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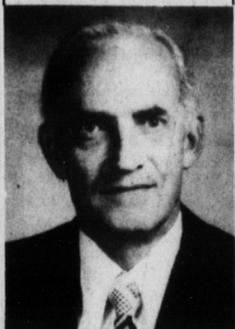
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KINGS MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA

## Tuesday's City Commissioner Choices

For District 2



HUMES HOUSTON

For District 5



CURT GAFFNEY



WILLIAM ORR



JOHNNIE CALDWELL

For District 6



JAN DEATON



JIM DICKEY



JOHN ROSS

## KM City Commissioner Election Set For Tuesday

Kings Mountain voters will go to the polls Tuesday to elect three members to the City Board of Commissioners.

Polling places will be at the National Guard Armory and the Kings Mountain Community Center. Voters will elect commissioners in districts two, five and six.

Humes Houston, a six-year veteran on the board, is unopposed in District Two. He is completing his first four-year term after previously holding office for a two-year term.

Curt Gaffney, a Piedmont Avenue barber for many years, faces William Orr, an Anvil Knit

employee, for the District Five seat, which is being vacated by Bill Grissom. Both men ran unsuccessfully in previous elections.

The most interesting race is in District Six, where incumbent Jim Dickey faces three challengers. He is opposed by Jan Deaton, Johnnie Caldwell and John Ross.

Dickey, former manager of Neisco Industries and now self-employed, has held a commissioner's seat a number of times in the past. Mrs. Deaton is employed by Burlington Industries Phenix Plant, Caldwell is employed by the U.S. Postal Service and Ross is a groceryman.

If a runoff is necessary in District Six, it will be held on November 3.

Meanwhile, two other area races are shaping up as the filing deadline draws nearer.

Incumbents Marian Thomasson and June Lee have entered the Kings Mountain School Board race against Jerry Ledford, who filed several weeks ago. Mrs. Thomasson is chairman of the board and Mrs. Lee is vice-chairman. Both are completing their first six-year term of office.

Their two inside-city seats are the only two available this year.

James Grindstaff filed Monday for a seat on the Grover Town Council. Grady Ross earlier filed for the race.

All five commissioner seats, as well as the Mayor's seat, is up for grabs. Incumbent Bill McCarter is the only person to file for Mayor thus far.

None of the current commissioners—Quay Moss, Juanita Pruett, Edward Philbeck, Ronald Queen, and Martha Byers—have filed.

Filing for both the KM School Board and Grover Town Council races end Friday at noon. Both elections are set for November 3.



**HONORED**—The late Lou Sabetti, Sr. was honored posthumously by the Cleveland County Cancer Society Tuesday night with special awards. Making the presentation, left, are Dr. Donald Miller and Mrs. John Henry Moss, right. Accepting are Mr. and Mrs. Lou Sabetti, Jr.

## Late Lou Sabetti Sr. Is Volunteer Of Year

The late Louis Sabetti, Sr. was honored posthumously as Volunteer of the Year by the Cleveland County Unit of the American Cancer Society at the annual awards banquet Tuesday night.

## Most School Funding Comes From The State

By William Davis, Superintendent

In the United States the funding pattern for public schools varies greatly from state to state. In some of the northeastern states a large portion of the funds for public education comes from local government. It is not uncommon in some states for 60% or more of all public education funds to come from local government. In North Carolina the reverse is true. Most of the money comes from the state. During the depression of the early 1930's the State of North Carolina took over the financing of public schools because most North Carolina counties and cities were unable to keep schools open. This pattern has been retained over the years, and today most North Carolina school systems receive more than 60% of their current expense (operating) funds from the state.

In Kings Mountain 63% of the funds for the operation of schools comes from the state, 10% from Washington and 27% from the county and the Kings Mountain supplemental school tax.

The Kings Mountain school tax is 14¢ per one hundred dollar property value. The local tax can legally be raised to 20¢ without an election. The local tax was reduced from 18¢ to 14¢ after property revaluation a year or so ago. The local tax generated \$421,000 for the Kings Mountain District Schools in 1980. The fact that there is a local tax supplement for schools in Kings Mountain is indicative of the community's interest in good schools for its children. These additional funds beyond which the state and the county appropriate for schools in Kings Mountain provide a definite advantage in maintaining good schools in Kings Mountain.

