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Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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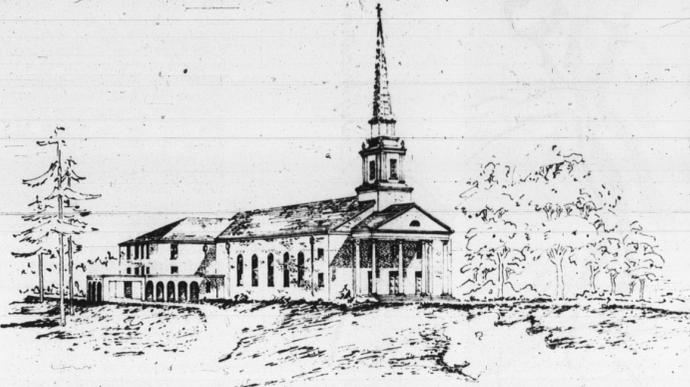
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PRICE TEN CENTS



PROJECTED PATTERSON GROVE SANCTUARY

Patterson Grove To Break Ground

Patterson Grove Baptist church will break ground for a \$130,000 sanctuary Sunday at special services at 3 p.m.

Rev. Richard Plyler, pastor, said that friends and former members are invited to attend.

Sunday will mark the anniversary of Mr. Plyler's third year as minister of the church in the Patterson Grove community and the beginning of special Youth Week activities. A team of youth from the Christian Volunteer Band of Gardner-Webb college will be present Friday, Saturday and Sunday to lead the services.

Participating in the ground-breaking program will be Kings Mountain Mayor John Henry Moss; Rev. C. O. Greene, superintendent of missions for the Kings Mountain Baptist Association; Melvin Wright, chairman of the plans committee; Russell Putnam, chairman of the finance committee; Jack Ramsey, general contractor; and Rev. Mr. Plyler.

Contracts have been awarded to A. A. Ramsey & Son of Shelby, general contractor; Turner Shee, Metal Company of Forest City, heating and air-conditioning; and Lall Electrical Company of Lincoln, electrical.

The days' activities will include breakfast at the church at 7:45 a.m. for the men of the Brotherhood, Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., the morning worship service at 11 a.m.; dinner at the church at 12 noon for all the youth of the church; ground breaking ceremony at 3 p.m.; training union at 6 p.m., and the evening worship service at 7 p.m.

First Union Bank And Sadie Mills Swell Totals Of Building Permits

With the arrival of spring the building business is booming in Kings Mountain.

City building inspectors issued building permits this week for additions totaling \$211,000, including:

Sadie Cotton Mills, Inc. for a two-story brick addition on East Gold street. Estimated cost of the mill addition is \$50,000.

First Union National Bank for a two-story brick building on Battleground Avenue. Myers & Chapman, Inc. is the contractor for the banking house and estimated cost is \$135,000.

Wright & Putnam and J. R. McGinnis obtained a permit March 23 to build a six-room one-story brick residence at the corner of Marion street. Estimated cost of the home is \$18,000.

Howard Shipp was issued a permit March 18th for a one-story residence on Mitchell street at cost of \$18,000.

Ray W. Cline Not Candidate

City Commissioner Ray W. Cline will not be a candidate for the county commission.

Mr. Cline said Wednesday as he was working over his usual schedule moving machinery at Mauney Hosiery Mills, Inc., "I have been most gratified at the encouragement I have received to offer for the county commission. However, an appraisal of the time required, both to campaign and, if elected, to serve shows I simply don't have that much free time. I therefore feel it would be a disservice to attempt to seek a commission seat at this time."

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Hepatitis Fatal To Ex-Mayor, Ex-Commissioner

By MARTIN EKRMON

Former Mayor Glee Actor Bridges, 71, died at 6:35 p.m. Wednesday at Kings Mountain hospital.

He had been hospitalized more than two weeks ago and was receiving treatment of infectious hepatitis, more commonly known as infectious yellow jaundice. He had failed to respond to treatment and his condition was pronounced quite serious on Sunday.

Mr. Bridges served as mayor of Kings Mountain for five two-year terms, on the county commission six two-year terms, and served briefly on the Kings Mountain board of education. In the aggregate, he was in public office some 23 years.

