

**Population**  
 Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
 City limits 8,008  
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## Hour-Rated Foote Workers Will Get Pay Boost April 1



**SPELLING CHAMP** — Glynda Lynn, East school seventh grader, is Kings Mountain's champion speller. She outspelled other students in the schools' finals Tuesday.

### Glynda Lynn Best Speller

Glynda Lynn, 13 year old East school seventh grader, is Kings Mountain's champion speller. As winner of the city-wide spelling bee in the city schools, she will represent Kings Mountain in the Charlotte Observer Bee and receives the annual medal given by First Union National Bank in honor of the late president Frank R. Summers. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Lynn, 805 Cleveland Ave., the young spelling champ outspelled three other good spellers who represented three other elementary schools in the finals on Tuesday. Glynda missed only six words from a list of 100. Most schools use an oral contest to determine their best spelling students. Here, each contestant is required to write all 100 words. The one with the nearest perfect score is the winner. Second place spelling honors went to Lyn Cheshire of Central school. Other students in the finals were Jo Bridges of West school and Karen Wood of North school, each of these students having been declared the winner of spelling bees held at each of the schools. Glynda's hobbies are cameras and reading.

## Local News Bulletins

**COURT TUESDAY**  
 Kings Mountain Recorder's Court, usually held on Monday afternoon, has been scheduled this week for Tuesday at 2:00 p. m.

**PERMIT ISSUED**  
 A permit was issued Wednesday to Elco Industries, Inc. to build a one-story frame dwelling on McGinnis Street. Estimated cost of the five-room structure is \$5,000.

**PRE-SCHOOL CLINIC**  
 Pre-school clinic at Parkgrace school will be held on April 24th beginning at 9 a. m. Parents whose children will enter the first grade at Parkgrace should secure proper registration blanks from the school.

**LEGION DANCE**  
 American Legion Post 155 is sponsoring a dance for members and their guests Saturday night beginning at 8 p. m. at the Legion Hall. Music will be furnished by Mike Lattimore and his band from Shelby.

**OPTIMISTS MEET**  
 Kings Mountain Optimists will meet Thursday at 7:30 p. m. at the American Legion Hall for an organizational session. A Dutch supper will be served.

**IN FRATERNITY**  
 Ed Ledford son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Ledford of Kings Mountain has been elected corresponding secretary of Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity, at Wake Forest college. Ledford, a junior majoring in sociology, is president of Theta Chi social fraternity.

### Five-Cent Hour Raise Announced By Johnson

Foote Mineral Company has announced a five-cent per hour pay raise for all Kings Mountain hourly-rated employees, effective April 1. Announcement was made last week by Neil O. Johnson, manager of Kings Mountain operations, in a letter to employees. Mr. Johnson said the wage boost would bring Foote's King Mountain wage payments to approximately \$400,000 annually. Mr. Johnson wrote employees: "It is my pleasure to announce management's decision to increase our Kings Mountain pay scale 5c per hour for all hourly employees, effective April 1, 1961. This decision is in recognition of the excellent safety record, the increased production of our regular products, and the development of new products here at Kings Mountain. These accomplishments were made possible through the hard work and team effort of you and your fellow workers. Congratulations for a job well done!"

### Panels To Quiz Mayor Seekers

Kings Mountain mayoral candidates will be interviewed on five weekly programs over Station WKMT beginning April 10, WKMT Manager Jonas Bridges announced this week. The program, labeled "The Race for Mayor," will be an hour each with a group of panelists directing questions at the several mayoral candidates who appear. Mr. Bridges said three of the four current candidates for mayor, Glee A. Bridges, Garland E. Still and Kelly Dixon, have agreed to appear on the program series, and that Candidate D. L. Saunders has declined. The station manager said Mr. Saunders had indicated objection to the program format, whereby questions will not be submitted to the candidates in advance of the live interview. Manager Bridges will moderate each show and Martin Harmon, Kings Mountain Herald editor, will be a regular member of the panel. Other Kings Mountain citizens will take turns at the other two interviewing posts. For the initial April 10 program, the two additional panelists will be Ollie Harris, Sr., and Jack White. Plans call for an end of interviewing in time to allow each candidate five minutes for a talk on any subject he might choose.

