

**Population**  
 City Limits ..... 7,206  
 Trading Area ..... 15,000  
 (1945 Nation Board Figures)

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VOL. 63 NO. 21 Established 1889 Kings Mountain, N. C., Thursday, May 21, 1953 Sixty-Third Year PRICE FIVE CENTS

## MAYOR BRIDGES TO ASK FOR BOND VOTE

### Local News Bulletin

**AUDITOR HERE**  
 Dave Robinson, Winston-Salem CPA, arrived here Tuesday to audit the city's books for the period July 1, 1952 to May 15. Mr. Robinson conducted the audit last year as head auditor of Ernst & Ernsert.

**METER RECEIPTS**  
 A total of \$153.35 was collected from the city's parking meters Wednesday morning, according to a report from the city treasurer's office.

**AT CONVENTION**  
 C. E. Hamrick, Liberty Life insurance company representative is among the company salesmen being honored this week for 1952 sales records at the company convention in New York. (A news release on the convention in last week's Herald erroneously carried the name of Mr. Hamrick as "C. E. Warlick.")

**KING IMPROVING**  
 Fire Chief Grady K. King, a patient at Charlotte Memorial hospital for the past two weeks, was reported improving Wednesday from an illness diagnosed as pneumonia and pleurisy. He expects to return home Friday.

**ALUMNI MEETING**  
 Rev. and Mrs. P. D. Patrick attended the annual Columbia Theological Seminary alumni meeting in three-day session in Decatur, Ga. May 18-20. Rev. Patrick is president of the alumni association.

**PROMOTED**  
 Major Charles C. (Bus) Oates, army air corp reserve, has been promoted to that rank under date of May 11, according to notification received here last weekend. Major Oates is a World War II veteran.

**DENTAL MEETING**  
 Dr. R. N. Baker and Dr. D. F. Hord, Kings Mountain dentists, attended the annual North Carolina Dental Society, which convened in Pinehurst May 18-20.

**MASONIC MEETING**  
 An emergent communication of Fairview Lodge A. F. & A. M., 339 will be held Monday evening at 7:30 for work in the first degree, according to announcement by Joe McDaniel, Jr., secretary.

**TO HEAR HALBERSTADT**  
 Dr. W. L. Falberstadt, of Charlotte, will address members of the Kings Mountain Lions club at their meeting Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at Masonic Dining Hall.

**WINS AWARD**  
 Charles Blanton, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Blanton, was named as winner of the Merck Award given for excellence in scholarship in pharmacy at the University of North Carolina, according to announcement by the University last week.

**CLEAN CEMETERY**  
 Cleaning of El Bethel cemetery is scheduled for Saturday morning at 7 o'clock. Persons are asked to bring tools for cleaning, according to an announcement made this week.

**Students May Win Joy Summer Passes**  
 James Layton, of the city recreation department, yesterday issued an appeal to parents of school students to assist their children in filling out a questionnaire issued through the schools. Students are being asked to answer several questions and to state their preferences in recreation. Students are also being asked to complete the following sentence: "For the coming summer months I wish the Recreation Commission would....."  
 Best two letters will be selected and winners awarded summer passes to Joy Theatre, donated by David Cash.

### Summer Fashion Show On Friday

#### Woman's Club Scene Of Show At 8 O'clock

The Kings Mountain Junior Woman's club will present a Summer Fashion Show Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the Woman's club.  
 Theme of the show, an annual project of the Junior Woman's Club in cooperation with the apparel merchants of the Kings Mountain Merchants association, is "Shop at Home".

Apparel dealers have been busier than ever this week, choosing models to show the latest in summer garments. Models, both women and children, are all from Kings Mountain.  
 Mrs. James B. Simpson will serve as commentator, and piano selections will be played by Mrs. F. R. McCurdy. A special feature will be a vocal solo by Miss Barbara Matthews. Special prizes have been donated by members of the Merchants association.

Belle Keeter's Myers, Plank's Reba's and the Wee Folk Shop will participate in the Summer Fashion revue, showing beach wear, play togs, sun dresses, afternoon dresses, with accessories, and other summer fashion favorites.

