

# Citizens To Vote Saturday On \$415,000 Bond Issue

## Early Repeats As Scholarship Award Winner

Robert Boyce Early, high school sophomore, won the annually awarded Plonk Scholarship medal for the second consecutive year, Kings Mountain high school officials announced Monday.

The medal is awarded by the W. L. Plonk Estate to the high school student posting highest scholastic average for the school year.

School officials did not recall a two-time winner. The medal is awarded in honor of the late W. L. Plonk, longtime member of both the county and city school boards.

The awards were announced at final chapel meeting Monday and a printed announcement appeared in Monday night's commencement exercises program.

Two other coveted awards, were the Eastern Star Award for religious training, a \$350 scholarship, to Dean Bridges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady A. Bridges, and the Clyde A. Erwin Scholarship award, a \$100 scholarship given by the state superintendent's association, to Betty Jeanne Plonk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wray Plonk. The Eastern Star award was one of eight given in North Carolina. The Erwin award was one of four given in North Carolina.

The Danforth awards, given by the president of Ralston-Purina company to high school seniors for leadership and scholarship, were won by Miss Plonk and Curtis George, son of Mr. and Mrs. John George, Sr. Miss Plonk also won the Bausch & Lomb honorary science award.

Other high school awards, most of them previously announced were:

Robert Boyce Early, Davis declamation medal; Sherry Ann Kelley, First National Bank spelling medal; Linda Biser, Jaycee reading medal; Kiwanis Citizenship award, Bill Early; Hoey De, declamation medal, Dean Bridges; commendation certifications, National Merit Scholarship corporation, Betty Jeanne Plonk and Billie Gail Welch; Western Forensic Declamation medal, Robert Boyce Early; Chambers scholarships (to children of Boone Mineral Company employees at \$850 each), Dean Bridges and Roger Mullis; Woodmen of the World American History medals, James Pressly and Polly Page; Vision and Highway safety award, Linda Biser; Jefferson Standard Broadcasting scholarship, Linda Biser.

The 1956 Western Conference Football championship, won by the Mountaineers last fall, was also noted on the awards program.

## Local News Bulletins

### ASSUMES DUTIES

Harry F. Petersen, of Columbia, S. C., arrives Thursday to assume duties as summer supply pastor at First Presbyterian and Dixon churches. Mr. Petersen, a graduate of Davidson college, is a senior at Columbia Seminary, Decatur, Ga. He will preach at 9 a.m. services Sunday at Dixon church and at 11 o'clock services at First Presbyterian church.

### KIWANIS TO PICNIC

Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will hold a picnic outing for members, their families and guests at Oakdale Presbyterian church in the Bethany, S. C., community Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

### LEGION MEETING

Members of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will hold their regular monthly meeting Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the Post building. J. Ollie Harris will speak on civil defense and recently elected officers of the post will be installed.

### TYPING CLASS

Classes in typing will be conducted beginning Thursday night at 7 p.m. at Kings Mountain high school, according to announcement by school officials.



BERT VOET, JR.



BOBBIE BARRETT



DOLORES DAVIDSON



RICHARD WHITE



BOBBIE OXFORD



NAN JEAN GANTT



JOYCE BISER



SHIRLEY FALLS

## College Diplomas Awarded To Eight

A large number of Kings Mountain college students are completing undergraduate work and advanced college courses at colleges throughout the nation this week.

Miss Joyce Biser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Biser, was graduated Sunday from Woman's College, Greensboro, where she received an AB degree in chemistry. She was a member of the chemistry society and active in other campus organizations.

Miss Shirley Falls, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Falls, was graduated Monday from Greensboro College where she received the degree of bachelor of music education. Miss Falls was a member of the Irving society, in the music clubs of the school, and active in other campus organizations. She will be employed this summer by St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

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## High School Graduates 63 Seniors

Kings Mountain high school awarded diplomas to 63 seniors Monday night.

The diplomas were awarded by Superintendent B. N. Barnes, who remarked he hadn't had the pleasure of presenting the diplomas since he had become superintendent over 20 years ago.

Dr. John R. Cunningham, soon to retire as president of Davidson college, made the commencement address. He told the seniors they would find four cornerstones in a successful life — hard work, honesty, unselfish service and faith in God.

The program was featured by the participation of members of the graduating class. Miss Betty Jeanne Plonk gave the invocation, Miss Ellen Baker presented Dr. Cunningham, Class President Curtis George presented the class gift to the school, and Dean Bridges said the benediction. The class gave to the school its cash balance, approximately \$250, and earmarked it for the purchase of a school activities bus. The high school girls' chorus, directed by Mrs. Richard McGinnis, sang "You'll Never Walk Alone," an arrangement by Rigwald.

On Sunday evening, Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of First Presbyterian church, delivered the commencement sermon. Mr. Patrick developed the text "Remember Jesus Christ," as taken from Timothy.

