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President Eisenhower Willing To Accept Nomination

Religious Census To Be Conducted Sunday

Statement Ends Long Speculation As GOP Cheers



RUNNING — President Dwight D. Eisenhower said at his press conference Wednesday morning he was willing to seek re-election. The picture above is a 1952 campaign pose.

President Eisenhower said at his press conference Wednesday morning he would be the Republican standard-bearer again if the convention nominated him.

The announcement brought an end to the speculation which began last September when the President suffered a heart attack and bore out indications of the past three weeks that the President would seek re-election, his heart attack notwithstanding.

The President was to make a television address Wednesday night at 10 o'clock, in which he was to list his reasons for making the decision to seek re-election. It was to be carried via Station WB-TV Charlotte.

The President's decision followed heavy pressure from GOP leaders to continue to lead the party, a statement by Dr. Paul White, Boston heart specialist, that the president was physically fit to seek the office again, and constant predictions from GOP leaders during the past two weeks that Eisenhower would again lead the ticket.

The announcement produced joy throughout the nation and in Kings Mountain among Republican enthusiasts.

One called the Herald to say, "The Democrats have a long time to wait, don't they?"

Nomination of the incumbent by his political convention is regarded as a mere formality. Thus the re-nomination of President Eisenhower at San Francisco's Cow Palace late in the summer is expected to take no longer than the formalities require, which will include the nominating and seconding speeches and the calling of the roll.

Mr. Altholz was in Kings Mountain over the past weekend to inspect the progress made on the company's Kings Mountain plant.

Prior reports had indicated that the plant would have been in operation by now, but Altholz said a delay in obtaining power facilities had delayed opening.

The president, a New York resident, said that Paul Opinsky would be in charge of the local operations, and reported again that local labor would be used in the plant wherever possible.

He added that experienced knitters would have to be brought in to train workers to operate the knitting machines.

Mr. Altholz said this was the company's first venture in North Carolina, but said that he has been in the textile business in New York since 1919.

"We will probably use about 30 employees on a two-shift basis to start," he said, "but hope to go to three shifts as soon as we can train our personnel."

The company maintains sales offices in New York City. The Kings Mountain plant will manufacture both plain and fancy knit goods used for underwear, polo shirts, and blouses, the president said.

Knitting Firm Expects To Start Operations Soon

Red Cross Drive Begins Thursday

Kings Mountain Campaign Quota \$5,545 Minimum

Annual appeal for funds for the Red Cross is scheduled to begin in Kings Mountain Thursday.

Goal of the campaign is \$5,545, James E. Herndon, Jr., chairman of the fund raising organization said Wednesday.

Committee organization has been completed and Mr. Herndon noted that many workers would begin canvassing and soliciting of city businesses and individuals this week.

The quota is set, Mr. Herndon continued, as the minimum required for operations and anything short of it eliminates some of the work that the Red Cross does in Kings Mountain.

"Everyone is urged to make a gift this year," he added.

Over \$24 million was expended in disaster relief by Red Cross organizations last year, Mr. Herndon said, via all chapters and in aid to disaster sufferers. The Red Cross has assisted local area families whose homes were destroyed by fire and has assisted veterans of the Korean conflict and World War II. Red Cross keeps parents in contact with servicemen when emergencies arise as one of its many home service activities.

"The Red Cross is a service organization and not a welfare organization," Mr. Herndon added. He pointed out that value of blood donated to North Carolina patients through the Red Cross blood collection program last year would have a market value, if sold, of more than \$1 million.

Mr. Herndon said that major networks would launch the campaign in radio and television appeals and said that Radio Station WKMT had scheduled Red Cross programs during the campaign.

Chairman Herndon invited citizens to note a progress display in the windows of Local Loan & Finance company on Mountain street. The display, prepared by Mrs. John L. McGill and Mrs. J. A. Neisler, contains antique toys, some used by local citizens some 50 years ago. One of the toys, Mrs. Neisler noted, was purchased by an area family in 1776. Progress during the drive is to be posted regularly in the exhibits. A farm house scene together with soldiers, a liberty bell, eagles, flags, and other scenery make up the exhibit.



