

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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Voters Favor Sewage Bonds By 458 to 19 Vote

Whitener Files For Re-election

Congressman Seeks Sixth Term In House

Tenth district U. S. Congressman Basil L. Whitener, Gastonia Democrat, is seeking re-election to a sixth term and paid his filing fee Monday.

He is as yet not opposed for Democratic nomination, with the final day for filing Friday.

Two Republican candidates have announced, assuring a Republican primary in the new tenth district. They are W. Hall Young, Avery county lumberman, and Terry Wallace, Gastonia electrical engineer.

After Young had edged Kings Mountain's Edward H. Smith in the GOP primary two years ago, Whitener defeated Young by a about 20,000 votes.

The new district set-up, however, past election results indicate, will boost GOP chances. Whitener, without Rutherford county, will be minus a nominal 5,000 vote majority. The new district includes Cleveland, Gaston, Burke, Avery, and Catawba from the former district.

Rutherford is replaced by Alexander, heavily Republican by tradition, and by Irdeell, which has given Republican Jim Broyles majorities in two elections.

Congressman Whitener's seniority to date has resulted in his elevation to seventh ranking Democrat (of 17) on the House District of Columbia committee and to 12th (of 24) on the House Judiciary committee.

During the recent session, Mr. Whitener was a key figure, as a sub-committee chairman, in the District of Columbia home rule fight. Mr. Whitener opposing and leading the winning opposition.

He is a York county native, graduate of Duke University and of Duke Law school, was a Supreme Court solicitor before offering for his present position in the 1956 primary.

In filing, he said: "I have today forwarded to the State Board of Elections notice of candidacy and the required filing fee as a candidate for re-election to the United States

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BASIL L. WHITENER

Weather Slows Stadium Work

Workers of Southern Construction Company, Shelby, resume work Thursday on clearing the site of John Gamble Memorial Stadium on the grounds of the new high school.

Wet ground a foot below the surface has slowed the project the past two weeks. Grading Contractors David Royster and Phil Rucker said Wednesday that with good weather this phase of the contract should be completed soon.

"We're hoping the weatherman will cooperate so we can resume grading and start getting in drain pipes," Mr. Royster added. "It's been too wet," the construction superintendent added, "but if this spring weather prevails, we'll be able to get in there tomorrow."

Plans call for completion of the 4,000 seat stadium by opening of the 1966 football season in September.

Meantime, Stadium Committee Chairman Carl F. Mauney asks that persons who have made pledges to the stadium fund, and who can pay them now, to forward checks to Charles F. Harry, Grover, fund treasurer.

Mr. Harry said yesterday that pledges total \$36,010.22 and act-

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Cline Expects To Make Early Bid Decision

City Commissioner Ray W. Cline acknowledged Wednesday he is considering a Democratic nomination to one of two seats to be filled on the county commission.

He said he had received considerable encouragement to make the race and would arrive at a decision during the week.

Both incumbents with terms expiring are seeking re-election. They are county commission chairman David Beam and Commissioner B. E. (Pop) Simmons. Comm. Beam is completing his sixth year on the commission, while Comm. Simmons is completing the unexpired term of Ralph W. Elliott, who resigned. Comm. Simmons was appointed by the other members in mid-1964.

City Comm. Ray Cline was elected in 1961, and has been re-elected twice.

A Mauney Hosiery Mills overseer, he is a navy veteran of World War II and active in work of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. He is a past commander of Otis D. Green Post 153, as well as past district Legion commander.

He is a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran church and past governor of the Kings Mountain Moose Lodge.

Sparks Wins Optimist Contest

Charles (Chuck) Sparks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Sparks of Sherwood Lane, was named winner of the local Optimist club's annual Oratorical Contest last Thursday night.

In making the announcement, Carl Wilson, president of the Kings Mountain club, said "We are very proud of Chuck's accomplishment. This is a repeat performance for Chuck who was local contest winner last year."

Young Sparks came home from Morganton with the zone's third place honor and will represent Kings Mountain in the Zone Contest at Shelby this year, March 25th. He will compete with young men from Asheville, Shelby, Morganton, Lenoir, Forest City, and Cherryville.

Hamrick Opposes Allen For Sheriff

Beam, Simmons, Mull Seeking To Retain Posts

Political activity quickened in Cleveland County this week. There were these developments:

1) Broadus Hamrick, Shelby policeman, announced for sheriff, opposing incumbent Haywood Allen.

2) County Commissioners David E. Beam, current chairman, and B. E. (Pop) Simmons, announced they would seek re-election.

3) Recorder Judge Joe F. Mull announced he will seek a second four-year term as judge.

4) Robert (Bob) Cabiness said he would seek re-election to the county board of education.

5) Mrs. Lillian Newton, treasurer of the county since 1932 and mother of J. Clint Newton, county Democratic chairman, announced she is retiring.

