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All Incumbents Win

By LIB & GARY STEWART
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Mayor John Henry Moss easily won re-election to his seventh and second four-year term Tuesday as 1,400 Kings Mountain voters

returned all incumbents to City Hall positions for the next four years. Early returns at the two Kings Mountain polling places, which showed Moss leading by 4-1 margins his other two opponents-Jerry Mullinax and Gilbert Hamrick,

continued throughout the evening. Mullinax received 297 votes and Hamrick 18. Closest race, as expected, was in the District 3 race where Incumbent Corbet Nicholson was challenged by

T.J. (Tommy) Ellison, a former commissioner in that ward for many years, and by two newcomers, H.L. Baily and Wayne Worcester. It was nip and tuck all evening in the Ellison-Nicholson contest and when the totals were finally tallied about 9:30 the clear winner was Nicholson who polled only 10 more votes than the combined totals of his opponents. Ellison garnered a total of 611, Baily, 44, Worcester, 26, and Mr. Nicholson, 691.

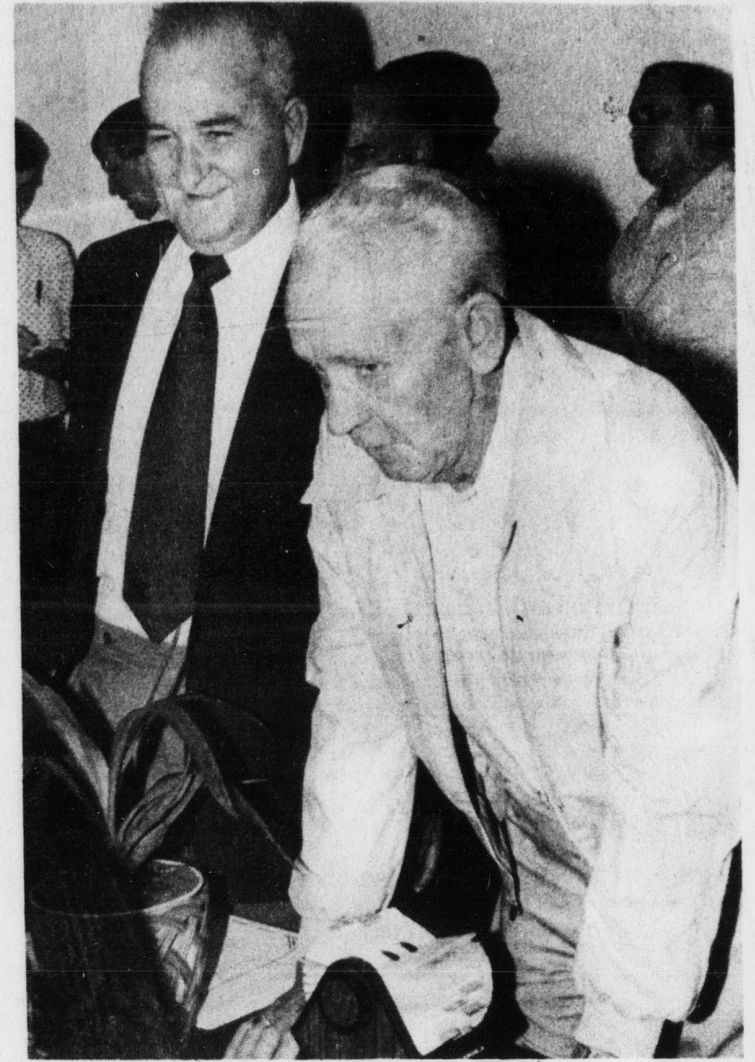
Harry (Dutch) Wilson, former city employe, also gave veteran commissioner Norman King a run for the District Four commissioner post. When the final votes were tallied King received 787 and Wilson had 554.

