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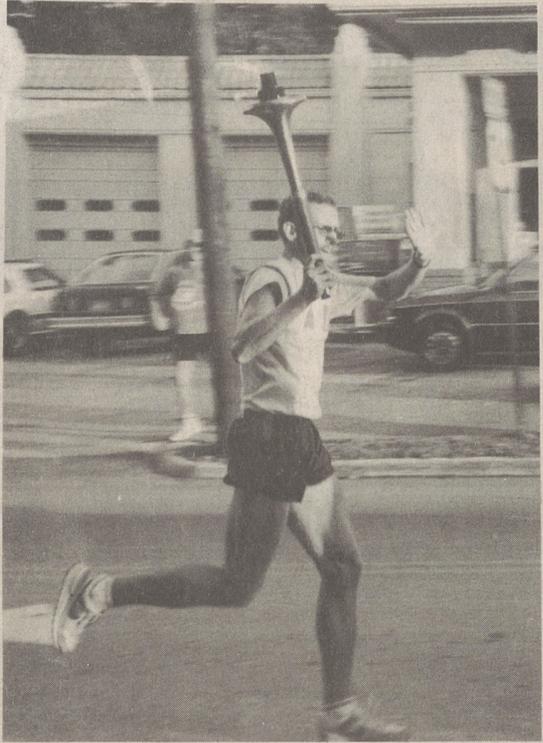


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PASSING THE TORCH—Chuck Carpenter, above, son of Marion and Charlie Carpenter of Kings Mountain, runs with the Olympic Torch, above, as the Olympic Spirit came to Kings Mountain Tuesday night and crowds of people welcomed the runners for a special program in front of the Library.

Hugh Holland Appointed Bethware School Principal

Hugh Holland, West School principal the past school year, was unanimously elected Monday night to succeed Ronnie Nanney as principal of Bethware School.

Their decision came after an executive session following a special meeting.

Holland came to Kings Mountain from Gastonia where he was assistant prin-

cipal of Hunter Huss High School and where the year before had been named Assistant Principal of the Year in Gaston County. He succeeds Nanney, who was Kings Mountain and North Carolina Principal of the Year and has taken a new position as Director of Staff development for Cleveland County Schools.

In other personnel actions, the board announced that Tim Echols, former finance officer with the city, is moving to the high school as a math and computer instructor and also announced the hiring of Todd Eugene Camp, social studies teacher at KMSHS, and Cheryl Lutz, health teacher at Central School, and accepted the resignation of Donna Southards as math and science teacher at Central School and resignation of Lynn Ledford, guidance teacher at Central School.



HUGH HOLLAND

Smith Files For Mayor, Calls For Limited Term

Kyle Smith, Kings Mountain citizen and school board member, made it official Monday that he seeks the office of Mayor by filing with Elections Board Chairman Becky Cook.

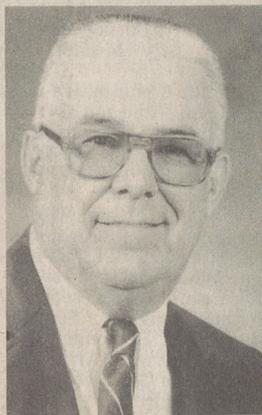
He will challenge 22 year incumbent Mayor John Henry Moss, who has not yet announced his filing intentions but is expected to seek another four year term.

Smith said in a filing statement:

"For the past two years I have been encouraged to seek the office of Mayor of Kings Mountain and I am today announcing my candidacy for this office.

"My sole intention for

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KYLE SMITH

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presenting myself as a candidate for this position is to lead the City of Kings Mountain in a positive manner. I have no vendetta of any sort; and I have no plans of running a negative campaign.

"I am 59 years old. I have been a resident of Kings Mountain for the past 21 years and am a retired Navy veteran serving during World War II, the Korean and Vietnam Conflicts. I am married to the former Mikie White. I have three children, Michael, Karla and Mark. I attended Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia. I am a member of First Baptist Church, Kings Mountain. I am a member of the Gaston

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County Personnel Association and was the first president of the Kings Mountain Personnel Association with over 25 years experience in the personnel field. For the past 10 years I have been a member of the Kings Mountain District Schools Board of Education.

"I have a number of issues to which I would like to address my campaign. First of all, I feel 20 plus years is long enough for one man to hold the office of mayor. I certainly give past administrations credit for the progress made, but I also feel very strongly that now is the time for a

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Joe King, Jeff Gregory File

A contest has already developed in the District 4 city commissioner race with the filing Friday of Jeff Gregory, 29, of 214 Fairview St., and on Monday by Joe King, 34, of 608 Mica St.

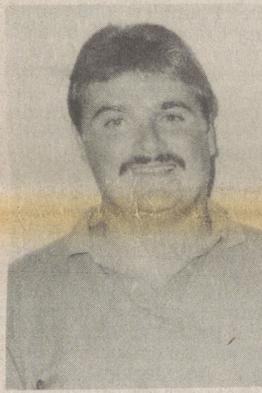
Both seek to unseat veteran and incumbent Commissioner Norman King who has not made known his filing intentions.

Both Gregory and King are entering the political arena for the first time. Also expected to file for Ward 4 is former Chief of Police J. D. Barrett, of 202 Park Dr., who has announced that he will seek election as city commissioner.

