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Commissioner Race Picking Up Steam

Incumbent, two former commissioners, a former school board member and one newcomer announced this week their candidacies for commissioner seats in the district 7 municipal election.

Incumbent Commissioner C. Pruette, district six, is seeking his second term on the board while former commissioners of district two and three, W. S. (Seimore) Biddix and Norman King, will seek the seats they lost in the local election two years ago.

The former school board member now seeking the district two commissioner seat is Haywood Lynch and the newcomer to local politics, Fred Wright Jr., is after the district five seat currently held by James Amos.

Amos announced his candidacy last week along with James Houston in district one. The first candidates to announce were incumbent district three commissioner Corbett Nicholson and former vice chief Hugh A. Logan, district one.

With the beginning, filing Aug. 15, nine candidates for commissioner have already announced campaign intentions. The district two race is the heaviest to date with Houston, Biddix and Mrs. Lynch as candidates. Incumbent Commissioner Lloyd Lynch of district two has yet to announce, but is expected to do so.

Incumbent commissioners are C. Pruette, district one, and James Houston, district four, who have not announced candidacies, but they, too, are expected to do so.

So far no candidate for mayor, including incumbent Mayor John H. Moss, has announced for that race.

He is a member of First Baptist Church where he serves as a departmental Sunday School Superintendent.

He is married to the former Joanne Bridges of Kings Mountain and has three daughters, Sharon, 16, Jennifer, 12, and Andrea, 4.

In his announcement Pruette said, "We'll see a great many improvements in Kings Mountain because of the planning that has gone on over the past few years. Honest efforts are being put forward to see the city progress and I would like to continue working toward this end for my community."

Norman King is a native of Kings Mountain and the son of Mrs. Lola King and the late Mr. King.

An employe of Southern Bell for the past 27 years, he currently works on the test desk. King has participated in the Bell initial plant supervisory training sessions and in the communications workshop.

The candidate is married to the former Ruth Ware of Kings Mountain and they have four children, Mrs. Norma Pettus of Kings Mountain,

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Officer Is Demoted

KMPD Sgt. Tommy King was demoted to patrolman with a \$15 per week pay cut last week by Chief William Roper Jr. following a suspension for several days prior to the chief's decision.

That decision, Roper says, instead of one to fire King, has brought him criticism from officers and the public.

King was suspended last week after Capt. J. D. Barrett reported seeing the sergeant pumping city-owned gasoline into his personal vehicle. Capt. Barrett "staked out" the city's pump after receiving reports that gasoline was being taken without being accounted for.

At the time of his suspension King stated he was not taking the gasoline for himself, but

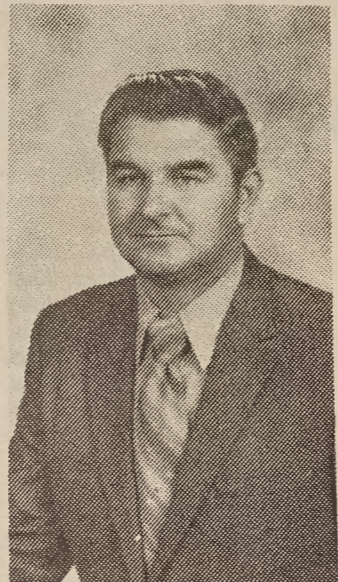
for the junior police program which he operates. He said the gasoline was to compensate himself for his own gas burned up while transporting trail-bikes for the junior police members and to put into the bikes themselves for trail riding.

The young officer also commented that \$750 had been budgeted by the city for the junior police program, but none of the money has been given him and he has been operating out of his own pocket.

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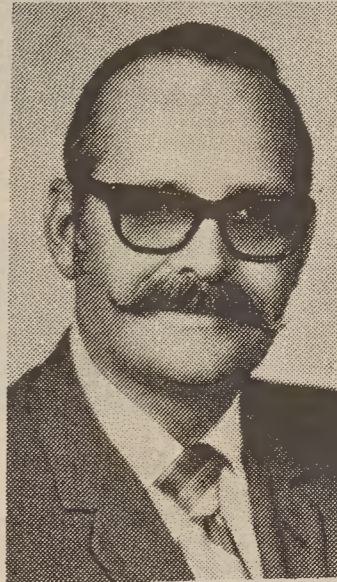
M. C. PRUETTE



NORMAN KING



MRS. ELIZABETH LYNCH



W. S. BIDDIX



FRED WRIGHT JR.

Herman Greene First School Board Candidate

Herman L. Greene has announced his intention to file for one of the two seats up for grabs on the Kings Mountain District School board in the Nov. 4 election.

The two seats are currently being held by George H. Mauney, chairman, and James E. Herndon Jr.

Filing deadlines for the school board election is from noon Sept. 12 until noon Oct. 3 and this election will be conducted in connection with the county-wide education seat elections.