### ARP's Set Special Service

The annual Candlelight Communion service will be held Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at Kings Memorial ARP church. Dr. W. L. Pressly, pastor, will conduct the meditation from the theme, "God In Christ Reconciling the World" and music will consist of anthems and congregational singing. The Old Communion service will be used to serve the Elders. Members of the Frances Garrison circle will decorate the church.

### Community-Wide Easter Sunrise Rites Set For Cemetery At 6 A. M.

Kings Mountain's traditional community-wide Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Memorial Park of Mountain Rest cemetery Easter Morning, beginning at 6 o'clock. The program is presented and sponsored by the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association. Citizens attending the Easter Sunrise Service should enter the cemetery at gates on Dilling and Gold streets and follow instructions of traffic officers and Boy Scouts on duty at these entrances to the cemetery, cemetery Supt. Sam Suber said. Rev. H. D. Garmon, pastor of Central Methodist church, will deliver the Easter morning message on the theme, "The Triumph of Easter." Other ministers who will participate in the service are Dr.



**CLUB PRESIDENT** — Jacob Cooper was elected president of the Kings Mountain Country Club last week. He succeeds Dr. George W. Plonk.

### Jacob Cooper Club President

Jacob Cooper, Bonnie Cotton Mills superintendent, has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Country Club for the coming year.

Meeting last Thursday, the newly-elected board of directors also elected Fred Wright, Jr., as vice-president, George Houser, as secretary, and L. E. (Josh) Hinnant, treasurer.

Stockholders at the March 21 meeting elected these directors: for three-year terms expiring 1964, L. E. Hinnant, P. A. Frantz, James Gibson and W. S. Fulton, Jr.; for two-year terms expiring 1963, Paul M. Neisler, Sr., Jacob Cooper, George Houser, and Joe McClure; for one-year terms ending 1962, Dr. George W. Plonk, Fred Wright, Jr., James Herndon and James Lybrand.

Statements on the 1960-61 operations showed operating income at \$20,877 and a net gain from the year's operations of \$8,325. The club building was razed by fire during the winter and receipts from the insurance claim were \$20,611. Balance sheet at March 15 showed the club with total assets of \$124,663 and stockholder equity of \$124,098. Club land was valued at \$45,000 and the improvements (golf course) at \$45,000.

### Easter Holiday For Some Folk

Numerous Kings Mountain folk could look forward this week to an Easter holiday. Merchants, many of them open for a full day's business Wednesday, were expecting to close on Easter Monday, along with financial institutions, the city hall office, and the postoffice. School children, both in Kings Mountain and throughout the county, will end pre-Easter work with Thursday classes, getting holidays on Friday and Easter Monday resuming classes Tuesday.

Merchants will resume their mid-week half-holiday schedule on Wednesday.

### Rabies Clinic Here Saturday

Dr. J. P. Mauney, veterinarian, announced this week his Saturday schedule for the Kings Mountain area rabies clinic. The schedule follows: Beatty's Store from 9 to 9:30 a. m. Harmon's Store from 9:30 to 10 a. m. Lull Grocery from 10 to 10:30 a. m. Cash Store from 10:30 to 11 a. m. Bethware School from 11 to 11:30 a. m. Blalock's Park Inn from 11:30 to 12 noon. City Hall from 12 noon to 12:30 p. m.

### Band Concert Date

The annual Spring band concert of the Kings Mountain school band will be held April 27th at 8 p. m., not March 30th as originally announced. The concert will be presented in the high school auditorium.

### Grover Town Election Set For May 9

The Town of Grover has called its regular biennial election for May 9. The town council resolution, adopted last week, specifies that the voters of Grover will elect a mayor and three aldermen for two-year terms. Present town officials are C. F. Harry, Jr., mayor, Robert E. Hambright, Fain Hambright and W. W. McCarter, who also serves as town clerk. Registration books for the town election will be open weekdays from April 3 through April 24 at R. E. Hambright's Store, with Mrs. J. B. Ellis and Miss Ethel Martin as election judges. The books will be open from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m. To qualify, voters must have been a resident of North Carolina for one year and a resident of the Town of Grover for 30 days. Candidates for town offices must file with the town clerk. Mr. McCarter said the town council set the election for May 9 in order that it might coincide with the school district election of the same day.