Other class officers were Thomas Gilbert, vice-president; and Peggy Joyce Reynolds, secretary. Home room treasurers were Hoyle Burton, Mrs. Doris Sellers Cloninger and Betty Jeanne Plonk.

Mascots were Michael Causby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Causby, Jr., and Mary Ann Bennett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doris Bennett.

Faculty sponsors for the senior class were Miss Helen Logan, Mrs. W. T. Weir and Miss Janet Scoggins. The senior class motto was "They conquer who believe they can." The class colors were red and white.

Awarded diplomas were: Mary Elizabeth Abernathy, Shirley Ann Allen, David Jake Bailey, Mary Ellen Baker, Luther Bahnsen Barnes, Mary Ann Beam, Hermon Ray Bolin, Charles Ray Bridges, Dean Carlyle Bridges, Sarah Rachel Bridges, Cleton Ozele Brooks, William Hoyle Burton, Larry Kenneth Carpenter, Doris Sellers Cloninger, Jackie Lee Cobb, Lydia Jane Croker, John David Denney, Fannie Sue Dover, Joyce Pamela Marie Early, William Pinkney Early, Lois Hawkins Ellis, Carolyn Pratt Falls, Nancy Jane Falls, Sandra Kay Fleming, Mary Etta Freeman, Boyce Haywood Gault, Jr., Curtis Franklin George, Sondra Ann Gilbert, Thomas Lee Gilbert, Jr., Jane Wall Harris, James Allen Heavner.

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BRIDGES ADMINISTRATION III — Mayor Glee A. Bridges' third-term administration posed for this picture last Thursday morning, shortly after the Mayor and two commissioners took oaths of office. They had been elected in the May 28 voting. Standing, left to right, are Ross Alexander, Ward 1, R. Coleman Stroupe, Ward 5, Boyce H. Gault, Ward 2, and Luther T. Bennett, Ward 3. Seated are Mayor Bridges, left, and Ben H. Bridges, Ward 4, who had just been named by the commission as mayor pro tempore. (Photo by Pennington Studio.)

## Board Will Hold Regular Session

### Police Matter, Budget Talks On City Agenda

The recently elected city board of commissioners will hold its first regular meeting Thursday night, with question of city employee retirement policy scheduled to be settled.

On May 15, city policemen voted under state statute by 10 to 4 to place themselves under federal social security. Currently, the city is contributing two percent of a policeman's pay to the State Officer's Retirement fund.

Question of effectuating the policemen's social security decision arose shortly after the new commission was sworn last Thursday, subsequently was tabled until a special session last Thursday night. It was then tabled until Thursday's upcoming meeting.

The policemen contend the 1953 action of the Still Administration to contribute to the retirement fund was in lieu of a pay raise and that withdrawal of the contribution will, in fact, be a slash in pay. Commissioner Ben Bridges says this isn't the issue. He says the question concerns long-term policy on whether the city should provide contributions to two retirement funds for the policemen, only one (social security) for other employees.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges said his advance agenda for the Thursday night meeting includes:

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### Board Caucus Room In New Location?

A citizen remarked Wednesday: "I was up at Gault's Store this morning and Boyce Gault was talking to Coleman Stroupe. I teased them and told them it appeared the city board had a new caucus spot, that it had moved from Victory Chevrolet Company to Gault's Store. The commissioners said 'no', but I just had time to turn around when Ben Bridges walked in."

The three commissioners laughed off the speculation. Says Mr. Gault, "Coleman's been buying groceries for us for a long time." Says Mr. Bridges, "Coleman's been cutting my hair for a long time." Mr. Stroupe nodded agreement.

### Timms Opening New Addition

Timms Stop-N-Shop, Grover road, will hold formal opening in its new addition this weekend.

Prior to the completion of the new addition several weeks ago, Gene Timms with his father, J. J. Timms, combined an appliance business along with a supermarket under one roof.

The new addition is of modern construction and boasts 1,600 square feet of floor space.

Lack of space due to the growth of the appliance business, Mr. Timms said, necessitated building an addition for appliances only. Mr. Timms also added, by having a separate addition, he would be able to serve new customers, and better serve old customers.

The main attractions of the formal opening will be a cooking demonstration on the Westinghouse electronic range, and the showing of an RCA Victor color television.

The cooking demonstration will be presented by Miss Dorothy Godfrey, of Charlotte, Westinghouse home economist demonstrator. During the demonstration, Miss Godfrey will demonstrate the methods of operating an electronic range and the speed with which the range cooks food by cooking several food items.

### History Award Winners Listed

Woodmen of the World American history certificates for elementary school children were awarded in the city schools Monday.

The winners were: Central school, Bill Shuford; East school, Lynda Bennett; North school, Christine Hannah; and West school, Joan McClure.

## Many Churches Are Launching Bible Schools

Virtually all Kings Mountain area churches will conduct Vacation Bible School beginning Monday.

Boyce Memorial AEP church will begin its annual school Monday morning at 8:45 a.m., with Mrs. Lewis Hovis and Mrs. Don Crawford serving as superintendents.