CANDIDATE — Hazel B. Bumgardner, veteran county commissioner, will seek re-nomination in the May 26 Democratic primary, according to announcement yesterday.

H. B. Bumgardner Seeks Re-election To County Post

Hazel B. Bumgardner, veteran Democratic county commissioner, announced Wednesday he would seek re-nomination at the May 26 Democratic primary.

The Kings Mountain poultryman is the first county commissioner to announce he will seek re-election.

However, all the incumbents are expected to make similar announcements in the near future. Other members of the all-Democratic board are Z. V. Cline, chairman, Fitzhugh Rollins, John White, and Knox Surratt.

In announcing his candidacy Mr. Bumgardner said, "I feel I am better equipped to serve the people of Cleveland County today than at any previous time due to the experience I have obtained in my prior service on the board of county commissioners. I appreciate deeply the support given me by the voters of the county in the past and solicit this support in the coming primary."

Mr. Bumgardner first became a member of the board of commissioners by appointment, when the board membership was expanded to five. He was re-elected in 1952 and in 1954.

A native of this community, he is a son of the late Ed Bumgardner. He is a member of Central Methodist church and a Lion. He is a former employee of Neisler Mills.

Clubs Returning To Woman's Club

After six years of convening at Masonic Dining hall, Kings Mountain's three male civic clubs are planning to return to the Woman's Club.

Two civic groups, the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club and Kings Mountain Lions club, have voted to contract with the Woman's Club for meeting place quarters and the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce board of directors approved the proffered arrangements Monday night. A Jaycee spokesman said the board action would be presented to the club for approval at next week's meeting.

Under terms of the contract arrangements being made, the men's civic clubs will continue to employ Mrs. L. B. Goforth, Sr., as hostess, with contract clause providing no change of hostess without prior agreement of both the Woman's Club and the particular civic clubs. The clubs will pay rent at the rate of \$10 per meeting night. The contract provides that 60-day notice be given before any contract can be abrogated. Renewal options are provided.

Terms of the arrangement were reported to the Lions club Tuesday night by President Gene Timms. The contracts are to be effective April 1.

Neisler To Offer Homes For Sale

The C. E. Neisler family, which retained its residential realty holdings when it sold its several textile plants, will offer its houses for sale in the near future.

C. E. Neisler said the Neisler Brothers, Inc., family-owned successor corporation to Neisler Mills, Inc., will offer the houses first to present occupants and second to employees of Neisler Mills now living elsewhere.

In Kings Mountain, Neisler-owned houses to be offered for sale include approximately 25 at Pauline mill and 50 to 60 at Margrace mill.

Mr. Neisler said surveying is now underway by Drew Real Estate Company of Anderson, S. C., which he described as one of a few firms specializing in the sale of residential realty owned by industrial firms. The Drew firm will also appraise the houses to determine values, and when this work is completed, will open an office in the community and will contact each employee.

Mr. Neisler said employees will be offered the houses "on very liberal terms."

325 Churchmen To Collaborate In Sunday Count

A total of 325 Kings Mountain churchmen will collaborate on Sunday afternoon in conducting a religious census of the Kings Mountain area.

J. Ollie Harris, chairman of the census committee, said 325 laymen, representing all churches of the community, will conduct a two-hour survey on Sunday, beginning at 1 o'clock, in an effort to list the church affiliation, if any, of each and every citizen of the area.

Mr. Harris estimated that 2,000 homes will be visited by the two-man teams and he urged all citizens to remain at their residences until 3 p. m. Sunday afternoon.

"We expect to complete the work in two hours, and we hope all citizens will cooperate in speeding the work," Mr. Harris said.

The census is under sponsorship of the inter-denominational Kings Mountain Ministerial association.

Mr. Harris said the census-takers will convene for lunch at the Woman's Club at 12:15 p. m., shortly after the regular Sunday morning church services. At 12:45, the group will adjourn to Central Methodist church for census-taking assignments and be on the job by 1 p. m.