### Good Friday Service Set

Good Friday services, a seven-part three hour program based on the "Seven Last Words" of Christ as He hung on the Cross will be held for the second year at Resurrection Lutheran church. As in the past, other Lutheran ministers will assist the Rev. George Moore in the traditional service this Friday. Other speakers will be Dr. E. C. Cooper of Kings Mountain, Rev. George Robertson of Bessemer City and Rev. J. A. Harbinson of Dallas. Mr. Moore, in noting that the Resurrection service is the only such service planned in Kings Mountain on Good Friday invited the community to join in the worship program. The divisions of the service make it possible for attendance as the situation demands. The schedule for the service includes: First Word: Noon to 12:25, Pastor Moore. Second Word: 12:30 to 12:50, Pastor Harbinson. Third Word: 12:55 to 1:15, Pastor Moore. Fourth Word: 1:20 to 1:40, Pastor Harbinson. Fifth Word: 1:45 to 2:05, Pastor Robertson. Sixth Word: 2:10 to 2:30, Dr. Cooper. Seventh Word: 2:35 to 3 p. m., Pastor Moore.

### St. Matthew's Plans Services

The Children's Department of the Sunday School at St. Matthew's Lutheran church will present a program in the auditorium Easter Morning at 9:45 under the direction of Mrs. Don W. Blanton. At the Festival Service at 11 a. m. special music by both choirs and baptism will feature the service. Pastor Gerberding will preach on "Easter Faith, Hope and Love." Holy Communion will be administered Maundy Thursday the night in which the Sacrament was instituted and a special service at 7:30 p. m. will be held on Good Friday, the Day on which Christ was crucified. The liturgical color for the day is black; the cross will be covered by a black shroud.

### Lutherans Set Sunrise Service

Resurrection Lutheran church congregation will hold Easter Sunrise service at the church in Crescent Hill Sunday. The service will begin at 6 a. m., the pastor, Rev. George Moore will be served by the Men of the Church following the services.

### Canine Samples Biltcliffe, Again

Arthur Biltcliffe, substitute postal carrier, wishes, rather painfully, that dog owners would keep their pets penned until after the morning mail is delivered. It happened again Wednesday. Postman Biltcliffe was bitten for the seventh time within the past year. A bull dog at a residence on Phoenix street decided to sample the postman's shin. The bite was minor, in comparison to one administered by a German police previously. Mr. Biltcliffe doesn't blame the dogs, figures the canines think they're doing their duty in protecting the master's home and fireside. And all dogs don't dislike him. One follows him daily. Sometimes he has to return the dog to its owner's home.

## Grover Is Planning \$125,000 Water Bond Election In June

### Houser And Gill New Candidates

### 18 Candidates Now In Field For City Posts

Two new candidates entered the city political campaign this week. C. H. (Cat) Houser, bowling center owner, filed notice of candidacy for Ward 1 commissioner, and Hazel Lee Gill, Negro trucker and funeral home partner, became a candidate for Ward 5 commissioner. The new candidates bring to 18 those seeking the six city election offices. At the moment, all the city positions are contested with the exception of Ward 2 commissioner, where John W. Gladden is the lone candidate. Thus far, no candidates have filed for the two school trustee positions, required to be filled by citizens residing in the area of the expanded Kings Mountain school district adjacent to the city limits. Candidates are expected momentarily for the school posts, with W. W. (Bill) McCarter, currently a member of the Grover town council, "about 99 percent sure" he'll offer for the school board and H. O. (Toby) Williams also a likely candidate. Other possibilities listed in pre-election speculation include Hill Lowery, chairman of the Bethware district school committee, and Jack Herndon, of Grover. Candidate speculation for city hall jobs produces few additional "possibles", with exception of three incumbent commissioners, Boyce Gault, Sr., in Ward 2, Ben H. Bridges, in Ward 4, and R. Coleman Stroupe, in Ward 5. All are regarded as virtually sure to seek re-election to third terms. Other incumbents have already filed their candidacies. Candidate Houser sought the Ward 1 post two years ago, trailing Incumbent Ross Alexander in the two-man contest. Candidate Gill is seeking public office for the first time. Mr. Houser commented on filing, "I wish to state that I have full knowledge of the responsibilities and appreciate the request by many friends that I offer. I have an open mind with respect to all matters which might come before the commission and I shall constantly strive for good, honest government for our city." Filing deadline is April 24. The candidate list to date: For Mayor — Glee A. Bridges, Kelly Dixon, David L. Saunders, and Garland E. Still. For Ward 1 Commissioner — Ross Alexander, Ray Cline, and C. H. Houser. For Ward 2 Commissioner — John W. Gladden. For Ward 3 Commissioner — T. Luther Bennett, Clavon Kelly, Corbett Nicholson, and T. J. Ellison. For Ward 4 Commissioner — Willis Bagwell, Norman King, Paul W. Ledford and Clinton Wood. For Ward 5 Commissioner — Hazel Lee Gill and J. Elmer Rhea.