Born in the Belwood section of Cleveland County, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Bridges, Mr. Bridges was one of 12 children. He came to Kings Mountain at an early age, was a clerk at W. A. Mauney & Sons, and later became a partner with the late R. C. Gold in Gold & Bridges Hardware, a business in which he later acquired full ownership before selling it to two of his sons after he became mayor.

He was a navy veteran of World War I, in which he made 16 Atlantic crossings, was post commander of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, a member of Kings Mountain Baptist church, a Mason and Shriner, Moose, Elk, and member of the Kings Mountain post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

When one of his sons became an army pilot in World War II, Mayor Bridges learned to be a pilot himself, built himself an airport on what is now Landing street, and at one time owned several planes.

Mr. Bridges was a director of First Union National Bank's Kings Mountain board of directors and a vice-president and director of Home Savings & Loan association.

As Mayor, Mr. Bridges led the administrations of 1953-61 and 1963-65. His was the first administration to conduct a successful bond election (for \$600,000) since the state enacted the municipal finance act in 1931. His administration also borrowed \$400,000 in revenue bonds the same year in order to bring into the city's natural gas distribution system.

In 1957, this administration pared the tax rate, and continued to maintain it, in spite of increasing city services, including twice-weekly garbage collections. Property-owner shares in paving, sidewalk, curbing and guttering were lowered.

Mr. Bridges had the reputation of being Kings Mountain's best collector and he used these talents at City Hall to collect many debts owed the city, both taxes, street assessments and other accounts. His efforts virtually eliminated street assessments from the books.

Funeral services are incomplete. Surviving are three sons, J. C. Bridges and Glee Bridges, of Kings Mountain, his successors as Kings Mountain hardwaremen, Nelson Bridges, of Marietta, Ga., and a daughter, Mrs. Ruby Schenck, of Waterloo, Iowa. Also surviving are several brothers and sisters and several grandchildren.

Merchants President Dixon Will Push Trade Promotion

Charles E. Dixon, newly elected president of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association, has announced an active year ahead for the association and its members.

Mr. Dixon, president and treasurer of Victory Chevrolet Company, Inc., is not new to his role as president of the retailer group, having served as president some years ago.

He said Wednesday he anticipates stronger emphasis on promoting Kings Mountain as a trade center via:

1) conducting a minimum of three city-wide trade promotions annually;

2) continuing and complete cooperation with the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, civic and service organizations, and the city administration;

3) encouragement of all merchants and agencies to abandon the mid-week half-holiday. "You can't do business with



SUCCUMBS — Ex-Mayor Glee Actor Bridges, veteran of ten years in the office, died Wednesday afternoon at Kings Mountain hospital.

Post 155 Member Drive Exceeds Goal

Information received here from Department Headquarters of The American Legion in Raleigh indicates that Kings Mountain Post 155 has conducted a highly successful membership drive.

Carl Richard McGinnis, Commander of the Post, has received a letter from Department Adjutant Nash McKee reporting that Post 155 has exceeded its Legion Membership incentive goal for 1966. The Legion Adjutant expressed congratulations and thanks to the Post leaders and membership workers for their effort.

A statement of high praise for the local Post was issued by J. Alvis Carver, Dunn, North Carolina Department Commander of The American Legion.

Commander Carver said, "The membership of every Legionnaire makes it possible for The American Legion to maintain service for the sick and disabled in hospitals. Memberships make possible all the Legion programs; such as care for needy children, Baseball, Boys' State, Boy Scout Troops, Oratorical Contests, Community Service and all the other. I am proud to congratulate Post 155 upon this notable achievement."

Post Commander McGinnis explained that the "Roll Call" theme of this year's drive was to remind all war veterans of their service to their country which makes them eligible to become Legionnaires.

"We are accepting dues payments now from Legionnaires and eligible veterans whose membership is essential if the local organization is to continue its service programs," Commander McGinnis stated. Also, he reported that the Post is planning to expand its local programs and activities, depending on the final results of the 1966 membership drive.

Lenten Series

Special Lenten services are continuing on Sunday morning and evening at Resurrection Lutheran church with Rev. David L. Castor in charge. Special music is under direction of Mrs. Dick McGinnis and Luther Davis.

City To Seek More Parking For 120 Cars

Mayor John Henry Moss has recommended to the board of commissioners a plan for expanding municipal public parking areas by space for 120 cars.

He said the plans, if brought to fruition, would also speed the flow of traffic on city streets.

