

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 7,206

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STILL, CORNWELL, STROUPE CALL RUN-OFFS

Alexander, Bennett, Ben Bridges Elected

Second-Runners Formally Call For May 28th Run-Off Ballot

Garland E. Still, A. Dewitte Cornwell and R. Coleman Stroupe have called formally for run-off elections in their contests for city offices.

Each of the three, who ran second in their Tuesday contests, put their requests in writing to City Clerk Gene Mitchell before noon Wednesday, shortly after the board of city commissioners met to canvass the returns and to declare the official results.

Mr. Still, the 1951-53 mayor, ran second to Mayor Glee A. Bridges in Tuesday's election. He polled 651 votes, more by 45 than the 606 in his first - race lead of 1951. Mayor Bridges received 834 votes, while J. Lee Roberts, who placed third, polled 493.

Mr. Cornwell, a grocer and realtor, polled 502 votes to place second to J. Boyce Gault in the four-man race for Ward 2 commissioner. Mr. Gault led at 850. The other candidates were Tillman Pearson, 377, and J. C. Clary, 165.

Mr. Stroupe ran second to Ward 5 Commissioner W. Gurney Grantham, making a bid for a third two-year term. The count was Grantham, 868, Stroupe, 789, and Rev. S. T. Cooke, 283.

State law governing Kings Mountain's elections provides for run-off elections, if necessary, two weeks after the first election. This means that the run-off will be held on May 28.

There will be no opening of the registration books and the same election officials will superintend the voting.

The second-running candidates had until Sunday to ask for the run-off.



TO CHAPEL HILL — Miss Sondra Gilbert will go to Chapel Hill next month to enroll in a special course offering training as a dental assistant. She was one of 20 accepted for the course among 500 applicants.

Sondra Gilbert Is Selected

Miss Sondra Gilbert, high school senior and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom L. Gilbert, was notified Saturday that she has been accepted for a University of North Carolina pilot course leading to qualifications as a dental assistant.

Miss Gilbert was one of 20 selected to take the nine-week course of a total of some 500 graduating seniors and recent graduates applying. Of the 500, a total of 100 were interviewed after aptitude tests, according to Dr. D. F. Hord, Kings Mountain dentist.

Dr. Hord said the pilot course has been made possible by a charitable grant and has been set up at three United States schools, University of North Carolina, University of Iowa and University of Alabama.

Dr. Hord said some of the 20 successful applicants will be selected for an additional nine-month course.

Local News Bulletins

ATTEND CONVENTION

Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Baker, Dr. R. N. Baker and Dr. D. F. Hord attended the annual convention of the North Carolina Dental Society in Pinehurst last weekend.

JAYCEE MEETING

T. W. Dana, manager of personnel and public relations for the Hickory General Electric plant, will address members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce at the Tuesday night meeting. The club meets at the Woman's club at 7 o'clock.

TO FLORIDA

Tom Alston, High Point Enterprise reporter, has tendered his resignation to join a West Palm Beach, Fla., newspaper in the same capacity. Mr. Alston is married to the former Vivian Prince, of Kings Mountain.

SCHOOL BOARD

Regular meeting of Kings Mountain district board of school trustees will be held Monday night at 7:30 p.m., according to an announcement made by B. N. Barnes, superintendent.

JOINS STAFF

Miss Annie Ruth Essary has joined the staff of Central Beauty Shop here, according to an announcement by the management.

KIWANIS MEETING

A group of Asheville Kiwanians will conduct the program at Thursday night's meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club, which convenes at 6:45 at the Woman's Club.

Citizens Oust Collins, Ellison And Ledford

An outwardly quiet city election turned loud Tuesday as Kings Mountain citizens went to the polls in record number of 1998, defeated three incumbent city commissioners, split on a choice for mayor and two other city commissioners sufficiently to indicate a run-off election on May 28.

