia. He and his wife, Miki White Smith, live at 906 Sharon Drive. The Smiths are parents of three children, all college graduates. They are members of First Baptist Church and Smith is past President of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club and served as first president of the Kings Mountain Personnel Association.

Smith said, that if voters elect him in the October city election, he will push for a city manager form of govern-



KYLE SMITH

ment and will run his candidacy on the city manager platform. "Kings Mountain is one of two cities in the state

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Goforth Named Police Chief

Shelby Police Lieutenant Charles Warren Goforth, 37, is Kings Mountain's new Chief of Police.

Goforth was hired by the city board of commissioners Monday night in a split vote. He will assume his new duties June 22 at annual salary of \$28,000 and supervise a 24-member department.

"Warren Goforth comes highly recommended by law enforcement, judges and ministers of the community and was among 26 applicants with the board interviewing 12 and then five on two different occasions for evaluation", said Mayor John Moss in breaking the 3-3 tie vote, which also included a waiver for Goforth of a requirement that department heads live inside the city. Goforth, his wife, and son built a new home on Moss Lake 13 months ago. Moss Lake is owned by the city and supervised by KMPD.

Commissioner Humes Houston's motion to hire Goforth and waive the inside city residence requirement was seconded by Commissioner Irvin Allen with Commissioner Corbet Nicholson voting in favor of the motion. Commissioners Norman King, Fred Finger and

Harold Phillips voted against, Finger and Phillips saying they felt the Chief should live inside the city limits and would approve his appointment if he moved inside the city.

A native of Cleveland County, Goforth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Arnold Goforth of Oak Grove Road and has 13 years experience in law enforcement with eight years supervisory experience, eight years teaching experience in the

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WARREN GOFORTH



JOSEPHINE WEIR

Room To Honor Mrs. Weir

For over a half a century the town of Kings Mountain has been the recipient of the outstanding services of Mrs. Josephine Ellerbe Weir - as beloved teacher, school librarian and untiring civic promoter.

Out of deep gratitude and appreciation for her distinguished leadership, a special committee has been formed to honor Mrs. Weir by raising the \$25,000 necessary for the addition of the community auditorium of the Mauney Memorial Library and dedicating it in her

honor. This sum constitutes a portion of the current \$200,000 Community Fund Raising Campaign for the much-needed addition and renovation of the library.

In a progressive community the public library is a cornerstone, providing a variety of programs, services and materials for the information, education and recreation of its citizens.

The following letter has been mailed to many former students of Mrs. Weir and is herewith being publicly submitted to many more of her

former students, who may wish to honor her in this way.

"How far back can you remember - entering the first grade or perhaps your last year in high school? Did someone encourage you and care whether you passed English - helped you decide whether or not to go to college or what you might like to do with your life? Could it have been Mrs. Josephine Ellerbe Weir? It certainly might have been since she has done one or more of these services for

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Site Of ABC Store Approved

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Recently-Annexed Stores Receive Privilege Licenses

City privilege licenses were issued by the city Thursday to Ole Country Store and on Friday to Little Dan's Grocery to sell beer and wine.

Both establishments have received ABC permits and state and county privilege licenses and were in business this week. They are the first to be satellite annexed by the city.

Codes officials, however,

are critical of the manner in which the city license was issued to Ole Country Store. Clerk Connie Putnam said zoning rules were ignored by Commissioner Norman King, who Mrs. Putnam said, instructed her to issue the license to Rick Moore. Mrs. Putnam maintained the Ole Country Store was not properly zoned general business

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tain Historical Fire Museum that the local ABC board is acquiring from Ruth and Bill Fulton at cost of \$75,000.

Chairman Andy Neisler has said the main reason the commission favored the Cleveland Avenue site is because of its proximity to the Highway 74 Bypass, which intersects Cleveland Avenue.

A spokesman for the state board said noone appeared in opposition and if a concern for traffic had been voiced it would have been investigated. An ABC administrator said Carpenter's letter was passed on to the

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City Budget Up 16.5 Percent

The city's proposed budget covers 135 pages and is quite different from previous budgets that Mayor John Moss has presented to the board for study and adoption by June 30.

Kings Mountain's new budget for fiscal year 1987-88 is 16.5 percent higher than last year - a whopping \$16.7 million - that calls for no increase in taxes and no increase in utilities but includes two carry over items: a whopping \$1,175,000 surplus and a cemetery care fund amounting to \$141,699.81, said the Mayor. It also proposes \$1 million in water and sewer improvements.

The budget also provides a big 18 percent for capital improvements over the next year, proposes three resolu-

tions regarding cash management, travel and employee benefits and proposes a three percent hike in salaries for qualified employees as of July 1 and a savings fund in which employees may invest two percent of their salaries. Mayor Moss also proposes that the commissioners adopt resolution sheltering an employee's contribution to the N.C. Local Government Employees Retirement System from taxes. The Mayor said the effect of the proposed change would be to increase an employee's take home pay by two to four percent.

New regulations for residential sub-divisions are an important part of the new budget as well as a new rate

structure for city utilities and plans for expansion of Mountain Rest Cemetery.

The thick budget, which has taken several months of work by the mayor, City Clerk Marvin Chappell and Department heads, includes a department-by-department index prefaced by plans by each department for objectives in the coming year along with capital projects requests along with estimates and figures on what has been expended from 1984-87 with recommendation for 1987-88. Several work sessions will be held by the board of commissioners before the budget is formally adopted June 30th.

The Mayor said that the loss of \$109,060 in local option sales tax and federal revenue

sharing funds will be offset by stressing a strong collection policy of current years ad valorem taxes, prior years ad valorem taxes, street assessments, utilities receivable and fees for city services and permits. The ad valorem tax base of an estimated \$160,408, 200 will yield \$786,000, projected 98 percent collection. Ad valorem taxes contribute 18.9 percent toward costs of the operation of the city.

The big changes can be seen in the fee structure, for instance, in the codes department. Formerly, an inside city customer paid \$150 for a 3/4 inch water tap and the actual cost to the city was \$399.98. In the new budget, the customer

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TOP SCHOLARS - Senior Andrew Faust, sophomore Bethan Faust and junior Bryan Jones, left to right, were ranked number one academically in their classes this year at Kings Mountain High School. Pictures and a list of award winners at KMHS are on page 16-A.