

# Population

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# Mayor Glee A. Bridges Is Seeking Re-election

## Local News Bulletins

**LODGE MEETING**  
Regular communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM will be held Monday night at Masonic Hall, according to announcement by T. D. Tindall, secretary. Special business will be conducted.

**ROTARY CLUB**  
Graeme Reeves, Kings Mountain exchange student, will address the Kings Mountain Rotary club at their meeting Thursday at 12:15 at La Royal Restaurant. The program has been arranged by Thurman Warlick.

**COURT OF HONOR**  
Court of Honor for Kings Mountain district Boy Scouts will be held Thursday night, February 12, at 8 o'clock at Central Methodist church educational building.

**ON DEAN'S LIST**  
Miss Martha Judy Cooper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob M. Cooper, has been named to the first semester Dean's List—scholastic honor roll—at Lenoir Rhyne college, Hickory. Miss Cooper is a freshman at the college.

**ON HONOR ROLL**  
Miss Anita McGinnis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul McGinnis has been named to the first semester Dean's List—scholastic honor roll—at Lenoir Rhyne college, Hickory, where she is a senior.

**LEGION DANCE**  
Otis D. Green Post-155, American Legion, will hold a dance at the Legion building Saturday night. There will be both round and square dancing, beginning at 9 o'clock.

**TO CONFERENCE**  
Mayor Glee A. Bridges will go to Chapel Hill Thursday, where he will attend the Governor's Conference on Occupational Health.

## Rites Conducted For Miss Falls

Funeral rites for Miss Mary E. Elizabeth Falls, 87, were held Saturday at 3 p. m. from Harris Funeral Home, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Miss Falls died Friday morning in Hendersonville following an illness of three years. A native of this community, she formerly taught at Southeastern Teacher's college in Waco, Texas. She left Kings Mountain in 1903.

She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Falls. She was a member of Rutherfordton Presbyterian church.

She is survived by one sister, Miss Laura Falls, also of Hendersonville.

The final rites were conducted by Dr. Paul Ausley, pastor of First Presbyterian church.

## Kings Mountain S&L Meeting Tuesday

Annual meeting of shareholders of Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the offices of the association.

Ben H. Bridges, secretary-treasurer, said principal business will include election of directors and presentation of officer reports on 1958 operations.

One directorship has been vacant since the death of R. L. Mauney.

## Jaycees Schedule Sunday Paper Drive

Kings Mountain Jaycees will conduct a paper drive Sunday afternoon from 2 until 5 o'clock p. m.

Citizens may leave their bundles of old newspapers on the curb in front of their residences and members of the organization will conduct the pick-up.

"We invite the community to participate in the drive," a spokesman said. The Jaycees use the funds from the drive to support regular projects.

# Textile Men Here Indicate They Won't Follow Cannon



**BETHWARE OBSERVES HOMECOMING**—Kim Cashion, center, above, will reign as queen of the Bethware High School Homecoming celebration Friday. She is shown with her court for the program at the halftime of the Bethware-Lattimore basketball game that night. Other girls in the court, left to right, are: Rose Falls, Faye Babin, the queen, Jeanette Hamrick, and Carolyn Whetstone. Boys who will serve as escorts are shown on the back row, in the same order, Tom Goforth, Paul Dover, Glenn Hamelison, and Arnold Huntsinger. Coach Powell will serve as escort for the queen. (Herald Photo by Pennington Studio)

## Several Say They Favor Love Proposal

Incomplete check of Kings Mountain textile manufacturers indicates a wait-and-see attitude concerning last week's announcement by Cannon Mills that this firm will raise its minimum wage to \$1.25 per hour on February 15.

At Maino, of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, termed the \$1.25 minimum "premature" and said his company has no immediate plans to follow Cannon's lead.

W. K. Mauney, of Mauney and Bonnie Mills, said, "We want to pay higher wages, but two of our three mills lost money last year." (Mr. Mauney heads the NuWay Mills at Cherryville.) Mr. Mauney said, however, that he favors federal adoption of a \$1.25 minimum wage, a proposal advanced several weeks ago by J. Spencer Love, president of Burlington Industries. Mr. Love has said Burlington won't follow the Cannon lead at this time.

Mr. Mauney noted that yarn manufacture is a "one process" operation, whereas weaving concerns, like Cannon, produce a wide variety of products of variable cost.

W. K. Mauney, Jr., of Mauney Hosiery Company, Inc., and Carolina Throwing Company, said no wage increases are contemplated. He, too, said he favored federal wage legislation to raise the minimum wage to \$1.25 per hour, but added he didn't want to be a trail blazer on a voluntary move as Cannon has done.