### Services Continuing

Spring Revival Services are continuing at Macedonia Baptist church through Sunday of this week. A nursery is being provided each evening for children. Services begin nightly at 7 p. m. and Rev. Wayne Ashe extended a cordial invitation to the community to join with the Macedonia congregation in this special evangelistic series. Rev. Floyd Harlow of Loudon, Tenn. is the guest speaker.

### Kings Mountain Blood Quota Upped To 225 Pints For April 11 Visit

Kings Mountain blood program officials have set a high goal of 225 pints minimum for the upcoming April 11 visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile. The reasons are apparent from the current report of blood usage here, which approximates a deficit between use of blood and donations of blood of about 170 pints since July 1, 1960. The deficit was 116 pints up to March 1, and the additions are estimated use of blood by Kings Mountain area citizens during current month. Should Kings Mountain fail to meet the upped April quota, a return visit of the Bloodmobile will be scheduled for May—which Red Cross officials hope won't be necessary. Community blood quotas are set on three factors: 1) usage by local citizens; 2) local community quota for use at Veterans Hospitals; and 3) local community quota for whole blood processing into gamma globulin and other blood derivatives. The Bloodmobile will set up for operation for the April 11 visit at Kings Mountain Baptist church. Mrs. O. W. Myers, Red Cross blood program, chairman, commented, "We need a literal outpouring of donors for the April 11 visit. And many more than 225 will be required to assure meeting of the quota. Several are would-be donors are rejected invariably due to various, if minor, physical reasons."

### Federal Agency Would Provide Long Term Loan

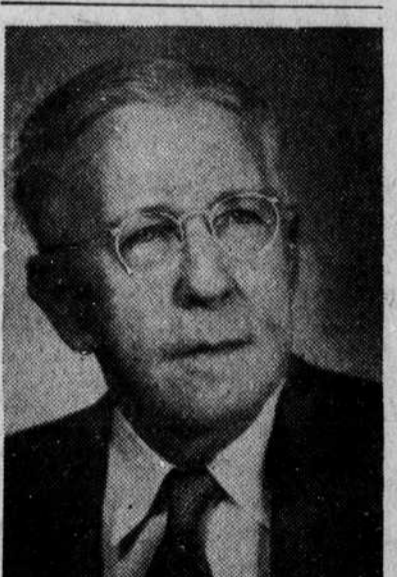
The Town of Grover hopes that 1961 will see installation of an improved town water system. The town council has pared its initial aims for a reservoir system, due to prohibitive cost, but expects to ask the voters to approve a \$125,000 water bond issue in June. Present plans call for utilization of wells, installation of six-inch main lines and additional feeder lines, and a 100,000-gallon storage tank. W. W. McCarter, town clerk, said the reservoir plan would have required installation of a filter plant and a total cost of \$380,000. Minette Mills had proffered a million-gallon per week contract. In the present plans, Minette will not use Grover water and anticipates building a reservoir of its own, with a different type filtering operation. If the voters approve the anticipated bond issue, it is expected that the funds will be borrowed from the Home & Housing Finance administration, a federal agency, at interest of four percent, with the bonds to be retired in a 25 to 29-year period. It is anticipated, Mr. McCarter said, that the new water system would be self-supporting. The Town of Grover has a taxable valuation of approximately \$1,100,000. Its present tax rate is 50 cents per \$100 valuation. Grover citizens currently obtain water from the Minette system. With growth of the town, Mr. McCarter said, water is now in short supply.

### Mrs. Wright's Final Rites Held

Funeral rites for Mrs. Essie Cleo Wright, 68, wife of William A. Wright of the Oak Grove community were held Tuesday at 3 p. m. from Oak Grove Baptist church. