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# VOTERS WILL DETERMINE RUN-OFFS TUESDAY

## C. Of C. Defers Bond Issue Action

### Local News Bulletins

#### LIONS MEETING

Kings Mountain Lions club will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at the Woman's club. Program Chairman Jonas Bridges said new officers will be elected at this meeting.

#### ATTEND MEETING

Kings Mountain Presbyterian met Tuesday at Goshen Presbyterian church, Belmont. Rev. P. P. Patrick attended, along with Dewitt Hambricht, of Dixon Presbyterian church, and R. G. Plonk, of First Presbyterian church.

#### ONE FIRE

Kings Mountain Fire Department was called to Margraze Mill Friday night around 2:15 when a fire was extinguished in a dryer located in the finishing plant, N. M. Farr, city fireman, reported. No damages were reported.

#### ATTEND CONVENTION

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Grantham, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dixon, and Mrs. Ruth Thomason, returned Wednesday morning from Asheville where they attended a four-day convention of the North Carolina Auto Dealers Association.

#### MOOSE MEETING

Kings Mountain Moose Lodge 1748 will hold their regular weekly meeting at the lodge on Bessemer City road at 8:15, Thursday night, according to an announcement.

## Jaycees Support County Bond Vote

Kings Mountain Jaycees Tuesday night voted to support the June 8 county bond issue to supply water and sewer lines to a proposed Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company plant.

Charles Heath, president of the Shelby Junior Chamber of Commerce, had outlined the proposal, and the Jaycees held a long discussion before motion to support the bond issue was made.

President Delbert Dixon said there were some "nay" votes but that the motion carried by a clear majority.

T. W. Dana, personnel manager of General Electric plant, Hickory, was guest speaker at the Jaycee meeting held Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at the Woman's club, Delbert Dixon, president, reported.

Mr. Dana showed slides on the Hickory General Electric plant and explained the plant's operation system.

Mr. Dixon also reported that there would be a director's meeting to be held next Tuesday at 7 o'clock at B. F. Maner Insurance Agency.

## Summer School Plans Are Set

The city schools will operate a summer session this year beginning on June 12 for science students and on June 18 for students in other subjects.

The board of education approved plans outlined by Supt. B. N. Barnes Monday night.

The plans call for a tuition of \$24 for science subjects, \$22 for other subjects. Classes would end on July 31.

Mr. Barnes also reported 18 persons are interested in enrolling in a summer night class in typing. The class would total 32 hours and would provide no credit. He said it was estimated the fee for this class would be \$15.

## Directors Await Supreme Court Legality Result

Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce's board of directors voted unanimously last Thursday night to postpone action on support or opposition to the forthcoming county bond issue until the State Supreme Court rules on the legality of county's building water and sewer facilities.

The action came after long discussion and was on motion of Warren Reynolds and Bruce Thorburn's second. The action preceded the board's hearing of an outline of the proposal presented by a group of Shelby Chamber of Commerce members, including A. W. (Buck) Archer, spokesman for the group, A. A. Powell, attorney, and Paul Limerick, secretary of the Shelby Chamber of Commerce. County Commissioner Hazel B. Bumgardner was also present.

The meeting opened with an outline of objections to the \$415,000 county bond issue by J. R. Davis, Kings Mountain attorney, who was spokesman for a Number 4 Township delegation which opposed the original bond resolution before the county board of commissioners. Mr. Davis said he opposed the issue on "general principle," hoped Pittsburgh would locate in the county.

Mr. Davis predicted the recently passed state law empowering counties to build water and sewer lines would be declared illegal by the Supreme Court. Hearing on this law, in a friendly test case brought by Mr. Archer, was being held Wednesday in Raleigh before the court. Ruling is anticipated on or about June 1.

Later, Attorney Powell estimated the law had a 50-50 chance of being declared illegal. He pointed out that the Supreme Court, in the past, has held illegal the public building of airports, recreation facilities and schools. "Thinking of the people change and so does thinking of the Court," he commented.

The discussion by the Chamber of Commerce revealed objection to the bond issue by W. K. Mauney and President Carl Swan, while Warren E. Reynolds and Fred W. Plonk said they favored the organization's endorsement of the issue.

