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CITY OF KINGS MOUNTAIN, N. C.

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To vote for a candidate on the ballot make a cross (X) mark in the square at the left of the name.

Mark only with pencil or pen and ink.

If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return to the Registrar and get another.

For Commissioner District 1 (Vote For One)

- James A. Childers
- Ray W. Cline
- Hugh A. Logan, Jr.

For Commissioner District 2 (Vote For One)

- W. S. (Seimore) Biddix
- Lloyd E. Davis
- Humes Houston
- Major William Loffin, Sr.
- Elizabeth S. Lynch
- Jerry M. Mullinax

For Commissioner District 3 (Vote For One)

- James (Jim) Guyton
- Corbet H. Nicholson
- Everette H. Pearson
- Ernest Rome
- Jerry Ross
- Bill Sellers
- Charles T. Smith
- Wayne Worcester

For Commissioner District 4 (Vote For One)

- Roy Samuel Hammett
- Tommy King
- W. Norman King
- Paul W. Ledford
- Don McAbee
- George Ross

For Commissioner District 5 (Vote For One)

- James E. Amos
- Hugh D. Byrd
- Taft (Tab) Clark
- Bill Grissom
- H. H. Shipp

For Commissioner District 6 (Vote For One)

- Jonas Bridges
- James J. Dickey
- Charles W. Parker
- M. C. Pruette
- Boyce Tesenair
- Fred J. Wright Jr.

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To Battle Anniversary Celebration

Welcome, Mr. Rockefeller

By TOM McINTYRE
Editor, Mirror-Herald

The eyes of the world will literally be focused on Kings Mountain Tuesday when Mayor John Henry Moss welcomes Vice President Nelson Rockefeller to the city's celebration of the 195th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain.

The city expects to play host to an estimated 30,000-40,000 visitors Tuesday coming here to see a large, colorful parade, then to fill Gamble Stadium to hear the Vice President of the United States deliver the principal address of the celebration.

Mayor Moss commented today, "We are extremely pleased and highly honored that Vice President of the United States Nelson Rockefeller has accepted our invitation to make the principal address at the ceremonies commemorating the 195th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain."

"Vice President Rockefeller is one of the world's outstanding business and political leaders and it is indeed an honor to have him here for this very special historic event," the mayor continued. "On behalf of the citizens of Kings Mountain I am happy to welcome the Vice President to our city."

In addition to Vice President Rockefeller, Mayor Moss will also welcome North Carolina Gov. James Holshouser, U. S. Congressmen James Broyhill, Roy Taylor, and James Martin from North Carolina, and U. S. Congressman James R. Mann of South Carolina.

Also U. S. Senators Robert Morgan and Jesse Helms of North Carolina and U. S. Senator Ernest F. Hollings of South Carolina. The VIP list of dignitaries includes the mayors of 25 piedmont North and South Carolina cities and towns, including Mayor John Belk of Charlotte.

Also on the VIP guest list are John Ingram, N. C.

Commissioner of Insurance, Jacob Alexander, secretary of N. C. Department of Transportation, James Harrington, secretary, N. C. Department of Natural and Economic Resources, David Flaherty, secretary, N. C. Department of Human Resources, Richard Ellis, director of the N. C. Bicentennial Committee and Richard Barnwell, director of HUD-Greensboro district.

Former Congressmen Charles R. Jonas and Basil Whitener have also accepted invitations to attend Tuesday's festivities.

Other VIPs are chairmen of county commissioners Jack

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Vice-President Rockefeller

Polls Open 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday Is Election Day

Kings Mountain citizens will go to the polls Tuesday for the biennial city election to decide contests for mayor and six city commissioners.

There are 4,149 registered voters in Kings Mountain. Hours of voting are 6:30 a. m. to 7:30 p. m. at two polling places: Kings Mountain Community Center where residents of districts one, two and three will vote and the National Guard Armory on Phifer Rd. where residents of districts four, five and six will vote.

A central office for tabulation of the ballots will be the Kings Mountain Mirror-

Herald, 204 S. Piedmont Ave., instead of City Hall, Elections Board Chairman Luther Bennett reminds.

The largest candidate list in recent history of Kings Mountain elections finds a field of four candidates for mayor and 34 candidates for six commissioner seats.

Most political observers predict a record turnout at the polls despite the historic 195th battle anniversary celebration which brings Vice-President Nelson Rockefeller and other dignitaries to the city tomorrow for a big parade and other festivities.

For the first time, Kings Mountain voters will choose commissioners for four years and two years staggered terms and elect a mayor for a four year term.

The three candidates (in three separate districts) receiving the highest number of votes are the four year commissioners and the three (in the remaining three districts) garnering the next highest vote count are the two year commissioners, explains Elections Board Chairman Luther Bennett.

A run-off election may not be necessary even with 38 candidates seeking seven positions.

Yet another change voters are facing in this 1975 year election is that boundary lines are different and those in doubt about being affected by the boundary changes are reminded to pick up a copy of the new district map available in the office of City Clerk Joe McDaniel at City Hall. A copy of the map is reprinted in this special edition of The Mirror-Herald.

