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KINGS MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA



KYLE SMITH

Outdistances Six-Man Field

Smith Elected Mayor

Kings Mountain voters overwhelmingly elected Kyle F. Smith, 59, to succeed retiring John Henry Moss as Kings Mountain Mayor Tuesday in a six-man race in which Smith beat out all candidates and second-runner Irvin Allen by nearly 2-1.

Smith picked up 52.5 percent of the vote as 2,204 citizens went to the polls. Voters ousted three incumbents with long terms on the city board, making it a clean sweep for four new faces on the new city council to be sworn into office Dec. 8th.

Second runner Allen and third finisher Norman King, both commissioners, withdrew from their ward races on Aug. 6, the day before the filing deadline when Mayor John Henry Moss shocked the town with his announcement he would not seek re-election to another term. Moss had been re-elected every year that he had offered for the job for the past 22 years. He is the ci-

ty's chief executive. A week after the Mayor's announcement city commissioners moved to hire a Kings Mountain city manager for the first time in decades since Kings Mountain has operated as a mayor board of commissioners form of government.

Smith's vote of confidence comes as the city prepares to change its reliance on a full time mayor and moves to the city manager form of government which Smith first suggested when he announced for the office in July.

"A lot of people worked hard the past six months to do this", said Smith, tears welling in his eyes as he and his wife, Mikie, and their family watched the election returns come in at City Hall. It was apparent from the early returns posted about 8:45 p.m. by East Kings Mountain precinct that Smith had a big lead in the mayor's race.

The Kings Mountain Board of Elections will meet at City Hall Thursday morning at 11 a.m. to canvass the vote.

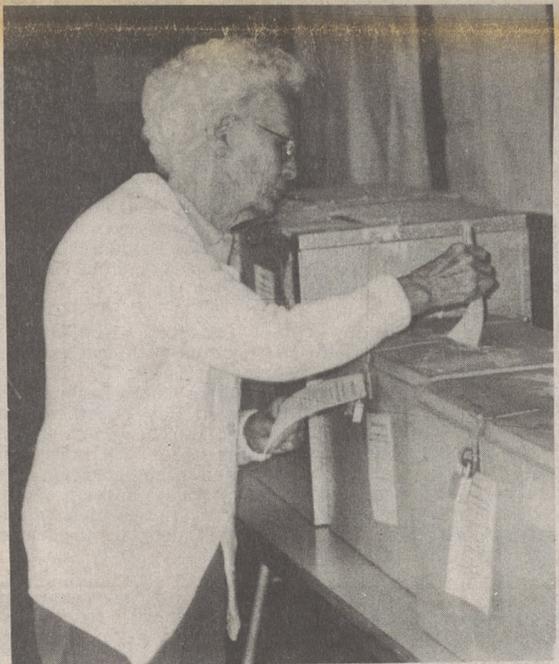
A 10 year veteran of the Kings Mountain Board of Education, Smith will be resigning that position.

Smith has pledged to study the pay scale of city employees, to implement a city manager form of government with a part time mayor in the role of a public relations man and to cut salaries of elected officials in line with the mayor's salaries and commissioners' salaries in towns of similar size. He has said that annexation should be pursued only on a large scale and has said that a good city manager can run the city business the way it ought to be run.

Smith was personnel director for Duplex-Reeves Brothers from 1966 to 1972 and most recently became the recruiting manager for Combustion Engineering.

Runoffs November 3 In Commissioner Races

Run-offs will be held in all three city commissioner races where front-runners District 1, District 2, District 3, and District 4, did not have a majority. Retired Police Chief Bar-Lyn Cheshire, District 1; Ronnie Franks, District 3, and Jackie Dean Barrett, District 4, did not have a majority. Retired Police Chief Bar-Lyn Cheshire, District 1; Ronnie Franks, District 3, and Jackie Dean Barrett, District 4, did not have a majority.



VOTING DAY—Ardie Jolly, above, casts her vote in the mayor and commissioner race at East KM Precinct at the Community Center, Tuesday. Mrs. Jolly and her husband, Okane Jolly, 87, are lifelong voters, voting in every city election.

with second runner Joe King, 481, a deputy with the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department and a former Kings Mountain policeman. Jeff Gregory received 481. King said he will call for a run off.

In the District I race, political newcomer Lyn Cheshire led with 735 votes. Al Moretz, also a political newcomer and a former city engineer, was second with 554 and has called for a run off. Former Mountain Rest Cemetery Superintendent Ken Jenkins placed third with 517 votes. Carl Goforth received 287 and Marshall Mullinax received 64.

In the District 3 race, incumbent commissioner Corbet Nicholson was ousted. Frontrunner Ronnie Franks, who was defeated in a close race with Nicholson four years ago, edged second runner Norma Bridges by 35 votes. Franks received 665 votes to Mrs. Bridges 630 and Mrs. Bridges, a political newcomer, has called for a run off. Nicholson, who placed third, received 532 votes followed by Clavon Kelly with 316, Robert Poston, Jr. with 18 and Wayne Worcester with 13.