The citizens also elected two school trustees to six-year terms. Incumbents Fred W. Plonk and Dr. P. G. Padgett were unopposed. In Tuesday's voting, Ross F. Alexander, jeweler, defeated incumbent Sam D. Collins, a auto supply owner, for Ward 1 commissioner.

Luther T. Bennett, Burlington Industries employee and insurance man, ousted incumbent T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, East Kings Mountain grocer and Ward 3 commissioner.

Ben H. Bridges, savings and loan association manager, unseated Paul W. Ledford, Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company employee for Ward 4 commissioner. Mr. Bridges garnered more votes than any of the 17 candidates for contested offices, won a

OATH-TAKING

Tuesday city commission winners Ross F. Alexander, Luther T. Bennett and Ben H. Bridges will take their oaths of office in ceremonies at City Hall courtroom at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. Since the law specifies that incumbents will retain office until their successors are elected and qualified, Mayor Glee A. Bridges and Commissioner W. G. Grantham, who face run-off elections May 28, will continue in their respective positions, as will Commissioner J. H. Patterson, who did not seek re-election in Ward 2.

clear majority over both Mr. Ledford, who placed second, and Charles W. Ford, who placed third.

Run-offs are indicated for mayor, for Ward 2 and Ward 5 commissioner.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges, seeking third consecutive term, failed to obtain a majority by 155 votes. Former Mayor Garland E. Still, in what was tabbed by some observers as a surprise, placed second, with J. Lee Roberts running third.

For Ward 2 commissioner, J. Boyce Gault held a long lead over A. Dewitte Cornwell, but failed to attain a majority over Mr. Cornwell, Tillman Pearson and J. C. Clary. Mr. Pearson placed third. Mr. Gault needed an additional 97 votes which were collected by his other three opponents.

For Ward 5 commissioner, incumbent W. G. Grantham, for the second consecutive election used a handsome home ward vote to

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ROSS F. ALEXANDER elected
WARD 1 COMMISSIONER



LUTHER T. BENNETT elected
WARD 3 COMMISSIONER



BEN H. BRIDGES elected
WARD 4 COMMISSIONER

AT KING'S

Paul Fite, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Fite, is a member of the most recent freshmen class entering King's Business College in Charlotte. Mr. Fite, who graduated from Kings Mountain High School in 1952, is taking the Junior Accounting course.

Fluoridation Is Approved By 2-1 Margin

Kings Mountain citizens voted resoundingly Tuesday to fluoridate the city's water supply. The result was 1193 to 576, a better than two to one majority.

The new administration is expected to implement the decision of the voters by appropriating for fluoridation in the budget for the fiscal year starting July 1.

City Water Works Superintendent George Moss Wednesday gave as his "off the cuff" estimate that cost of a fluoridating apparatus would be about \$1800, with cost of the sodium silicate fluoride to be put in the city water at about \$1.25 to \$1.50 per day.

Cities which fluoridate their water supply are fluoridating at one part per million gallons of water.

Proponents of fluoridation say that fluoridation will prevent cavities in the teeth of children, say good "baby" teeth are imperative to good adult teeth.

Opponents of fluoridation say it has harmful effects on older citizens.

The fluoridation proposal first arose in 1952, was revived in January by directors of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club. Other organizations endorsing the proposal were the Kings Mountain medical and dental contingents, the Junior Woman's Club, Jaycees and other groups.

City Rescinds Handbill Law

The city board of commissioners, in session Wednesday morning, rescinded a "spite" ordinance passed by the short-lived Still Administration in May 1953.

The ordinance made illegal in the city the distribution of printed political propaganda to pedestrians and motorists.

The commission, with all members present except Sam Collins, voted unanimously on the motion, after suggestion for repeal was made by Mayor Glee A. Bridges.

Mayor Bridges labeled the ordinance a "spite" action, explained he was not mayor at the time the ordinance was passed, and also added, "There is very serious question that this law is legal, since it contravenes the right of free speech guaranteed by the United States Constitution."

