

Moss Re-elected, Runoffs Possible All Districts



John Henry Moss begins his sixth consecutive term as mayor on Dec. 8 following his landslide victory over three opponents in Tuesday's municipal elections.

Not a single candidate of the 34 vying for six seats on the city board of commissioners obtained a clear majority in Tuesday's biennial election.

Second high vote-getters in each of the six districts have until Monday at noon options to call a run-off, Luther Bennett, chairman of the board of elections, said this morning at 2 a. m. as West Kings Mountain officials completed tallying of the votes.

The unofficial number of ballots cast in Tuesday's election was 2,341, as tabulated from votes cast in the four-way mayoral race.

Mayor Moss garnered a total of 1,965 in the two polling places; 884 in East Kings Mountain (community center) and 1,081

in West KM (National Guard Armory). Local observers say this is the largest voter turnout in recent history in Kings Mountain.

Mayoral candidate Al Franklin Brackett garnered a total of 69 votes (10 in EKM and 59 in WKM), Thomas Dellinger's total was 209 (62 in EKM and 147 in WKM), and Gilbert (Pee Wee)

Hamrick's total was 98 (33 in EKM and 65 in WKM).

Mayor Moss will be sworn in to begin his sixth consecutive term as mayor, and his first four year term under the new staggered term system begun with Tuesday's election, on Dec. 8, 1975.

James Childers, who garnered 838

votes in District 11 where Incumbent Ray Cline was high with 914, said this morning he would definitely call for a run-off.

Chairman Bennett said run-off notification must be made with Elections Board Secretary Betty Mercier by noon on Monday following the canvass of the votes this Thursday.

In Ward 11, political newcomer Humes

Houston was high with 777 votes and W. S. Biddix, a former commissioner was second highest vote getter. Incumbent Lloyd Davis was defeated in his bid for re-election as were three challengers.

Incumbent Corbet Nicholson in District Three was high vote-getter with 1,059 and Jim Guyton was second with 299.

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'This Is America At Its Best....'

Praises From Rockefeller

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"This is America at its best right here in this stadium!"

The speaker was Vice President Nelson Rockefeller and he said it as he gazed over about 10,000 faces at Gamble Stadium Tuesday.

The Vice President helicoptered to Kings Mountain about 12:10 p. m. Tuesday, shook hundreds of hands, then delivered the principal address commemorating the 195th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain.

"The President sends you his best wishes and he is sincerely disappointed he could not be here personally," the Vice President said. "... he's asked me to express his warmest congratulations on this imaginative and exciting approach to the Bicentennial. I absolutely agree with that opinion."

Mr. Rockefeller spoke of "those 900 men" who left their homes and marched to meet the British at Kings Mountain. He reminded that these Americans "had no orders from the Continental Congress, they had no Army doctor... no uniforms... no paymaster... no pay."

"Their Col. Shelby commanded them to 'shoot like hell and fight like devils.' That's what they did. And because they did, the well-trained, well fed, well armed Redcoats were defeated," Mr. Rockefeller continued.

He asked how any of us could remember these events "without bursting with pride at being Americans... We are the luckiest people on earth."

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Photo By Butch Vess

'We are the luckiest people on earth' -Mr. Rockefeller

'I'll Tell President He Missed A Lot....'

By ELIZABETH STEWART
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When Vice President Nelson Rockefeller climbed aboard that olive drab helicopter and disappeared over the treetops he took with him a 200-hundred year old powder horn, a Bible almost that old, a gold commemorative coin of the Kings Mountain Bicentennial celebration and a commemorative coin from the State of North Carolina.

The Vice President also carried with him a message for President Gerald Ford, that he should have made the trip.

"... I'll give the President a full report tomorrow," Mr. Rockefeller told an estimated 8,000 to 10,000 people at Gamble Stadium Tuesday. "I'll tell him what he's missed. And that's a lot."

Vice President Rockefeller's arrival at Gamble Stadium was like a small scale invasion. Three helicopters, one a large troop or cargo transport, roared over the

trees and set down on the high school practice field. A fourth chopper completely circled the stadium before touching down. The Vice President was aboard this copter. He came off waving his hands above his head and even before he was inside the stadium began receiving applause from the crowd.

