



Vice-President Nelson Rockefeller

Mayor, Commissioners To Be Elected Tuesday

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Tuesday Kings Mountain will go to the polls to elect a mayor and six commissioners.

Selection will be made from a field of four mayoral candidates and 34 commissioner candidates. One candidate, Jerry Oliver of Kings Mountain, has been removed from the field because of an oversight he failed to register prior to the deadline.

Commission board chairman Bennett said at least 100 candidates were not registered voters at the time filed for commissioner but did register prior to the deadline.

Candidates are:

Mayor: John Henry (incumbent), Al Brackett, Thomas W. S. Biddix, Major and Gilbert (Pee Hamrick).

Commissioner district one: Ray Cline (incumbent), A. Logan Jr. and James

Commissioner district three: Corbet Nicholson (incumbent), Bill Sellers, Everette H. Pearson, Jerry Ross, Earl Wayne Worcester, Jim Guyton, Charles T. Smith and Ernest Rome.

Commissioner district four: Donald McAbee (incumbent), Tommy King, Norman King, Roy Samuel Hammett, Paul W. Ledford and George Ross.

Commissioner district five: James E. Amos (incumbent), Rev. Howard Shipp, Bill Grisom, Taft Clark and Hugh D. Byrd.

Commissioner district six: Murray C. Pruette Jr. (incumbent), Jonas Bridges, Fred Wright Jr., Charles Parker, James J. Dickey and Boyce Tesenair.

There are a few changes in the election procedure this year. First, there will be a four year term decided in the mayor's race instead of a two year term and staggered terms for the six commissioners. Three candidates, by dis-

tricts, will be elected to four year terms and three, by districts, will be elected for two year terms.

There has been confusion about this aspect of the election, but the same process of

Join Hands Sunday, Kings St. Is Place

Sunday is the day for "Hands Across Kings Mountain."

The KM Ministerial Association project is scheduled to begin at 12:30 p. m. on

the south side of Kings St. (Hwy. 74) from city limits to city limits.

This is a Bicentennial event and has been announced to all churches and civic organizations in the city.

"It's quite an undertaking," said Rev. Glenn Boland, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church. "If the cooperation is there we will have a human chain stretching from the eastside to the westside of the city along Kings St."

The distance is about two miles and will take close to 4,000 people to complete. The churches will conclude services in time to allow members to arrive at Kings St. by 12:30 p. m.

KMers are asked to go to the point nearest their location at the appointed time and to join hands with friends and family to begin and complete the chain. When the chain is complete two or three patriotic songs will be sung and the entire ceremony will last about 15 minutes.

Sun, Oct. 5 is World Communion Sunday "and is a fitting day to demonstrate our friendship, unity and determination to live together in peace," said Zeb Plonk, a Kings Mountain Bicentennial Commission member.

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For KM Visit

Ford Is Out...

...Rocky Is In

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President Gerald Ford will not visit Kings Mountain on Tues., Oct. 7.

The White House notified Congressman James Broyhill's office about 1:30 p. m. Wednesday to simply state the Kings Mountain trip has been cancelled.

No reason was stated officially for the cancellation, but Rep. Broyhill felt a general tightening of security around Presidential trips following the two shooting attempts on his life and the hundreds of threats against his life since the shootings might be behind the cancellation.

"Naturally, I am greatly disappointed with President Ford's decision not to come to Kings Mountain," Rep. Broyhill said Wednesday. "Thousands of North Carolinians in this area were looking forward to his visit. Certainly, I am concerned about The President's safety. However, I did not believe that would be a major concern in our area of North Carolina."

Following Broyhill's message, Mayor John H. Moss said, "We had planned a local celebration of

President Gerald Ford isn't coming to Kings Mountain next Tuesday . . .

But Vice President Nelson Rockefeller is. The White House notified Congressman James Broyhill about 1:30 p. m. Wednesday that President Ford has cancelled his visit to Kings Mountain Oct. 7.

Two hours later Rep. Broyhill was notified that Vice President Rockefeller has confirmed he will come to Kings Mountain Oct. 7 to participate in the 195th anniversary of The Battle of Kings Mountain festivities and to deliver the principal address at John Gamble Stadium.

Mayor John H. Moss said, "We are delighted that Vice President Rockefeller has committed to visit and speak in Kings Mountain next Tuesday."

The mayor said there might be announcements later of other nationally known persons who plan to be in Kings Mountain for the festivities next Tuesday.

Rockefeller's staff informed Rep. Broyhill Tuesday that should President Ford cancel his

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LISTEN TO IDEAS — This small group of downtown business owners listen to ideas on a mall-type concept of renovation of the downtown business district during a meeting

held at Kings Mountain Savings and Loan Association last Thursday. Left to right, Corky Fulton, Wilson Griffin, Willie Williams and Johnny McGinnis.

Unified Mall Concept Is Shown Downtown Merchants

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downtown business district together. Instead of a dozen different architectural styles, there would be one style."

Crawford said, however, even with one style each business would still have its own identity. He explained that the concept calls for replanting trees along the sidewalk, construction of a canopy above the sidewalk, a uniform method of placing business logos atop the building facades and beneath the canopy and limit them to specific heights and type-styles and colors and adopting color codes to be used throughout the district.

The overall plan also calls for the city to take down the power lines that are strung all over the district and place them underground. Also removal from public sight of the meters and power boxes and trash containers. As Murphy explained it, "These items can be hidden with simple architectural ideas, like hiding them behind small fences with gates to allow workmen to get at them easily."

The possibilities of Kings Mountain's downtown business district taking on the look of a model community are infinite and all it takes is determination and money.

At this point it's up to the downtown merchants and landlords. This is the gist of the information from a meeting between several downtown merchants, the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission and a pair of Shelby architects.

Plastering the wall and drapes of the Kings Mountain Savings and Loan Association director's room with artist renderings of the present skyline of the downtown business district and a concept of the skyline after renovation, C. Crawford Murphy and Jim Martin explained their ideas on the project last Thursday.

"What we're talking about is a unified mall concept," Murphy said. "This concept is used in your normal mall-type shopping center. It brings the entire



CRAWFORD MURPHY — The Shelby architect gives ideas on how the city's central business area could look following the unified mall concept for updating existing structures.

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