District 1 Comm. Jim Childers was not challenged and received a total of 1,067 following closely behind the top vote-getter, Mayor Moss. There were 44 write-ins in this ward including Cemetery Supt. Ken Jenkins who got 19 votes, former Comm. Ray Cline who received 10 votes; Don Conner, who received two votes; Vernon (Peanut) Smith, three votes; Dr. Charles Blair, two votes; Melvin Faucette, two votes and John Belk, one. Rocky Ford received three write-ins and Don McAbee, a former commissioner, one write-in in District 4. Walter D. Harmon, Glee E. Bridges, J.C. Bridges, B.S. Peeler, Jr. and Jim Amos received write-ins for mayor.

A total of 603 citizens from Districts 1, 2 and 3 went to the polls at the East KM precinct at the Community Center and 797 citizens from Districts 4, 5, 6 voted at the KM Armory.

The voting totals were tabulated in about two hours and results were announced at the new City Hall where a crowd of well wishers were on hand.

"I am very grateful," said the Mayor, "for the continued support by the citizens of Kings Mountain. I



HOW DID WE DO? . . .

Norman King, left, Corbet Nicholson retained seats.

News Briefs

HOT DOG SALE

Kings Mountain Emergency Services will sponsor a hot dog sale all day Saturday at its building on Center Street. Phone 739-8088.

UF CHECK UP DAY

Final report day in the Kings Mountain United Way campaign for \$55,000 is slated for Friday at a noon luncheon at KM Motor Inn for United Way volunteers. Chairman Terry Sellers encourages all volunteers to make as many contacts as possible this week for pledges to the campaign.

REVISED HOURS

Congressman James T. Broyhill has announced a revised monthly office hours schedule for the 10th Congressional District. He will be at Kings Mountain City Hall the third Thursday of each month from 11-11:30 a.m.

GOSPEL SINGING

The Wesleyan Five and the Gospel Four will be featured in a gospel singing Saturday at 7 p.m. at Piedmont Baptist Church on Cherryville Highway. Rev. Ansel Center, pastor of the church, invites the public.

REVIVAL SERVICES

Revival services will be held October 14-21 at Piedmont Baptist Church on Cherryville Highway. Rev. Mayfield Pruitt of South Carolina will lead the services each night at 7 p.m. Pastor Ansel Center invites everyone to attend.

CANVASS TODAY

The City Elections Board will officially canvass the votes from Tuesday's city election this morning at 11 a.m. at City Hall. Moss Administration VII will be sworn in office to a four-year term on Dec. 10 in Council Chambers.

CRAFTS COURSE

KM Community Schools Program will sponsor a course in floral and Christmas crafts, beginning Tuesday, and continuing every Tuesday from 8:30 until 9:30 p.m. at North School. The 10-week course is sponsored by Cleveland Tech and the registration fee is \$5. June Ray is instructor. For pre-registration, call Bill Hager at 739-2346, Ex. 6.



REASON TO SMILE . . .

Mayor Moss wins seventh term.

KM Seeks Funds

By ELIZABETH STEWART
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The city board of commissioners in one of its shortest meetings on record—30 minutes—Monday night approved resolutions to apply for funds from the State Clean Water Act to aid construction of water and sewer systems extensions to serve Commercial Shearing Plant.

Commercial Shearing is a new industry which is planning construction at Canterbury Road and U.S. 74 east of the city.

The adoption of the resolutions was the major action of the full board of commissioners.

In other actions, the board:

+Set Nov. 12 as the date for a public hearing on closing six streets, where no residents are affected, at the request of the KM Redevelopment Commission and as a part of the Cansler Urban Renewal Area program. The streets are Davidson, Rosewood Avenue, West Ridge from Watterson to Cansler, Ellis from Patterson to North Tracy, North Tracy from Ellis to Parker, and Childers from Watterson to North Tracy Street.

+Approved the sale of 5,533 square feet of land for \$800 to Mount Zion Baptist Church in the Cansler

Street Urban Renewal Area. The property is to be developed as a church facility and is portion of Disposal Parcel 69 which was authorized March 7, 1978, according

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TALLY VOTES . . . Jim Childers

posts figures as Betty Mercier phones for more.