He noted that many Mauney Hosiery employees work on piece rate basis and that wages vary according to an employee's productivity.

The Herald was unable to contact other manufacturers but learned that Shelby textile firms have expressed no inclination to follow Cannon.

There has been trade talk of a general wage raise throughout the industry, but the talk was for the third quarter. Textile buying is usually less brisk in the second or spring quarter, industry sources relate.

## City Tag Sales Increase To 1093

Sale of city auto license tags totaled 1093 Wednesday, City Clerk Joe McDaniell reports.

He added, "We've got about six boxes of 100 each we still need to sell by February 15."

Mr. McDaniell based his estimate on sales of 1958 tags. The city has pointed out that city ordinance requires not only purchase but display of the tags and that the ordinance will be enforced, with penalties to be assessed motorists who don't display the tags on their cars by February 15, deadline for displaying the North Carolina license tag, too.

## Scarlet Fever Not Epidemic

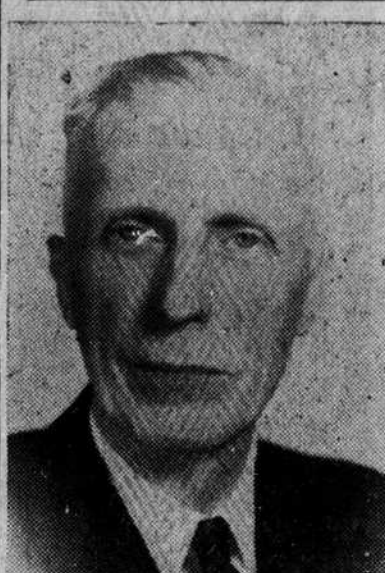
Four cases of scarlet fever have been reported in Kings Mountain since January 1, two of them in the same home, but Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, county health officer, says there appears little danger of an epidemic.

It is customary policy to quarantine scarlet fever patients, but the quarantine period is now limited to the duration of the patient's illness, Dr. Mitchell noted.

Dr. Mitchell said that new drugs used in treatment now restore the patient to health within a few days and he noted that the incubation period for scarlet fever is not more than a week.

"An exposed person will have scarlet fever within a week, or he won't have it from that exposure," Dr. Mitchell said.

Jimmy and Susan Littlejohn were reported Wednesday as "nearly well" by their physician, Dr. Paul Hendricks.



**NOT RUNNING**—J. R. Davis, veteran school trustee, said yesterday he won't seek re-election. Mr. Davis will complete ten years of service on the board of education in May.

## Davis Retiring From School Post

J. Roan Davis, veteran member of the city board of education, will not seek re-election, he said this week.

Mr. Davis will complete this year, his tenth year on the five-member education board. He said, "I've been on the board long enough."

The Kings Mountain attorney became a member of the board by appointment in 1949, replacing A. H. Patterson, who resigned to become a member of the city board of commissioners. Mr. Davis was elected in 1953 to the six-year term he will complete in May.

School board positions, since 1957, have been open to any citizen of the city school district. A 1955 General Assembly act scrapped the ward system formerly in vogue. The six-year term was retained.

Mr. Davis' is the only term expiring this year.

## Students Make "A" Grades

Thirty-three high school students made the "A" honor roll for the third six-week period just ended.

Honored by the National Honor Society of Central high school at a party Tuesday night were the following:

**NINTH GRADERS**—Sarah Hicks, Billy Ramsey, Rhea Lineberger, Gall Morrison, Dianne McDaniel, Kay Cansler, Sandra Bumgardner, Linda Bennett, Carol Goter, Brenda Herridon, Jane Houser, and Sara Rose Lennon.

**TENTH GRADERS**—Margaret Jackson, Mary Lillian Lewis, Billy Jones, Sue Jean Wright, Mary Ellen Stroupe, Martha Sue Welch, Glenda Stroupe, Marshall Gore, Nancy Hovis, Susie Kessler, and Patty Huffstetler.

**ELEVENTH GRADERS**—Jimmy Plonk, Beatrice Moss, and Carol Plonk.

**TWELFTH GRADERS**—Bobby Early, Gertie Pearson, Mary Frances Bridges, Virginia Wallace, Martha Houser, Graeme Reeves, and Mickey Lynn.

## Political Rumor Mill Beginning To Grind Out A Few "Probables"

There were two city political developments this week.

1) Mayor Glee A. Bridges filed for re-election.

2) School Trustee J. R. Davis announced he would retire at the end of his present term in May.

Otherwise, the political rumor mill was beginning to grind in what has been a late-starting biennial city election season.

Though all the incumbent city commissioners are expected to seek re-election, none have made formal announcements. Ben H. Bridges, mayor pro tempore, has been toying with the prospect of seeking the mayor's seat, but hasn't yet decided. Friends think he'll seek to retain his Ward 4 commission seat.

Indications were this week another familiar name will be on the ballot as mayoral candidate. Garland E. Still, former mayor and five-time candidate for the office, was reported ready to file again. Mr. Still was mayor in 1951-53, and lost to Mayor Bridges in a run-off two years ago.

# Mayor Candidacy First Of Season

## Bridges Seeks Fourth Term At City Hall

Mayor Glee A. Bridges filed notice of candidacy for re-election Wednesday morning. The Mayor seeks election to a fourth term.

His candidacy is the first in the forthcoming May city election and opens what, thus far, has been a late-starting political season.

As of Wednesday, Mayor Bridges seeks a two-year term. It could be for four years, depending on whether the board of commissioners seeks to change length of city elective terms via act of the General Assembly.

Mayor Bridges is completing his third term, and his second as full-time mayor. In his first term, he was a \$50 per month board chairman. Since that time he has devoted his full time to administering city operations.

The Mayor has received for his services during his present term of office \$4100 per year, plus \$600 per year travel allowance. Of the total, \$3600 is paid by the city and \$500 from the city gas system. By law a city commissioner can pay the mayor as little as \$50 per month or as much as \$500 per month.

Mayor Bridges made no formal statement in filing for re-election.

Until 1955 a veteran Kings Mountain hardwareman, Mr. Bridges has long been active in business, political and civic affairs. He is a former school trustee and a former chairman of the county board of commissioners. He is a member of the Kiwanis club, a Mason and Shriner, a navy veteran of World War I, and a member of Kings Mountain Baptist church.

Mrs. Bridges is the former Addie Mae Hamrick. They have four children, two of whom, J. C. and Glee E. Bridges, are Kings Mountain businessmen.

## McGills Occupy New Offices

Dr. John C. McGill and Dr. Kenneth H. McGill are announcing today removal of their offices to the new building they have recently completed at 103 South Watterston street.

The new offices are in a modern brick concrete block building, with spacious lobby and ample patients rooms.

The building was constructed by Seth Construction Company of Lincolnton.

The two brothers have occupied offices on the second floor of the Kings Mountain Drug Company building.

There has been no recent statement of intention from D. L. Saunders, who said several months ago he would definitely run for mayor.

There were additional names added for the ward posts. Listed as ready and willing to seek the Ward 4 commission seat are W. L. Bagwell, Clyde Gladden and former Comm. Paul LeFord.

Most observers think T. J. Ellison will seek to regain the Ward 3 seat he lost to Luther Bennett in 1952 and the name Charles E. Dixon, auto dealer, is being projected as a possible candidate against R. Coleman Stroupe, the Ward 5 commissioner, both completing their first terms, are Ross Alexander, The other incumbent commissioner.

Ward 1, and Boyce Gault, Ward 2.

There has been little speculation concerning the school board post, though Mrs. F. A. McDaniel, Jr., said several weeks ago she expected to seek the position.

Candidates for city office must file notice of their candidacy and pay filing fee to the city clerk.



**RUNNING**—Mayor Glee A. Bridges has filed notice of candidacy for re-election. He is completing his third term, having been first elected in 1953.

## Wreck Orphans Made Friends

Two Georgia youngsters, separated from their family as the result of a Saturday wreck which took five lives, apparently made many friends during their brief stay in Kings Mountain.

Jerry Taylor, 15, and his 7-year old sister, Joy Ann, were discharged from Kings Mountain hospital Monday and left with relatives for Sparta where triple funeral rites were held Tuesday.

Young Jerry Taylor made this statement: "The people of Kings Mountain have been wonderful to us."

Attending physicians, who told the younger child of her parents and sisters' deaths, said they felt she already knew it. They added, "She must have sensed something because the children had so many visitors and then when the relatives started arriving she must have thought something had happened."

Still hospitalized here is Henry Galmer, 32, Negro, operator of the car in which the Negroes were riding. He suffered a broken leg and internal injuries.

State Highway Patrolman R. E. Shaney charged Galmer with murder in the accident and said reckless driving and speeding were contributing factors. He said the Galmer car, headed west, evidently pulled out in an attempt to pass another vehicle and crashed head-on into the Taylor family's car.

Mrs. Mary Kirby, of Gaffney, S. C., who works in Kings Mountain, gave Shaney a written statement that said: "The car passed me as the highway turned into a single lane. It must have been going better than 90 miles an hour."