Funds made from this project will be given to the Woman's club to use in decorating the club lounge. Admission will be 75c for adults, 25c for children. Tickets may be obtained from members of the Junior Woman's Club or purchased at the door.

### Temple Revival Now Underway

Rev. Robert Harding is preaching a revival series at Temple Baptist church, the services having begun Wednesday night and scheduled to continue through May 31, according to announcement by the pastor Rev. David Morris.

Services are being held each evening at 7:30.  
 Ed Powell is conducting special singing at the revival services.

**STEP-MOTHER DIES**  
 Mrs. Rosa M. Aiton, step-mother of Mrs. Byron Keeter, died during her sleep Tuesday night at her home at Powellville. Funeral was held Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. Keeter attending the rites. Further details were not available here.

### "Next Mayor" Becomes Ex-Mayor With Blast At "Iron Curtain" Law

Garland E. Still, who while placing second in the May 12 city election had advertised himself as "the next mayor", became an ex-mayor last Thursday night shortly after 8 o'clock.  
 He changed his mind about calling a run-off election, as he had formally requested the pre-

**No Payoff**  
 Mayor Glee A. Bridges, commenting on rumors concerning the withdrawal of Former Mayor Garland Still from a run-off election for the position, said this week:  
 "Rumors are being circulated that I paid Mr. Still certain sums of money to come down. In all fairness to Mr. Still, and myself, I want to say definitely that I did not pay him one red cent. So far as I know he came down on his own accord, without any pressure from anyone."  
 vious day, swore in his leading opponent, Glee A. Bridges, congratulated him, wished him good luck, then issued a final statement, blasting the five just-installed city commissioners for

### Dollar Days Promotion On For Weekend

The Kings Mountain Merchants association and two dozen of its retail merchant members are presenting a second annual May Dollar Days sales event beginning Thursday morning and continuing through Saturday.

Described as the most ambitious trade promotion in the association's history, the participating firms are not only offering a multitude of bargains of almost every type, but, in addition, are offering a host of valuable prizes absolutely free of cost with no strings attached.

Each participating firm has registration tickets. Citizens should visit the stores, and sign the tickets as many times as they can. Prize drawings will be held in each store on Thursday and Friday. On Saturday, at 7 o'clock, all the tickets will be gathered in a huge cage, whirled around, and the lucky number drawn. The lucky person will receive a \$349.50 RCA television set, which is on display in the window of Storch's. According to President J. C. Bridges, Radio Station WKMT will broadcast the drawing via its Central Methodist church line. However, he pointed out that the winner does not have to be present. Drawings will be held in the several stores on Thursday and Friday at 5:30 p. m.

**FUNERAL HELD** — Funeral services for Mrs. Mary B. Goforth, veteran manager of the Kings Mountain branch of the state's Employment Security Commission were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Goforth following a heart attack.

### Mrs. Goforth Heart Victim

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Bradford Goforth, 48, who died in Kings Mountain hospital Monday morning at 8:25 following a heart attack suffered twelve hours earlier, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock from Boyce Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian church.

Rev. W. L. Pressly, pastor of the church, officiated and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Goforth, wife of Ben H. Goforth, was manager of the Kings Mountain branch of the North Carolina Employment Security commission. She had been recuperating at her home on Shelby road for several weeks for leg injuries sustained when in a fall. Otherwise, she had been in apparent good health and her death was a shock to her family and associates.

A daughter of the late W. T. Bradford and Mrs. Eliza Bradford Goforth, who survives, she was a former Bolling Springs school teacher. She had been employed by the North Carolina Employment Security commission for 20 years and had served as manager here for many years.  
 Mrs. Goforth was a member of Boyce Memorial ARP church and active in the civic and religious life of the community. She  
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### Recreation Body Wants Director

Meeting last Friday, the city recreation commission adopted a resolution favoring the employment of a full-time city recreation director, and asked that the city turn over to its treasurer all monies earmarked for recreational use.

The commission also recommended the employment of James (Red) Layton as a temporary summer arrangement at a salary of \$60 per week.  
 The secretary, pro tempore, Dr. W. P. Gerberding, was instructed to acknowledge the most recent proposal of Burlington Mills to use their property for a recreation plant site and to check with an Atlanta architect concerning plans already considered for a long-range building program.