Filing deadline for county and legislative district offices is mid-April.

Yet uncommitted is a Kings Mountain incumbent, Coroner J. Ollie Harris, who has told friends he is undecided whether to seek re-election. He is completing his fifth term and twelfth year as coroner.

Comm. Beam is completing his sixth year as a commissioner, Comm. Simmons his second year, having been appointed to the commission in mid-1964.

Pedestrians Hit Fatally

Two pedestrians—a seven-year-old boy and a 31-year-old man—were killed in separate auto accidents here during the weekend.

David Scott Conner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Conner, of route 1, was killed about 7:20 p.m. Saturday when he was struck by a car on Highway 216 just south of the city. He died at 8:20 p.m. at Kings Mountain hospital.

Joe Lee Warren, of route 1, was killed instantly when struck by a car about 7:45 p.m. Sunday on rural road 2282, two miles south of the city just off N. C. 161.

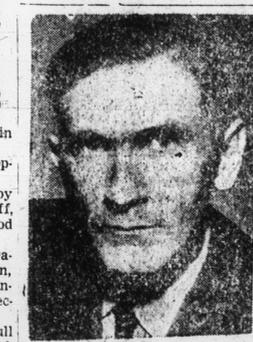
According to investigating patrolmen and Coroner J. Ollie Harris, the youth was crossing the road to Conner's Shell Service Station owned by his father and grandfather, Ralph Conner, when apparently, watching northbound traffic, failed to see the southbound 1959 auto driven by George Thomas Clary, 51, of 31 Elm street, a taxi operator, who struck him.

No charges have been filed. Warren was struck by a car operated by Otha Johnson, Negro also of route 1. Johnson was charged by investigating Highway Patrolman Richard Shaney with manslaughter and drunken driving. He posted \$2500 bond.

Young Conner is survived by his parents; his paternal grandparents; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Elzie Bridges of Kings Mountain; one brother, Donald C. Conner, Jr.; and two sisters, Theresa Ann and Delores Annette Conner, all of the home.

Funeral rites were held Tuesday at 3 p.m. from Chestnut Ridge Baptist church with Rev. Mitchell Pruitt and Rev. Dale Thornburg officiating. Interment

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DAVID E. BEAM



JOE F. MULL

Lutheran Pastor Kiser Succumbs

Funeral services for Rev. William Andrew Kiser, D. D., 79 Kings Mountain native and Lutheran minister, will be held Friday afternoon at 1:30 at Gethsemane Lutheran church, Cicero, Ill.

Dr. Kiser founded the Gethsemane church in 1912 and served continuously as its pastor for 45 years, when he retired.

He succumbed Wednesday in a Chicago hospital, following a year's illness.

Dr. Kiser pronounced the invocation at one of the sessions of the 1952 Democratic convention, which was held in Chicago.

Until his imprisonment for federal tax fraud, the late Chicago gangland overlord, Al Capone was Dr. Kiser's neighbor. The Capone and Kiser residences being only a few homes apart. Capone occasionally attended Dr. Kiser's Gethsemane services.

Born on June 29, 1886, in the St. Luke's church community, Dr. Kiser was a son of the late John P. and Mary Elizabeth Sellers Kiser. He was graduated from what was then Lenoir college (now Lenoir-Rhyne) in 1909, and from the Lutheran seminary, Maywood, Ill., three years later.

Mrs. Kiser, who survives, is the former Bessie Underen. Other survivors are two sons, Paul Lee Kiser and John Davis Kiser, both of Illinois, and four grandchildren. A daughter, Lois Kiser, died at the age of three.

Also surviving are a brother, A. S. Kiser, of Kings Mountain, and a sister, Miss Lucy Kiser, retired Kings Mountain teacher, who now lives in Shelby.

He was an uncle of L. Arnold Kiser and George W. Mauney, of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Ozelle Freeman of Salisbury, Jesse Kiser, of Raleigh, Ray Kiser, of Albemarle, Miss Louise Kiser, of Charlotte, Fred Kiser, Hopkins, Minn., Mrs. Ruby Simmons, Winston-Salem, and Mrs. Betty Griffith, of Newell.

Interment will be in Cicero, a Chicago suburb.

AT ASHLEY

Alicia Gay Jolley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jolley, is teaching 10th grade English and journalism as a student teacher at Ashley high school in Gastonia. Miss Jolley is a senior.

OFFICIAL RETURNS

City of Kings Mountain — March 15
Special \$1,300,000 Bond Election

Precinct	Yes	No	No. of Votes
Ward 1	55	1	56
Ward 2	75	3	78
Ward 3	78	7	85
Ward 4	34	4	38
Ward 5	216	4	222*
Totals	458	19	479

*In Ward 5, one ballot was voided. Another issued ballot was not deposited in the ballot box.