Mr. Mauney said, "I've got credit for opposing the bringing of new industry into the county. That's not true. However, I feel Number 6 Township should pay the bill, since this is the township that will benefit most from the plant's coming here. I'll be glad for Pittsburgh to come to Cleveland County."

President Swan questioned the lack of guarantees that future county commissions would listen

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## Kiwanians Will Entertain Ladies; Dode Phillips Banquet Speaker

Dode Phillips, Due West, S. C., drug salesman and former Erskine college football luminary, will be the principal speaker Thursday night at the annual ladies night banquet of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club.

The event will begin at 7 o'clock.

Other highlights of the annual party will be entertainment by the Rebels Quartet, of Charlotte, and dinner music on the organ by Mrs. F. R. McCurdy.

Rev. J. B. McLarty will serve as master of ceremonies.

Dr. W. L. Pressly will say the invocation and Dr. D. F. Hord will welcome the ladies. Mrs. Paul Nolan will respond. Special guests will be recognized by B. S. Peeler, Jr., and Harold Coggins will present Mr. Phillips.

Members of the ladies night committee are John Cheshire, chairman, B. S. Peeler, Jr., F. R. McCurdy, J. C. Bridges, J. C. Smathers, Dr. D. F. Hord, and J. A. Nelsler, Jr.



SCHOOL MEN TAKES OATHS — Mayor Glee A. Bridges, left, administers the oath of office to Dr. P. G. Padgett, center, and Fred W. Plonk, in formal oath-taking ceremonies at City Hall last Thursday. Both Dr. Padgett and Mr. Plonk were re-elected to six-year terms as members of the city board of education. Mr. Plonk has since been named chairman of the board. (Photo by Pennington Studio.)

## Plonk Chairman Of School Body; Insurance Bought

Fred W. Plonk and A. W. Kincaid swapped school jobs Monday night, as Mr. Plonk was named chairman of the city board of education, and Mr. Kincaid was named vice-chairman.

The board of education also accepted an insurance proposal from C. E. Warlick Insurance Agency, purchasing a blanket policy on its properties covering fire and lightning hazards at an average cost of \$1,073.57 per year. Amount of the coverage was \$978,842, with net premium based on 90 percent of 100 percent insurable value of \$1,087,380. The policy provides coverage on all city school buildings and contents. Mrs. C. E. Warlick and John Warlick appeared before the board to outline details of the proposal.

The board declined to accept a proposal for extended coverage, but invited Mrs. Warlick to provide figures on cost of extended coverage at various deductible amounts.

Dean Payne, chairman of the city recreation commission, appeared before the board to renew request for use of certain playground equipment at the Deal street pool. The board voted to lend the commission the equipment, including a set of swings and sliding board, which had originally been given the schools by the commission.

The board declined to share with the city and commission in purchasing 72 bulbs for city stadium lights, as Mr. Payne asked. In other actions the board:

- 1) Voted to erect a steel wire fence on the west boundary line of Central school.
- 2) Was informed by J. R. Davis that deeds to properties being

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## McCarter Named To AF Academy

Donald E. McCarter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McCarter of Kings Mountain, has completed successfully competitive examinations to enter the United States Air Force Academy at Denver, Colo.

Results of the examinations were released last week and were announced for this congressional district by Congressman Basil L. Whitener.

Mr. McCarter, a graduate of Lees-McKee college at Banner Elk, is currently a student at Georgia Tech. He is a former high school athlete and Legion Junior baseball player.

Congressman Whitener telegraphed newspapers of the 11th Congressional district:

"Am pleased that 3 of 8 contestants from the 11th District were found to be mentally and physically qualified. Donald E. McCarter of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, is a principal and will enter the Air Force Academy in July. James H. Arthur, Jr., of Mount Holly, and Emory D. Christian of Celo, North Carolina, have been selected as qualified alternates. Air Force advises me that of 6,000 candidates nominated only 1,200 were found to be physically qualified. Two of the eight from our district were disqualified for medical reasons. Am delighted with the splendid showing made by my nominees in this rigid competition by 119 young North Carolinians for seven vacancies allotted by the Air Force Academy to the State of North Carolina."

Bill Mitcham, Kings Mountain student at Lenoir-Rhyne college, Hickory, has been elected president of the sophomore class for the coming year. A member of Theta Chi fraternity, he is active in other campus activities. He resides here with an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. John Mitcham.