Entering the stadium, following a brief meeting with Mayor John H. Moss, Gov. James Holshouser and Congressman James Broyhill, the Vice President smiled and waded into the crowd, mostly young people, lining the steps behind the rope barrier. He slowly worked his way down the line, passing the press section and moving on past the VIP section, stopping almost half way around the track encircling the football field. At that point he crossed the track and began shaking hands and speaking with hundreds of students who rushed down the hill beside the stadium stands to meet the Vice President.

He slowly worked his way to the speakers platform where Gov. Holshouser, Mayor Moss, Congressmen Broyhill and Jim Martin and a large and impressive list of dignitaries stood waiting. During Mr. Rockefeller's "press the flesh" tour of the crowd the Kings Mountain Senior High Band played one of the Vice President's favorite tunes — "Sweet Georgia Brown."

After Mr. Rockefeller had taken his place on the platform the approximately 50-unit parade, which had been idling off to the side of the platform, passed in review. For almost an hour the colorful parade passed the speaker's stand and circled past the grandstand before breaking off and filling out the audience for the speeches that come later.

The Vice President's helicopter arrived about 12:10 p. m., as planned, and a few minutes prior to that the first half a dozen dignitary vehicles from the downtown parade pulled into the

stadium. Mayor Moss, Gov. Holshouser, State Senators Ollie Harris and W. K. Mauney, Jr., and Cleveland County Commissioners piled out of their cars. Gov. Holshouser and Mayor Moss then went to the practice field to await Mr. Rockefeller while the other dignitaries took their places on the speaker's platform.

Officers from the Winston-Salem Traffic Enforcement Division (on motorcycles) served as police escort for the dignitaries. Lt. R. E. Peddyford of the W-S Police Department commented, "There was a large crowd within the business district to review the parade "to a reporter's question, then he and the 11 others from his department took up their positions in front of the press section."

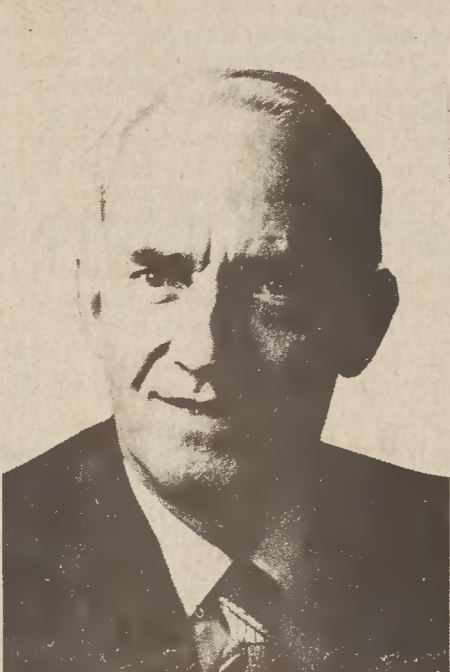
Another officer said the 12 officers rode their motorcycles all the way from

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RAY CLINE

District One High Man



HUMES HOUSTON

District two High Man



CORBET NICHOLSON

District Three High Man



NORMAN KING

District Four High Man



JIM AMOS

District Five High Man



JIM DICKEY

District Six High Man

1,000 Strong..... KMsers Join Hands

Estimated 1,000 persons took a few minutes after church Sunday to join hands and sing a couple of songs.

The project was meant as an expression of peace and brotherhood — but about 3,000 brothers and sisters needed to complete the "Hands Across Kings Mountain" chain were missing.

Publicized in numerous area churches, civic service organizations for a couple of weeks, the project was planned for last Sunday at World Communion Sunday.

According to the Rev. Glenn Boland, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church, the project was sponsored by the Kings Mountain Ministers Association as a Bicentennial program. Boland said he felt the project was still a success even though the estimated 3,500 to

4,000 persons needed to complete a chain from city limits to city limits — east and west — were not present.

The program was scheduled for 12:30 p. m. Sunday and all who planned to participate were asked to go to King St., to the point on the southside of the street nearest the individuals starting point and join hands with whoever was there.

According to Walter Vess, a photographer who "shot" the event for The Mirror-Herald, "the largest number of people were gathered from the eastside of the city and stretched west across the bridge. I don't know how far west the line reached. I did notice there were gaps in the line, but no one seemed to mind."



WHO'S MISSING? — Sunday following church services about 1,000 Kings Mountians gathered along the southside of King St. to join hands and sing a couple of songs in the name of

peace and brotherhood. Here we see citizens of all ages who completed the link that stretched across the bridge over the Southern railroad tracks.