G. C. Kelly, treasurer of the commission, said he had conferred with Duke Power Company concerning removal of power lines from the Burlington Mills recreation plant site, and that cost of the removal was to be submitted by Duke Power Company.  
 The commission authorized use of City Stadium for a benefit baseball game by the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club on the night of June 26.  
 All actions of the board were unanimous with these members present: Dr. P. G. Padgett, chairman, Fred W. Plonk, G. C. Kelly, W. K. Mauney, Jr., Rev. P. D. Patrick, John Latham, Dr. W. P. Gerberding, Mrs. J. H. Patterson, and Mrs. Harry Page.

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 3) Re-employed all city employees for 30 days at prevailing salary and wage grades.  
 4) Returned to Superintendent of Public Works Tom Henry duties of supervising the city water plant.  
 5) On request of Commissioner T. J. Ellison, authorized installation of a street light at the corner of Church and Oak streets.  
 6) Appointed Tax Supervisor C. E. Carpenter as Tax Collector and Delinquent Tax Collector on all personal and real property. Mr. Carpenter has had reported about \$35,000 in unpaid tax bills for 1951 and 1952, and City At-  
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### Ex-Commissioner Layton Hired For Play Post

Poppy Day will be observed here Saturday, according to announcement by the American Legion auxiliary.  
 Mrs. Hal Ward, chairman of the Poppy Day sale, said she anticipated a record sale for the benefit of maimed war veterans.

### Board Enacts Anti-Handbill Ordinance

Five new city commissioners, just sworn into office last Thursday morning, unanimously passed an ordinance restricting method of distributing handbills.  
 The ordinance, presented by J. H. Patterson, Ward 2 commissioner, and seconded by W. Sage Fulton, Ward 1 commissioner, read: "That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to distribute handbills or anything of printed matter within the city limits of the City of Kings Mountain by placing same in or on automobiles parked within the city limits and/or to hand same to pedestrians in the City of Kings Mountain, with exception of those advertising sale of goods, or ball games."  
 Mr. Patterson said Shelby, among other cities, had a similar ordinance.  
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### Spring Concert Thursday Night

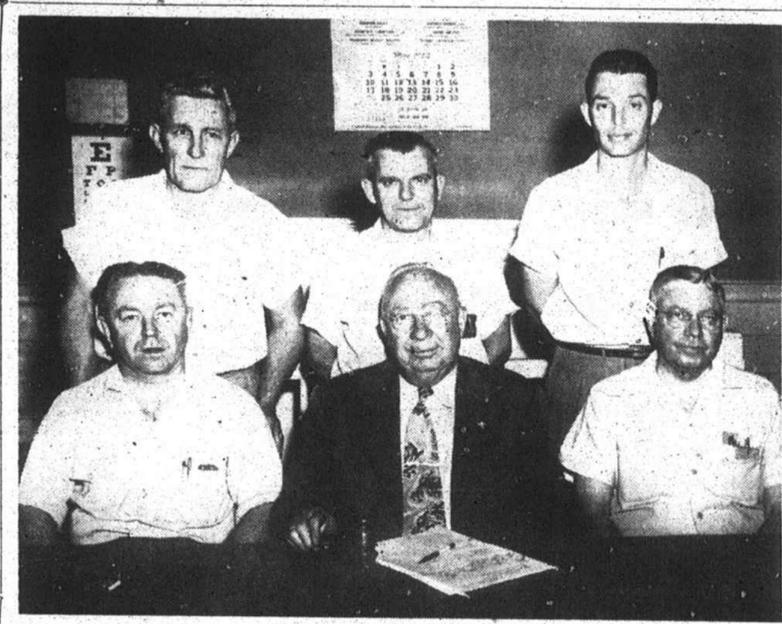
Annual spring concert of the Kings Mountain high school band will be presented Thursday (tonight) at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium.  
 Band numbers will include "Cirque Parade", "Three Blind Mice", "Blue Room", "Memory Lane", "Just A Cottage Small", "Body and Soul", "Deep Purple", "Red Rhythm", "Valley", "The Gypsy Baron", "La Haron Pan Americana", "Deep River Rhapsody", "The Rifle Ranger March", and "New Colonial March".  
 The program features popular semi-classical, and novelty numbers and no admission is charged. J. C. Hedden is director.  
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### Dr. Phil Elliott, Rev. Fred Hay To Make Commencement Addresses

