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The field is complete for the October 6 Kings Mountain Board of Commissioners election.

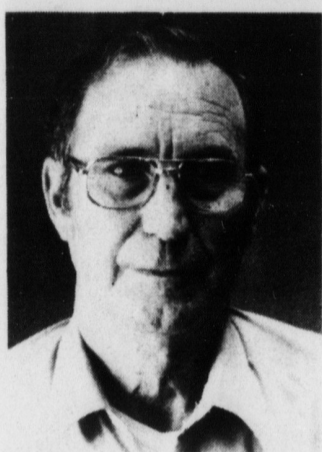
Johnny A. Ross filed last Wednesday for the District Five race, bringing the final number of candidates to seven.

The current District Five commissioner, Bill Grissom, did not file for re-election.

Even though there are three commission seats up for election, there will be races in only two. No one filed to oppose District Two Commissioner Humes Houston, who is completing his second term in office.

District Six Commissioner Jim Dickey faces a challenge from Jan Deaton and Johnnie Caldwell, and Ross faces a fight in District Five from Curt Gaffney and William Orr.

Ross is a resident of 602 West



Gold Street and is a lifelong resident of the city. He was employed for 25 years by A&P and now works part-time at Mincey Food Mart on Bessemer City Road. He is married to the

former Faye Huffstetler and has three sons, Ronnie, Roger and Jeffrey.

He is a World War II Navy veteran and has been music director at Westover Baptist Church for over 30 years.

He has a number of goals he would like to see accomplished if elected to the city board.

"I would like to see an improved recreation program for the young people," he said, "and I would like to see roads repaired. A lot of them are in bad shape. I want to see the town keep progressing as it has the last few years."

This is the first attempt at political office for Ross, Deaton and Caldwell. Dickey has served several terms on the city board and Gaffney and Orr were unsuccessful candidates in previous elections.

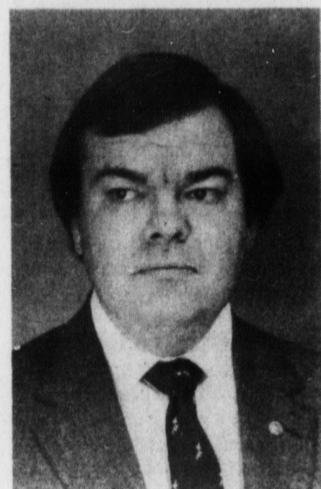
### ...Others Lining Up

Filing for the upcoming Kings Mountain School Board and Grover Mayor and City Council races begin Friday at noon and will continue through noon October 2.

Two inside city seats on the Board of Education—currently held by board chairman Marian Thomasson and June Lee—will be open. In Grover, the seats of Mayor Bill McCarter and all five commissioners—Quay Moss, Juanita Pruitt, Martha Byers, Ronald Queen and Edward Philbeck—will be up for grabs.

The date of both elections will be November 3. Polls will open at 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Persons interested in running for the Kings Mountain Board of Education may register at the Cleveland County Board of Elections office in Shelby, and Grover candidates may register



JERRY LEDFORD

by contacting Buren Randall, Chairman of the Grover Board of Election.

The Kings Mountain School Board race already has one participant. Jerry Ledford announced today that he intends to file.

In announcing his candidacy, Ledford said, "There aren't too many things that are more important than educating our children. I've certainly seen the value of education in my own life.

Ledford is a native of Kings Mountain. He graduated from Kings Mountain High School in 1967 and from there went on to N.C. State University. He is employed as Corporate Controller for E.L. Lowie & Co., a multi-state manufacturer and distributor. "My business background will be an asset on the School Board," he said. "Budget cutbacks are already

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### Dedicated School Board Key To System's Success

By WILLIAM F. DAVIS

The successful operation of public schools at the local level depends greatly on dedication, sincerity and integrity of citizens who serve on the local board of Education. The citizens of Kings Mountain have traditionally elected capable and conscientious citizens to be responsible for the governance of the local school system. The vision and genuine concern for good schools which have been characteristic of local leadership over the years have enabled the local school system to maintain good schools through years of economic depression, wartime, teacher shortage, immense social change and economic inflation. The progression of years has seen the steady expansion and improvement of the instructional program and improvement of the school districts physical facilities.

