



COLEMAN GOFORTH



JERRY ESKRIDGE

Eskridge, Goforth Named To First Citizens Board

Jerry L. Eskridge and Coleman W. Goforth have been named to the local board of directors of First Citizens Bank in Kings Mountain, Lewis R. Holding, chairman of the board, announced.

As members of the local board, these men will assist bank management in business development and policy matters and will serve as an additional liaison between the Bank and the community.

Eskridge is a doctor of veterinary medicine with the Kings Mountain Animal Hospital. He is an alumnus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, N.C. State University and the University of Georgia where he earned his D.V.M. A native of Shelby, Eskridge is president-elect of the Kings Mountain Rotary Club. He is married to the former Lynn Lineberger, a native of Shelby, and they have three children. They attend First

Presbyterian Church where he has served as a Deacon.

Goforth is owner and operator of Stony Point Dairy Farm. A native of Cleveland County, he has served as a member of the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners for 13 years and is in his seventh year as a member of the Social Service Board. Goforth is chairman of the Cleveland County Rural First Commission, serves on the boards of directors of Gaston Skills and the Rutherfordton Vocational Workshop and is a member of the Shelby Kiwanis. He is also a member of the boards of directors of the N.C. Dairy Herd Improvement Association and the Southern Piedmont Dairy Herd Improvement Association. He is married to the former Mary Beam and they have two children. They attend Beulah United Methodist Church where he has served as treasurer and steward.

School Lunch Prices Hiked

Parents will pay 10 cents per plate more for their children's lunch when Kings Mountain Schools open for the 1981-82 school year on August 24.

The board of education Monday night approved a price of 80 cents for elementary students, 85 cents for junior and senior high students and \$1.25 for adult lunches.

Mrs. Martha Wright, director of the child nutrition program, said lunch prices may increase again after the schools receive new federal regulations. She said federal cutbacks resulted in \$100,000 in losses to the food service program and the increase

ed lunches and food purchasing and production changes will regain about \$75,000.

She said an offer versus served option in grades kindergarten through five will allow pupils to choose three of the five regular meal components. The meal will be priced as a unit regardless of how many meal components the student chooses.

Students in grades six through 12 may choose individual items without purchasing the entire plate, Mrs. Wright said.

In other action Monday, the board:

*Approved a student fee schedule for junior and senior high students. Superintendent Bill Davis said it will bring in \$18,000 to \$20,000 in revenues. Fees are necessary this year, he

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Kindergarten Schedules Announced

Kings Mountain District Schools has announced the following schedule for beginning of school for kindergarten students:

On Monday, August 24, kindergarten children whose last names begin with A through E are asked to report to school from 8:20 until 11:30 a.m. On Tuesday, August 25, children whose last names begin with F through P are to attend. On Wednesday, August 26, the remaining children will attend for their first half day.

From Thursday, August 27, through Friday, September 4, all kindergarten students will attend school for only a half day, leaving at 11:30 a.m. Beginning Tuesday, September 8, they will attend full days.

Any parent who has not enrolled his child for kindergarten should do so immediately by calling for instruction from the principal of the school where the child will attend.

HOT DOG SALE

The Chestnut Ridge Volunteer Fire Department will be selling hot dogs on Sat., Aug. 22 behind the Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church. Hot dogs will be 65 cents each or two for \$1. Proceeds go to the fire department.

Candidate Filing Begins

Candidate filing for the October 6 election of three Kings Mountain City Commissioners will begin Friday at 12 noon and continue through 12 noon September 4, Luther Bennett, chairman of the City Board of Elections, announced today.

The three seats available in this year's race are District Two, currently held by Humes Houston; District Five, currently held by Bill Grissom; and District Six, currently held by Jim Dickey. All are four-year terms.

Bennett said any citizens interested in filing for the commissioner's race should contact him and make arrangements for filing. A \$5 filing fee is required.

Citizens who are not registered voters but are interested in registering must do so by September 7 in order to be eligible to vote in the October 6 election. In there is a runoff, citizens who register by October 5 will be eligible to vote in the November 3 runoff.

Bennett explained that voters must be registered at least 30

days prior to the election date.

Voters may register at any time at the Cleveland County Board of Elections Office in Shelby. Voters may make arrangements to register in Kings Mountain by calling precinct registrars.

Registrars and judges for the upcoming election were approved at a meeting of the County Board of Elections last week. They include:

West Kings Mountain: Becky Cook, registrar; Lewis Hovis (D) and Geraldine Myers (R), judges.

East Kings Mountain: Margaret White, registrar; Hilliard Black (D), and Connie Putnam (R), judges.

Bethware: Hilda Goforth, registrar; Jack Anthony (R), and Jack Wyte (D), judges.

Grover: Doris Cook, registrar; Jeannette H. Rountree (D), and Betty M. Earl (R), judges.

Any persons interested in registering through the local registrars should call and make an appointment before going to register.



DR. THOMAS BREEDEN

Dr. Breeden Opens Office

Dr. Thomas Breeden, Gynecologist, of Gastonia, will begin seeing patients in his Kings Mountain office on Friday, August 21. He will be alternating the use of an office with Dr. John Brooks, Allergy Specialist, who presently occupies the office located at 608 West King Street. Dr. Breeden will continue to operate his office in Gastonia, where he has his home.

