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Local News Bulletins

TAX ASSISTANT
A representative of the Department of Revenue will be at City Hall here March 21, 28, and April 4 to assist taxpayers in filing State income tax returns.

DIXON SERVICE
A quartet of students from Davidson college will present a musical program at Dixon Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

WEST SCHOOL
Regular meeting of West school P-TA will be held Wednesday afternoon, March 20, at 3 o'clock in the school auditorium.

VETERANS
World War I veterans are being asked to attend a meeting at the VFW Hall, Shelby, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m.

EAST SCHOOL
East school P-TA will hold its regular meeting Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

BILL PASSES HOUSE
House Bill 61, a local bill advancing the filing deadline for city and school board offices in Kings Mountain from five days prior to the election to 15 days prior to the election was passed by the House of Representatives on March 8.

ONE FIRE
City Fireman C. D. Ware reported Kings Mountain Fire Department answered a call Monday to Katherine street, to extinguish a grass fire.

MOOSE MEETING
Members of Kings Mountain Moose Lodge 1748 will hold their regular weekly meeting Thursday night at 8:15 at the lodge on Bessemer City road.

INTANGIBLES TAX
The city has received a check from the State of North Carolina for \$878.83, representing third quarter intangibles tax refund, it was reported by Assistant City Clerk Joe McDaniell.

METER RECEIPTS
The city's parking meters returned a total of \$168.08 for the week ending at noon Wednesday, with \$150.77 from on-street meters and \$17.31 from the Cherokee street parking lot meters.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
The Kings Mountain Board of School Trustees will meet Monday night in a regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the office of Supt. B. N. Barnes.

Kiwanis To Hold Farmer's Night
Graham Morrison, former Lincoln County farm agent, will be principal speaker for the annual Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club Farmer's Night program to be held tonight.

Mr. Morrison, well-known in farming areas in this section of the state, served as farm agent of Lincoln County for many years. He now resides near Stanley.

He is highly regarded as a humorous speaker, and is much sought after for program of this type.

Glee E. Bridges, chairman of the Agriculture and Conservation committee of the Kiwanis Club, reported Tuesday that approximately 50 to 60 farmers of the Kings Mountain area have indicated that they will attend this program.

Members of the Agriculture Committee, other than Mr. Bridges, are: Sage Fulton, I. B. Goforth, W. G. Grantham, Meek Orman, and Moffatt Ware.

The program will be held at Kings Mountain Woman's Club at 6:45 o'clock.

Four Add Names To May City Election Ballot List

Election Called; Meter Take May Go To Recreation Fund

City Election Officials Named; Voting May 14

The city board of commissioners has set the biennial city election for May 14 and has appointed virtually all the officials who will conduct the election.

The five ward voting places will be the same as those used in previous elections.

Still to be named are one judge in Ward 1 and one judge in Ward 2.

Registration books will open on April 20. They will be open with registrars at the polling places, on three consecutive Saturdays, with May 11 to be Challenge day.

Following are the election officials named, together with the polling places:

Ward 1 - City Hall courtroom, C. L. Black registrar, Mrs. Nell Cranford, judge (one judge to be named).

Ward 2 - at City Hall fire station, Mrs. H. R. Parton, registrar, R. D. Goforth, Judge, (one judge to be named).

Ward 3 - at Ballard's Grocery, Mrs. Ruth Bowers, registrar, Rachel Conner and H. R. Murray, judges.

Ward 4 - at Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company club-room, E. O. White, registrar, Brooks Tate and Mrs. Herman Yawn, judges.

Ward 5 - at Victory Chevrolet Company, Mrs. J. T. McGinnis, Jr., registrar, Mrs. F. A. McDaniell and Mrs. Charles Ballard, judges.

The election will be conducted to choose a mayor, five commissioners, one from each of the city's five wards, and two school trustees.

Gamble Grows Huge Rutabaga
Al Capp's comic strip community of Dogpatch is not the only spot where turnips grow big.

