

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 7,206

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Citizens To Vote Tuesday On Candidates, Issues

Local News Bulletins

FAIRVIEW LODGE
There will be a regular communication of Fairview Lodge No. 3393 AF and AM Monday, May 11, at 7:30 p. m., according to secretary T. V. Tindall.

BAND
The Elementary band of West School will give a performance Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 p. m. in the school auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

ORIENTATION
Orientation Day programs will be held Monday from 1:30 until 2:30 p. m. at West school. All prospective first graders and their parents are being invited to attend.

ELECTED
Jones Y. Pharr, a son-in-law of Mrs. Edith Goforth of Kings Mountain, was elected a member of the Charlotte board of education in Tuesday's election. Mr. Pharr had previously served on the board by appointment. Mrs. Pharr is the former Pauline Goforth.

CHILD ILL
Pat Anthony, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Anthony of Kalamazoo, Mich., underwent a tracheotomy at a Kalamazoo hospital last week end. The child, granddaughter of Dr. J. E. Anthony, had become suddenly ill.

GIRL SCOUT
The Kings Mountain Girl Scout Neighborhood Association will meet Tuesday at 1:15 at St. Matthew's Lutheran church for a regular meeting.

OFFICE CLOSED
Offices of the driver's license bureau will be closed on Friday while examiners are attending a district meeting. The office will also be closed Monday, Confederate Memorial Day.

METER RECEIPTS
Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday noon totaled \$153.38, including \$25.00 from off-street meters and \$128.39 from on-street meters.

LIONS PROGRAM
Dr. Russell Henry, pathologist at Shelby and Kings Mountain hospital will speak to Kings Mountain Lions at the regular club meeting Tuesday night at the Woman's Club at 7:00 o'clock.

School Merger Meeting Changed

The meeting of school officials of No. 4 Township for further discussion on consolidation, previously scheduled for Tuesday night, has been postponed until Thursday night, May 14.

Hill Lowery, chairman of the host Bethware school committee, said the meeting had been postponed on request of Kings Mountain school officials due to conflict with the city election. Representatives of Grover, Compact, Park Grace, and Bethware, all in the county school district, and members of Kings Mountain board of education are being invited as they were to the first meeting.

Bethware school officials initiated an abortive consolidation effort in 1954, again has expressed hearty endorsement. Kings Mountain officials are also unanimous in support of the effort. Expressions have thus far not been forthcoming from Compact and Park Grace systems.

Little Theatre Invites Members

Kings Mountain's Little Theatre group held an organizational meeting Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Moffatt Ware, Sr.

The group invited new members and interested citizens are welcome to join the group at their May 21st meeting at 8:15 p. m. at the Ware home.

Future activities were discussed at the regular meeting.

DuBose Accepts Baptist Call



NEW PASTOR — Rev. Marion D. DuBose, Jr., of Louisville, Ky., will become pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist church June 7.

Kings Mountain Baptist Church Calls Pastor

Rev. Marion D. DuBose, Jr., pastor of Rowletts Baptist church in Rowletts, Ky., will become pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist church June 7.

Mr. DuBose succeeds Dr. Zeno Wall of Shelby, who has been serving as supply pastor. A native of Atlanta, Ga., the new minister, son of Marion D. and Lalage Darwin DuBose, was educated in the Athens, Ga., schools, the University of Georgia where his father taught German, and at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

One More Day To Register

Saturday will be the final day to register for the city election. There was some confusion early this week concerning the fact that Saturday is also Challenge Day. However, a check of the city election machinery act shows that the system differs from the county system where three Saturdays for registration are followed by a non-registering Challenge Day.

Gantt Given Active Sentence

Thurman Gantt, 31-year-old Kings Mountain man, was given sentences amounting to 8 years as a result of an automobile collision in which five persons were injured several months ago. Four years of the sentences were suspended.

Gantt was charged with three counts of assault with a deadly weapon, to wit, an automobile; and one count of reckless driving. Prayer for judgment was continued by Judge W. K. McLean on a speeding charge involved in the same accident.

Judge McLean pronounced the penalty Monday as the second week of a two-weeks "mixed" term of Cleveland Superior Court got under way. Gantt is to serve first a 2-year sentence for reckless driving, after which a two-year sentence for assault with a deadly weapon (automobile) will commence.

The charges against Gantt grew out of a collision last Feb. 7 at York Road and East Gold Street. A car driven by Gantt collided with one driven by Marvin Echols, 31, Grover. Injured were Echols; his wife, Mrs. Winona Echols, and their 11-month-old son Randy, passengers in the Echols car. Mrs. Ovella Short, 34, and Delmira Harris, 20, passengers in the Gantt car, were also injured.

