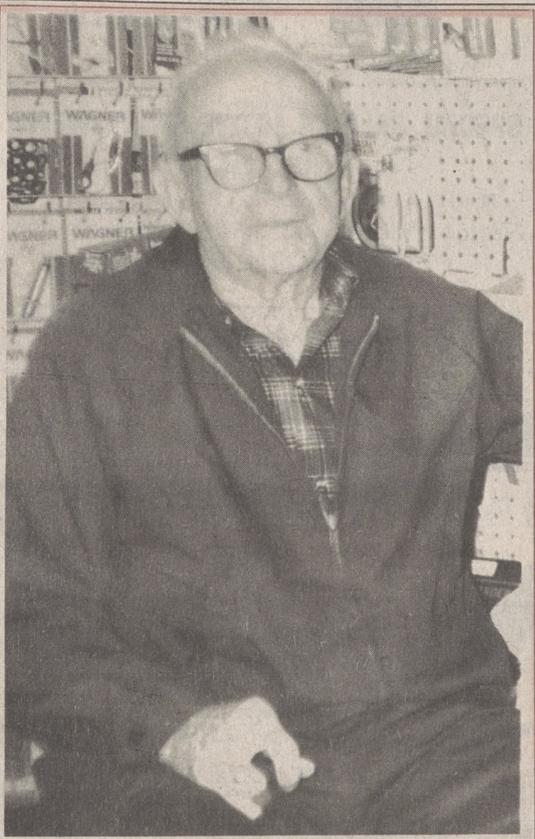




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**CHARLIE CASH**  
...ON 90th BIRTHDAY

## You Can Set Your Clock By 'Mr. Charlie'

Every morning at 9 a.m. sharp for 20 years Charlie Cash makes his rounds, and employees at City Auto and Truck Parts set their clock by him. When "Mr. Charlie" doesn't come in the door Bob Bridges gets on the telephone to find out what happened to his longtime friend.

"Mr. Charlie" celebrated his 90th birthday Monday and employees of City Auto & Truck Parts and other friends dropped by for a piece of Charlie's blue and white decorated birthday cake.

After he left City Auto driving his yellow Dodge, Charlie, his daughter, Helen Cash Davis, and their good friend, Lithia Lankford, were going by other familiar places in town to see longtime friends and on Tuesday Miss Lankford and Mr. Cash were planning to deliver "meals on wheels", a project they both have been involved in for some time. Thursday evening they all plan to have dinner with Sarah Beth and Cecil Pendleton and on Saturday 21 members of the Cash family are gathering at the Cash home to celebrate Charlie's birthday again.

It's going to be a full week for the active senior citizen but that's the lifestyle Charlie Cash enjoys.

Cash, who retired at age 81 from Cash Brothers Grading, a partnership with his younger 79 year-old brother, David Cash, has lived in Kings Mountain 55 years. He and his brother were in the theatre business here from 1933-53, operating the old Dixie and Imperial Theatres, then the Joy Theatre, and two other theatres in Mount Holly. They also operated a mica mine at one time and hauled sand and gravel for many years. Charlie's wife, Lee Cash, died in 1979 and their daughter, Helen Davis, moved in with her father eight years ago when Cash retired.

Born in Chesnee, S.C. Nov. 2, 1897, Charlie Cash got in the theatre business at the old Imperial and Dixie Theatres, putting in all the equipment. Charlie recalled that the Cash brothers trained a number of local people over the years and then when the old Mountain View Hotel was torn down 40 years ago the new Joy Theatre was built and became the fifth theatre to be operated by the Cash brothers. Coincidentally, The Herald carries a story in this

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## Moretz, Bridges And Barrett Win KM Commissioner Runoffs

Unofficial returns from a heavy turnout of Kings Mountain voters Tuesday at the polls gave the victory to two second runners from the Primary, Al Moretz and Norma Bridges, and Jackie Dean Barrett a slim margin of victory, 35 votes, for three city council seats.

The election of three new commissioners and the new mayor, Kyle Smith, who beat out five opponents Oct. 6, will mean four new faces in the new administration at City Hall on Dec. 8th.

Mrs. Bridges, who led the entire ticket with 1,046 votes, becomes the first woman elected to the city board since the 1960's when the late Mrs. O.O. Walker was first appointed to her late husband's seat in Ward 3 and then was elected to a one year term. Mrs. Bridges could also be named as the city's first woman Mayor Pro Tem, an honor usually given by the board to the top vote getter.

Al Moretz, former city engineer, who placed second to Lyn Cheshire in the Oct. 6 election, pulled ahead and



Photo By Gary Stewart

**TOP VOTE-GETTER**—Norma Bridges (right), top vote-getter in Tuesday's election in Kings Mountain, is all smiles as she watches the tally posted Tuesday night at City Hall. She is pictured with her husband, Bobby, left, and daughter-in-law, Cathy Bridges.

received 1,013 Cheshire's 825 in District 1.

Norma Bridges, who trailed Franks in the primary, polled 1,046 to Franks 810.

Jackie Dean Barrett, former Police Chief, edged former city policeman Joe King 35 votes. Barrett received 940 votes and King polled 905. King led Barrett at the West KM precinct by 10 votes but Barrett pulled ahead in the East KM precinct where he received 333 votes to King's 284. At the East KM box Barrett and Moretz received exactly the same number of votes, 333.