Leonard Gamble of the Bethware community produced a giant size rutabaga measuring 28 inches in girth and weighing nine and three-quarter pounds.

The big turnip is available for inspection at the Herald office.

C. Of C. To Organize Monday, Has Two Location Inquiries

Acting officers of Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce have called a general membership meeting for Monday night at 7:30 for formal organization.

Dan Weiss, acting president, said the members will be asked to elect a president, vice-president, and twelve directors.

A nominating committee will present the following recommendation:

For president, Carl H. Swar, president of Craftsman Yarns, Inc.

For vice-president, Dan Weiss, owner of Reba's Dress Shop.

For directors: J. Wilson Crawford, B. S. Neill, W. K. Mauney, Martin Harmon, Clyde Bennett, Warren E. Reynolds, F. R. McCurdy, Sam Collins, Glee A. Bridges, Fred W. Plonk, and Bruce Thornburn.

Mr. Weiss emphasized that nominations for all positions will be invited from the general membership and urged full attendance.

The organization will get underway with a membership list of approximately 100 individuals and business firms.

The membership work is not complete, Mr. Weiss said, "but our minimum goal of 100 members has been reached and the persons active in promoting the organization of Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce think it time to complete the formal organization. At the moment, two industrial firms have indicated interest in locating in Kings Mountain which means that the Chamber of Commerce needs to be at work."



APPOINTED - Harold R. Hunnicutt has been appointed the city's deputy director of civil defense. J. Ollie Harris is civil defense director.

City May Buy Radio Equipment

The city is weighing the expenditure of about \$1,900 for more than \$5,000 in new radio equipment, which it can get at the bargain via the federal government's civil defense program.

Included in the package proposal of Dick Marable, Motorola salesman from Monroe, would be a base station and seven mobile units, among other equipment.

Marable said, and Mayor Glee Bridges said he had confirmed, that the federal government will pay half the cost of radio equipment, plus installation costs, and a five percent additional fee for paper-work.

The proposition has already consumed a portion of one city board meeting, a special city board meeting, and carried Mayor Bridges and other city officials to Monroe for a look-see into the radio operation there and into other civil defense activities.

Marable appeared at the regular monthly meeting last Thursday. The Mayor and his party went to Monroe Friday. The board convened again Monday afternoon, this time with Bob Hilker, Belmont radionian and the city's radio trouble shooter.

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Recreation Body Presents \$11,000 Budget For Year

The city board of commissioners indicated by resolution at last Thursday's meeting it will give the City Recreation commission parking meter "profits" during the next fiscal year.

The recreation commission may get some funds earlier, if the funds are available.

Paul Ledford's motion was seconded by Sam Collins and unanimously passed, after Charles E. Dixon and Fleete McCurdy, members of the recreation commission, had appeared to request the funds. Mr. Dixon, who acted as spokesman, told the board, "We have very little money, but we've figured what we'd like to do if we did have some."

He presented a proposed budget for fiscal 1957-58 totaling \$11,000 and with income of only \$7,500. He said parking meter "profits" were estimated at \$3,500 per year.

(A bill passed several years ago by the General Assembly made parking meter monies expendable for recreation purposes.)

The recreation commission budget estimated it would receive \$3,000 from swimming pool fees and another \$4,500 from ad valorem taxes. It anticipated these expenses: salaries, \$3,000; chemicals, \$1,500; utilities, \$1,000; baseball program, \$200; football program, \$175; playground program, \$800; social security taxes, \$125; miscellaneous expenses of \$600; and salary of the director at \$3,600. (Jake Early has been employed as full-time city recreation director, effective April 1.)

The commission also voted to assign the recreation director a city-owned car for official business use, with the provision the director is to file a mileage report. The car assigned was a 1952 Chevrolet, maintained by the city as a "utility" vehicle.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges remarked he wanted the recreation commission to take over the operation of City Stadium, bringing a suggestion from J. W. Webster, city tax supervisor and member of the school board, that the recreation commission, city commis-

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Dollars Can Be Kept At Home, Dixon Declares

Charles Dixon, newly installed president of the Kings Mountain Merchants association, urged members at the annual association banquet Monday night to make a more active effort to "keep Kings Mountain dollars in Kings Mountain."

