

Population

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City Limits 7,206

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# Election System Change Hearing To Be Thursday



**PHENIX EMPLOYEES GIVE TO FUND** — Mrs. Betty Brackett is pictured above as she presents a check for \$176.75 to J. C. Bridges, chairman of the Kings Mountain Heart Fund campaign now underway. The check represents gifts from employees of Phenix Division of

Burlington Mills from the Phenix Community Fund. Another employee, Mrs. Ruth Baily, looks on. Gifts to the Heart Fund were contributed by mill employees last Friday. (Herald Photo by Pennington Studio)

## Kings Mountain S & L Assets Top \$3 Million

Shareholders of Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association held their annual meeting Tuesday, heard reports showing the association topped \$3,000,000 in assets for the first time, and re-elected directors for the coming year.

Immediately after the shareholder session, directors convened and re-elected association officers and employees. They are W. K. Mauney, president, J. C. Keller and W. M. Gantt, vice presidents, Ben H. Bridges, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Ruby H. Baker, assistant secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Louise Martin and Mrs. Margie Bridges, clerks. The directors renamed Davis & White and George B. Thomasson as attorneys.

Directors are W. K. Mauney, J. C. Keller, W. M. Gantt, Ben H. Bridges, Dr. L. P. Baker, J. Wilson Crawford, J. E. Mauney, Dr. John C. McGill, J. R. Davis, and C. Glenn White, all of Kings Mountain, and R. L. Lewis, of Bessemer City.

The shareholders approved a director's decision to add about \$34,000 of 1958 earnings to the associations reserve for bad debts.

In noting details of the printed statement, Secretary Bridges called attention to growth in assets to \$3,043,000, a 20 percent gain of \$507,543 during 1958, and an approximate 17 percent gain in savings accounts of \$382,175. Savings account shares totaled \$2,633,170 at year end.

During 1958, the association made 372 mortgage loans totaling \$931,119 and year-end totals showed the association had 962 active loans, representing an unpaid balance of \$2,570,638, with an average balance of \$2,672.

A total of 345 new savings accounts were opened during 1958, with an average balance of \$2,073. Other reserves at year-end included \$75,583 for contingencies, \$800 for uncollected interest, and \$29,000 federal insurance reserve. Liabilities included a \$200,000 advance from the federal home loan bank.

The shareholders did not fill a director vacancy created by the death last year of R. L. Mauney. The association charter empowers the association to operate with from seven to 12 directors. Secretary Bridges said.

## Kiwanis Club To Honor Scouts

Kings Mountain Boy Scouts will be guests of Kiwanians at the club club's regular Thursday night meeting at 6:45 p. m. Gene Jones, of Gastonia, scout executive for the Piedmont Council, will be the speaker.

The Kiwanis club convenes at the Woman's club. Boy Scouts of the community will also be manning city posts during their observance of Boy Scout Week. Election of scouts who will fill these positions will feature the Boy Scout Court of Honor Thursday night.

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## Alexander Asks Re-election, Mrs. McDaniel School Post

### College, Church Beneficiaries Of Mauney Will

An educational institution and a church were among beneficiaries of Ernest J. Mauney, Kings Mountain native and concert pianist.

A victim of leukemia, Mr. Mauney died in New York January 28 at the age of 34.

The will probated in Cleveland Superior Court includes a bequest of 65 shares of common stock of Mauney Mills, Kings Mountain, and 139 shares of Nu-Way Spinning Co., Cherryville, to Lenoir-Rhyne college.

It designates the Faith Lutheran Church at Spossett, N. Y., as recipient of 425 shares of stock of Carlton Mills, Cherryville, and 60 shares of Bonnie Mills, Kings Mountain.

Four brothers — Miles H., George H., David L. and W. K. Mauney, Jr., — will each receive 15 shares of Mauney Mills stock. The widow, Mrs. Doris W. Mauney, was bequeathed the home in Spossett, N. Y. The balance of the estate is to be distributed among the widow and two children.

W. K. Mauney of Kings Mountain, father of the deceased, was named co-executor of the estate, with the widow.

The value of the estate was estimated at \$75,000 in the document which appointed the executors.

In the bequests to the college and the church, the will gave the executors the option of making the bequests in cash equal to the par value of the stocks.

## Shuford Rites Held Wednesday

Funeral services for William Charles (Billy) Shuford, 14, were held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock at Boyce Memorial ARP church.

The youth was found dead at his home Monday afternoon.

Son of Tolly M. and Charlotte Markham Shuford, the lad was a ninth grade Central high school "A" student, a Boy Scout, a member of the Jayvee basketball team, and the high school band. He was a mild-mannered youth of quiet personality and a model airplane and flying enthusiast.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are a younger brother, Tolly Martin (Buzzie) Shuford, Jr., and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Shuford, of the Antioch community in neighboring South Carolina, and Mrs. C. B. Markham, of Durham. His late grandfather, Mr. Markham, was treasurer of Duke University.

Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Final rites were conducted by Dr. W. L. Pressly, pastor of Boyce Memorial ARP church, and Rev. Floyd Finch, Lenoir Episcopal minister.

Burialbearers were Steve Wright, Sidney Morrison, Paul Fulton, Mac Lennon, Sandy Campbell, and James Forrest.

Flower bearers were Beverly Yarbro, Marian Plonk, Jane Hambricht, Betty Morrison, Beth Houser, Janie Trammell, Kay Mauney, Gail Morrison, Ann Cooper, Jane Houser, Linda Walker, Sara Lennon, Susan Davis, and Sue Hunnicutt.

## CHURCH PROGRAM

Missionary Methodist church on Second street will hold song service Sunday beginning at 2:30 p. m., with the public invited. Among guest singers to be present are trios from East Side Baptist, Penley's Chapel, and First Wesleyan Methodist churches and the Second Baptist church quartet from Bessemer City.



**FILE FOR OFFICE** — Mrs. F. A. (Boots) McDaniel, Jr. and Ross Alexander filed for elective offices this week. Mrs. McDaniel is seeking election to the city board of education post being vacated by Trustee J. R. Davis. Mr. Alexander seeks re-election to a second term as Ward 1 comm.

## Prayer Day Rites Friday

Kings Mountain area Christians will join with those all around the world in observing World Day of Prayer on Friday.

The service, at First Presbyterian church at 3:30 p. m., is based on the theme, "Lord, I Believe."

Members of the program prepared by Egyptian women who literally met under gunfire to produce it.

Miss Elizabeth Callis, of Bessemer City, educational assistant at Central Methodist church, Canton, will bring the principal address.

A short-term missionary under (Continued on Page Eight)

## Inquest Set In Shuford's Death; Youth Found Dead At Home Monday

Coroner J. Ollie Harris has impaneled a coroner's jury to hold an inquest into the death of William Charles (Billy) Shuford, 14-year-old Kings Mountain high school student, who was found dead at his home late Monday afternoon.

Members of the jury, sworn Tuesday are George W. Mauney, Claude Hambricht, T. W. Grayson, Harold Coggins, Carl P. Finger and Grady Howard.

Was the death of the bright high school freshman intentional or accidental suicide, or a result of foul play?

Young Shuford was found by his mother about 5:30 Monday afternoon. He was hanging from a door, with a rope, one end tied to the doorknob on the other side, around his neck. A chair was pushed over nearby. A scarf over his head, and a snap chain securing his hands behind him. Police said the boy could have snapped the chain himself.

His mother, Mrs. Tolly Shuford, was unable to lift him down and called her husband, owner of Bessemer City Ice & Coal Company. Mr. Shuford told her to summon the police and the life-saving crew, but arrived from Bessemer City in time to take his son down. He attempted to restore his breathing, but it was too late.

The death of the Kings Mountain youth was a partial sequel to a similar death of a fourteen-

## Two Add Names To May City Election Ballot

Two candidates filed for elective offices this week.

They are Ross Alexander, incumbent Ward 1 commissioner, who seeks re-election to a second term at City Hall, and Mrs. F. A. (Boots) McDaniel, Jr., who seeks election to the city board of education. Mrs. McDaniel seeks the position being vacated by Trustee J. R. Davis, who announced last week he won't seek re-election.

Mr. Alexander paid his filing fee Monday and Mrs. McDaniel filed Wednesday morning.

Only other candidate formally in the field is Mayor Glee A. Bridges, who seeks re-election to a fourth term.

Political conversation concerning the forthcoming May city election quickened during the past week, but most observers agreed that candidate possibilities are still limited.

One citizen said Wednesday that the spotlight could be turned to the school trustee post and guessed that "five or six candidates could seek this office." However, he declined to mention any prospects. Others say Fleete McCurdy, who filed for a school board post four years ago, then withdrew, is expected to seek the Davis post. And Mrs. Martha Howard Ware recently remarked that she might seek the school post.

Though candidate prospects for City Hall posts were few, compared to the number of positions to be filled, there were a few citizens on the "possible" list, among them:

C. H. (Cat) Houser, bowling center owner, rumored a possible Candidate for Ward 1 commissioner;

Former Mayor Garland Still and D. L. Saunders, both rumored as possible candidates for mayor;

Clyde Gladden, W. L. Bagwell and Former Commissioner Paul Leiford, all said interested in Comm. Ben Bridges' Ward IV seat, and

Charles E. Dixon, auto dealer, mentioned as a possible candidate for Comm. Coleman Stroupe's Ward V job.