Ordinance Bonds Issued In 1928

Ordinance Law Brought Aldermen Calumination; Three Bond Efforts Failed Between '28 and '54.

By MARTIN HARMON
According to the minute books of the Town of Kings Mountain, the city fathers of 1928 also variously referred to in some quarters as young upstarts and bankrupts, ad no technical or legal problem in issuing bonds for public services.

The minutes reveal that the administration of that period, headed by Mayor Wiley H. McGinnis, merely passed an ordinance announcing intention of issuing \$250,000 in water bonds, minus the formalities of holding an election to gain the borrowing authority.

L. G. Patterson, along with E. W. Griffin, Joe A. Neisler, Sr., Raymond Cline and the late J. Ross Roberts, town aldermen do not recall an election, nor whether one was held. Mr. Patterson does recall the calumination he and other members of the administration received from irate citizens.

The aldermen of '28 underestimated, however, the town's growth potential. The ordinance stated the facilities for which the quarter-million dollars would be spent (the initial Deal street filter plant and the York road reservoir) were designed to accommodate Kings Mountain's needs for 40 years. After two water short years during droughts Bridges Administration I got voter authority for enough money to build the Davidson auxiliary reservoir and to double the filtration capacity of the Deal street plant.

Final payment on that 1928 bond issue — \$10,000 — will be made May 1.

After the economic Depression of 1929 arrived, the 1931 General Assembly adopted the Municipal Finance Act, putting many roadblocks in the way of local governments in the direction of borrowing money. Top limits, based on ratio of bonded debt to taxable valuation, were imposed, along with a stipulation that new registrations must be ordered for each bond election, with the registered voter staying home election day automatically casting his vote against.

The administration of Mayor J. H. Thomson, in July 1946, had the experience of winning a bet-

ter than 2 to 1 majority of the votes cast on an aggregate \$210,000 bond proposal (sewage disposal included for \$75,000). But the stay-at-homes, intentional or otherwise, were too numerous. All four proposals were defeated.

Shortly after World War II, the General Assembly deleted the restraints of new registrations and voting against the books. The Tom Fulton Administration went to the polls on May 10, 1949, most members 1) seeking re-election, and 2) authority for themselves or successors to issue \$350,000, \$250,000 for sewage disposal, \$50,000 for water lines, and \$50,000 for stadium improvements. All issues failed of passage.

On December 6, 1952, the Garland Still Administration asked \$600,000 for sewage disposal. The vote was 244 to 187 against.

The first Bridges Administration was successful in 1954 in obtaining approval of a \$600,000 issue—\$250,000 for water system, \$350,000 for sewage disposal, and \$150,000 for recreational purposes. The voters also approved, but by less majority, a tax of five cents per \$100 ad valorem valuation for recreation system operations.

No bond election had been held since, until Tuesday, when 94.01 percent of the votes favored issuing \$1,300,000 in bonds for sewage disposal and treatment. In horse-racing parlance the margin was 42 to 1.

Methodist Services Set

Central Methodist church has scheduled two services of Holy Communion on Sunday, according to announcement by Rev. Howard Jordan, pastor.

The first service is scheduled from 9 until 9:45 a.m. with the regular worship service to follow at 11. The services are a part of the Protestant denomination's "One Great Hour of Sharing" in which most Protestant churches are participating.

Mr. Jordan will make a brief Communion meditation.

Dental Sampling: Kings Mountain Youth Comparatively Carie-High

During a recent dental screening program conducted in Cleveland County, it was found that Junior High School Students in Kings Mountain had over twice as much tooth decay as the students in Shelby. This difference in tooth decay (54 per cent) was found in those students who had lived for their entire lives in Shelby or Kings Mountain. Number of students sampled was not given by Dr. Richard Murphy, State Board of Health who conducted the screenings.

In an informational referendum, Kings Mountain citizens voted at the May 1957 election in favor of fluoridating the city water supply. The vote in favor was approximately 2 to 1, or 1183 to 576.

Administration Elated, Proceeds To Meet Deadline

By MARTIN HARMON

Kings Mountain voters, in record-making fashion, accorded the proposal to issue up to \$1,300,000 in sewer bonds and overwhelming majority of 458 to 19.

The board of commissioners canvassed the returns of the registrars and declared their official at a 10 a.m. session Wednesday, then proceeded to speed completion of final details for presentation of all requirements contracted with the State Stream Sanitation committee well in advance of the April 1 deadline.

Mayor John Henry Moss, elected of Tuesday's result, City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., and Assistant City Attorney William White conferred on the timetable Wednesday afternoon.

Mayor Moss is to confer with the consulting engineer W. K. Dickson Thursday.

The Mayor has asked W. E. Long, secretary of the stream sanitation committee, for a March 28 conference.

