

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 7,206

The figure for Greater Kings Mountain is derived from the 1955 Kings Mountain city directory census. The city limits figure is from the United States census of 1950.

Citizens Will Vote Tuesday In Run-Off Election

Hospital To File 25-Bed Addition Request Soon

Kings Mountain Hospital, Inc., will make application within the next few days to the state Medical Care commission for approval of plans for building a 25-bed addition.

Grady Howard, business manager, said the hospital board of directors resolved to file the application at its recent meeting and that state commission action can be expected in September.

Approval would mean that the state and federal governments would share costs on the addition to the amount of approximately two-thirds the total outlay.

Plans, in addition to the 25-bed addition (a 50 percent increase in bed capacity), call for renovation of the clinical laboratory and enlargement of the lobby on the Negro wing. The 25 beds would be extended toward Edgemont avenue. For the first time, state officials have indicated they will approve plans for central air conditioning.

Hospital officials base their request on a high percentage occupancy running 85 to 89 percent on average for more than the past year.

Ormand & Vaughn, of Shelby, are architects for the project. If approved, the expansion would be the fourth since the hospital was opened in April 1951.

Society Editor Suit Defendant

Miss Elizabeth Stewart, Herald society editor, is defendant in a \$55,000 damage action filed in Buncombe County Superior Court, May 19.

Plaintiff is Herbert A. Wallace, administrator of the estate of Calvin Black, who died last October 7 as a result of injuries received when struck by a car driven by Miss Stewart.

Cleveland coroner J. Ollie Harris ruled the accident unavoidable.

The plaintiff seeks damages of \$5,000 for the death of the eight-year-old Black youth and \$50,000 damages for the anticipated earnings of the boy, had he lived. Plaintiff bases his action on nine allegations of negligence.

Alan Newcombe Speaker At Fete

Alan Newcombe, WBT radio and WBT television personality will be featured as speaker at the annual Lions Club Ladies' Night Banquet to be held next Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at Kings Mountain Woman's Club.

Presiding at the banquet will be Edwin Moore. C. R. Barry will present the invocation.

Ladies will be welcomed by Sam Stallings and William L. Plonk will present the speaker. Gifts will be distributed by F. A. McDaniel, Jr.

HOSPITALIZED

Mrs. T. A. Pollock, former Kings Mountain school teacher, underwent brain surgery in Charlotte Memorial Hospital Tuesday. According to her physicians, the operation was a complete success and Mrs. Pollock is recovering rapidly.



NEW OFFICIALS SWORN — Pictured are newly-elected city and board of education officials moments after they had taken their oaths of office from Recorder Judge Jack White last Thursday morning. From left are Mayor Glee

A. Bridges, Comm. Ben H. Bridges, School Trustee Lena W. McGill, Comm. Ross Alexander, and Comm. Boyce H. Gault. Mrs. McGill was elected to a six-year term. The city officials were elected for two year terms.

Township School Officials Talk Political Arrangement



SPEAKER — Dr. John Slaughter, well-known Baptist minister, will begin a week of special services June 7 at Kings Mountain Baptist church.

Dr. Slaughter Revival Speaker

Dr. John Slaughter, pastor of the First Baptist church of Spartanburg, S. C., will conduct a week of special services June 7 through June 12 at Kings Mountain Baptist church.

The services will be held nightly at 8 o'clock.

Dr. Slaughter, an outstanding Baptist minister, conducts Sunday morning services over Station WSPA-TV.

"Everyone is welcome to join us in these special services," a spokesman for the church said.

IMPROVING

Richard E. Barnette, convalescing at Kings Mountain hospital with hemorrhaging stomach ulcers, was said to be improving by friends Wednesday morning.

Committee To Present Political Plan

BY DAVID BAITT

A committee to probe the consolidation of No. 4 Township county schools with the Kings Mountain City administrative unit and propose a satisfactory governmental setup was appointed at a meeting of township school officials held at Bethware school Thursday night.

M. H. Camp, Grover; James Cloninger, Park Grace; Luther Jamerson, Compact; and Hill Lowery, Bethware, are to work with B. N. Barnes, Kings Mountain city schools superintendent, Fred Plonk, chairman of the city school board, and J. R. Davis, Kings Mountain attorney on the committee.