Central Methodist church will hold Vacation Church School beginning Monday with daily sessions to be held from 8:30 to 11 a.m., through June 21st, Rev. J. B. McLarty, pastor, said.

Faith Baptist Church Bible School will also begin Monday, with sessions to be held from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Rev. Flay Payne, pastor, is serving as principal of the school.

First Baptist Church will hold Bible School for two weeks, with sessions to begin Monday morning at 8:30 a.m. Preparation Day will be held Friday afternoon at 4 p.m., with all students invited to register for classes.

Bible School at First Presbyterian church begins Monday morning, with classes to be held daily from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Gold Street Wesleyan Methodist Church will begin a week's Bible School Monday, with classes to be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Mrs. Hoover E. Smith is serving as director of the school.

Preparation Day for Bible School at Patterson Grove Baptist church will be held at the church Saturday at 1:30 p.m. The school will be conducted beginning Monday at 8 a.m.

Resurrection Lutheran church has scheduled a week of Bible School with classes to begin Monday. Daily sessions are from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

St. Matthew's Lutheran church will begin Vacation Bible School on Monday morning. Daily class sessions are from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

## East Principal Resigns Post

Carroll Hambricht, principal of East elementary school, has resigned to accept a position as assistant principal of Parker district high school, Greenville, S.C. By accepting the Parker position, Mr. Hambricht returns to his hometown.

Mr. Hambricht is graduate of Clemson College and a former Davidson college football coach. Supt. B. N. Barnes commented, "We regret to lose Mr. Hambricht; for he has done a mighty fine job as principal of East school."

### LIONS TO BETHANY

Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club, their families and guests, will go to Bethany Tuesday night, where they will be served a picnic-style dinner by women of Bethany AEP church. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

## Unique Issue Would Authorize County To Build Utility Lines

Kings Mountain citizens will join their Cleveland County neighbors Saturday as they go to the polls to determine results of a unique bond issue election.

It will be the first time citizens of Cleveland County will vote favorably, or unfavorably, on the question of issuing bonds for the building of water and sewer lines — heretofore a municipal function in North Carolina.

The voters will determine whether the county shall be authorized to issue \$310,000 in water bonds and \$105,000 in sewer bonds to provide these utility lines to the proposed plant of Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, scheduled to be located near Shelby.

Pittsburgh has indicated it may locate in Cleveland County a \$15 million fibre glass manufacturing plant which would employ initially from 800 to 1000 persons. Competition for the new industry has been keen, with Greenwood, S. C., a major competitor.

The bond election is being called under authority of a recent statute enacted by the General Assembly empowering counties to issue bonds for the building of water and sewer lines. Meantime, a "friendly" test case has been argued before the North Carolina Supreme Court to prove legality of the General Assembly statute.

Proponents for the bond issue say the bond issue election is unique in another respect in that it is a "money-making" bond issue election. The proponents contend that Pittsburgh would pay into the county in its first full year of operation some \$65,000 in taxes, whereas the cost of financing the \$415,000 issue would be only \$27,000 to \$30,000 per year.

The bond issue election was called by unanimous vote of the county commission. Commissioner Hazel Bumgardner, of Kings Mountain, says anticipated cost of water and sewer lines is \$350,000, but that leeway had to be provided in absence of firm bids. Only the required amount will be issued, he noted.

Voiced opposition to the bond issue came from this township. W. K. Mauney, Kings Mountain industrialist, has objected to the bond issue on grounds that the Pittsburgh plant would benefit Shelby township primarily and that other parts of the county shouldn't be asked to share the cost.

Numerous Kings Mountain citizens are supporting the issue, usually on the basis that Kings Mountain will receive spillover benefit from the additional jobs. Voting will be conducted at the county's 28 balloting precincts for 12 hours on Saturday. The polls will open at 6:30 a.m. and will close at 6:30 p.m.

County Elections Board Chairman Joe Mull predicted the total vote would be much heavier than in the usual bond issue election. "We're prepared for a vote of 5-1," (Continued on Page Eight)

## City "Whammy" Biting Again

Motorists, beware. The city's "whammy" is back in action.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges said the city's electrical speed-timing device has been put to work to nail speedsters again on at least two streets, and, believe it or not, by request of citizens.

The Mayor identified the two city streets as Crescent Hill Road and Waco Road.

A Crescent Hill citizen was quoted by the Mayor, "Put it out; we don't want to see any youngsters killed."

He said a similar request was made from a Waco Road citizen. According to the Mayor's count, was five fined motorists for exceeding in-city speed limits.

The "whammy" took a heavy toll on motorists' pocketbooks when it was first put into use several weeks ago. After resultant complaints and an upcoming city election, it was withdrawn from service.

The Mayor indicated the Crescent Hill - Waco Road citizens' requests will be honored in the future — and on other streets. "He declined to name the individuals requesting 'whammy service'."