APPOINTED — Donald E. McCarter, of Kings Mountain, has received principal appointment to the United States Air Force Academy, following competitive examinations.

## Seamstresses To Be Questioned

A sewing supervisor of a North Carolina firm interested in expanding in Kings Mountain will be here Thursday to interview women interested in working as seamstresses in the proposed new industry.

Announcement was made by Dan Weiss and F. R. McCurdy, Chamber of Commerce officials.

The interviewing will be conducted at the Kings Mountain office of the State Employment Security Commission, which aided the Chamber of Commerce in conducting a seamstress labor survey two weeks ago.

Women who reported commercial experience as seamstresses will be interviewed Thursday morning, beginning at 9 o'clock. These are being notified by card.

Women with only home sewing experience and apprentices will be interviewed Thursday afternoon beginning at 1 o'clock.

"All women who registered at the labor survey and any others with sewing experience should visit the ESC office for the interview," Mr. Weiss commented. "Availability of experienced seamstresses is one of the key factors in obtaining this needed new industry for Kings Mountain."

## Rites Conducted For Mrs. Black

Funeral rites for Mrs. Mary Lou Perry Black, 20, resident of Linwood Drive, were conducted Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock from Midview Baptist Church, interment following in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mrs. Black, wife of Lawrence Black, Jr., succumbed Monday morning at 8:15 in Charlotte's Mercy Hospital following an illness of four weeks.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are her father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lee Perry, two daughters, Barbara Ann and Debra Roxann, and a sister, Mrs. Shirley Short, all of Kings Mountain.

Final rites were conducted by Rev. John D. Owens, Rev. Odus Hayes, and Rev. Buddy Williams.

## Doctors Oppose Mass Polio Shots, Say Serum Short

The Cleveland County medical society is opposing an effort of some Cleveland County Lions clubs for mass inoculation of county citizens against polio.

The doctors oppose the Lions clubs' plan on grounds there is insufficient polio serum. Dr. Avery McMurry, secretary, said Wednesday. (Ed. Note: Kings Mountain Lions club has not yet acted on the project.)

Text of the society's resolution adopted Monday night:

"The Cleveland County Medical society enthusiastically reaffirmed its stand of 1956 to provide free polio vaccinations in doctor's offices for any patients unable to pay for them, in addition to taking care of private patients, as in the past.

"The society agreed unanimously with the Lions clubs of Cleveland County that every man, woman and child should be vaccinated against polio. However, in view of the present scarcity of the vaccine, the society recommends that the vaccine be used only for those under 20 years of age and for pregnant women, rather than widespread inoculations of other groups as proposed by the Lions clubs.

"It was also felt that vaccinations for the former group could be accomplished in physicians' offices and in existing county health department facilities without establishing other clinics or vaccination centers."

Dr. Fred Falls, public relations chairman of the society, explained that, whereas the Lions clubs purpose is exemplary, it would be a poor decision and unwise use of polio vaccine to vaccinate the 20-40 age group when such a shortage of vaccine exists. Public health authorities have recently commented on the shortage, Dr. Falls added.

Some Lions clubs, the Herald understands, have suggested a program of mass inoculations.

## Did Ellison Make Announcement?

T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, defeated May 14 in his re-election bid for Ward 3 commissioner, probably made one of the earliest political announcements in city history last Thursday morning as he attended the final meeting of Bridges Administration II.

Mayor Bridges had asked the defeated commissioners if there were anything they wished to say.

Mr. Ellison spoke first, said he had enjoyed working on the board. "I have only one objection and that's to the chief of police, and I'll see you in two years," Mr. Ellison concluded.

Both Sam Collins and Paul W. Ledford said they'd enjoyed their association with other members of the board, and Mr. Ledford said, "I'm proud we had no fussing; all our arguments were friendly."

Last official act of Bridges Administration II was formal calling of the May 28 run-off election. The motion specified the same officials and the same voting places as in the May 14 voting.

## Political Temperatures Hot As Candidates Vie For Votes



Garland E. Still



Glee A. Bridges

CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR



Boyce H. Gault



A. Dewitte Cornwell

FOR WARD 2 COMMISSIONER



W. Gurney Grantham



R. Coleman Stroupe

FOR WARD 5 COMMISSIONER

## Mayoral Race Is Attracting Top Interest

Kings Mountain is completing its biennial city political season in a welter of campaign literature featuring question marks and rumors.

