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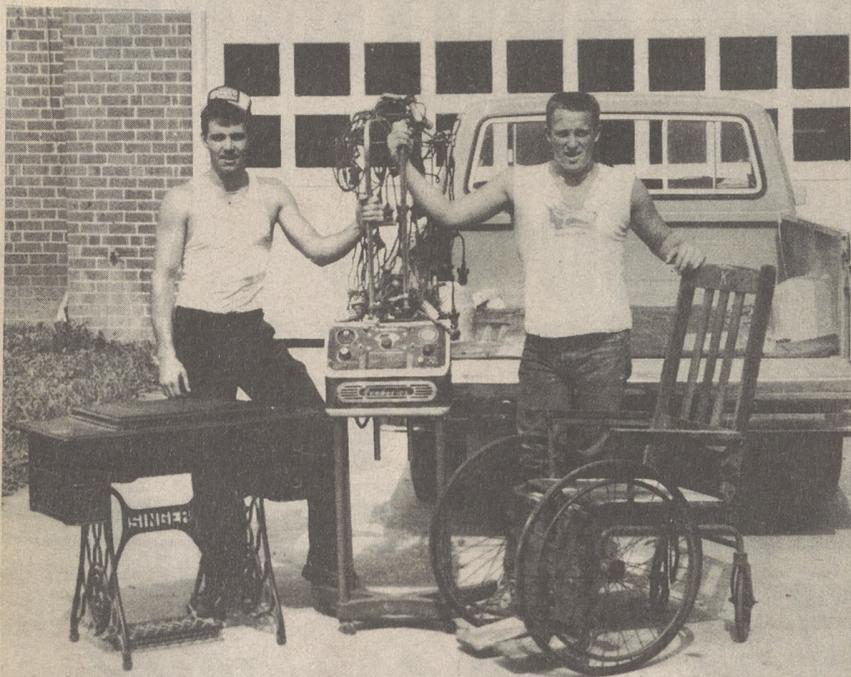


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GIFTS TO MUSEUM - Jeff Hamm, left, and Mark Crawford, employees of J.E. Herndon Co., pose with some antiques that were donated last week to the Kings Mountain Historical Museum. The items include an early permanent wave machine which was first used by Miss Ella Harmon and donated by Sudie White Jenkins; an old Singer sewing machine which was donated by Mrs. Evelyn Dilling Gillespie; and an old wooden wheelchair which was once used by the Kiwanis Club and donated by the Kings Mountain Woman's Club.

KM Chamber Of Commerce To Host Bloodmobile Tuesday

The Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce will host the final Cleveland County Bloodmobile for the 1986-87 Fiscal Year at Central Methodist Church on Tuesday, June 30, from 12:30 until 6 p.m. The goal for this visit is 100 pints.

"This is a critical time for blood collections," says

Grover Board Considering \$240,845 Budget For 1987-88

Grover Town Board is expected to adopt a \$240,845.45 budget for fiscal year 1987-88 at a special meeting Thursday night at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Mayor Bill McCarter said no increase in the present tax rate, 33 cents per \$100 valuation, is proposed and employees will receive a five percent raise. Employees are full-time police officer Donna Treadway, city clerk Janet Patterson and maintenance director Hoyt Brooks. Grover recently employed a part time police officer, Jack Wright, of Grover, to give residents seven-days-a-week police protection, said McCarter.

Item-by-item of the city budget estimates \$149,569.65 in the general fund; \$44,686.54 in the utility fund; \$46,589.26

Johanna Gillespie, Director of Blood Services for Cleveland County. "During the summer months, blood collections tend to drop while blood usage remains the same or even goes up. We need to meet the goal at this upcoming visit to ensure an adequate supply of blood will be on hand for the 4th of July Holidays," she said.

in the sewer fund; Mayor McCarter said commissioners met in a work session recently to discuss the budget and are ready to adopt it on Thursday.

"We're beginning to show some progress in Grover with the laying of our long-awaited sewer lines", said McCarter, pointing to the \$1.8 million plus sewer project expected to be completed in Grover by Nov. 1 after 14 years of planning. Grover will be completing its sewer project in late Fall and McCarter says "we can hardly wait. We badly need sewer."

Mayor McCarter also points with pride to a new Grover Park, also expected to be completed in August. Grover Park, in the 300 block

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Strong Armed Robbery Reported At OPO Store

A strong arm robbery occurred Monday at Off Price Outlet Store at Kings Mountain Plaza.

Kings Mountain police said that about 2:52 p.m. a white male between the age of 18 and 19 entered the store and asked clerk Louise Newsome for change for a nickel. Ms. Newsome opened the cash drawer and the young man reached across the counter

and grabbed a large amount of money from the drawer and fled. Witnesses said he got into a late model black two door car headed south of town.