Greene is a newcomer to political campaigning on his own behalf. He is a lifetime resident of Cleveland County and has been a citizen of Kings Mountain since 1956.

He attended Grover Schools, graduating from high school and receiving one year college credit while serving in the U. S. Navy from 1950-54. From 1954-56 Greene studied busi-

ness administration at Howards Business College, Shelby.



HERMAN GREENE

From 1962-68 he was active in local and state jaycees and served as president of the Kings Mountain Jaycees in 1966.

Active in First Baptist Church, Greene currently serves as Sunday School director and chairman of the board of deacons.

Greene is manager of Southware Co., Charlotte, and works in the field of sales and distribution.

He is married to the former Mary Elinor Hayes and has two sons, Tim, 15, and Dale, 12. The Greens reside at 302 Maner Rd.

"I will be a candidate to the Kings Mountain District School Board during the Tues., Nov. 4 election," Greene said in his filing statement, "and if elected, I pledge to continue working for quality education for our children and maximum benefits from our tax dollars."

Bicentennial Projects Beginning To Shape Up

By TOM MCINTYRE
Editor, Mirror-Herald

During a special meeting of the Kings Mountain Bicentennial Commission Monday at the Royal Villa, Howard Jackson, co-chairman, stressed again the prime object of the commission as being the restoration of the Preston Goforth homeplace and cemetery.

Goforth was killed in the Battle of Kings Mountain on Oct. 7, 1780 and buried on the home site property just west of the KM city limits.

Jackson made this point clear Sunday in speaking to about 300 members of the Goforth clan at a reunion at Lake Crawford.

In that talk Sunday Jackson told the gathering there are five ways the project can be accomplished; first, involvement at the grassroots level, especially through the Goforth clan, descendants of Preston Goforth; second, through the City of Kings Mountain; third, through the county commissioners; fourth, through the state legislature; and fifth, through federal aid.

The commission wants to see the old Goforth homeplace and cemetery renovated and additional property added to make the area a park.

At Monday's luncheon meeting Jackson told the commission "the hat was passed around Sunday and now we have some money to be bothered with." Then he called for a motion that those funds along with any future donations in the name of the Goforth project be placed into an account to be used strictly for this project.

The commission voted unanimously to follow this motion.

In other business, Lynne Mauney, co-chairperson of the committee to present the historical musical-drama "1776" at Barnes Auditorium Oct. 7, 1975, gave a report on the project.

The show will be presented by Hilton Head Island Playhouse, Inc., a community theatre group from the South Carolina community, in a single performance at Barnes Auditorium.

A company of 50 men and women will come to Kings Mountain on Oct. 6, rehearse the show and set the scenery that evening and present the show to KMers the following night.

Since this is a money raising project to fund other local bicentennial projects, programs will be sold and two price tickets made available.

Barnes Auditorium seats 1,000 in permanent seats, with the possibility of at least 200 additional chairs being made available.

Serving on the committee with Mrs. Mauney are Sylvia Holmes and Ann Withers. This committee and the co-chairpersons for the commission, Jackson and Mrs. Pat Plonk, have now entered into final negotiations and arrangements with the Hilton Head Island Playhouse officials to present the show.

In other action the commission briefly discussed the scheduled "Lost Arts Festival" set for Sat., Oct. 4 in the downtown business district. Lyn Cheshire is in charge of this project.

Jackson stated bicentennial gold coins with Kings Mountain peaks on one side and a scene from the battle on the other are now being mint-

ed.

— Tom and Elaine Brooks, owners and operators of Crossroads Music Park, outlined plans for the heritage music program, which is not scheduled for presentation until May 1976.

"Heritage Music" is another fund raising project for the bicentennial and is slated to be presented at Crossroads Music Park and will feature a large cast of singers, musicians and actors.

— Rev. S. L. Cooke outlined his plans to coordinate a "baby contest" within the churches and the community, possibly by September. This is another fund raising project, but one the entire community can become involved with.

Rev. Cooke promised more information on the contest in the near future.

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M. C. PRUETTE

M. C. Pruette is a Grover native who has lived in the Kings Mountain area all of his life and within the city limits for the past eight years.

The incumbent district board six commissioner graduated from Grover high school and Mars Hill College. He served in the U. S. Army, First Cavalry Div., Seventh Cavalry Regiment in Korea.

Pruette has been employed with Southern Bell for the past 15 years and is currently working in the long distance operations.

He is a Mason, Shriner and a member of the American Legion. He is past master of the State Lions Lodge No. 375.