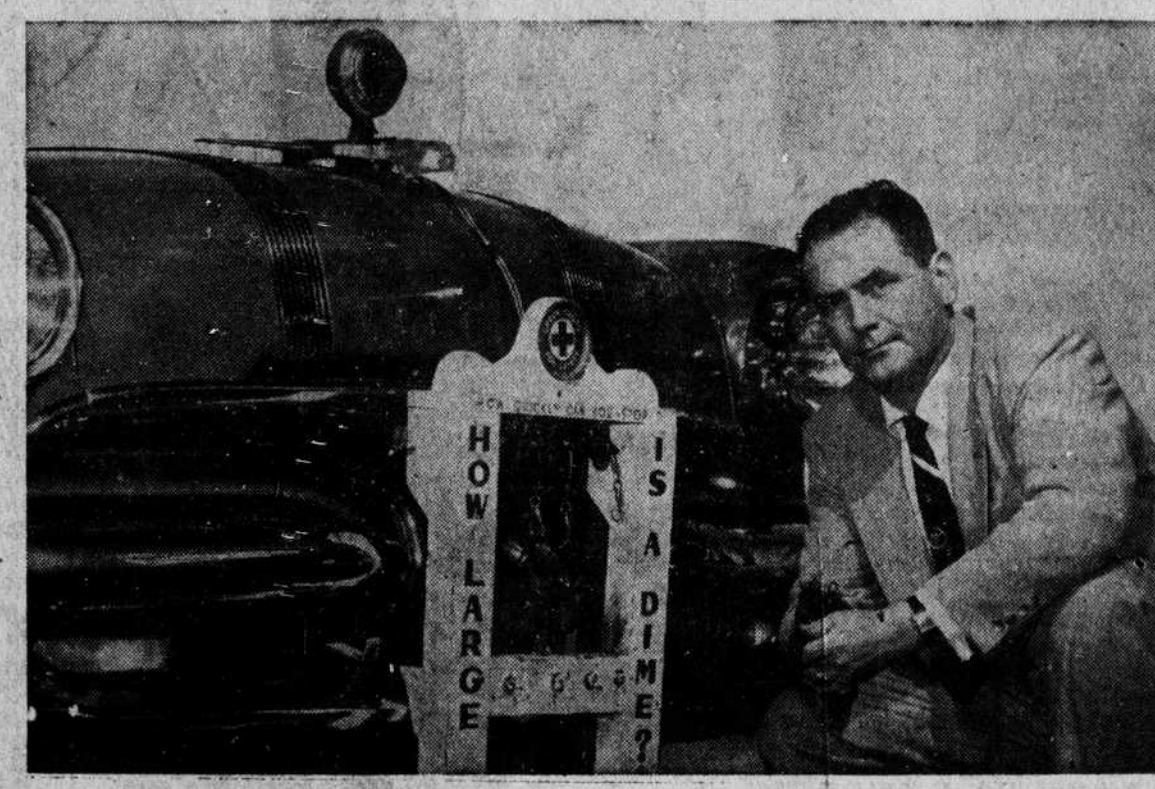
A facsimile of the information card to be used by the census-takers is printed in today's edition of the Herald. Mr. Harris asked that all citizens be prepared to answer the questions, both for themselves and for their children.

Bloodmobile Here Monday

The Red Cross bloodmobile will come to Kings Mountain Monday for a one-day visit and will receive donors at the Woman's club from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m. Goal of the collection is 200 pints of blood.

Mrs. J. N. Gamble, executive secretary of the Kings Mountain chapter, pointed out that the goal of each visit is 125 pints but only 135 pints had been collected at two recent visits of the blood collecting unit here.

The Red Cross, Mrs. Gamble added, organizes blood centers to collect blood and blood products and makes it available to hospitals and physicians on regular basis, provides blood without cost to the recipient, provides blood and blood products to the armed forces and national defense reserves as needed, and encourages research that discovers more uses of blood and blood fractions to make collection, processing, distribution, and use of blood more efficient.



