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## President Ford Plans Visit Here October 7

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President Gerald Ford is coming to Kings Mountain. The White House confirmed The President's acceptance of an invitation from Mayor John H. Moss to deliver the principal address here Tues., Oct. 7 in observance of the 195th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain. Mayor Moss said he was delighted The President has accepted the invitation and that "on behalf of the citizens of Kings Mountain, we are looking forward very much to his visit here Oct. 7." Mayor Moss said today that the official acceptance was made through Rep. James H. Cannon's Washington office and the Congressman commented "I am looking forward to accompanying President Ford on his visit to Kings Mountain next month."

Mayor Moss personally delivered Mayor Moss' invitation to President Ford last May 17. In the letter the mayor gave Ford a detailed plan for festivities on Oct. 7, those to include a parade led by the Governors of North and South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia and Georgia, plus visits by the North Carolina elected officials on both the state and federal levels. The President's itinerary for Oct. 7 is being worked out and it will include a presidential press conference for the Kings Mountain area news media in Kings Mountain prior to planned festivities.

Ford's staff and Mayor Moss' office will work out and announce finalized details of the visit in the near future.

Last year Ford was issued a similar invitation to visit Kings Mountain to help the city celebrate its own Centennial birthday. Then Ford was serving as Vice President, following the resignation of Spiro Agnew.

The invitation was accepted, but had to be cancelled when President Richard Nixon resigned and Ford had to assume the nation's highest office.

Mayor Moss said he spent the major portion of Wednesday afternoon, following the press conference announcement of The President's planned visit, talking with the five governors, U. S. and N. C. Senators and Representatives and mayors of communities throughout the Piedmont Carolinas, issuing invitations to attend the October 7 festivities.

"We, in Kings Mountain, felt that following the celebration of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence festivities in Charlotte earlier this summer, that our area was the next logical stop from The President," Mayor Moss said.

"This area, which includes the mountain where the battle of Oct. 7, 1780 took place, is rich in history," the mayor said, "especially in history dealing with Revolutionary times. It just seemed natural that during this Bicentennial Year that we, in this area, should have such an esteemed visitor as The President of the United States. Now, it looks like it's going to happen."



PRESIDENT OKAYS VISIT — This picture of Mayor John H. Moss, Charles Mauney and President Gerald Ford was made one year ago when Ford was the VP. He accepted an invitation to visit Kings Mountain then, but had to decline later when President Nixon resigned. As President today, Ford accepted another invitation and plans to be here Tues., Oct. 7.

## City Rejects Gas Peak Plant Bids

In a special meeting Tuesday afternoon city commissioners rejected a trio of bids on construction of a gas peak shaving plant opened at the regular meeting last week.

Following the recommendations of City Attorney Jack White and W. D. Edwards, the city's gas consultant, the commissioners also voted to readvertise for bids, specifying the type of equipment to be named in the contractor's bid. Also the names and addresses of other sites where such equipment is now in use and the projected completion days for the job.

The new bids will be opened at 10 a. m. Sept. 16 at city hall. The three bidders at the Aug. 25 board meeting included Associated Mechanical Contractors of Greensboro, Kincaid Engineering of Gastonia and McCrary Automatic

Sprinkler Co. of Greenville, S. C. Their bids, respectively, were \$186,000-\$180,000-\$189,000.

Several of the commissioners felt the projected costs of construction in these bids were too high since the original estimated cost of the plant, complete with trapping, was only \$92,000.

Mayor John H. Moss said the reason the special meeting to take action on the bids was called "is to get the bids readvertised without wasting more time. It's important that we get quick action on this contract because the plant is going to be needed when cold weather sets in and the natural gas allotment is curtailed."

Also during the meeting Tuesday commissioners voted to accept a \$316,250 grant to go into the water plant expansion.

The grant was announced in The Mirror-Herald last week. This money will be applied to the Community Development block grant of \$532,500 funded this fiscal year for the Buffalo Water Plant expansion.

The total project, to run two years, is estimated to cost \$1,270,000. The remaining \$421,250 is expected to be funded under the CD grants in the 1976-77 fiscal year.