The men and women who have served on the Board of Education in Kings Mountain over the years have done so at considerable sacrifice in terms of time and effort that is diverted from home, work and leisure. School Board members receive no pay and sometimes are the brunt of public criticism because they must often deal with controversial issues which place them in the midst of no-win situations. As often as not there is apt to be little expression of gratitude for the many hours of free community service that a School Board member invests in his public responsibility over the span of a term of office.

At the end of this article is a list of local citizens who have served on the School Board since 1931. The list represents thousands of hours of unselfish community service.

#### THE RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY OF THE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

North Carolina school law says that local boards of education, subject to any paramount powers vested by law in the State Board of Education or any other authorized agency, shall have general control and supervision of all matters pertaining to the public schools in their respective administrative units.

Some of the general powers and controls which are specifically delegated to local school boards by the public school laws of North Carolina are: power to divide administrative units into attendance areas, power to regulate extra curricular activities, fixing time of the opening and closing of schools and the length of the school day, power to regulate fees, charges and solicitations, power to accept and administer federal or private funds, power to make just and needful rules and regulations governing the duties of teachers, principals and supervisors.

The School Board is a body corporate and as such is empowered to hold all school property. The building of all new school buildings and the repairs of all old school buildings is under the control and direction of the School Board. School Boards have authority to adopt rules and regulations by which school buildings, including cafeterias and lunchrooms, may be used for other than school purposes.

This partial list of powers and duties of the School Board demonstrates the wide range of matters with which School Board members are involved.

School Board members are sometimes frustrated because of the limitations which restrict their action. Limitations in the form of state and federal regulations and laws are numerous. Considering the fact that about 70% of the funds for the operation of local schools come from the state regulations governing local schools.

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### Chapman And Greene Split Football Prize

Upsets in the pro ranks made it difficult for the guessperts entered in last week's Herald football contest.

Most entrants missed more games than they predicted correctly, and seven persons tied for first place with six misses in 20 games.

After the tie-breaking method was used, a tie still existed between Loyd Chapman of Route 2, Kings Mountain, and Charles Greene of 305 North Carpenter Street, Kings Mountain. Thus, they will split the first \$75 pot and pocket \$37.50 apiece.

Four of Chapman's six misses were in the pro ranks. He missed Baltimore's win over New England, Kansas City's victory over Pittsburgh, Houston's win over the LA Rams and Denver's upset of Oakland.

He also missed Shelby's victory over Hunter Huss and East Carolina's win over Western Carolina.

Greene was fooled on five pro games. He missed Baltimore's win over New England, KC's win over the Steelers, Green

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Photo by Gary Stewart

PAVING STREETS - Kings Mountain's Public Works Department has been busy during the past several weeks paving streets. This photo was taken on North Sims Street near Davidson

Park. Public Works Director Ted Huffman said the city has purchased 4,000 tons of asphalt so far this year and paving of streets will continue until winter time.

### Dedication Service Set

The newly renovated sanctuary of the Kings Mountain Baptist Church will be dedicated during the 11 o'clock worship service Sunday, September 13.

The renovation work, which was begun the first of the year, was completed in June. J.C. Bridges served as chairman of the renovation committee. Others on the committee were Mrs. Eugene Roberts, Robert Hullender, Mrs. Jack White, Alex Owens, Mrs. Bob Herndon and Mrs. Virginia Crawford.

Major changes have been made in the sanctuary, including a new baptistry, alteration of the choir, pulpit and instrument areas, new choir seats, wall-to-wall carpeting, refinishing of the pews redesigning of balcony floor and rail, replacement of the heating and cooling systems, and purchase of a baby grand piano.