Negro elementary school and instructed the building committee to continue negotiations.  
 The board authorized Mr. Barnes to conduct a summer school on the same basis as last year and approved plans for a band summer school, similar to last year's.  
 Mr. Barnes read the group a letter from Lester Martin, of New York City, president of Loom-Tex Corp., in which he requested detailed information on certain land the board is considering obtaining to enlarge the East Elementary school playground. The board ordered a survey made on the property.  
 The board approved minutes of the April 20, April 24, May 7 and May 13 meetings. Chairman Arnold Kincaid presided and Fred W. Plonk and J. R. Davis were present.  
 The board further discussed several items in connection with the purchase of land for the new

### Alley "Dustdown" Dirt Obtainable

The city board of commissioners approved last Friday a policy of the city public works department as follows:  
 1) To furnish dirt, as available, to citizens at \$1 per load.  
 2) To oil drives and alleyways as a dust preventive at city cost.  
 Tom Henry, public works superintendent, said, persons desiring the service should phone 912. Service will be given as weather and work schedules permit, he added.



BRIDGES ADMINISTRATION AT FIRST SESSION—Pictured above as they met in first session last Friday night are the six members of the newly elected city administration. The commissioners were sworn in Thursday morning. Mayor Glee A. Bridges took the oath of office as mayor Thursday night, after the retiring mayor, Garland E. Still, changed his mind and withdrew his request for a run-off election. Front, left to right, are Commissioner W. G. Grantham, Ward 5, Mayor Bridges, Commissioner W. Sage Fulton, Sr., Ward 1. Back row, left to right, are Commissioners J. H. Patterson, Ward 2, T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, Ward 3, and Harold Phillips, Ward 4. (Herald Photo by Carlisle Studio.)

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### Sewer Lines Parks, Streets Needs Listed

Mayor Glee A. Bridges, informally commenting during his first session in the chair of the city's presiding officer, said he was going to ask for bond issue votes very soon to provide the city with two recreation parks, one for whites and one for negroes, street improvements and sidewalk installations and for water and sewer line extensions.

The Mayor said at the new administration's first meeting last Friday night, "We had the former administration because we did not concentrate on helping all the people all over town. I am going to ask for bond issues shortly to give the people what they need."

Mayor Bridges did not indicate what amounts he would seek for the three facilities improvements he mentioned.

The mayoral pronouncement was the highlight of a brisk hour-and forty minute session. The Mayor also asked:

- 1) That strict attention be paid to business at meetings and that
- 2) That new ideas be advanced only after considerable thought and not "rushed into" in what he described as an effort to end stop-start-and-reverse action. "Let's not be in haste on new stuff. Let's be definite and know where we're going," he said.
- 3) A strict tax policy of favoring none. "On taxes," he said, "don't favor anybody. Let's clean up City Hall, then get on the outside and collect them."
- 4) That the police department be courteous to all.

Mr. Bridges also expressed a desire to be relieved of the mayoral duty of countersigning checks, pointing out that the books are audited periodically and that the city clerk is bonded. The request was granted unanimously.

### 24 Firms Cooperate For Sollar Says

A total of 24 Kings Mountain retail firms are participating in the weekend Dollar Days promotion on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.  
 The group includes dealers in almost every kind of commodity. The 24, as listed by President J. C. Bridges of the Kings Mountain Merchants association, follow:

- Alexander's Jewelry, Baird Furniture, Bell's Department Store, Bridges Hardware, City Auto & Home Supply, Cooper's, Inc., Crawford's Market, Dellinger's Jewel Shop, Dixie Home Store, Eagle's 5 & 10 Store, Grayson's Jewelry, Home Service Company, Keeter's Department Store, Kings Mountain Drug Company, Myers' Department Store, Philis Hardware, Plonk Brothers & Company, Plonk Motor Company, Reba's Fashions, Rose's 5-10-25 Store, Storch's Victory Chevrolet Company, Wee Folk Shoppe and Western Auto Store.