Commissioner Lloyd Davis told the mayor he thought the present plant mixing basin and pipes "would handle up to eight million gallons a day. That's what the former city engineer (W. K. Dickson) told me when the plant was being constructed."

Mayor Moss said "I don't see any trouble changing the new design to eliminate something if it is not needed. The state grant has covered it if something is needed."

Moss said he felt the grant should be officially accepted by the board because it is the next step to accomplish. The first step is the application, the next is sending copies to cities and counties in Region C to see if there are any objections. There were no objections on this application, Moss said.

## Big Crowd Attends Citizens Day

Senior Citizens Day Thursday at the Community Center attracted a record of 175.

City-County Co-ordinator for the Aging Kenneth George termed the event a "huge success" and said he promises Senior Citizens that a different arrangement for the meals and a registration for the next Senior Citizens Day will prevent the long lines. "Our meals will be served much faster because we plan to use only one menu," continued Rev. George.

"Thank you Senior Citizens for your patience and understanding of our program which has progressed at a consistent pace", said George. First Senior Citizens Day May 29 drew 75 citizens to the special event.

Said Rev. Mr. George, "I have received excellent cooperation from Mayor Moss, the commissioners, the Mirror-Herald, WKMT Radio, and all the citizens of Kings Mountain. It has also been of great help to work with Cleve-

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## Moss, Dellinger For Mayor, 3 For Board

The municipal election campaign field has grown to monumental proportions with less than four months and 32 seeking commissioner seats.

Incumbent Mayor John H. Moss helped swell the ranks for mayor making his filing announcement Wednesday at noon.

Thomas F. Dellinger, who

filed Monday, was the third candidate in the mayoral field.

The new commissioner candidates include Charles T. Smith (district three), Jerry Oliver (district four) and Hugh D. Byrd (district five).

Jerry Ross announced last week, but was unavailable for comment until this week. His filing statement and personal background are included in this issue.

Other mayoral and commissioner candidates have until 5 p. m. this Friday (Sept. 5) to pay their \$10 and \$5 filing fees, respectively, and get their names on the rolls.

Registration books will remain open until Sept. 8 and all eligible voters are urged to check their registration to make sure their names and addresses are correct and that they are in the proper district on the books.

New voters may register in East Kings Mountain (districts one, two and three) by calling Mrs. Margaret White at 739-4019 for an appointment. She resides at 108 S. Piedmont Ave.

West KM voters (districts four, five and six) call Mrs. Geraldine Myers at 739-9188 for an appointment. She resides at 317 Scotland Dr.

Or call Mrs. Kenneth Cook at 739-3950. Mrs. Cook is an election judge with certification to register voters. Her residence is 717 Meadowbrook Rd. As a certified judge, Mrs. Cook can register voters no matter which district they reside in.

The new candidate background and statements:

JOHN H. MOSS

"When I first announced as Candidate for Mayor, I pledged that if elected, I would bring planned, progressive leadership to the Mayor's office," Mayor Moss said. His statement continues:

"Progressive leadership is the basis of my philosophy in the Administration of the Business of the City of Kings Mountain, and I want to renew my pledge . . . to devote my time, energy and talents to the task of making our City a better place in which to live. We, together with your continued support, will keep our City in the forefront of progress.

"Kings Mountain has enjoyed unparalleled economic progress and growth during this period of progressive

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WILLIAM ORR

## Files For Board Of Education

With the announcement of William Orr this week the number of candidates for the two Kings Mountain Board of Education Trusteeships total six.

George Mauney and James E. Herndon Jr., the incumbents, have not stated whether they intend to file for re-election.

Besides Orr, candidates for the school board are Mrs. Marion Thomasson, Mrs. June Lee, Herman L. Greene, Charles F. Mauney and Kyle Smith.

Filing for the two education board seats begins Fri., Sept. 12 at noon and ends at noon, Fri., Oct. 3. Filing fees must be paid at the Cleveland County Board of Elections offices in Shelby.

The election is Tues., Nov. 4.

