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AWARD WINNERS - Jack Callaghan, center, station manager of WSOC in Charlotte, poses with the top award winners at Monday's United Fund Victory Dinner at the Holiday Inn. Left to right are John McGill, Lavon Strickland, Becky Scism, Mark

Wilson, Rev. Clyde Bearden and Ron Bagwell. The Kings Mountain campaign has topped its \$62,150 goal by more than \$5,000.

City, School Elections Set

Kings Mountain and Grover voters will go to the polls Tuesday to elect city and school board officials.

Kings Mountain voters will elect one city commissioner to serve a four-year term, and Grover will elect a mayor and five commissioners to a two-year term. Both Grover and Kings Mountain voters will elect two members to the Kings Mountain District Schools Board of Education.

In Kings Mountain, incumbent city commissioner Jim Dickey and Mrs. Jan Deaton will have a runoff for the District Six seat on the six-member board. Dickey ran first among four candidates in the October 6 primary, but he did not have a majority vote.

The winner of the race will take office in December, along with incumbent Humes Houston, who ran unopposed for the District Two seat, and newly-elected District Five Commissioner Curt Gaffney, who defeated William Orr on October 6.

In the school board race, three Kings Mountain residents are seeking the two inside-city seats. On the ballot will be Marian Thomasson, June Lee and Jerry Ledford. Thomasson and Lee are completing their first six-year term and Ledford is seeking office for the first time.

Both the Kings Mountain Board of Commissioners and the School Board operate on a staggered term, the city for four years and the school board for six.

In Grover, 12 people are seeking the five commissioner seats and commissioner Martha Byers is challenging incumbent Bill McCarter for the mayor's position.

McCarter has served three terms as mayor and Mrs. Byers is completing her second term as commissioner.

Other incumbents seeking commissioner seats are Quay Moss, Edward Philbeck, Juanita Pruitt and Ronald Queen. Also running are Vickie Smith, Dennis McDaniel, Jim Howell, Bill Camp, James Grindstaff, Tom Childers, Kenneth Anthony and Grady Ross.

Kings Mountain voters are reminded by Elections Board Chairman Luther Bennett that Tuesday's elections are being conducted by two different elections boards. The School Board election is conducted by the county and the city commissioner election by the city.

For the county election, the city is divided into two precincts, east and west. Persons living west of the Southern Railway tracks must vote at the National Guard Armory, and persons living east of the tracks must vote at the Community Center.

For the city election, the city is divided into six districts. Districts one, two and three vote at the Community Center and districts four, five and six at the Armory.

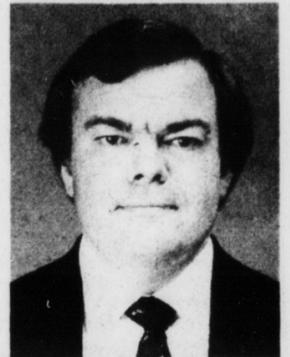
There will be cases where some citizens who live west of the tracks will have to vote at the Armory for the school board election and at the community center for the city commissioner election.

Judge Changes Mind On Blanton Sentence

The 18 months active prison sentence of Kings Mountain High School teacher Kenneth Blanton was suspended last week by Judge Woodrow Jones.

Jones ordered Blanton to pay a \$5,000 fine for his conviction of possession of two unregistered machine guns. He was sentenced on Oct. 7 after pleading guilty to the charge.

Jones also placed Blanton on three months probation. The judge said he had received a number of letters and character references on Blanton, and since Blanton had no



JERRY LEDFORD



JUNE LEE



MARIAN THOMASSON



JAN DEATON



JIM DICKEY

Victory Dinner Held

Kings Mountain United Fund held its victory dinner Monday night at Holiday Inn and announced one of its most successful campaigns ever.

Rev. Clyde Bearden, campaign chairman, said that pledges of \$67,587.17 have been reported and that several other divisions still have some final work to be done.

The goal was \$62,150. Jack Callaghan, station manager of WSOC in Charlotte, was guest speaker.

John L. McGill, who chaired the professional division which showed over a 200 percent increase over last year's pledges, was named winner of the fourth annual President's Award. McGill's division raised \$2,452 of its \$3,000 goal. The division raised only \$889 last year.

"He showed outstanding service," said President Mark

Wilson. "He not only contacted every person in his division, but paid them a personal visit."

Other plaques went to Ron Bagwell, chairman of the hospital division which raised \$2,769.84 (111 percent of its \$2,500 goal); Lavon Strickland, chairman of the industrial division which reported \$49,033.58 and will probably top \$50,000 when final pledges are in (its goal was \$41,000); Becky Scism, Larry Wood, Corky Fulton and Jake Dixon, who are completing their three-year terms on the board of directors; Bearden, whom Wilson said did an "outstanding service as campaign chairman" and Wilson, whom Bearden said he turned to for "inspiration and help."