The voters will go to the polls again Tuesday to determine these run-off races:

For Mayor — Glee A. Bridges, the incumbent and leader in the first election, versus former Mayor Garland E. Still.

For Ward 2 Commissioner — Boyce H. Gault, grocer, leader in the May 14 voting, versus A. Dewitte Cornwell, grocer and realtor.

For Ward 5 Commissioner — W. Gurney Grantham, the incumbent, an auto dealer, versus R. Coleman Stroupe, barber. Mr. Grantham led the first-race balloting.

Chief interest has centered in the mayoral contest, which has developed into a propaganda battle between Mayor Bridges and former Mayor Still. Both have used political handbills in almost-daily regularity to advance their candidacies and to attack their opponent. Mr. Bridges has charged Mr. Still with failure to pay city tax bills and other defaultations, while Mr. Still has accused Mayor Bridges of seeking to "buy" the election and has challenged his figures on the city's current cash balances.

The commissioner races have been less fraught with publications, but the in-fighting has been hard and close.

In the first race balloting Mayor Bridges led Mr. Still by 183 votes, but Mr. Bridges failed to obtain a majority by 156 votes. The count was: Bridges 834, Still 651, J. Lee Roberts 493.

Mr. Gault led Mr. Cornwell by 348 votes, Mr. Gault failing to attain a majority by 98 votes. The count was: Gault 850, Cornwell 502, Tillman Pearson 377 and J. C. Clary 165.

In Ward 5, Mr. Grantham failed to obtain a May 14 majority by 103 votes. The count was: Grantham 868, Stroupe 789, Rev. S. T. Cooke 283.

The run-off election will be conducted by the same election officials who conducted the May 14 voting. The polling places will be the same and the voting lists will be the same. Polls open Tuesday morning at 6:30 and will close Tuesday afternoon at 6:30.

Political observers have been speculating on the size of the run-off election vote. Some think the voting will be light, with only six candidates on the ballot compared to 17 May 14. Others think the voters will return in near-record numbers, due to the heavy and articulate campaigning.

The vote total of May 14 set a record for city elections, when 1998 persons went to the polls. It topped the previous record, set in 1951, of 1887.

## Run-Off Election Facts Are Listed

Following are facts on Tuesday's city election:

Polls open at 6:30 a. m.  
Polls close at 6:30 p. m.

Voting places are: Ward 1 at City Hall; Ward 2 at City Hall; Ward 3 at Frank Ballard's Store; Ward 4 at Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company clubroom; Ward 5 at Victory Chevrolet Company.

Offices to be filled by all voters: Mayor, Ward 2 commissionership, and Ward 5 commissionership.

Number of ballots: one.  
Basis of decision: majority of the votes cast.

The board of commissioners serves, ex officio, as the city election board. The present board will meet on Wednesday morning at 10 a. m. to officially canvass the Tuesday results. Candidates elected on Tuesday will take their oaths of office on Thursday.

## Gault Denies Handbill Knowledge; Cornwell Says He Joined Navy

Boyce H. Gault, candidate for Ward 2 commissioner, says he has no knowledge of the circular distributed Thursday morning which inferred his opponent, A. Dewitte Cornwell, left Kings Mountain some years ago under questionable circumstances.

The circular also brought a statement from Mr. Cornwell in which he said he left Kings Mountain at the age of 17 to join the navy, his father, A. H. Cornwell, longtime Kings Mountain citizen, having signed the enlistment papers because his son was under the enlistment age.

The circular, printed out-of-town, read: "WONDER WHY A. DEWITTE CORNWELL left Kings Mountain in such a HURRY about 30 years ago and Just Recently Returned? ASK THE FOLKS AT CORA MILL!!! Signed Raymond Short."

As of Wednesday afternoon, none seemed to be able to locate the purported signer of the circular.

Mr. Gault, after hearing of the circular's distribution, visited Mr. Cornwell to tell him he had no knowledge of the circular in advance of its distribution, later called the Herald to ask that a statement be printed.

"I have no knowledge of the circular in question," Mr. Gault said, "nor will I have any knowledge of any future printed material, other than a newspaper."

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