Present at the consolidation talk were Harold Herndon, Tom Hamrick, Hill Lowery, Harold Cloninger, James Cloninger, Dr. P. G. Padgett, Mayor Glee A. Bridges, Charles Spearman, J. W. Webster, Stokes Wright, Edwin Moore, Fred Plonk, Mrs. J. C. Nickels, Mrs. J. H. Thomson, Mrs. Lena W. McGill, B. N. Barnes, J. R. Davis, Holmes Harry, John Gold, Roy Bell, Luther Jamerson, and Elijah Ross, representing all units involved.

Main issue in the discussion was representation of the outlying districts on the school board. J. R. Davis explained that under the present charter, if left as is, in the event of the enlargement of the administrative unit, the board would remain at 5 members. An act of the General Assembly would be required to increase the board membership.

"Kings Mountain wouldn't think it fair if all the representatives on the school board were from the city," Mr. Davis commented. "We would want repre-

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SPEAKER — Dr. Frontis W. Johnston of Davidson, will address Kings Mountain Kiwanians at their Thursday night meeting.

Dr. Johnston Kiwanis Speaker

Dr. Frontis W. Johnston, dean of the faculty at Davidson college, will address Kings Mountain Kiwanians at their Thursday night meeting at the Woman's club.

The club convenes at 6:45. Dr. Johnston joined the Davidson faculty in 1935 as associate professor in history after having taught at Wallace University school, Nashville, Tenn. Received

scholarships from both Davidson and Yale Universities, he entered Yale graduate school in 1931 and received assistantships in history as a Robinson and Currier Fellow. He received a few years ago one of five grants-in-aid from the Hayes Foundation in Fremont, Ohio, for work on a Life of Zebulon B. Vance, was subsequently asked by officials of the State Department of Archives and History to edit the Vance letters for publication by the department, and spent a year at Chapel Hill on a faculty fellowship from the Ford Foundation teaching a course on the Modern South and devoting much time to the Vance projects.

He is an elder in Davidson Presbyterian church, a past president of the State Literary and Historical Society, a past secretary-treasurer of the Historical Society of North Carolina, and faculty chairman of athletics at Davidson. He became dean of the faculty last September.

Dr. Johnston's wife is the former Lucy Martin Currie. They have three children. Thursday's program was arranged by William Herndon.

Grading Underway For New Church

Property at West King and Sims street is being leveled for forthcoming construction of First Baptist church.

W. B. Logan, chairman of the church building committee, said it is anticipated that contracts for the new structure will be let in the near future. McGill Brothers have been doing the initial grading work.

City, Stroupe Gault Brothers Suit Defendants

Carl Bailey (Casey) Jones and his wife are seeking \$5000 for alleged damages to their home on Stroupe Alley in a Superior Court action filed recently.

Defendants are the City of Kings Mountain, Boyce H. Gault, C. J. Gault, Jr., and R. Coleman Stroupe.

The litigation follows several complaints made during the past few years by Mr. Jones to the city commission.

In the complaint the Joneses contend that the city has allowed the other defendants to erect buildings which encroach on Stroupe Alley. The plaintiffs further contend that they purchased two lots 25x110 feet each, of the Parker Grove property on the west side of "a new street or alley" in 1941 from Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Williams. They further contend that the property was purchased only because the city had accepted the alley and had agreed to keep it in fair repair.

They contend that the Gault Brothers encroached on the alley by three feet when erecting their store building in 1955. They contend that Mr. Stroupe encroached even more, and asked a court survey, when he erected his residence also about the same time. The plaintiffs contend that Boyce H. Gault and Mr. Stroupe were members of the city commission at the time of the encroachment.

Attorney for the plaintiffs is E. A. Harrill. Attorneys for defendants are Davis and White.

Bishop Speaks At Dedication

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, presiding bishop of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist church, conducted dedicatory rites of Central Methodist Church's educational building at the morning worship service Sunday.

He was assisted by Dr. Eugene Few, Gastonia District Superintendent, and Rev. James B. McLarty, Minister.

Bishop Harmon also presented a license to preach to William Lee Bumgardner, a member of the local congregation.

Congratulating the Kings Mountain church for building and for paying for the educational plant, Bishop Harmon said, "We have vast numbers and great buildings, but our strength lies in our spiritual values."

Using the text Phil. 3:13-14, "...but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus," the Bishop pointed out that what Paul was calling for and what we need today is a personal, realistic appraisal of ourselves just as we are, a look at life just as it is.