Aides Are Upset

By GARY STEWART
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Supt. of Schools William Davis told teacher aides at Monday's monthly board meeting at Central School that the system is within state guidelines in the new pay scale drawn during the summer.

Aides were upset that their salary scale was based on 90 percent of last year's pay with a five percent increase that was recommended for all state employes.

Davis read a letter from Dr. Jerome Melton, assistant to superintendent of public instruction Dr. Craig Phillips, which indicated KM was within the guidelines ordered by the state legislature and state department of instruction.

Larry Allen, director of federal programs, said the scale was based on payment for 90 percent of an 8:10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. workday, or 33 1/2 hours per week. Aides felt they should be paid for a full day, same as regular teachers, because they do not take regular breaks except for "natural causes" such as going to

the bathroom, and most of their lunch break is spent watching children.

"We wrote the state board and asked them for advice on whether or not we had followed the guidelines," said Davis. "They can find no place where we're off track. We've been in compliance and Dr. Melton's letter leaves no question as to the solid base on which we have done our homework."

Aides pointed out that they were given morning and afternoon breaks, plus a 30-minute lunch period when they worked by a time clock, but under the new scale, work straight through.

Supt. Davis point out that "teachers have different kinds of responsibilities. In most cases, it involves working at home."

Aides were also upset that neighboring systems are paying higher aide salaries, and one asked "Why can't we be uniform?" with Cleveland and Gaston County.

"The state provides pay schedules," noted Davis, "but doesn't provide funds to implement it. We're spending all of our state funds plus putting in a lot of local money."

Another thing that concerned the aides was the rate of advancement on the scale. Aides feel they should advance one step each year, but Allen said the local aides advance a step every two years.

"The state does not say one level is equal to one year," he said. "Some stay on the same level until given a promotion based on merit."

In other business Monday, the board:

+Heard a report from Principal Richard Greene, assistant principal Glenda O'Shields and teachers Ethel Bumgardner and Sharon Baldwin on Central School programs.

Mrs. O'Shields reported that the new bus system, which gives Central its own fleet, is working nicely and has eliminated a number of discipline problems. Central has 425 students riding on 10 buses.

"The supplement our system pays its drivers plus the raise from the state has helped us get qualified drivers," she pointed out. Central has five adult and five student drivers.

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Medallions Are Given To Bank

Dr. Trevor G. Williams, psychiatrist at Tri-County Mental Health Center in Salisbury, has hand-carved two Kings Mountain Centennial Medallions and presented them to the Kings Mountain office of Independence National Bank.

The handsome medallions represent the celebration of the Kings Mountain Centennial for the Revolutionary War Battle of Kings Mountain Oct. 7.

Mrs. John O. Plonk and Howard B. Jackson, co-chairmen of Kings Mountain Centennial Celebration, designed the medallion and Dr. Williams spent over a year doing the meticulous wood carving for the two large medallions which will be hung over the teller's window at the bank on East King St.

The woodcarvings were presented

to the bank this week by Dr. Williams. Mrs. Jackie Mauney, branch manager, Kings Mountain Mayor John H. Moss, and Centennial Co-Chairmen Jackson and Mrs. Plonk accepted the awards.

Dr. Williams, formerly of Forest City, has been interested in wood carving as a hobby for over five years and has done a number of carvings which have been shown in various shows in the North Carolina area.

"We appreciate very much this handsome addition to our town," said Mayor Moss, who added, "I think it very fitting that these handsome medallions are presented during the week of celebration of the Battle of Kings Mountain."

Ms. Mauney took the occasion to present a commemorative coin medallion to Dr. Williams.



MEDALLION WOOD CARVINGS—Two wood carvings of the Kings Mountain medallion for the Centennial Celebration were presented to Independence National Bank by Dr. Trevor Williams, who did the elaborate carvings. From left, Mayor John Moss,

Jackie Mauney, branch manager, Dr. Williams making the presentation, and Howard B. Jackson and Mrs. John O. Plonk, co-chairmen of the successful Centennial Celebration and designers of the original medallion.