Former Mayor Still had the ordinance rammed down his throat by an anti-group of commissioners elected in 1953. The action was taken at this board's first meeting. At the time, Mr. Still, who had run second to Mr. Bridges in the 1953 election, had called for a run-off election. Later that day, he announced his withdrawal, conceding to Mr. Bridges.

Mr. Still flouted the law in his recent campaign by distributing three political handbills. In his successful 1951 campaign, Mr. Still used political circulars as his chief weapon, distributing them in near-daily regularity.

Text of the ordinance repealed follows:

"An Ordinance—That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to distribute handbills within the City Limits of the City of Kings Mountain, by placing same to pedestrians in the City of Kings Mountain, with the exception of the advertising of the sale of goods or ball games, anything of printed matter."



WOMEN WANT SEAMSTRESS JOBS — City Hall courtroom was swamped last Friday morning as 207 area women registered their interest in accepting jobs as seamstresses in a proposed Kings Mountain industry. Seated at the registration table, left to right, are Franklin Ware, employ-



ment service manager, Dan Weiss, Chamber of Commerce vice-president, Mrs. Fred Hambrick (with back to camera), F. R. McCurdy (face hid), and Mrs. W. F. Fleming. Standing are Mrs. Bobby Rhea, Mrs. Fred Hamrick, and Mrs. J. D. Rhea with her baby Roxanne. (Photo by Pennington Studio).



SPEAKER — Rev. H. Gordon Weekley, Jr., of Charlotte, former pastor of First Baptist church here, will make the address at the annual ladies' night banquet Saturday of Fairview Lodge 339 AF & AM.

Masons To Honor Ladies Saturday

Annual ladies' night banquet of Fairview Lodge 339 AF & AM will be held Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. at Masonic Hall.

Rev. H. Gordon Weekley, Jr., pastor of Providence Baptist church, Charlotte, will make the principal address. Mr. Weekley, a member of the Kings Mountain lodge, is a former pastor of First Baptist church here.

T. D. Tindall, master, will introduce the speaker and will recognize other visitors. Expected to attend are Masonic widows who will be recognized and past masters of the lodge, in addition to other guests.

Kings Mountain chapter 123, Order of the Eastern Star, will serve the meal.

Central Band To Give Concert

Kings Mountain high school's band and girls' chorus will present a spring concert Thursday (tonight) at 8:15 in Central school auditorium.

This will be the last concert in Kings Mountain for Band Director Joe C. Hedden, who has served in that capacity for the past 11 years. Mrs. Richard McGinnis will direct the chorus.

Included among the chorus numbers will be "Blue Room," "Great Day," "Hiking Song" and "Adoramus Te." The band will play "Blue Tail Fly," "Pajama Game," "La Hora Pan Americana," "El Capitain," "Blue Fantasy," "Fairest of the Fair," "Ballet Parisian" and "Clapalong Playaway" among others.

No admission will be charged and the public is invited to attend.

207 Registered In Labor Survey

Some 207 Kings Mountain area women seek to become employees of a garment industry which may locate here, according to results of a labor survey conducted Friday.

Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, with the cooperation of the Kings Mountain branch of the North Carolina Employment Service, registered seamstresses available for work Friday morning, and 207 women reported for registration.

Franklin L. Ware, Jr., manager of the Employment Service, said Wednesday that of the 207 applicants, 55 women reported paid experience in commercial plants as sewing machine operators. Another eight reported experience in dressmaking and alterations on commercial basis, 41 women said they were self-employed as dressmakers for the public with work done at home, and 83 others reported they did sewing at home for their families and friends.

Twenty women voiced interest in jobs though they reported they had no experience but were "willing to learn."

Chamber of Commerce officials had been informed by the industry which may come to Kings Mountain that it would require a minimum of 40 experienced seamstresses. The cutting and sewing firm has also told Chamber of Commerce officials it wants an 18,000 square foot building, completely air conditioned, and has examined possible sites here.