He cautioned that church members are in danger of living "in an easy, humdrum way, thinking themselves perfect," and challenged all to fulfill whatever task God puts in our hands. "No one," he said, "can pay for you what you must pay if you are to do your part in the kingdom."

"Think of these anniversary days not as periods, but as commas in life. Think what has been done and what must be done as God leads and guides," he continued.

Dr. Few read the scripture and

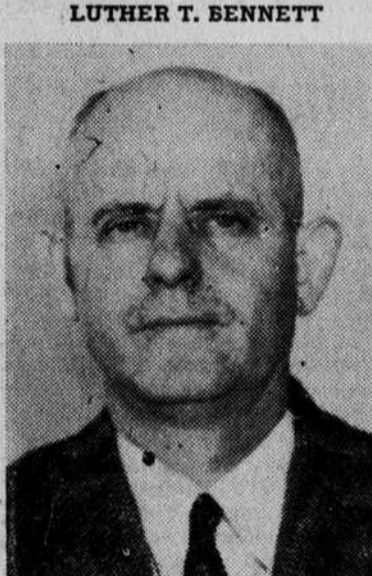
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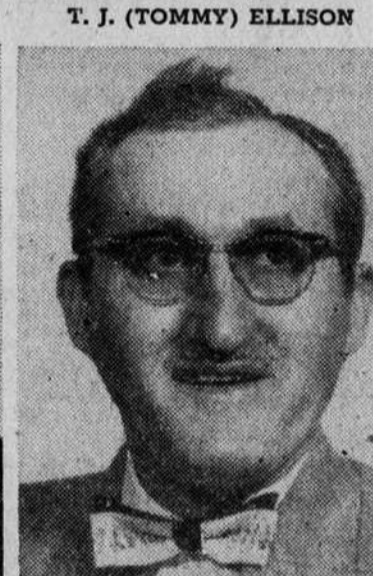
LUTHER T. BENNETT



T. J. (TOMMY) ELLISON



CHARLES E. BLALOCK



R. COLEMAN STROUPE

Voters To Name Ward 3 And 5 Commissioners

BY MARTIN HARMON

Kings Mountain citizens will return to the polls Tuesday to determine identity of two members of the city commission for the coming two years.

As they indicated on the evening of May 12 election, Second Runners T. J. (Tommy) Ellison and R. Coleman Stroupe exercised their right to call for run-offs. Mr. Stroupe made his call on Thursday and Mr. Ellison filed his on Saturday.

Mr. Ellison, East King Mountain grocer and veteran of eight years service, seeks to overtake Comm. Luther T. Bennett. Mr. Ellison was unseated in 1957 by Mr. Bennett. Mr. Bennett led in the May 12 election by 151 votes but failed to attain majority by 205 as C. Glenn White polled 559. Mr. Bennett led the balloting in all but his home ward where Mr. Ellison had a plurality of 52. Mr. Bennett polled 786 to Mr. Ellison's 635.

Mr. Stroupe, a barber and the incumbent, trailed challenger Charles E. Blalock, a grocer, by 56 votes, in a four man race. Mr. Blalock failed to attain a majority by 397 votes as Curtis Gaffney polled 543 and Roy Brown polled 305. Mr. Blalock led the balloting in Wards 2 and 5. Mr. Stroupe led by three votes in Ward 1, shared top honors with Mr. Gaffney in Ward 3, Mr. Gaffney led in Ward 4.

Rules for the Tuesday run-off election voting are the same as prevailed on May 12. There is no new registration and the same election officials will be on duty at the same precincts.

The run-off election activity has paralleled that of the pre-May 12 campaigning when 20 candidates sought seven elective offices. The campaign was outwardly quiet but 2176 people went to the polls.

Predictions are varying considerably on the number of persons who will return to the polls Tuesday. Kings Mountain's past history in run-off elections has been that run-offs attract almost as many voters as do initial elections. Observers doubt this situation will obtain Tuesday.

The run-off arrangement was first operative in 1951. Previously, city officials had been chosen by plurality.

McGill Rites Held Wednesday

Final rites for Arthur Dixon McGill, 64, who died Tuesday following a several month's illness, were held Wednesday at 4 p. m. from Harris Funeral Home.