Officers found two South Carolina traffic citations in the injured Galmer's wallet, both issued during the last eight days. One was for reckless driving, the other for improper turning.

Twelve persons have died in highway accidents in Cleveland County during January. The fifth death in Saturday's wreck occurred in February and brought this year's total to 13. Six fatalities were recorded in December.

## SUNDAY DINNER

The International Affairs Department of the Woman's club will serve Sunday dinner at the clubhouse beginning at 12 noon. Tickets are \$1.25 for adults and 75 cents for children. Advance tickets may be purchased from Mrs. David Cash, Mrs. Grady Howard, and at Stroupe Drug Co.

## City Tax Levy 77 Percent Paid

More than three-fourths of the 1958 city tax levy of \$152,603 had been paid before late payment penalties applied on Monday, Tax Collector J. W. Webster reported.

Mr. Webster reported collection of about \$20,000 during January, bringing the total to \$117,679, or 77.1 percent of the total levy.

Penalty of one percent is added in February and another one percent penalty applies for bills unpaid in March. Thereafter the additional monthly penalty is one-half of one percent per month.

# Fruit Grower Cameron Ware County Young Farmer Of '58



**CHAIRMAN**—Fred W. Plonk has been named Kings Mountain area Boy Scout chairman for the coming year.

## Fred W. Plonk Scout Chairman

Fred W. Plonk is the new chairman of Kings Mountain Boy Scouts, and Fred J. Wright, Jr., will serve as fund campaign chairman.

Other newly-named officers are C. D. Blanton, vice-chairman, and Dr. N. H. Reed, secretary. W. B. Grimes will serve as co-chairman of the fund campaign.

Chairman Plonk called attention to the fact that February 8-15 is National Boy Scout week and listed several activities which will co-incide with the launching of the annual fund campaign. Sunday will be Boy Scout Sunday, and next weekend Boy Scouts will take over reins of the city for one day, as Boy Scouts serve as mayor, city commissioners, and other official posts.

On February 12, the Kiwanis club will be hosts to Boy Scouts of the city for the annual area Boy Scout banquet.

**KIWANIS MEETING**  
Regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will be held Thursday evening at 6:45 at the Woman's Club. Program for the meeting wasn't announced.

## Kings Mountain Farmer Wins Jaycee Award

Cameron Ware, Shelby road fruit grower, is Cleveland County's Young Farmer of the Year and winner of the annual award given by the Kings Mountain and Shelby Junior Chambers of Commerce.

Mr. Ware received the award at a joint meeting of the organizations held here Tuesday night at the Woman's Club.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges presented the award and described the honor winner as a successful grower of "apples, peaches and grapes". Mr. Ware operates Mountain View Orchard. He is currently president of Bethware Progressive Club and a department chairman of both the Bethware and Cleveland County fairs.

Also a feature of the award night meeting was an address by Henry Simmons, vice-president of the agriculture division of Wachovia Bank and Trust Company.

Mr. Simmons declared the South is one area of the nation which does not produce agricultural products at capacity, though he lauded progress of recent years and predicted glowing agricultural health by 1975.

He noted that the nation is

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**PASTOR**—Rev. George T. Moore, recently returned missionary to Liberia, has accepted the pastorate of Resurrection Lutheran church. He will arrive here Tuesday.

## Moore Accepts Lutheran Call

Rev. George Truett Moore, Lutheran missionary recently returned from Liberia, has accepted the pastorate of Resurrection Lutheran church.

He will arrive here Tuesday and will begin his duties on Wednesday.

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## City's Partial Blackout Not Due To Enemy Threats, Penny Pinching

The West Kings Mountain nightly blackout, begun January 23, has no connection with civil defense, threat of enemy action, nor indicative of a city economy wave.

And the blackout may end Thursday, if weather doesn't prevent plane take-offs from Indianapolis, Ind., airport, nor landings at Charlotte's Douglas.

Cause of the blackout is a faulty transfer regulator control in the Westinghouse regulator on the big transformer which powers the street lights in the business section and West Kings Mountain. The blackout area, Electrical Superintendent Hunter

Allen says, is the general area from Piedmont avenue west.

It happened like this, Mr. Allen reports.

The regulator was hit by lightning and, as previously was sent to a Gastonia electrical firm for repair, normally a two-hour job. This time the Gastonia firm couldn't do the job, sent it on to a Charlotte firm. Meantime, the Charlotte firm contacted Westinghouse for a necessary part, only to be informed that Westinghouse didn't make the particular part, but purchased it from a manufacturer in Indianapolis.

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