Mr. Dixon also urged the merchants to regard neighboring communities as their "real competitors" and urged the retailers to combat the trade-out-of-town trend with expanded inventories and increased promotion, both in store and via advertising media.

"Some may find it glamorous to visit other communities to buy, but these are in the minority. The majority of folk would much prefer going around the corner to buy if they are assured they will find comparable quality, selection and value," Mr. Dixon declared.

Mr. Dixon noted that postoffice money orders here totaled \$206,000 in the final six months of 1956 and C. O. D. shipments average \$1,000 daily. He also noted that First National Bank is a "customer" for currency when the Federal Reserve Bank, indicating dollars which should be spent in Kings Mountain are going elsewhere.

He also urged credit-granting merchants to adopt scientific credit-granting methods as a favor "both to themselves and to the customer." "Most people are honest," he added, "but some are poor managers."

Mr. Dixon's address was one of the highlights of the annual association banquet which attracted 175 retailers, salespeople, and guests.

Entertainment feature was a program of rock-and-roll and Gospel music by Joe Franklin and his Mimosa Boys, of Bristol, Tenn.

Retiring President Paul W. Walker presided, and new officers and directors were installed by J. C. Bridges, a past president.

Mrs. Gene Austin outlined activities and purposes of the Credit Women's Breakfast Club, a merchant-sponsored organization. Richard Barnett supervised a prize drawing for the ladies.

New officers and directors installed, in addition to Mr. Dixon, were Jonas Bridges, vice-president, and John Warlick, Eugene Timms, Odus Smith, Richard McGinnis, directors for terms expiring in 1959. Hold-over directors, with terms expiring in 1958, are Charles Blanton, Yates Harrison, Menzeli Phifer, and Ed Tutor. Paul Walker is an ex officio member of the board.

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Ellison Asking Re-Election; Still Files For Mayoral Post



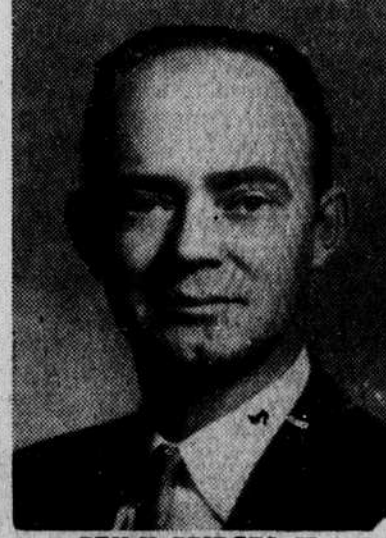
GARLAND E. STILL Mayor Candidate



T. J. (TOMMY) ELLISON Ward 3 Candidate



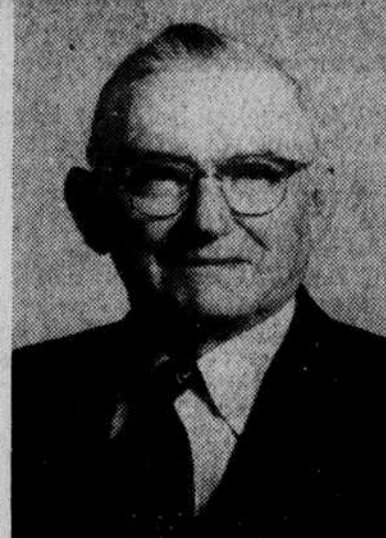
CHARLES W. FORD Candidates for Ward 4 Commissioner



BEN H. BRIDGES, JR. Candidates for Ward 4 Commissioner



BRYANT WELLS Candidates for Ward 2 Commissioner



J. C. GLARY Candidates for Ward 2 Commissioner

Brothers Wounded Tuesday Night In Grover Shooting; Payne Jailed

Two brothers were seriously injured by gunfire in an affray in the weave room of Minette Mills of Grover Tuesday night.