Dr. W. L. Pressly conducted the services, and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. McGill, a native of Gaston County, was a son of the late Andrew Jackson and Addie Long McGill. He was a member of Boyce Memorial ARP church, a Mason, Shriner, and lived at one time in Jacksonville, Fla., and Atlanta, Ga. In Atlanta, he operated the Union News Company, terminal station.

He was a World War I veteran and member of the American Legion.

He is survived by his sister, Mrs. V. K. Crook, Kings Mountain, a id one brother, W. H. McGill, Dallas, Texas.

Active pallbearers were N. F. McGill, Grady Patterson, B. D. Raites, M. A. Ware, Wendell Pfifer, and Marvin Goforth.

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 Store; Ward 4 at Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company club-room; Ward 5 at Victory Chevrolet Company.

Offices to be filled are Ward 3 and Ward 5 commissioners.
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 10:00 a. m. to officially canvass the Tuesday results. Candidates elected on Tuesday will take their oaths of office on Thursday.

Education Board Re-elects Plonk

North Principal, Several Teachers Are Resigning

Fred W. Plonk was re-elected chairman of the city school board Monday night at the regular session. A. W. Kincaid was named vice-chairman of the board.

A hearty welcome was given to incoming board member Mrs. Lena W. McGill, recently elected in the May 12 city election.

The board accepted with regret the resignation of William R. George, principal of North School. Mr. George is contemplating a move to Fayetteville and the principalship of an elementary school there.

A. W. Kincaid commended Mr. George for the good job he had done at North School and extended best wishes for his future.

In other actions the board:

- 1) Declined to intercede with the state public instruction department to continue employment for John Jackson, West School janitor, for another year.
- 2) Heard a report from Superintendent Barnes that Mrs. Mable Carpenter, high school science teacher; Miss Elizabeth Collette high school physical educator and social studies teacher; Miss Delores Blanton, high school English and history teacher; William Ray Cleer, driver's education and history teacher; Miss Margaret McKeever, teacher of eighth grade at Central school; Miss Katherine Louise Kiser, fifth grade teacher at West school; Mrs. Patricia Latta, eighth grade teacher at Central school; Miss Margie Hall, first grade teacher

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Bethware Class To Get Diplomas

Commencement exercises for 33 Bethware high school seniors will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock with members of the graduating class to conduct the program.

The baccalaureate sermon, delivered by the Rev. E. B. Hicks, was held on Sunday in the school auditorium.

Carolyn Lovelace is valedictorian, and Norma Jane Hamrick and Luther Edwards are co-salutatorians. The Girls Chorus will sing "You'll Never Walk Alone," "Graduation Day," "Give Us This Day," and "The Bethware School Song."

Principal Thurman Warlick will present the awards and diploma.

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Marshals Chosen For Central Finals

Marshals for 1959 commencement exercises at Kings Mountain high school have been selected.

They include: Jimmy Plonk, chief; Steve Powell, Paul Hendricks, Jr., Billy Simpson, Gail Kircus, Barbara Lynn, Carole Plonk, and Nancy McClure.

Marshals will serve at the baccalaureate service on Sunday, May 31, and at the graduation exercises on Monday, June 1. Both programs will be held at 8 p. m. in the high school auditorium.

RECITAL

Piano students of Mrs. Martin Harmon will be presented in annual formal recital Friday night at 7:30 p. m. in West school auditorium.

Grover Finals Thursday Night

Grover high school will award diplomas to 28 seniors in finals exercises Thursday night at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium.

Principal James Scruggs and School Board Chairman M. H. Camp will present the diplomas, and Preston Holt, Mrs. John Gold, and W. C. Kiser will award the medals.

Five members of the senior class who will present the program include: Brenda Jackson, valedictorian; Mary Mullinax, salutatorian; Jeanette Blackburn, Nancy Bolin, and Sammy Willard. The school chorus, under direction of Mrs. F. B. Hambrick, will sing "Days of Long Ago."

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Businessmen Express Approval Of United Charity Appeal Idea

Businessmen attending a meeting at City Hall Monday night expressed enthusiastic endorsement of a United Fund-type charitable appeal for Kings Mountain.

The group also named a committee including B. F. Maner, chairman, Wes Bush and J. C. Bridges to determine if merchants would offer their employees a payroll deduction method of giving for a combined charitable appeal.

Mr. Maner had previously said that 12 industrial firms had informed a Jaycee committee that they would offer their employees payroll deduction for United Fund-type giving.

Mr. Maner noted that the num-