Meantime, Attorney White reports vast majority of sewer line easements required have been obtained. Nine owners contacted have deferred signing, while ten have not yet been contacted. The city is tendered a standard fee of one dollar per rod.

Mayor Moss said further conversations with owners of property desired for site of the new plant on Pilot Branch are scheduled for the weekend.

Speed is of the essence 1) in meeting the contract deadline with the state committee, and 2) in qualifying for inclusion in federal grant-in-aid for stream sanitation in the fiscal year beginning July 1. Kings Mountain may qualify for a grant of up to \$360,000 of the estimated cost.

Tuesday's election result was a big ear up. Applications are considered on basis of a point scale of 60. Borrowing authority voted Tuesday count 15, or one-fourth.

"We shall meet the timetable," Mayor Moss commented.

In a statement, he said, "I thank with all sincerity, on behalf of each commissioner and myself, citizens of Kings Mountain for the overwhelming endorsement the voters gave the bond proposal Tuesday. As we proceed to implement all other details to honor on schedule the city's three-year-old commitment to the state stream sanitation committee, we pledge complete attention to obtaining the most efficient sewage disposal system possible for the lowest possible cost."

But the Mayor was getting some teasing, too, from his Ward 5 team of election officials. Pointing to the fact they had processed 222 voters and resulting tallies, they noted the lesser vote totals in other wards and suggested, "We want raises."

Howard Bryant, principal of North school, confessed to being an absent-minded professor, as he and Mrs. Bryant arrived near polling-closing time. "I announced the election at school four times today and then forgot about voting. We wouldn't be here if a neighbor hadn't reminded us."

City Attorney J. R. Davis almost failed to vote. Chatting with election officials, he almost deposited his ballot without marking it. Miss Margaret Lipford, judge, handed him a pencil in the nick of time.

At about 1 p.m. voting day an elderly man walked into City Hall courtroom. Did he want to vote? "Can't vote," the man replied. "I don't live within the city limits." He was interested in extended medicare, didn't know whether he'd sign or not, but wanted to learn the details.

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T-V Artists Feature Retailer Banquet

Humorist Bob Lewis, nationally-known entertainer and Mrs. Lewis, will perform at Monday night's annual employee-employer banquet of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association.

The Lewises bill their act as 80 percent buffoonery and 20 percent banjo and satirical magic. Lewis has made 22 appearances on the nationally televised Ed Sullivan Show and the couple has engagements in numerous successful nightclubs in New York, Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, San Francisco, and Eden Roc at Miami Beach, Fla.

Ginny Lewis calls herself "madam swaboda."

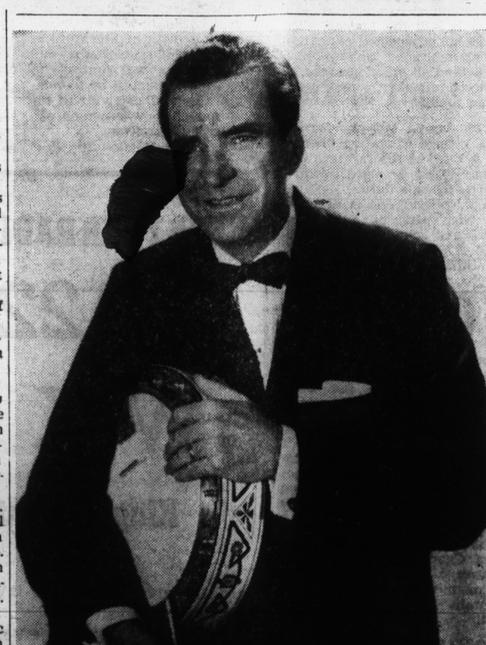
The entertainers will be coming here from an engagement in Chicago, Ill.

The retailer banquet, expected to attract 300 people, is open to the interested public. Tickets are \$3 each and may be purchased in advance by contacting Mrs. Luther Joy, Merchants Association secretary. They may also be purchased at the door.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall and tickets will be available on a "first come, first serve" basis.

Bill H. Brown is association president. Jonas Bridges, immediate past president, will preside.

Directors of the association are: Bill Moss from Moss Electric Company; Jim Yarbro from Storch's; Marion Williams from Willie's Jewelry; Gene Timms from Timms Furniture; Don Dixon from Victory Chevrolet Company; P. H. Wilson from Rosses; Don Falls from Liberty Loan Corporation; Jonas Bridges from WKMT Radio; and Miss Elizabeth Stewart from Herald Publishing House.



HUMORIST BOB LEWIS TO PERFORM HERE — Bob Lewis, nationally-known entertainer who appears frequently on the Ed Sullivan television show, will present the entertainment program at the March 21 employee-employer banquet of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association. Tickets may be purchased now and are also available to the general public.