The wounded men were identified by Sheriff Haywood Allen as James Hayes, 24, Minette Mill employee, and his brother, J. C. Hayes, 40-year-old construction worker, both of Grover.

Julius Payne, also a Minette Mill worker, was in the county jail Wednesday facing two charges of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill as a result of the shooting.

According to Sheriff Allen, witnesses of the battle said Payne said, had a knife in his hand at the time of the shooting. A simple assault charge is expected to be brought against J. C. Hayes.

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Mountain physician, is said to have termed both men's condition as serious, but added that he expected them to recover, barring unforeseen complications. Both are patients at Kings Mountain Hospital.

Sheriff Allen said there had been "bad blood" between the three men before. He added that James Hayes already faced a charge of assault on Gaffney, S. C., as the result of a warrant signed by Payne.

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Bridges, Ford Oppose Ledford In Ward 4

Four additional candidates entered the city political arena this week, creating contests for all city hall positions except one.

The added entrants are: Garland E. Still, restaurateur and former mayor, who seeks to regain the position he held from 1951-53. Mr. Still filed Wednesday morning.

Ben H. Bridges, savings and loan association secretary, who filed Wednesday morning for Ward 4 commissioner.

Charles W. (Rocky) Ford, textile employee, who filed Tuesday, also for Ward 4 commissioner, a position he sought in 1955.

T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, grocer, incumbent commissioner from Ward 3, who seeks re-election to a third consecutive term.

Two "won't run" announcements were made by citizens mentioned as possible candidates previously. Hal D. Ward informed the Herald he would not seek the mayoral post "in spite of considerable encouragement of many friends". Tilman Pearson, mentioned frequently as a candidate for Ward 2 commissioner, told the Herald he had decided not to offer.

Currently in the field are 15 candidates for the six city hall posts, with only the Ward 3 commissionership without a contest.

No candidates have yet filed for the two school board positions. Incumbent Trustee Fred W. Plonk has been quoted by friends as indicating he will seek re-election. Dr. P. G. Padgett, whose term is also expiring, has made no announcement as to his intentions.

Ben H. Bridges and Charles Ford seek to unseat incumbent commissioner Paul D. Ledford, now filling the vacancy created by the death of O. T. Hayes, Sr.

Mr. Still, defeated by Mayor Glee A. Bridges in 1953 and also a candidate two years ago, made a detailed filing statement in which he promised lower taxes, lower power bills, and less spending by the city government.

Ben H. Bridges, son of the late B. Hudson Bridges, a former city commissioner, made no formal statement but said he was running "independently". He said, if elected, he would strive to serve all the people of the community

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Police Finally Trap "Houdini"

The Kings Mountain Police Department must feel like giving Fred Daves a great big "E" for effort.

Daves, 22-year-old resident of 207 Dilling street, led the local officers on a merry chase Tuesday before finally being captured.

According to Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr., a call was received that Daves was forcing cars off the highway with his vehicle. A police car was sent to apprehend the driver.

Daves led the officers on a wild high-speed chase, then suddenly stopped in front of the police car on a dirt road in East Kings Mountain. The police vehicle, driven by Officer Paul Saunders, rammed into the back of Daves' car, resulting in approximately \$275 in damages to the city vehicle.

Daves was handcuffed and put into the backseat of the wrecked police car to await additional transportation to police headquarters.

In some manner, the youth slipped the cuffs from his hands, bolted out the back door and was free once again.

Bloodhounds were brought in and used in an attempt to trail the fugitive, but they failed. However, Daves was recaptured some two hours later following a tip as to his whereabouts.

This time he was detained and lodged in city jail. He is facing charges of reckless driving, resisting an officer, and hit and run driving, according to Chief Logan.

Bond has been set at \$1,000.