SAFETY DEMONSTRATION PLANNED — Wenzell Morris, safety engineer for Nationwide Insurance, will demonstrate here Tuesday that it is impossible to "stop on a dime." He'll let students at Kings Mountain High School drive the demonstration car above to see how quickly they can stop at 20 miles-an-hour. The three revolvers on the bumper will fire to mark the pavement when the driver (1) sees the stop signal, (2) slams on the brakes, and (3) brings the car to a dead stop.

High Schoolers To Participate In Safety Test

Students at Kings Mountain high school will pit their driving skills against time in a series of tests here Tuesday, Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan, Jr., announced yesterday.

Several students will drive a specially equipped demonstration car at 20 miles per hour and make emergency stops. Other students will measure the stopping distances.

The tests are designed to disprove the notion that a car can "stop on a dime," Chief Logan said.

The car is equipped to measure stopping distances accurately. An emergency signal light is mounted on the hood and three revolvers are fastened on the front bumper. Aimed straight at the pavement, the guns fire bullets of yellow paint to mark points at which drivers (1) see the emergency signal, (2) slam on the brakes, and (3) stop the car.

The automobile is supplied by Nationwide Insurance. A safety engineer rides beside each driver and operates the equipment.

The engineers have staged similar demonstrations before some 5,000 school assemblies in the eastern United States.

The demonstration will take place on Ridge street in front of Central school, shortly after a 45 minute assembly.

Wenzell Morris will be the safety engineer conducting the demonstration.

Thomasson Named Gardner Manager

Lawyer To Direct Kings Mountain Area Campaign

George Thomasson, Kings Mountain lawyer, will manage the Kings Mountain area campaign of Ralph Gardner, who seeks the Democratic nomination for 11th district Congressman.

Announcement was made yesterday by Candidate Gardner, who said he was very pleased to obtain the assistance of the Kings Mountain attorney.

The Democratic primary will be held May 26.

Mr. Thomasson was quick to predict victory for his candidate, both at Kings Mountain area polling places and through the district.

"The Gardner name is well-known and respected," he said, "and Ralph Webb Gardner measures up to it."

Mr. Thomasson, a Kings Mountain native, opened his law office here in August 1952, after obtaining degrees from Davidson college and Duke university law school. He served three years in the army during World War II. He is a son of Mrs. Charles F. Thomasson and the late Mr. Thomasson, a member of First Presbyterian church, a Lion and a Jaycee. Mrs. George Thomasson is the former Marion Arthur. Mr. Thomasson is currently solicitor of city recorder's court.



MANAGER — George B. Thomasson, Kings Mountain lawyer, will manage the Kings Mountain area campaign of Ralph W. Gardner for the Democratic nomination for 11th district Congressman.

TWO FIRES

Kings Mountain Fire department answered two calls this week according to a report by Warren Ellison, city fireman. Friday, firemen were called to West End Grocery, Shelby road, to extinguish a grease pit fire; and Wednesday, February 22, firemen extinguished a grass blaze on Sims street.

Hord Not Running For Board Post; Other Political Notes Reported

Zeno Hord, Waco farmer, told the Herald Wednesday that he will not be a candidate for the office of county commissioner in the coming county Democratic primary.

Reports had indicated that Mr. Hord would run for the office now held by Hazel B. Bumgardner.

However, Mr. Hord said Wednesday, "You have too good a man down there, and I will not be a candidate in the coming election."

Mr. Hord, the father of Mrs. Sam Collins of Kings Mountain, is a former member of the Cleveland County Hospital Board of Trustees from No. 5 Township.

An un-checked political rumor in county circles was that Former Commissioner Ben P. Jenkins would seek to regain his seat from John D. White, who defeated Mr. Jenkins for the District 5 spot in the Democratic primary two years ago.

The county commissioners will seek nomination on a county-wide basis this spring for the first time since 1951, result of a change in the election procedure enacted by the 1955 General Assembly. A bill introduced by the county delegation and endorsed by the county commissioners provided that the

five commissioners be nominated on a county-wide basis, rather than by voters in the particular districts. However, the district residence requirement was retained. The new arrangement is the same as the City of Kings Mountain method of choosing city commissioners.