From these local funds some twenty additional teachers are employed. The extra teachers make it more possible to avoid overcrowded classrooms and to offer courses and programs that could not be offered if there were no local tax. The local teacher salary supplement which averages around \$520 per year per teacher is possible because of the Kings Mountain school tax.

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## Hydro-Electric Plant Gets Board Approval

The long, talked-about hydro-electric possibility for Moss Lake came closer to becoming reality Monday night when the City Board of Commissioners officially adopted the project and authorized Mayor John Moss to develop a financing plan.

The city's hydro-electric committee comprised of Moss and commissioners Jim Childers and Jim Dickey has studied the

possibility for years and Harza Engineering of Chicago did a feasibility study in March of 1978.

At that time, Harza estimated the site would have generating capability of 820 kilowatts and on the average would generate 3,410,000 kilowatt-hours annually. At that time, the construction cost of a plant would have been approximately

\$730,000.

The committee, in a report to the full board Monday night, estimated that costs at today's prices would probably be 30 to 40 percent more, but would still be a good buy due to the ever-increasing cost of purchasing electricity.

The committee feels the plant would generate enough electricity to operate the water and waste treatment plants, which presently cost the city about \$219,000 in electricity alone. During high levels of generation, the city could sell its excess power to Duke Power and during low levels, the city could purchase power from Duke.

The city expects Duke's rates to rise again soon. Duke presently has a request for a 19 percent increase before the Utilities Commission. If only 10 percent is approved, Moss said the cost of electricity for the water and waste treatment plants would rise over \$20,000 next year.

The plant construction costs would be paid over a 10 year period and the plant would "begin making a profit in its first year of activity," Moss said.

Childers said "I feel like it would be a big asset. I don't believe electricity costs will get any cheaper. Anytime you can buy something and pay it off in 10 years, it's a good deal. There's water running down that creek that can be utilized."

"The amount of energy we're buying from Duke is enormous," added Dickey. "If at all possible, we should go ahead with it."

Ralph Johnson, an employee of the W.K. Dickson Co., the city's consulting engineers, said

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## Alignment Of Gold Will Cost \$300,000

The Kings Mountain Board of Commissioners Monday night learned that the alignment of East and West Gold Streets at the Southern Railway tracks will cost approximately \$331,250.

The commissioners gave the city's consulting engineers, the W.K. Dickson Co., authority to proceed with final plans and specifications and report back to the board at the October 14 meeting.

Mayor John Moss told commissioners the project may be eligible for Community Develop-

ment Block Grant funds. Moss said the city has enough funds in its CDBG account to finance the entire project.

Ralph Johnson of the Dickson firm is suggesting that the board make West Gold a four-lane road to Cansler Street. "Cansler is one of the best streets you have and is capable of carrying as much or more traffic than any street you have," he said, "but studies show it carries only a little traffic because it has little access."

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## Funeral Services Held For Rev. C.C. Crow, 81

Funeral services for Rev. C.C. Crow, 81, of 206 North Roxford Road, Kings Mountain, were conducted Friday at 4 p.m. at First Baptist Church, where he was a member, by the Rev. Clyde Bearden and the Rev. Ernest Smith. Burial was in Sunset Cemetery, Shelby.

Rev. Crow died Wednesday at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

He was a native of Rutherford County and served as a Baptist minister at several churches in Cleveland and Rutherford counties from 1931 until 1962. He was an instructor at Fruitland Bible Institute in Hendersonville from 1962 until 1968.

He was a World War II veteran and the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Pinkney Crow.

Surviving are his wife, Edith Lynch Crow; a son, Dr. John Buren Crow of Earl; a daughter, Mrs. Jennings (Mary) Brooks of Shelby; a stepson, Jay Queen of Greensboro; a sister, Miss Dor-



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cas Elmira Crow of Bostic; seven grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Memorials may be made to the church of the donor's choice or to Fruitland Bible Institute.

## Bloodmobile Here Friday

The Cleveland County Bloodmobile will visit First Baptist Church Friday from 12 noon until 5:30 p.m.

The visit is being sponsored by the Kings Mountain Community and area industries.

Goal is 150 pints.

"We'd like to encourage all the Kings Mountain area industries and members of the community to participate," said Martha Scruggs, director.