Gantt was charged with falling to stop at a stop sign and with reckless driving by city police. Charges of assault with a deadly weapon — an automobile — on each member of the Echols family were filed later. The grand jury indicted on all counts and Gantt pled guilty. Young Randy Echols underwent brain surgery in a Charlotte hospital two weeks ago, and was said to be improving by a family spokesman. Randy has been hospitalized since the accident.

ROTARY CLUB

W. T. Robinson, assistant secretary-treasurer and office manager of Carolina Freight Carriers Copation of Cherryville, will speak at the 12:15 meeting Thursday of the Rotary club. Mr. Robinson was also recently re-elected mayor of Cherryville. The club convenes at the Country club, Program Chairman T. L. Trott said.

Health Officer Dr. Z. P. Mitchell For Fluoridation

Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, Cleveland County health officer, made a statement this week in favor of fluoridation.

The statement follows: "In connection with the matter of fluoridating the municipal water supply of Kings Mountain, as County Health Officer, I feel it my duty and responsibility to say and do whatever I feel I can in the interest of better teeth for the citizens of Kings Mountain. "For 20 years I have served as County Health Officer in Cleveland County, and during that time, I have examined the mouths of thousands of school children throughout the county, and I have been greatly impressed with the fact that so many of the children have such decayed teeth.

"In 1954, Shelby began adding fluoride to its city water supply. We have just finished our annual examination of pre-school children throughout the county, and inasmuch as the pre-school children in Shelby, with few exceptions, have been drinking fluoridated water for five years, I have found it quite interesting to tabulate the condition of the teeth of the children in the two respective towns.

"In Shelby, for example, we examined 247 children in this age group, children who will enter school for the first time this fall. Out of this number we found only 3 children with permanent teeth (6 year molars) that showed evidence of caries. In Kings Mountain, we examined a total of 154 children and found 13 of them with permanent teeth decayed. In Shelby the percentage of 6 year molars showing caries was 1.2 whereas in Kings Mountain the percentage was 8.4. I can think of no other reason that would be responsible for this difference except that one group had been drinking, more or less, all their lives, fluoridated water, and the other group had not.

"These figures are simply analogous to similar reports coming to us from throughout the United States where fluoridated water has been in use, but I found it interesting to note the difference locally. I would like to state further that we have not tabulated the number of children with decayed temporary teeth, but the figures would be similar to those in the above category with the exception that we did not see the extensive decayed condition in the teeth of the children in Shelby that was seen in the teeth of the children of the county schools and Kings Mountain.

"There is an abundance of literature favorable to fluoridated water for the prevention of dental caries, and I have yet to find any evidence from a reliable source which indicates that there is any danger to the body tissues resulting from the use of fluoridated water. If fluoride is so dangerous, why does it occur so extensively in nature? The conditions that have been reported as occurring in elderly people allegedly due to fluoride, such as fragility of the bones, high blood pressure, and other senile ailments, such conditions occur in the elderly population, whether they drink fluoridated water or not.

"One of the studies made on fluoridation was out in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where the children were found to have mottling of the teeth, and further studies revealed the fact that his mottling was the result of the ingestion of excessive amounts of fluorides which naturally occurred in the water supply. If this substance is so detrimental to human welfare, why do these people remain in these areas where the fluoride occurs in such excessive amounts naturally (10, 12 and 14 (Continued on Page Eight)



ELECTED — J. T. McGinnis, Jr., has been elected commander of Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion, for the coming year. Mr. McGinnis succeeds Roy Cline.

Legionnaires Elect McGinnis

J. T. McGinnis, Jr., Plonk Motor Company salesman, was elected commander of Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion, Friday night.

Other officers include Clyde Whetstone, first vice-commander; Ray Cline, second vice-commander; Joe McDaniel, adjutant and finance officer; David Delevie, chaplain; W. D. Morrison, historian; George Franklin, sergeant-at-arms. Named to the executive committee were Ross Alexander, Eugene Gibson, Bill McSwain, E. C. Martin, and Bill Phifer.

Brown Rally Held Saturday

Kings Mountain Negro citizen's league held a fish fry at Bridges Airport Saturday night in support of Roy J. Brown, Negro candidate for Ward 5, city commissioner.

Special guests were all members of the present administration except R. Coleman Stroupe, incumbent city commissioner whom Brown is opposing for Ward 5 city commissioner, and Martin Harmon and David Baity of the Herald staff.