Other political developments of the week included:

- 1) Appointment of George Thomasson as Kings Mountain area manager for Ralph Gardner, candidate for Congress from the 11th district.
- 2) Word from State Senator Robert Morgan, of Shelby, that if re-elected, he would seek election by the Senate as speaker pro tempore.
- 3) Calling of a Republican precinct meeting for Thursday night at City Hall.

Basil Whitener, of Gastonia, who also seeks the Democratic nomination for 11th district Congressman, was scheduled to speak at the Lions club here Tuesday night, but found subsequently he had a conflicting engagement. He was reported in Kings Mountain Monday night in conference with District Manager Jack White and Hal D. Ward, a Whitener supporter.

Open House Set At Military Park

Kings Mountain National Military Park will hold open house Saturday commemorating the 25th anniversary of federal legislation establishing the park as a federal military shrine.

Ben Moomaw, park superintendent, said the full park staff will be on duty all day Saturday and will endeavor to show all visitors "how the park operates."

"All areas and facilities will be open to the public and the park staff particularly invites all citizens of the surrounding area to visit the park and to inspect its grounds and other facilities," Mr. Moomaw said.

On Sunday, a park staffman will be at Cowpens, S. C., National Battlefield site, which was chartered by Congress 27 years ago. The Cowpens facility is under management of the Kings Mountain park organization.

Neisler, Craftspun Adjust Wages To Comply With New \$1 Minimum

Many Kings Mountain industrial employees, who work for businesses in interstate commerce, are getting pay increases as a result of the March 1 effective date of the federal law setting minimum pay at \$1 per hour.

Actually, majority of firms effected by the change have already instituted the pay scale changes to put their rates in conformance with the new law.

Neisler Mills division of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, the community's largest employer, posted a notice at their plants this week informing employees that the minimum wage had become \$1 per hour effective the week of February 26. Paul Mauney, Neisler executive, said the wage change would add an estimated nine percent to the company's Kings Mountain payroll.

The Neisler notice read: "Beginning the week of February 26, 1956, all persons on Neisler payrolls will receive a minimum of \$1 per hour. Other rates above the minimum have been adjusted according to skill and merit. Each person should see their supervisor for their individual rates."

"This increase will be effective in the pay received March 8, 1956."

Bonnie Mills will not be greatly effected by the change, Jacob Cooper reported. Only four employees were at base rates and of these, three were at rates above the previous 75 cents minimum, he added.

Craftspun Yarns, Inc., like Neisler, made wage adjustments effective February 26. The few employees under the \$1 per hour figure were raised, and rate adjustments aggregating about three percent were made for higher-rated employees. At the same time, G. C. Kelly, Craftspun official announced, the company upped benefits of employee paid hospitalization benefits. Hospitalization costs are shared by the company and employees.

GOP Meeting Thursday Night

A meeting of the West Kings Mountain Republican Precinct Committee will be held at City Hall Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock, W. A. Williams, chairman, has announced.

Business to come before the meeting will include the election of new officers, and nomination of delegates for the county convention to be held in Shelby March 3 at the county courthouse.

Williams is urging all persons interested in local Republican party activities to attend this meeting.

Record Utility Bills Blamed On Weather

City office employees are expecting a hard time from utility customers beginning Thursday.

Bills for city utilities set another high record for the billing which customers will receive March 1, and the city office folk say, "Blame it on the weather."

Normally the February bills total highest in the year, but, due to foul weather which first hindered meter reading and, second, sent the meter-readers off to line repair duties, the March 1 bills reflect four additional days of service. The total will be for 34 days, rather than 30.

"It'll balance up," Assistant City Clerk Joe McDaniel says, "for next month's bills will reflect four days less service or a 26-day reading."

The grand total for water and power service for the billing is \$27,153.87, up some \$2,000 over last month's total, Mr. McDaniel reported.