Several reports of damage to personal property were made to KMPD this week and a rash of hubcap theft was underway in the city.

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To File For District Four

Jackie Barrett, Joe King To Run For KM City Board

The race is on for city political offices up for grabs this year and already a contest has developed in District 4.

Former Police Chief J.D. Barrett, 55, and former police patrolman Joe King, 34, a detective lieutenant with the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department, announced this week they will seek the four-year seat of incumbent Commissioner Norman King.

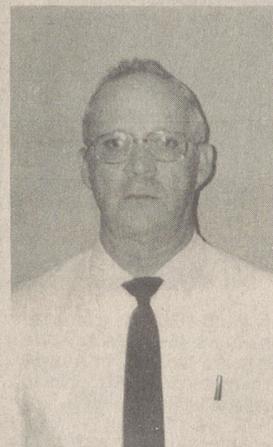
Neither King, Corbet Nicholson or Irvin Allen, Jr., all incumbent commissioners, nor incumbent Mayor John Henry Moss have announced their intentions to run again. The filing period begins July 3 and the city election is Oct. 6.

Both Barrett, retired Chief of the Police Department where he served for 31 years and just recently took an early retirement, and Joe King, who has worked with the Sheriff's Department for 13 years and started his work in law enforcement career under former Chief Barrett here with KMPD, are entering the political arena for the first time.

Both Barrett and King say they want to see a change at City Hall.

Barrett, a city employee all his life, said the role of a city commissioner is to set policy. "City commissioners should not be involved in the day-to-day operation of the city, they should set that policy and department heads should run their own departments." Barrett said his is totally in favor of a city personnel department run by a personnel director.

King said he is also in favor of a city personnel department and believes changes on the board are needed in order for the city to progress further. King said he has been approached by a number of people to run for the office and says he can provide better representation for the district. King's brother, Tommy King, and his father, Ellis King, served with him on the police force in 1973-75 and Tommy King ran unsuccessfully against incumbent



J.D. BARRETT



JOE KING

Norman King several years ago in District 4. "I'm not actually running against Norman, he's my first cousin, but I feel I can serve well in that position," he said.

Former Chief Barrett said he has also been approached by numerous citizens to run for the office of District 4 Commissioner. A native of Kings Mountain, he is the son of Mrs. Daisy Queen and the late T.R. Barrett, and a graduate of Kings Mountain High School. He is a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean Conflict and a deacon in First Presbyterian Church. He is a member of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM and North Carolina Law Enforcement Association. He was promoted through the ranks of the Kings Mountain Police Department to the Chief's job and retired in January of this year. His wife is the former Arlene Schneider and they are parents of two children, Cheryl Butler, who works for the KM District Schools, and David Barrett, who is employed by the Charlotte Observer. The Barretts reside at 202 Park Drive.

King is the son of Ellis and Maude King of Kings Mountain and resides at 608 Mica Street. He is married to the former Terri Cook and they are parents of a six-year-old

son, Wayne. He is a member of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM, Cleveland County Law Enforcement Association and Arson Investigating Association. He is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School and his first job in 1973 was with the Kings Mountain Police Department as a patrolman, and later as a detective. In 1975, he joined the sheriff's department as a deputy and was promoted to sergeant before achieving the rank of detective lieutenant.

The announcement by Barrett and King brings to three the number of citizens who have already announced for political office in the upcoming municipal election. Several weeks ago, Kyle Smith, of 906 Sharon Drive, a Kings Mountain resident for 21 years who has served on the KM Board of Education the past 10 years, announced that he will run for mayor. Smith has said that he will run his campaign on the city manager form of government platform.

Kings Mountain citizens will go to the polls on Oct. 6 at the National Guard Armory and KM Community Center and choose a mayor and three district commissioners, from District 1, District 3 and District 4.

Pay Plan Studied By Board

A five-year pay plan and job classification update of city employees is expected to be handed to the six city commissioners on Aug. 24 for their recommendations with approval expected at the Sept. 8th meeting of the board.

City Clerk Marvin Chappell said that District 2 City Commissioner Humes Houston, who is chairman of the personnel committee, Mayor John Moss and himself are presently working on the proposal which will affect 161 full time employees, 11 part time employees and 38 volunteer or reserve officer employees.

"This will be a step-by-step pay plan beginning with a starting minimum based on the employee's job classifica-

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NEW CHIEF SWORN IN - Kings Mountain's police chief, Warren Goforth, was sworn into office Friday morning in ceremonies at City Hall. He began his duties here Monday. Pictured after ceremony, left to right, are officers Harry Kyle and Richard Reynolds, Mayor John Moss, Goforth, and officers Bob Hayes and Steve Brown.