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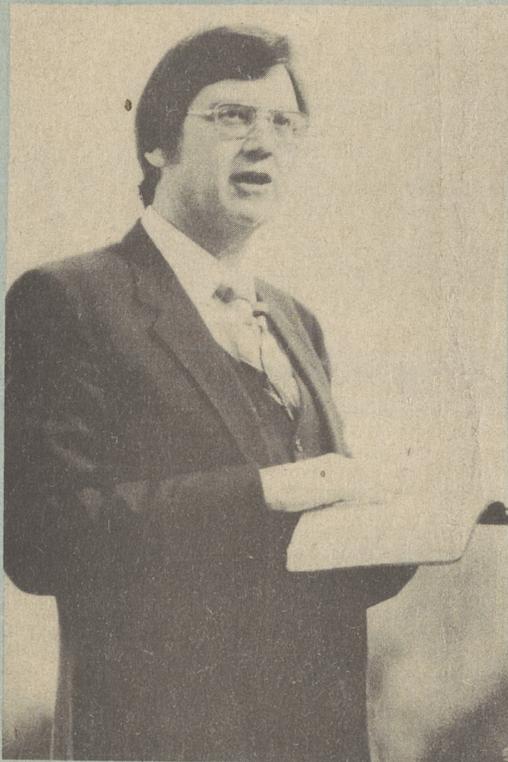
## Crusade Begins Sunday

Evangelist Clyde Dupin will open his eight-day Crusade for Christ Sunday night at 7:27 p.m. in John Gamble Memorial Football Stadium.

Services will continue each evening through Sunday, Aug. 23.

Forty-plus churches in the Greater Kings Mountain area are sponsoring the Crusade which will kickoff on Sunday afternoon with marchers starting at the overhead bridge on West King Street to the Stadium on Fulton Drive.

A Crusade team working in the Kings Mountain area this week will include Evangelist Dupin, his wife, Grace Dupin, their sons, Wes and Ken Dupin, and other guests who will present special music and give testimonies, including Suzanne Johnson, former Miss American talent winner on Monday night; musicians Phyllis and Rick Webb of Cherryville on Tuesday night and Delona Wood of the Wood Brothers racing family on Saturday, which is Youth Night. At each Crusade, special emphasis will be placed on area towns participating in the services. Monday is Sunday School Night and Shelby Night; Tuesday is Youth Night and Cherryville Night; Wednesday



DR. CLYDE DUPIN

day is Family Night; Thursday is God and Country Night; Friday is Bring Aches will compose the Friend and Bessemer City Crusade Choir, under the direction of Delores White, will sing special anthems; and Sunday, Aug. 23 is the closing service. Grace Dupin, volunteering as counselors, will be the inspirational speaker for morning teas at 10 a.m. each day of the Crusade at First Baptist Church. More than 300 choir members from various churches will compose the Crusade Choir, under the direction of Delores White, will sing special anthems; and Sunday, Aug. 23 is the closing service. Grace Dupin, volunteering as counselors, will be the inspirational speaker for morning teas at 10 a.m. each day of the Crusade at First Baptist

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## Council Wants Charter Changed

### John Moss Not Running For Mayor Or City Manager

Mayor John Henry Moss said this week that he is not a candidate for the city manager position in Kings Mountain and would accept "under no circumstances," if offered the job.

"If I had wanted to continue on a day to day basis as city administrator I would have filed for re-election for another four years," he said.

The Mayor announced Thursday he is stepping down after 22 years in the Mayor's job as chief executive officer of the city to pursue other interests.

The city board of commissioners Tuesday unanimously adopted resolution of intent to change the form of government from mayor-council to city manager-council and set public hearing for Aug. 25th at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

The action came without discussion except for question by Commissioner Fred Finger if he could offer a substitute motion after motion had been made by Commissioner Humes Houston,

seconded by Commissioner Irvin Allen. City Attorney George Thomasson said the motion and second had to be considered first.

The notice of the public hearing is published in today's Herald in a legal advertisement.

The consideration of adoption of the ordinance will be made by the board at the Sept. 8 meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Commissioner Finger said he had no qualms with the first four dates proposed in the resolution but said insufficient time was given by setting date of adoption on Sept. 8. Finger, however, voted with all other commissioners on the resolution to amend the town charter to change the form of government.

Kings Mountain is one of only three cities in the state that operate with a mayor as the chief executive officer. Mayor John Henry Moss, who has served in this position for eight terms or 22 and one half years, has announced he will not seek re-

election and will be completing his duties with the city Dec. 8.

Amendments to the town charter will be spelled out in the resolution to be published ten days following anticipated adoption on Sept. 8.

Tuesday's meeting is only the second time in the Moss Administration that the question of a change in form of government has surfaced. Some months ago citizens at a regular board meeting brought up the matter and asked for a show of hands of interest in changing to city manager form of government. About 40 hands went up. Kings Mountain voters turned down a proposal in the late 40's.

Board members discussed 44 items on a long board agenda Tuesday night, gave approval to a computer feasibility study and approved Robert E. Lee Country Creek Sub-Division, Logan Park Sub-Division and tabled request of Marion Dixon for approval of Deerwood Sub-

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## 21 Candidates File For Four City Seats

Last-minute candidates for city municipal elections in October swelled the number to 21 of those seeking three seats open on the city council.