A Kings Mountain native, Gregory is the son of Spurgeon and Sally Gregory. A 1976 graduate of Kings Mountain Senior High School, he was a chemical lab technician for a year before joining the USAF and was stationed in Okinawa for two years. He worked for Piedmont Airlines for 18 months before joining the U. S. Postal System at Charlotte, where he worked three months before being transferred to Gastonia. He has been a letter carrier in the Firestone Mill area of Gastonia the past four years and is currently serving as president of the Union branch 1512 which includes Gastonia and Lowell, working up through the "chairs" of that office and successfully representing 100 postal



JOE KING



JEFF GREGORY

employees. He got his first taste of politics in the Gaston County union but also worked on the Les Roark congressional campaign in Gaston County.

"I believe in aggressive government with representation by the people", said Gregory, who said he would push for a city manager form of government. "I feel that now is the time for Kings Mountain to change its format of government and leave the policy making to the board of commissioners" he said.

Gregory said he is definitely not running for "the money" and has no idea what the pay scale is for city commissioner. "Government gets more complicated every day

and a commissioner's role is to represent all the people", he said. "A lot of people have asked me to run for office. The city's goals need to be explained on an individual basis. Explain issues to the people and you" find they will respond. I try to listen to people, and although I have only one vote, I would try to get the answer back to them. I am not running on any issues. I was reared in the Cora Mill district and lived here all my life. I know all the people in my district and am not running against anyone, least of all Norman King, who is a distant cousin.", he said.

Gregory is married to the former Sonya McAbee and they are parents of

Stephanie, 3, and Jeffrey Michael, nine months. They are active in Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church.

Joe King, a detective lieutenant with the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department, also feels he can serve well in the District position and is also a cousin of Commissioner King.

King has worked in law enforcement for 13 years and got his start here with the Kings Mountain Police Department, working under Chief Barrett. King favors a city personnel department and believes that changes on the board are necessary for the city to progress further. He is the son of former police officer Ellis King and Maude King. At one time Joe King, his brother, Tommy King, and their father were on the city police force at the same time. King is a 1973 graduate of Kings Mountain High School and a member of Fairview Lodge, Cleveland County Law Enforcement Association and Arson Investigation Association. He is married to the former Terri Cook and they are parents of six-year-old Wayne Cook.

Filing continues through noon Aug. 4. Terms of Mayor John Moss and Commissioners Irvin Allen, District 2; Corbet Nicholson, District 3; and Norman King, District 4 are expiring.

Citizens go to the polls in

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Hayward Pool Coming Here

Hayward Pool Products, Inc. of Elizabeth, N. J., announced Wednesday purchase of a 162,000 square foot facility on 11 acres in KM Industrial Park to expand production of its pool products, a \$5 million manufacturing plant to employ 100 people.

"This is a great day for Kings Mountain", said Mayor John Henry Moss at a press conference and luncheon attended by about 50 industry leaders and Hayward officials.

"On behalf of Governor Jim Martin and our state economic development team, it's a great pleasure to welcome Hayward Pool Products to Kings Mountain and North Carolina", said North Carolina Economic Development Board member J. A.

Dalpiaz. "The 100 new jobs Hayward brings to this area will cover a broad range of skills and occupations and will mean new economic opportunity for workers throughout this area."

The new industry is located in KM Industrial Park in Gaston County and Chairman of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners David Beam expressed pleasure that Hayward is the fourth major industry to announce plans for facilities in Gaston County this year.

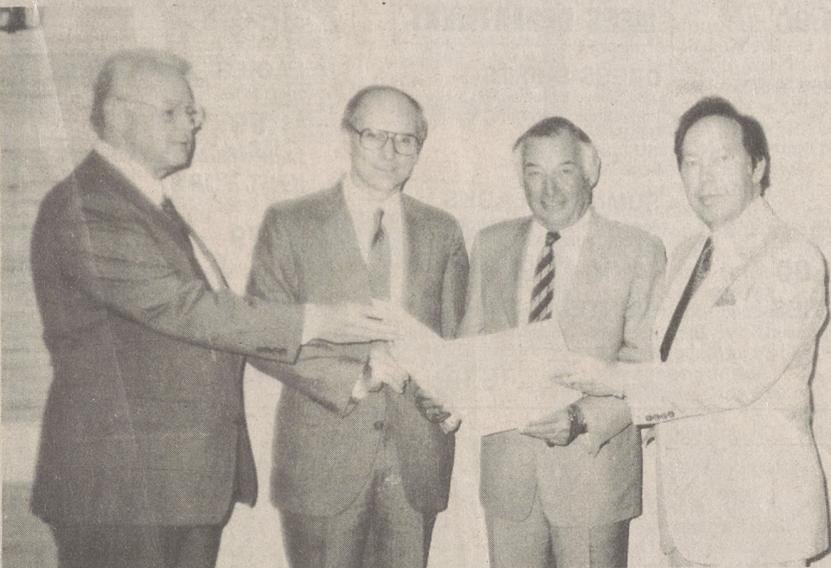
Hayward President Richard E. Garbee said the new plant expects to be operational by October and will provide additional manufacturing and assembly capabilities to meet the growing demand for Hayward's

broad range of pool and spa products. The firm also expects its new facility here will give it added strength in the southeast regional market. Hayward has ordered new injection molding equipment for the plant and work has already begun to ready the facility for production by October of this year, he said.

Hayward Pool Products presently employs 800 people in manufacturing facilities in Elizabeth, New Jersey; Pomona, California; Mississauga, Canada and Gilly Belgium.

William E. Treene, Hayward Pool Products president, and Oscar Davis, chairman of the board of Hayward Industries, said the

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NEW INDUSTRY—David Beam, left, chairman of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners, Hayward officials William Treene and Richard E. Garbee and Mayor John Moss are pictured at an industry announcement by Hayward Pool Products which plans a \$5 million manufacturing plant in KM Industrial Park.