The total cost of the project was \$76,000., which was bequeathed to the church by Mrs. Harold (Octavia) Coggins. "The renovated sanctuary will be dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. James Harold Coggins. Mrs. Coggins was a member of the renovation committee before her death in 1977." Rev. J.C. Goare said.

Special memorial gifts include a cross for the baptistry, given by the family of Harold Crawford, Sr., offering plates given by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Litton of Shelby in memory of Dr. D.F. Hord, and new hymnals con-

tributed by Mrs. B.O. Weaver and Mrs. Alvin Yarbro in memory of Miss Helen Logan. Other hymnals were given by various individuals of the church in memory of friends and loved

ones. "The members and minister of the church cordially invite the public to attend the special service with them," Rev. Goare said.

### Gus Huffstetler Dies

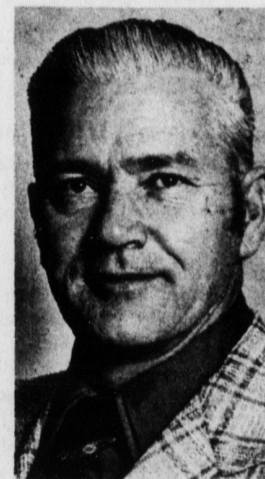
Funeral services for C.A. "Gus" Huffstetler, chief deputy of the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department, were conducted Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Resurrection Lutheran Church, where he was a member, by the Rev. Gerald Weeks and Dr. Tom Patterson. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Huffstetler died at 4 a.m. Monday at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Durham after several weeks illness. He was 56.

Huffstetler was a law enforcement officer in Cleveland County for almost 30 years. He began his police career in 1952 with the Kings Mountain Police Department and became a Constable in Number Four Township in 1954. He had been with the Sheriff's Department for the past 23 years and eight months.

Huffstetler served as court bailiff, detective sergeant and detective lieutenant before being named chief deputy last year by Sheriff Dale Costner.

Costner remembers Huffstetler as a close friend and good



GUS HUFFSTETLER

law enforcement officer.

"He was a very dear friend," Costner said. "He had been with the department 23 years and I worked with him all that time. He's been an asset to the department and I'm going to miss him."

Huffstetler was known as a dependable, dedicated officer, and will be hard to replace, Costner added.

### Service To Mankind Award Set

The newly-organized Kings Mountain Sertoma Club is seeking nominations for its first Service to Mankind Winner.

Lynn Welborn, president of the club, announced that the Sertoma Club will sponsor the contest to recognize an outstanding citizen of the Kings Mountain area for his or her humanitarian, heroic, civic or other type of service to the community, state or nation.

Any citizen is eligible to compete for the award, except members of the Sertoma Club and their wives. Nominations can be made by mail to Lynn Welborn, 802 Lee Street, Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086, before October 31.

The area's Service to Mankind Award winner's entry will be submitted to compete for the District Service to Mankind Award. Winners of the District Awards will compete for the Regional Award and from the Regional winners, the International Award winner will be selected and honored at the Sertoma International Convention.

"The club's name, Sertoma, is derived from the words 'Service to Mankind' and the club members feel it is only fitting to honor a citizen who fulfills their organization's standards," Welborn said.

Huffstetler had been on the critical list for the past week. He learned only three months ago that he had leukemia and bone cancer.

He was a native of Kings Mountain and the son of the late Thomas Edgar Huffstetler and Mary Ross Huffstetler. He was a World War II Navy veteran, serving in the European and Pacific Theatres.

He is survived by his wife, Faye Barrett Huffstetler of the home; one daughter, Sandra Moss of Kings Mountain; one stepson, Glenn Harrelson of Newton; four brothers, Thomas E. Huffstetler of Gastonia, Warren H. Huffstetler of Bessemer City, and Roy L. Huffstetler and Clyde Huffstetler, both of Kings Mountain; three sisters, Ms. Louise Huffstetler, Mrs. Gaddis "Selma" Owens and Mrs. Boyce "Vergie" Eaker, all of Kings Mountain; and five grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Chaplain Service of the VA Hospital in Durham, N.C.