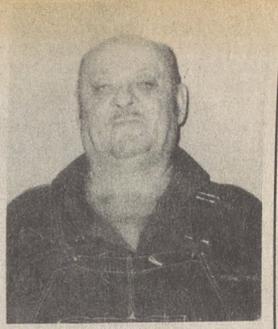
The last-minute announcement by incumbent Mayor John Henry Moss that he won't seek re-election to a ninth term at the helm of city government added three more candidates, bringing the total to six those seeking the top slot at City Hall. Filing for mayor were Commissioner Irvin Allen of District 1; Commissioner Norman King of District 4; and Steve Russell, Belt, 33, who is a newcomer to politics. Filing last Wednesday morning was Edward James Carroll and filing first in the lineup was Kyle Smith.

In the commissioner race in District 1, where Irvin Allen dropped out to run for mayor, five are vying for the seat. Filing before the deadline Friday were Lyn Cheshire, Al Moretz, a former city employee, and Marshall Mullinax who join former citizens Carl Goforth and former city employee Ken Jenkins, who filed last week.

In the commissioner race in District 3, where Commissioner Corbet Nicholson is



STEVE BELT



E. JAMES CARROLL

running for re-election, Clayvon Kelly, Ronnie Franks, Robert Poston, and Earl Wayne Worcester filed before the deadline Friday. All challengers are newcomers to the political arena.

In the commissioner race in District 4, where Commissioner Norman King dropped out to run for mayor, are all newcomers to politics and three former city policemen, including Jackie Dean Barrett, Mike Sanders, and Joe King and Jeff Gregory.

Several of the candidates made filing statements and they are as follows:

Edward James Carroll,

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## King, Mauney, Hollifield Join Race For School Board

Three more school board candidates filed this week, bringing the number to seven the number seeking the two seats open on the board in November.

Filing before the deadline Friday at noon were Billy F. King, Priscilla Mauney and Dale A. Hollifield. Others filing previously were incumbent Doyle Campbell, Susan H. Belt, Floyd Sanders, Jr. and Steve Wilson. The other incumbent on the board, June Lee, did not file for re-election.

In filing statements this week:

Billy F. King, 37, of 1304 Merrimont Ave., said, "I think we have something very special in the Kings Mountain School System. However, we must make the right decisions now to insure that we continue to have the best school system possible. The purpose of the school board is to establish sound policy and as a member of the school board I will spend the time necessary to study the issues in order to make fair and responsible decisions and would work closely with the administration to help implement those policies. I think it is important to insure an environment where every student and teacher would have the opportunity to reach their full potential. I believe great things can be accomplished with an enthusiastic attitude toward education in Kings Mountain and would appreciate the opportunity to serve the citizens of the Kings Mountain School District."

King is married to the former Linda Pearson of Kings Mountain and they have two sons, Brian, a third grader at West School, and

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BILLY KING, JR.



PRISCILLA MAUNEY

## Thomasson Resigns Post As KM City Attorney

George B. Thomasson, veteran Kings Mountain city attorney, announced his resignation, at Tuesday night's regular meeting of the board of city commissioners.

Mr. Thomasson, Kings Mountain lawyer, will complete his duties Sept. 1.

Thomasson tendered his resignation to Mayor John Henry Moss July 25.

He was appointed by the city board 11 years ago almost to the date that he tendered his resignation.

Thomasson is the son of a former Kings Mountain mayor, C.F. Thomasson, Sr., and he and his wife, Marion Arthur Thomasson, reside on Phifer Road. They have one daughter, Anne Thomasson, who is employed by the Mint Museum in Charlotte. The



GEORGE THOMASSON

Thomassons are active in First Presbyterian Church and Thomasson is also active in the Kings Mountain Lions Club.

## All Mayoral Candidates Support City Manager

All six candidates for mayor say they favor a city manager form of government as do virtually all 21 candidates for four seats up for grabs this election year in Kings Mountain.

But even if the city's form of government is not changed by Dec. 8th, three new faces will be on the city council: a new mayor, new commissioners from District 1 and 4.

The wide open race for Mayor developed Thursday when eight term Mayor John Henry Moss announced at a 4 p.m. news conference he

would not seek re-election. Two commissioners, Irvin (Tootie) Allen, 65, of District 1 and Norman King 59, of District 4, immediately threw their hats into the ring, withdrawing from their ward races. Steve Russell Belt 33, filed just before the deadline Friday. Filing previously for the mayor's job were Kyle Smith, 59, and Edward James Carroll, 56, of 415 Battleground Ave. and Gilbert Hamrick, 46, of 408 Oriental Ave.

Allen said after the press conference that he is running

on the assumption that the city's form of government will be changed. Commissioners King, Fred Finger and Harold Phillips had already said they favored a change to the city manager-council form of government.

Mayor Moss said after the meeting that the city board has the power to make the change without a vote of the people and that a tie vote will not change the charter. During the past 18 months the Mayor has broken about a

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