A number of campaign workers received special campaign awards, including Pat Blanton, Polly Phifer, Earl Sear-

cy, Doyle Campbell, John Warlick, Mildred Dixon, and Kathleen Sisk.

Parkdale Mills was cited for having 100 percent participation.

Kings Mountain is the third campaign to exceed its goal this year, according to Pete Auerbach of North Carolina United Way.

The hospital and industrial divisions exceeded their goals.

Wilson praised Bearden and other campaign workers for spearheading Kings Mountain's most successful campaign ever. "We increased our goal by \$10,000 over last year's," he said, "and many of us honestly thought we'd never reach it."

Callaghan, who has been involved in a number of United Way campaigns in Charlotte, also praised the Kings Mountain workers.

"There is no more outpouring of love than when people who have helped other people come out and celebrate," he said. "After all, all we have in this world is each other."

Callaghan praised the group for its commitment.

"It's tough to go out and raise money," he said. "You put on the line what you believe in when you go out and ask people for their hard-earned money. But when people care about other people, good things happen."

"To volunteer is to sacrifice and become involved," he went on, "and it's good to celebrate after you've done a good job. But if you really didn't do as good a job as you might have, I hope you feel a little guilty and come back next year and work three times as hard."

Parade Taking Shape

The annual Kings Mountain Christmas Parade is scheduled for Sun., Nov. 29 at 2:30 p.m.

Seventy units are already entered in the parade and spaces are available for others. Anyone interested in entering a unit may call the Kings Mountain Fire Department at 739-2552.

The parade will also feature a number of beauty queens, bands, and, of course, Santa Claus.

The parade will reverse its route from past years. It will line up on West Mountain Street and come across the railroad tracks to Battleground, proceed south on Battleground to East Gold, turn left to Cherokee, go north on Cherokee to West Mountain, east on Mountain to South Gaston, south on Gaston back to East Gold, and disband in the area of Mountain Rest Cemetery.



ON COMMISSION - Kings Mountain Mayor John Moss, left, is sworn into office as the newest member of the Governor's Crime Control Commission Monday by State Senator Ollie Harris. Moss will serve until March 1, 1984.

Governor Names Moss To Crime Commission

Governor Jim Hunt has named Kings Mountain Mayor John Henry Moss to the Governor's Crime Commission.

Moss was sworn into office Monday by Senator J. Ollie Harris, chairman of the Senate Human Resources Committee. The commission will hold its first meeting of this term Thursday and Friday in Wilmington. Moss's term will expire on March 1, 1984.

Governor Hunt, in making the announcement, said "During our first administration, we made progress in the areas of education, economic development, crime control, and greater efficiency in government. We cannot, however, be content with the progress we have made. With the help of and dedication

of concerned citizens who are willing to give their time in service to our state, we will continue to build on the foundation we have laid. We will continue to improve the quality of life for all our citizens."

"I am honored to be appointed to the commission and recognize the importance of its work," Moss noted. "I pledge to work diligently with the commission in an effort to develop a program that will reduce crime in the state of North Carolina."

Moss also serves on the States and Local Government Working Group on Energy, and the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Policy Committee of the National League of Cities.

Citizens Protest Permit

Land owners in the area of Kings Creek, a stream in rural Kings Mountain, appeared at a public hearing Wednesday morning at the Kings Mountain Community Center to protest a request by Foote Mineral Company that it be allowed to continue a practice of discharging an average of two milligrams per liter of flouride into the stream.

Foote has used that practice since 1975 through a permit from the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, but the state recently passed a standard which allows the discharge of only 1.8 milligrams.

The hearing was still in process at the Herald's presstime Wednesday and was expected to continue throughout most of the day.

Following the hearing, Becky French, hearing officer for the Environmental Management Department, will prepare her decision and Foote and the citizens will have 10 days in which to appeal.

The only witness called during the first hour of testimony Wednesday was Walter Cooke, operations manager at Foote Mineral.

He claimed that the flouride that Foote is discharging into the creek is not dangerous to animal, plant or humans and Foote's attorney, William Livingston of Charlotte, said that if water is consumed by humans in substantial amounts, it would only possibly discolor their teeth.

Two citizens—John Caveny and Jack Hughes—during questioning of Cooke, noted that they have noticed bad odors, dirty water and dead fish in the creek, and Dr. Charles Adams, the spokesman for the citizens' group, said at least three unknown cattle deaths occurred last year along the creek.

Cooke testified that flouride does not have an odor, and is colorless.

"I don't have a degree and I can't say if it's flouride or not," Hughes said. "But I've lived on the creek all my life. Before Foote began operation, I fished it and played in it. But since Foote started there, I can't stand on the bridge and see fish and clear water."

Although Wednesday's hearing dealt only with the discharge of flouride in the stream, Hughes said the citizens of the area "have come to a point to where we've sat back and let this happen a little at a time, because we didn't know what to do. But now we won't it stopped."

Cooke said the discharge of two milligrams of flouride is necessary to keep the felspar phase of the Foote business in

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