WILLIAM ORR

William Orr, of 507 N. Watterson St., is a Kings Mountain native. He is a graduate of Davidson high and served four years in the U. S. Navy.

He is married to the former Mae Sue Boyce and has one son, Larry. The Orrs are members of New Bynum Chapel AME Zion Church where Orr serves as chairman of the trustee board.

The candidate is past chairman of the Kings Mountain School District Advisory Committee, past president of the Davidson and Compact School PTA and was appointed last year to serve on the N. C. Public Instruction Department Professional Review Committee.

Orr is past chairman of the Kings Mountain Improvement

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## Grover Man Reports Theft

Yates A. Smith, Jr. of Grover reported to Cleveland County Sheriff's officers the theft of \$2,530 worth of valuables from his residence Sunday night or early Monday.

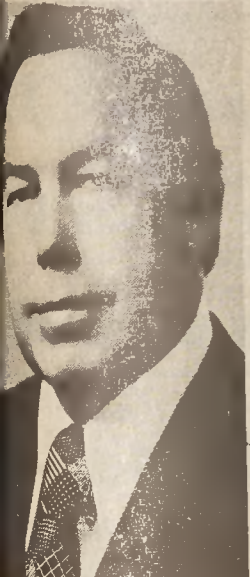
According to Lt. C. A. (Gus) Huffstetler, detective with the department, the haul netted thieves \$1,500 in 1800s issue silver dollars, about \$500 worth of Eisenhower silver dollars, one Marlin 220 caliber semi-automatic rifle valued at \$250, one 38-caliber Smith and Wesson break-down hammerless pistol valued at \$250 and one 45-caliber Smith and Wesson U. S. Army-type revolver valued at \$200.



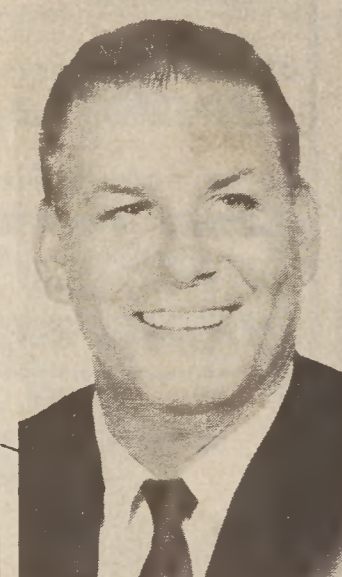
FOR HOSPITAL LIBRARY — Mrs. June Lee, president of the Kings Mountain Hospital Auxiliary, and Rev. Gary Bryant, chairman of the KM Kiwanis Club committee soliciting books for the new hospital library, look over

the donations in the lobby of FUNBank. The solicitation continues with the emphasis on paperback books at the bank, Belk's and First Presbyterian Church.

Photo By Tom McIntyre



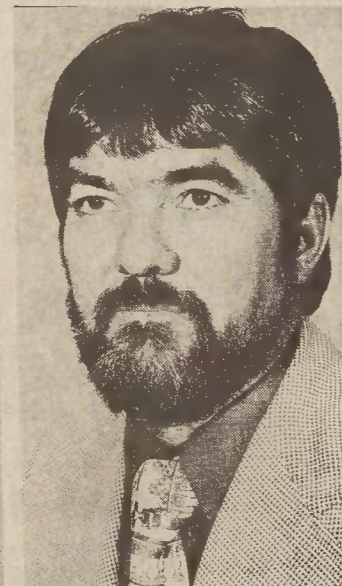
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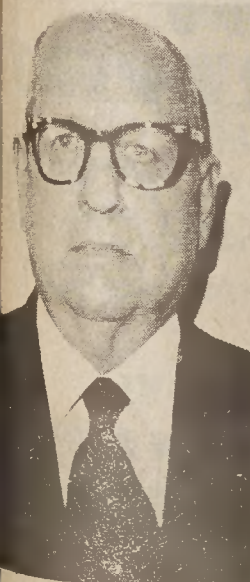
THOMAS DELLINGER



JERRY ROSS



CHARLES T. SMITH



HUGH D. BYRD



JERRY OLIVER