The results of Tuesday's election will be canvassed Thursday morning at 11 a.m. at City Hall by members of the city elections board.

Mrs. Becky Cook, chairman of the city board of elections, said that the voter turnout was 37 percent of the registered vote. "It was a great turnout," she said. Cook said during the day other members of the board, Willie Marable and James

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**BIG DRUG BUST**—Police Chief Warren Goforth shows part of the huge amount of drugs and guns confiscated Tuesday night and early Wednesday morning by undercover and law enforcement officers in what may be one of the city's biggest drug busts.

## 11 Charged In Tuesday Drug Bust

A drug bust, the city's biggest single raid by police in several years, started Tuesday night at 10 p.m. and culminated with the arrest Wednesday of 11 people and confiscation of 142 grams of cocaine, guns, and recovery of thousands of dollars worth of stolen property.

Police Chief Warren Goforth said the raids were conducted by the Kings Mountain Police Department, assisted by Blue Ridge Task Force, the State Bureau of Investigation, Cleveland County Sheriff's Department and Shelby Police Department.

Tracking dogs were used in the early hours Wednesday to track suspects eluding police.

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## King, Campbell School Winners

Kings Mountain school district voters elected Billy King, Jr. and incumbent Doyle Campbell to two seats on the KM Board of education Tuesday and King, 38, a newcomer to politics, led the

ticket with 1,013 votes.

Priscilla Mauney placed third with 844 votes followed by Steve Wilson with 535; Susan Belt, 358; Dale Hollifield, 271; and Floyd Sanders, 175.

Only two seats were up for grabs this year but school board members will fill a third seat at the December meeting to replace Kyle Smith, who resigned from the board after he was elected

mayor of Kings Mountain. School board members have the option of choosing any resident of the KM School District as a school trustee.

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## Ellis Wins In Grover

**GROVER**—Sandra Spangler Ellis will become Grover's first woman commissioner when she takes the oath of office next month along with incumbent Ronald Queen.

Mrs. Ellis and Mayor Pro Tem Queen, along with incumbent Mayor Bill McCarter, who was unopposed, were elected as 107 Grover citizens went to the polls to vote in the town board election and 203 voted in the school board election at the Rescue Squad Building.

Voters ousted incumbent Bill Camp.

Mayor Pro Tem Queen was the top vote getter with 83 votes. Mayor McCarter received 79 votes, Camp received 44 votes and Mrs. Ellis received 66 votes.

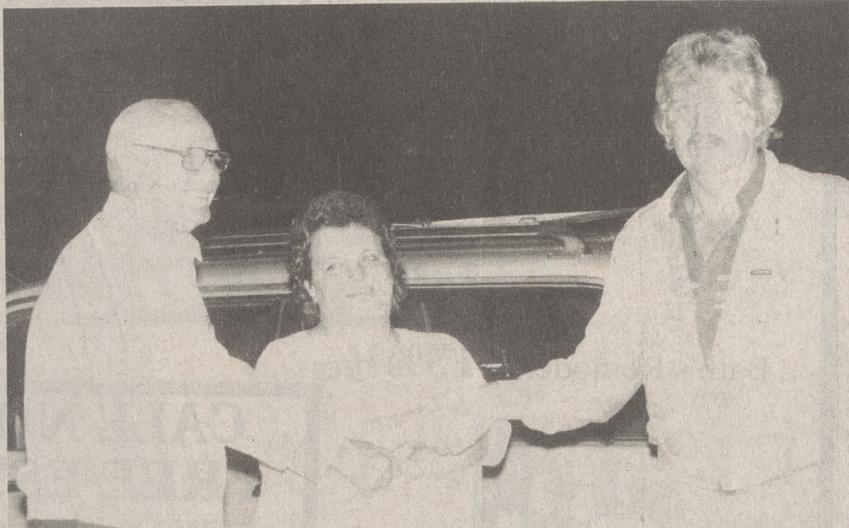


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**HAPPY GROVER WINNERS**—Mayor Bill McCarter, left, and commissioners Sandra Ellis and Ronald Queen are all smiles as they congratulate each other on their victories in Tuesday's election. Mrs. Ellis ousted incumbent Bill Camp while McCarter (unopposed) and Queen retained their seats.

## Former KM Commissioner Tommy Ellison Dies Friday

Funeral services for Thomas Jefferson Ellison, 79, of 910 Church St., who died Friday night at 9:45 p.m. in Kings Mountain Hospital, were conducted Sunday at 3 p.m. from Grace United Methodist Church of which he was a member.

His Pastor, Rev. Frank Gordon, officiated at the rites and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mr. Ellison, who died of an apparent heart attack, was a native of Cherokee County, S.C. He was son of the late Thomas M. and Mary Coyle Ellison and a retired groceryman who owned and operated Ellison's Grocery on Cleveland Avenue for a number of years. He was also a Mason and served as a city commissioner for 18 years. The Ellison Water Treatment Plant on Moss Lake was named



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ed to honor him. Surviving are his wife, Roberta Ballard Ellison; one son, Donald Eugene Ellison of Pfafftown, N.C., one daughter, Mrs. Katherine Ware of Chattanooga, Tenn., two sisters, Mrs. Florence White of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Margaret Lingerfelt of Astatula, Fla., four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.