He said he is negotiating with property owners in the area where North Cherokee street deadends and feels some 40 cars can be accommodated here.

2) Another plan is for utilization of the east bank of the Southern Railway right-of-way from Battleground north for about half a block.

3) He plans to make another 10 car parking area on Railroad avenue, from Gold street at War & Ems south.

On completion, particularly of the railroad bank area, parking would no longer be permitted in the block of Battleground, from Battleground, from Mountain to King, enabling use of arrow directional signals at the Battle ground King intersection for speeding northbound traffic.

He is also recommending a study of increased lighting of the business district and surrounding streets.

Sewage Schedule Set For March 29

All data concerning the city's sewage treatment project, together with application for federal grant, will be filed with the State Stream sanitation committee March 29—three days in advance of the April 1 deadline.

Mayor John Henry Moss made the statement Tuesday, following a Monday conference between W. E. Long, secretary to the state committee, Joe McDaniel, Jr., city clerk, William White, assistant city attorney, and Buck Johnson, member of the city's engineering firm.

Additionally, Mayor Moss said, he hopes to obtain options on property totaling about 97 acres on Pilot Branch as a site for the treatment plant to serve the western portion of the city by week's end. The property is owned by the C. C. Whisnant Estate and by George Peeler, of Shelby, a former Kings Mountain citizen when he was superintendent of Burlington Industries Phenix plant.

Conversations with the owners have been underway several weeks and Mayor Moss said Tuesday night, "We're not too far apart on price."

Meantime, Attorney White is continuing work on obtaining easements for the eight miles of sewer pipe which will be installed.

This work is progressing well, he reported, and guessed condemnation action will be required only in a few very instances. "I hope not," he added.

The city is paying a standard price of one dollar per rod for line easements.

Used Clothing SOS For Crossnore School

Colonel Frederick Hambright Chapter DAR is issuing an appeal for good, used clothing for Crossnore School, Mrs. Joe Thomson said this week.

Mrs. Thomson said she will receive the clothing at her home on West Mountain street. She will be happy to pickup the bundles of clothes if necessary.

The DAR hopes to fill a truck with gifts for the used clothing store at the school.

With the arrival of spring and closet-cleaning time, Mrs. Thomson and DAR members are confident that citizens will again be generous in their collections for the school.

Mrs. Youngblood Dies In Savannah

Word has been received here of the death in Savannah, Ga. of Mrs. Bess Cornwell Youngblood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cornwell, two of Kings Mountain's first citizens.

Mrs. Youngblood died after a brief illness.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Ray Nugent of Tampa, Fla. and Mrs. Leroy Wessinger of Birmingham, la.; her husband, J. B. Youngblood, and a sister, Mrs. Emma Cornwell Austelle of Oxford, Mrs. Austelle is also a former Kings Mountain citizen.

More Candidates File For Offices

Roberts' Sister Is Candidate For Treasurer

The pace of political activity quickened in Cleveland County during the past week, as a third candidate threw his broad-brimmed hat in the ring for sheriff and contests developed for clerk of superior court, the county commission, and for county treasurer.

Meanwhile, for Number 4 town ship offices, veteran Kings Mountain Magistrate J. Lee Roberts filed for reelection, as did veteran Constable Charles W. (Rocky) Ford.

The new candidates:

1) For sheriff Amrose B. Cline, 41, Stone Point dairyman who is opposing Sheriff Haywood Allen and Broadus Hamrick, of so challenging.

2) For clerk of superior court, Roy D. Price, shoe retailer, who opposes Paul Wilson for the position being vacated by J. W. Osborne.

3) For county commissioner, Fritz Moorehead, Jr., Fibre Industries employee from Swainsville, who seeks one of two seats now held by Commissioners David Beam and B. E. (Pop) Simmons, both of whom seek reelection.

4) For county treasurer, William C. Willis, who operates a driver-training school in Shelby, and Mrs. Harriet Roberts Evans, also of Shelby, both of whom seek to succeed Mrs. Lillian Newton, who is retiring. Mrs. Evans is a sister of Magistrate Roberts.

Mrs. Evans is the widow of Oscar B. Evans. Born and reared in the Patterson Springs community, she has resided in Shelby for the past 29 years. She is active in the Shelby Woman's Club, American Legion auxiliary and Shelby First Baptist church. A daughter, Ann Evans, will graduate from Shelby high school in June.