In commenting on the survey, Mr. Ware said, "We have a large pool to select from as far as trainees are concerned." He termed the survey of "great value" and added that it would give officials a more concrete figure from which to work.

Applicants for the seamstress jobs were from within a 12 mile radius of Kings Mountain.

Chamber of Commerce officials Dan Weiss and F. R. McCurdy assisted in conducting the survey.

OFFICIAL RETURNS City Election, May 14, 1957

	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Ward 5	Totals
FOR MAYOR						
Glee Bridges	102	176	81	155	320	834
Garland Still	65	81	138	159	208	651
J. Lee Roberts	44	90	108	108	143	493
WARD 1 COMM.						
Ross Alexander	114	133	170	239	317	973
Sam D. Collins	93	189	128	155	296	861
WARD 2 COMM.						
Tillman Pearson	29	40	131	134	43	377
A. Dewitte Cornwell	58	111	88	59	186	502
J. C. Clary	11	26	29	41	58	165
Boyce Gault	108	164	67	170	341	850
WARD 3 COMM.						
Luther Bennett	109	150	169	240	335	1003
T. J. (Tommy) Ellison	96	180	161	170	266	873
WARD 4 COMM.						
Ben H. Bridges	136	204	131	196	418	1085
Paul W. Ledford	41	78	58	85	165	427
Charles W. Ford	31	48	128	133	52	392
WARD 5 COMM.						
Rev. S. T. Cooke	19	37	25	20	182	283
W. Gurney Grantham	104	183	86	151	344	868
R. Coleman Stroupe	82	124	204	236	143	789
SCHOOL TRUSTEES						
P. G. Padgett	165	290	239	341	665	1700
Fred Plonk	185	256	196	272	665	1574
FLUORIDATION						
In Favor	136	208	178	252	419	1193
Not in Favor	55	118	115	136	152	576

City Election SIDELIGHTS

It became apparent quite early Tuesday that there was much more interest in the city election than had been indicated and that there was a possibility that a new record would be set for number of persons going to the polls. The record fell, as 1998 citizens registered their choices for city office. The previous record was set in 1951, when 1887 citizens went to the polls in a city election.

Many attributed the record to the fact of Rev. S. T. Cooke's candidacy. Rev. Cooke was the first Negro candidate for city office in modern political history, perhaps the first. His candidacy spurred Negro registrations. A Negro worker, Carl Rippey, said Tuesday morning that 400 of his race would vote before the polls closed at 6:30. Rev. Cooke received 283 votes out of 1940 cast in the Ward 5 commissioner race. Not all of his votes were cast by Negro citizens. In Ward 4, where only two Negroes reside, Rev. Cooke received 20 votes.

One of the youngest political workers Tuesday was pretty Kay Alexander, daughter of Ray Alexander and niece of winning Ward 1 candidate Ross Alexander. Age 14, Miss Kay was passing out cards for Uncle Ross.

As usual, many citizens were discomfited because they couldn't vote, mistakenly thinking that registration on the county election books took care of city voting as well. Among those denied the opportunity to vote due to this fact were L. S. Stroupe, the druggist, and R. S. Lennon, the banker. Nor will they be able to help decide the May 28 run-offs. There is no new registration period for the run-off voting.

Mrs. Herman Yawn, one of the Ward 4 judges, has a suggestion for the incoming administration. "These filthy ballot boxes they send us should be freshly painted before elections, and those dirty canvases should be sent to the laundry," Mrs. Yawn remarked. Registrar E. O. White and Judge Brooks Tate seconded Mrs. Yawn's motion.

At least two citizens tried to make every candidate happy. One Ward 1 voter and one Ward 4 voter crossed an "x" by each candidate's name. These tickets, of course, were disallowed by the election officials.

Frank Ballard was husky voice. (Continued on Page Eight)