City run-off elections will be held on Nov. 3, the same time as the school board election and at the same polling places, East Kings Mountain at the Community Center and West Kings Mountain at the Armory.



CHESHIRE MORETZ FRANKS BRIDGES BARRETT KING

UNOFFICIAL CITY ELECTION RETURNS

MAYOR'S RACE

	WEST KM	EAST KM	TRANSFER	TOTAL
Allen	422	197	3	622
Belt	32	25	—	57
Carroll	14	11	—	25
Hamrick	7	7	—	14
King	231	92	—	323
Smith	783	371	4	1,158
Write-Ins				5
				Total 2,204

DISTRICT I COMMISSIONER

	WEST KM	EAST KM	TRANSFER	TOTAL
Cheshire	517	216	2	735
Goforth	210	76	1	287
Jenkins	323	193	1	517
Moretz	397	156	1	554
Mullinax	30	32	2	64
TOTAL				2,157

DISTRICT III COMMISSIONER

	WEST	EAST	TRANSFER	TOTAL
Bridges	436	190	4	630
Franks	461	201	3	665
Kelly	200	116	—	316
Nicholson	352	180	—	532
Poston	9	4	—	13
Worcester	9	4	—	13
Write In Margie Johnson				1
				TOTAL 2,176

DISTRICT IV COMMISSIONER

	WEST	EAST	TRANSFER	TOTAL
Barrett	679	364	2	1045
Gregory	328	151	2	481
King	463	185	3	651
Write In M.L. Campbell				
				TOTAL 2,178

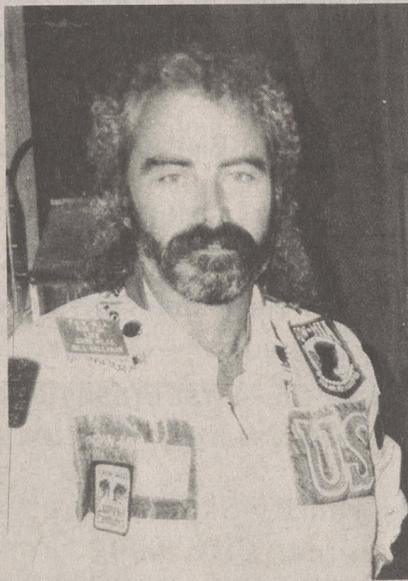
Vivian Latham Football Winner

Vivian Latham of 411 East Pennsylvania Avenue, Bessemer City, predicted 18 of 20 winners to take the \$100 prize in last week's Herald football contest.

Ms. Latham won on the tie-breaker over James Hood of 56 Charles Street, Kings Mountain, who also picked 18 of 20 winners. Ms. Latham predicted there would be 48 points scored in the East Rutherford-South Point game (won by South Point 42-21) and Hood predicted 38 points.

Latham misfired on Shelby's victory over Kings Mountain and North Gaston's overtime win over R-S Central. Hood missed East Gaston's win over Olympic and N.C. State's victory over Georgia Tech.

The sixth of 10 weekly contests is inside today's Herald. Pick the most winners and get us your entry by 4 p.m. Friday and you will win \$100. Mail your entry to Football Contest, P.O. Box 769, Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086, or bring it by our office on Canterbury Road.



BILL CALLAHAN

He's Walking For MIA's And POW's

By ELIZABETH STEWART
News Editor

The last American combat troops pulled out of Saigon over 14 years ago but ex-Army Sgt. Bill Callahan, "The Walking Man", is still fighting the war in Vietnam.

Only this time around, his weapons are his legs. And his battleground has shifted from the jungles of Vietnam to the shoulders of countless federal, state and county highways he has marched over 3,000 miles since he got out of his wheelchair in 1985 after his spine was shattered during a rocket attack in 1972.

Callahan stopped in Kings Mountain yesterday on his route to Washington, D.C., where 200,000 veterans will gather on Veterans Day November 11. He left Atlanta, Ga., on foot last Saturday and is sponsored on this his third walk to spotlight MIAs by Nike Shoes, Budweiser Beer Co., Eastern Airlines and Holiday Inn. He spent the night at the local Holiday Inn and was welcomed to the city by the Kings Mountain Jaycees.

His trek continues on behalf of 2,400 Americans listed as POWs or MIAs in Viet-

nam who remain unaccounted for.

"I fought for this country and I made it back," said Callahan, who lives in Atlanta and served in Vietnam from 1968-72. "Now I'm fighting another war for the POWs and MIAs who didn't make it back.

"I'm not a hero," he said, "all I am is an American who wants to convince people there are MIAs and POWs. I want them home. They're my brothers."

Callahan is also urging voter registration so that the battle of the return of servicemen also will be fought with paper and pen. He urges everyone he meets to write their congressmen to exert pressure on the Vietnamese.

Sour memories of an unpopular war have haunted the veteran.

"I've had people throw garbage at me, spit on me and I was hit by a car in Philadelphia," he said. "I lost a kidney after my first trip in 1985 from Tampa to New York City for a Vietnam veterans parade that attracted 65,000 veterans. I placed number 480 among 72,000 runners in a POW-MIA run in Nashville, Tn."

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