Mr. Price seeks the clerk's office for the second time. He opposed Everett A. Houser unsuccessfully some years ago. Like his opponent, Paul Wilson, Mr. Price is a former clerk of county recorder's court. He was born in Casar, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Price, and was reared in Mooresboro. He is a Purple Heart veteran of World War II, in which he served with the 39th Infantry division for 38 months and in five major engagements in Europe. He is a member of Westview Baptist church. Mrs. Price was Beverly Manous. They have three children.

He said he will pay his filing fee Thursday morning and commented, "If elected, I pledge my services to all the people of Cleveland County and my full cooperation with the Bar Association. The main reason I seek this office is that many of my friends are urging me now, and have over a period of several years, to seek it."

Mr. Cline is the youngest son of Mrs. Zeb V. Cline and the late

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GOP Aspirants To Speak Here

The three Republican candidates for 10th District Congress, man subject to the May 28 GOP Primary will be guests of the Cleveland County Republican Party at a rally Tuesday night at 7:30 in the courtroom of City Hall.

Chairman Ed Smith of Kings Mountain is inviting area citizens to meet the candidates who will appear on the platform.

They are Terry Parker Wallace and Don D. Wyrick, both of Gaston County, and W. Hall Young of Avery County. The winner in the GOP Primary May 28 will face Incumbent Basil L. Whitener, Gastonia Democrat, unopposed for a sixth term in the Congress, in the November elections.

Avery County lumberman Young had edged Kings Mountain's Smith in the GOP primary two years ago. Whitener defeated Young by about 20,000 votes.

Retailers Elect Charles E. Dixon

Charles E. Dixon, president and treasurer of Victory Chevrolet Company, was installed as the new president of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association at the annual employee-employer banquet Monday night.

A crowd of 175 retailers and guests gathered at the American Legion Hall for a fun-filled evening of entertainment by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lewis, nationally-known showmen.

Gene Timms, owner and manager of Timms Furniture, will serve as vice-president during the coming year. New directors will be John Cheshire of Patterson Oil Company; Roy J. Nuckles of Harris-Teeter Super Market; Richard Maxey of First City.

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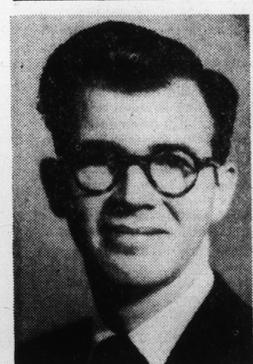
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Eugene Timms, Kings Mountain furniture dealer, was elected Wednesday president of the Kings Mountain Country Club.

He succeeds George W. Mauney, Kings Mountain cotton broker.

Other officers elected at Wednesday's organizational meeting were Charles D. Blanton, Jr., vice-president; Elmore Alexander, secretary; and Richard Maxey, treasurer.

The organizational meeting followed Tuesday night's annual stockholder meeting at which four new directors were elected. They are Elmore Alexander, Richard Maxey, Fred Withers, and Clyde Whetstone.

Reports of officers and committee chairmen showed the club enjoyed an active year.

The nominating committee included Grady Howard, Dr. George W. Plonk, and W. S. Fulton, Jr.

CAGO Group Seeks Water Aid

Mayor John Henry Moss, chairman of the County Association of Governmental Officials, County Manager Joe Hendrick, and Shelby City Manager Phil Horton left Wednesday for Washington where they will discuss federal aid for a county-wide water system with representatives of the Housing and Urban Development Department.

They will proceed to New York, where they will discuss possible aid for the project with representatives of the Ford Foundation.

They expect to return Friday afternoon.

Bloodmobile Here Monday

Kings Mountain's final bloodmobile visit of the fiscal year will be on Monday when the bloodbank returns from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the National Guard Armory.

Goal of the collection is 125 pints of blood. The year's goal is 1001 pints.

Commenting on the forthcoming visit, Blood Program Chairman W. Skellie Hunt said, "Our world today is filled with accidents and diseases. There is a large element of the unknown. None of us knows when we or a friend of ours will need blood in order to live. With the great advances in medical science blood is needed more and more and in greater quantities to save lives. Blood is not only saving lives here in Kings Mountain but on the battlefield in Viet Nam. Save a life by responding to our call for blood Monday."