Dr. Breeden is a graduate of Davidson College and the Medical College of South Carolina, interned at Orange Memorial Hospital, Orlando, Florida and served on the OB-Gyn Service at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. He obtained his specialty training in Obstetrics-Gynecology at Charlotte Memorial Hospital, Union

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Tops Goal

The Cleveland County bloodmobile exceeded its goal by one pint in its visit to Kings Mountain Baptist Church last week.

Mrs. Martha Scruggs, programs director, said 164 donors came to the visit, sponsored by Kings Mountain City employees. Thirteen were deferred for a total of 151 productive pints.

Traffic Signalization Project Gets Approval

By GARY STEWART Editor

The Kings Mountain Board of Commissioners Monday night approved a \$36,300 traffic signalization project and also approved the temporary detouring of truck traffic onto Cansler Street until bypass work on Piedmont Avenue is completed.

The signalization project, which will be done in conjunction with the N.C. Department of Transportation, will effect every traffic light in the city, Mayor John Moss pointed out.

Moss said there is a need for 28 new traffic signal heads. Some of the existing lights can be re-worked and used, he said.

Moss said much work will be

necessary on King Street since "the Highway 74 bypass will be a reality soon. King Street will become basically an urban street with the bypass carrying most of the flow of out-of-town traffic."

The state will synchronize and update traffic signalization on King Street. Much work will also be necessary on West Mountain Street and Battleground Avenue, Moss said, and those streets will be coordinated and synchronized with Railroad Avenue.

The board approved advertisement of bids for materials for the project. Moss said erection of the lights will be handled by the city's work force. The state has not yet set a figure on its part of the project, Moss said.

In a related matter, Moss reported that the DOT is going ahead with plans to upgrade railroad crossings in the city. Eventually, all crossings in the city will have safety gates and signals.

The DOT held a public hearing in Kings Mountain recently on a proposal to close the Hawthorne Street crossing and upgrade the Oak Street crossing, but met objection from a number of citizens.

Since that time, Moss said, the state has decided not to close Hawthorne, but to improve it.

"The state has been back in since the public hearing and

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Harris On Committee

Senator Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain has been re-appointed to a two-year term on the Mental Health Study Commission, Lieutenant Governor Jimmy Green announced today.

Also re-appointed were Senator Julian R. Allsbrook of Roanoke Rapids, Senator Harold Hardison of Deep Run, former Senator John T. Henley of Hope Mills and former Senator Benjamin D. Schwartz of Wilmington.

Senator Harris, who represents the 25th District, has served five terms in the Senate. He has been on the Commission as a voting member since 1977, and currently serves as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Human Resources.

The Mental Health Study Commission was originally established during the 1973 General Assembly. It has been continuously extended by the General Assembly, and then expanded by the 1979 General



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Assembly to deal with the increasing complexity of issues before the Commission, particularly those raised by the decriminalization of public drunkenness. The purpose of the Study Commission is to study

the delivery of mental health services, mental retardation services, and substance abuse services, and to make recommendations to the General Assembly. Among other responsibilities, the Commission is to study the extent of alcohol and drug abuse and the effectiveness of publicly funded responses to this abuse.

In addition to the five members appointed by Green, the Mental Health Study Commission has five members appointed by Speaker of the House Liston Ramsey, and eight members appointed by Governor Jim Hunt. The Governor is also responsible for appointing the Chairman.

ROTARY CLUB

State Senator Ollie Harris will be the guest speaker at the regular weekly meeting of the Kings Mountain Rotary Club at noon Thursday at Kings Mountain Country Club. Mayor John Moss is in charge of the program.

Summer Is Busy Time

By LARRY ALLEN Asst. Supt.

Ready or not, school bells will ring for the 1981-82 school year on August 17 for teachers and August 24 for students. Kings Mountain Schools maintenance program is assuring everyone that the facilities will be ready for the deadline.

One might assume that school preparation is not very exciting or difficult but a closer look at the magnitude of work that must be done prior to the opening day excites the maintenance and custodial staff as they diligently strive to meet the deadline and improve facilities.

Summer is the busiest and most fruitful time for the maintenance program in that major repairs and renovations can best be accomplished with students and teachers away from the building. Every effort is made to maximize the two months of summer break as major projects are completed. The Kings Mountain staff has work-

ed throughout the year, particularly during the summer months, to spruce up, repair, and renovate facilities throughout the school system. Floors, carpet, windows, etc. have been cleaned; many classrooms painted; carpet replaced and repaired; partitions erected; air conditioning installed at three schools; landscape improvements and lawn care; and many other minor maintenance repairs completed. Approximately 500,000 square feet of floor space has been cleaned (Tile floors scrubbed and waxed, carpet shampooed, and hardwood floors refinished). 21 classrooms, covered walkways, cafeterias, restrooms and hallways throughout the system have been painted. 35 classrooms air conditioned at East, West, and Bethware Schools. Air conditioning for North and Grover Elementary Schools is scheduled for the fall season. It is anticipated that by

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PAINTING CLASSROOM - Dale Thornburg of the Kings Mountain Schools Maintenance Department paints a classroom at West Elementary School. The maintenance department has been busy all summer preparing for the August 24 opening of schools.