Mr. Brown, in addressing the gathering, said he needed the support of all, and if elected, he would work for the betterment of all. William Orr, in introducing Mr. Brown and guests, told the Negro citizens of the voter's league which has been organized and urged all to get out and support the organization.

"It's purpose," he said "is to get the citizens out to vote, and to support our candidates." "We want to help all," he said, "so please come out and help us." Orr praised the present administration for its work in the past two years. Brief talks were made by Mayor Bridges, commissioners Bridges, Bennett, and Gault. The members of the administration pointed to the accomplishments of the city in the past two years and noted a particular effort had been made to improve streets and other facilities in the Negro residential sections.

Bethware Seniors To Give Play

The Senior class of Bethware high school will present an adaptation of Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women" Thursday night at 7:30 p. m. in the school auditorium. In the cast are Faye Bolin who has the role of Jo; Mary Lou Wright as Meg; Norma Hamrick as Amy; Judy Putnam as Beth; Janet Hamrick as Marmee; Paul Dover as Laurie; Buddy Freeman as Aunt Brooke; Merita Bridges as Aunt March; Luther Edwards as Mr. March; and Jerry Webster as Professor Bhaer.

Admission is 60 cents for adults and 30 cents for children and students. The following was omitted: "The county school board recognizes that at present there is a plan for the proposed consolidation of all the No. 4 Township schools with the Kings Mountain city administration unit. "Should it appear that the latter plan be preferred by the voters in No. 4 Township, the board of education would revise both the temporary and permanent plan accordingly." The board voted to accept the temporary and permanent consolidation plans recommended by a state survey team, with the exception that a new high school is to be constructed instead of using the present No. 3 plant.

Fluoridation, Term Tenures Also On Ballot

In addition to settling personal political contests Tuesday, Kings Mountain voters will also settle two other major questions:

- 1) Whether the mayor and/or board of commissioners will serve two year or four year terms. 2) Whether the city will fluoridate the city water supply.

While the election on the fluoridation issue has no legal status, members of the present administration unanimously have committed themselves to abide by the May 12 result. At least two challengers, commissioner candidates C. H. Houser and Dewitte Cornwall, were also publicly committing themselves to honor the vote of the electorate on fluoridation.

The revote was ordered by the city board after Dr. J. E. Anthony, senior Kings Mountain physician, issued a statement strongly opposing fluoridation. Previously, city P.T.A. health committees had taken the commissioners to task on their failure to implement the fluoridation vote of two years ago. In 1957 the electorate voted about 2 to 1 in favor of fluoridation.

The election on lengthening the term of office was set up by state legislation which had already been enacted when the commission had a change of mind and sought to remove it from the ballot. Proposal on the four-term originally was for the purpose of staggering terms of office, a resolution the commission passed unanimously. Subsequently, on position to the staggered term developed, after the commission could not agree on which office would have which term.

Churches Aid Migrant Project

Kings Mountain churches are collaborating with arba churchwomen to provide aid to migrant children at care centers in Hendersonville and Elizabeth City. Mrs. Ross Rosberg, chairman of the Christian social relations committee in the local council of churchwomen, announced plans this week for the observance of Migrant Sunday May 17.

Children in the various Sunday School departments are asked to contribute items for health and first aid kits with the assembling to be completed May 17. Migrant Sunday is observed all over the nation. Kings Mountain churches participating in the project include: Central, Grace, First Wesleyan, and El Bethel Methodist churches; First Presbyterian and Boyce Memorial ARP churches; Kings Mountain, First, Macedonia, East Side, Temple, and Second Baptist churches; and St. Matthew's and Resurrection Lutheran churches.

KIWANIS CLUB

Floyd Farris, manager of Southern Bell Telephone company, will speak on civil defense dealing with missiles and warning systems at the Thursday night meeting of the Kiwanis club. The club convenes at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's club.

County Education Board Unopposed To Number 4 School Consolidation

The county board of education did not oppose the present No. 4 Township school consolidation proposal in its action of Monday in approving county school consolidation plans of a state survey team. J. Horace Grigg, county schools superintendent, called the Herald Wednesday to report an omission in the action as reported in the Shelby Star. The following was omitted: "The county school board recognizes that at present there is a plan for the proposed consolidation of all the No. 4 Township schools with the Kings Mountain city administration unit. "Should it appear that the latter plan be preferred by the voters in No. 4 Township, the board of education would revise both the temporary and permanent plan accordingly." The board voted to accept the temporary and permanent consolidation plans recommended by a state survey team, with the exception that a new high school is to be constructed instead of using the present No. 3 plant.