Photo By Tom McIntyre

JAYCEES VISIT MAYOR — The N. C. Jaycees are in the process of reestablishing a jaycee chapter in Kings Mountain and Tuesday members of the state club and potential members from the city visited with Mayor John Henry Moss to discuss possible club involvement within the community. The mayor outlined several areas where the jaycees could do community

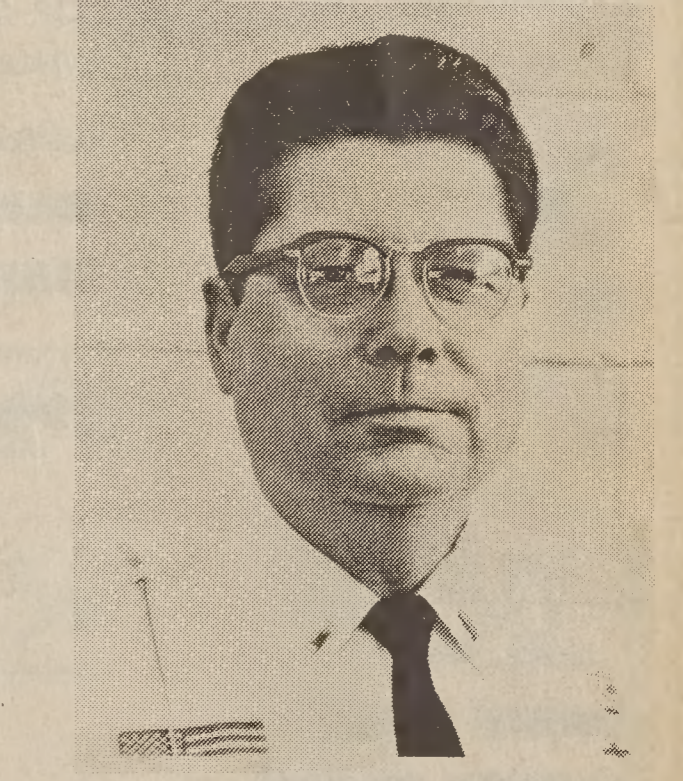
work. Another meeting of the chapter is set for next Monday at which time concrete plans are expected to be made on the local chapter. Pictured here (left to right): Alex McCallum of Kings Mountain, Tom McCloskey, state jaycees, Mayor Moss, Roland Turner and Kemp Mauney, both of Kings Mountain.

Dr. James R. Nieder assumed this position August 1. Dr. Nieder has been in private practice at Delray Beach, Florida for the past several years.

Dr. Nieder will be on duty in the hospital Emergency Room from 6:30 p. m. to 6:30 a. m. approximately on an every other week basis. The remainder of the coverage will be provided by members of the Medical Staff. Spokesmen of the hospital and the Medical Staff expressed themselves as very pleased in Dr. Nieder accepting the position and "feel the program will be an added service to the community," they added.

The new position is partially funded by the Duke Endowment, Reynolds Health Care Trust and Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation.

Dr. and Mrs. Nieder are residing in the Georgetown Apartments.



One Day He Could Save Your Life...

A native of Shelby, James Robinson has lived in Kings Mountain, 808 Rhodes Ave., since 1958. He is married to the former Frances Wilson of Shelby.

The Robinsons have one daughter, Mrs. Mickey (Yvonne) Floyd and one grandson, Chris.

Jim earns his daily bread at Wix, Gastonia, and volunteers an almost equal amount of time as a member and officer with the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad.

Now serving as a lieutenant, Jim joined the squad seven years ago after "a friend invited me to attend a meeting. It got into my blood."

Jim spent four years in the U. S. Army and served in Korea and said doing rescue work is like being in the service. At first you might be scared, but once you're into it you get more used to the service.

"To me the scariest thing about rescue work, as far as I'm concerned, is being called on in assisting a mother in delivering her baby," Jim said. "So far I've always managed to get them to the hospital on time. But I suppose once I help with the first one, the next time it won't be so scary."

Jim said since joining the squad he has spent more time in a classroom than all of his education years put together and now it means more to him than it did then.

"I think the rescue squad offers a total service to the community," Jim said. "I like being a part of it. I think it makes a more well rounded citizen to become involved."

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Registrars And Judges Are Named

Registrars and judges in No. 1 Township voting precincts were appointed by the County Board of Elections Tuesday morning as they appointed unanimously all election officials in the 28 voting precincts in the county.

In Kings Mountain and No. 4 Township they are as follows: Bethware — registrar, Hazel McNeilly, (R); judges, Helen Herndon (R) and Carolyn Hicks (D).

Grover — registrar, Mrs. Betty Cook (R); judges, Mrs. Mary Rollins (R) and Jerome Spangler, (D).

East Kings Mountain — registrar, Mrs. Nelle Cranford (D); judges, Mrs. Harold Glass, (R); and Mrs. Ruth Glass, (R).

West Kings Mountain — registrar — Mrs. Geraldine Myers, (R); judges, Kelly Brown (R); and Mrs. Ken Cook, (D).