The run-off election date is Nov. 4.

Mayor John Henry Moss, seeking his sixth term at the helm of city government, is challenged by three newcomers to city politics, Al Franklin Brackett, Thomas Dellinger and Gilbert Hamrick.

District One Commissioner Ray Cline, seeking his eighth consecutive term on the city commission, is being challenged by Hugh A. Logan, Jr. write-in candidate in 1973, and James Childers.

In District Two, incumbent Lloyd E. Davis is challenged by Mrs. Elizabeth Lynch, Humes Houston, W. S. Biddix, a former commissioner, Major Loftin, Sr. and Jerry Mullinax.

Incumbent District Three Commissioner Corbet Nicholson is challenged by Bill Sellers, Everette Pearson, Jerry Ross, Earl Wayne Worcester, Jim Guyton, Charles T. Smith and Ernest Rome.

Incumbent District Four Commissioner Don McAbee is challenged by Tommy King, Norman King, ex-commissioner, Roy Samuel

Hammett, Paul W. Ledford, also a onetime commissioner, and George Ross.

Incumbent Commissioner Jim Amos of district five is opposed by Rev. Howard Shipp, Bill Grissom, Taft Clark and Hugh D. Byrd.

M. C. Pruette, Jr., incumbent commissioner from district six, is challenged by Jonas Bridges, a former district five commissioner, Fred Wright, Jr., Charles Parker, Jim Dickey, a former commissioner, and Boyce Tesenair.

Bennett said he is calling a meeting of local election officials tonight at 7 p. m. at the community center for final instructions.

Local officials are Betty Spears, registrar, Matak Campbell and Kathleen Wilson, judges, Frankie White and Vivian Rikard, assistants, in the West Kings Mountain precinct.

For East KM officials are Becky Cook, registrar, Peggy Hord and Kay Davis, judges, George White and Jack Mercer, assistants.

County election officials include Margaret White and Geraldine Myers, registrars, Connie G. Putnam, Grace Talbert, Bob Maner and Rebecca Cook, judges.

"Those not registered to vote in the Oct. 7 election can still register and be eligible to vote in the advent of a Nov. 4 runoff election," Bennett said. "The deadline, however, is today (Oct. 6) at 5 p. m. The county election registrars named here can register new voters."

Bennett also reminds voters of certain laws governing the local elections:

From the Election Laws of North Carolina, revised through Session Laws 1974, issued by the State Board of Elections, Alex K. Brock, Executive Secretary-Director

No political banner, poster or placard shall be allowed in or upon the voting place during the day of a primary or election (1929, c. 164, s. 19; 1967, c. 775, s. 1; 1973, c. 793, s. s. 58, 94.)

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Parade Begins Tuesday At Noon

Vice President Nelson Rockefeller will participate in a 57 unit parade on Mountain St. beginning about noon Tuesday.

The parade, perhaps the largest and most colorful ever presented here, will line up at E. Mountain St. and Gaston Ave. The middle and tail of the parade will be strung out east on Gold St., which will be blocked to vehicle traffic.

Police Chief William Roper said on-street parking and through traffic will be permissible Tuesday until 11 a. m. After that all traffic will be rerouted, probably to Kings St. (Hwy. 74) which will be kept open. All vehicles parked on the street will have to be moved by 11 a. m.

"Vehicle owners may wish to consider the fact that the parade watchers might begin filling up the street early and

judge when to move their cars," Chief Roper said.

The Vice President will be in the first 16 units, according to Zeb Plonk, parade co-chairman. "There will be a break in the parade after the 16th unit has passed," he said. "This allows the Vice President and other dignitaries time to get set up at the stadium. They will view the parade at the stadium prior to any addresses to the crowd."

At the stadium the parade will move counter-clockwise to pass before the Vice Presidential reviewing stand, completely circle the stadium and out again.

The parade route is along Mountain St. to Phifer Rd., then along Phifer to the stadium road. Chief Roper said the no traffic, no-parking rule applies to the entire length of Mountain St., from Gaston Ave. to Phifer Rd.

PARADE UNITS

1. Police Escort
2. Grand Marshall
3. Kings Mountain High School Band
4. Vice Presidential Advance Car
5. Vice Presidential Limousine
6. Vice Presidential Follow Car
7. U. S. Senators
8. Governors
9. U. S. Congressmen
10. 82Nd Airborne Division Band and Drill Team
11. State Senators
12. State Representatives
13. Cleveland County Commissioners
14. Kings Mountain City Commissioners
15. Gardner Webb College Band
16. Police Escort
17. Police Escort
18. Appalachian State University Band
19. Kings Mountain Float
20. Lenoir High School Band
21. Miss North Carolina
22. McDowell County High School Band
23. Georgia Float
24. Freedom High School Band
25. South Carolina Float
26. Avery County High School Band
27. Clemson University Girls Drill Team
28. Rutherfordton-Spindale Central High School Band
29. Virginia Float
30. Lincolnton High School Band

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