HEADS JAYCEES — B. F. Maner was installed Tuesday night as president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce at the civic club's ladies night banquet. He succeeds George Thomasson.

Jaycees Install New Officers

B. F. Maner, Kings Mountain insurance man, was installed Tuesday night as president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, as the club held its annual ladies' night banquet.

Installation of officers was a highlight of the event which also included an entertainment program of humorous recordings of radio oral lapses and miscues by Radio Station Manager Jonas Bridges. Present as special guests were wives of members and presidents of various civic clubs and their wives.

Clyde Tomblin, district vice-president of Spindale, installed these officers; in addition to Mr. Maner: Robert H. Goforth, first vice-president; Jim Lybrand, second vice-president; Jacob Dixon, secretary; Wesley Bush, treasurer; Gene Patterson, Jaybird; George Thomasson, state director; and Bill Childers, Otis Falls, Jr., and Robert Hall, directors. Hold-over directors are Bill Allen, Raymond Goforth, and Manley Hayes.

Churchwomen Set Special Service

Kings Mountain's annual May Fellowship Day service will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock at Boyce Memorial ARP church. Sponsored by the inter-denominational United Churchwomen's organization, the program is open to the community.

Theme of this year's observance is "How Much is Enough?" and Mrs. Paul Ausley is the speaker. Mrs. George Moore will conduct the devotional, and members of the Carol choir of the ARP church will render special music. Mrs. Kenneth McGill directs the choir. United Churchwomen of Kings Mountain also sponsor World Day of Prayer, World Community Day, and Foreign Student week-end.

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Some Observers Predict Record Turnout To Polls

Kings Mountain citizens will go to the polls Tuesday in the biennial city election to elect seven of five holders of 20 candidates.

In spite of an outwardly quiet election season many political observers and the Kings Mountain Herald are predicting a record vote. Registrations have been particularly heavy, indicating that candidates have been doing much personal contact work and that the citizens intend to vote.

The campaign to date has been a gentlemanly one. Advertising materials by the candidates have been devoid of the personality mudslinging which has characterized campaigns here since 1947. If mudslinging is being done it has been practiced word-of-mouth.

In addition to the personality elections, two other issues are attracting voter interest. One is on the proposal to lengthen the terms of office of mayor and/or board of commissioners to four years. The other question is a revote on fluoridation of the city water supply, a question that has many emotional overtones.

Top interest, as customary, is being attracted through the three-way race for mayor where Mayor Glee A. Bridges, seeking a fourth term, is being opposed by Ex-Mayor Garland E. Still and one-time commissioner David L. Saunders. Each of the three has been working diligently at the business of attracting votes. Each predicts victory.

Probably the other race attracting top interest is for Ward 5 commissioner where four candidates seek the office and where the candidacy of Roy J. Brown, second Negro candidate in history here, is being heavily supported by members of his race. One supporter on the Brown management team said this week, "We mean to get him 600 votes."

Other candidates challenging incumbent R. Coleman Stroupe are Charles E. Blalock, grocer, making his first venture in city politics, and Curtis V. Gaffney, barber, also a candidate for the first time. Wards 1 and 2 find only two candidates seeking office. In Ward 1, Incumbent Ross Alexander is opposed by C. H. (Cat) Houser. In Ward 2, Incumbent Boyce H. Gault is opposed by A. Dewitte Cornwall.

In Ward 3, Incumbent Luther T. Bennett faces the challenges of T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, veteran of four previous terms as Ward 3 commissioner, and C. Glenn White, one-time member of the city board of education. In Ward 4, Incumbent Ben H. Bridges is being challenged by Ex-Commissioner Paul W. Ledford and J. Clyde Gladden.

In the race for the lone school board position, all the candidates are seeking public office for the first time. They are Mrs. F. A. (Boots) McDaniel, Mrs. Lena W. McGill, and Drace M. Peeler.

Facts Are Listed On City Election

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 in-city voters: mayor, five ward commissioners. Offices to be filled by school trustee voters: one school trusteeship. Number of ballots, three, city ballot, school trustee ballot, and referendum ballot on question of fluoridating city water supply. Basis of decision: majority of votes cast. Run-off provisions: in event a candidate fails to attain a majority, the candidate placing second has the right to demand a run-off election within five days following the voting. The run-off election would be conducted on May 26. The board of commissioners serves, ex officio, as the city elections 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 Thursday.