Candidates must file notice of candidacy in writing at the City Hall office and must pay a filing fee of \$5.

## P-TA COURSE

All P-TA groups in the city schools are being invited to participate in a course to be held at North school auditorium the evenings of February 19th and 26th from 7 until 9 p. m. The standard P-TA course requires from six to eight people.

## Band Making Gift To City Policemen

The high school band, via its uniform manufacturers is making a gift to the Kings Mountain police department, if unwittingly.

Shoulder patches chosen for the new band uniforms were a replica of the police uniform shoulder patches, with the exception that the legend was to read "Kings Mountain High School Band" rather than "Kings Mountain Police Department."

But last week a shipment of 38 shoulder patches bore the legend "Kings Mountain Police Department."

The company wrote, along with an apology for the error, that somebody's loss was another's gain and suggested that the band make a gift of 38 shoulder patches to the police department.

It'll be done, says Band Director Charles Ballance.

## Local News Bulletins

**METER RECEIPTS**  
Meter receipts for the two weeks ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$285.85, City Clerk Joe McDaniel reported. The total included \$39.87 from off-street meters and \$245.98 from on-street meters.

**LEGION SUPPER**  
Members of Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion, will hold a supper gathering Saturday night, with serving to be from 6 until 8 p. m. at the Legion Hall.

**RESUMES PRACTICE**  
Dr. Craig Jones, Shelby and Kings Mountain surgeon, has resumed his practice. Dr. Jones has been incapacitated for the past month due to a back injury.

**ON HONOR ROLL**  
Elmer Norwood, Jr., Kings Mountain freshman student at Brevard College, was named to the Honor Roll it was announced this week.

**P-TA MEETING**  
East School Parent-Teacher Association will hold its regular meeting Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 p. m. in the school auditorium.

**DAR FLAG SALE**  
Members of Colonel Hambricht Chapter, DAR, have new flags, of all sizes, on sale, and interested persons should contact Mrs. E. S. Neill (Phone 107) or any DAR member.

**CHURCH SUPPER**  
First Presbyterian church will hold a family night supper Monday night at 7 o'clock. Showing of a film on missions will feature the program.

## City-Wide P-TA Workshop Set

A two-session city-wide workshop will be conducted by Parent-Teacher association council on February 19 and 26. Central P-TA President Bruce Thorburn announced this week.

On February 19, Dr. Mary Ellen Nelson, director of Gaston Center for the Handicapped, will speak on the subject "Slow Learners Can Succeed" and Miss Alice Averitt, city schools teaching supervisor will discuss "The Gifted Child."

On February 26, Sgt. J. B. Kuykendall, of the State Highway Patrol, and student driving teachers Don Parker and William Cleere will conduct a panel on highway safety. High school students are particularly invited to attend the February 26 workshop, Mr. Thorburn said.

The two sessions will be held at North school beginning at 7

## Retailers Holding Weekend \$ Days



**ELECTED** — Jonas Bridges has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association for the coming year.

## Bridges Heads Retailer Group

Jonas Bridges, manager of Radio Station WKMT, has been elected president of Kings Mountain Merchants Association.

Voting was completed by members this week for officers and directors. The directors serve a two-year term.

Mr. Bridges succeeds Richard Barnette as president. Menzell Phifer, of Phifer Hardware, was elected vice-president, and named to the board of directors were: James Crawford, Allen's Flower Shop; Denver King, Belk's Department Store; Gene McSwain, Joy Theatre; and J. C. Bridges, of Bridges Hardware.

## Deadline Near On Auto Tags

City car owners who don't display 1959 city license tags on their vehicles Monday will be tagged by city policemen, Chief of Police Martin Ware said Wednesday.

Sunday is the final day motorists can legally use their expiring 1958 license plates, both city and state.

City Clerk Joe McDaniel says the police will have a large tagging potential, barring a last-minute purchasing rush before the close of business this weekend.

Through Tuesday, only 1258 auto tags had been sold, about 500 under the figure for 1958.

The tags sell for a dollar.

## Sales Event Will Begin On Thursday

Majority of Kings Mountain merchants are collaborating this weekend on a Greater Kings Mountain Dollar Days sales event.

Paul McGinnis, chairman of the promotion committee of the Kings Mountain Merchants association, said this week that he is pleased with the degree of participation in the event and expressed the opinion shoppers will be able to find plenty of bargains on merchants' shelves.

Virtually all types of retailers are participating. In conjunction with the event, some 18 Kings Mountain firms are collaborating in launching a trade-at-home, institutional advertising campaign in the Kings Mountain Herald.

## Fairview Lodge

An emergent communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AF & AM will be held Monday night for work in the third degree. The lodge will open at 6 p. m., with supper to follow at 7 p. m. Tickets are \$1.25 per member. T. D. Tindall, secretary, announced.

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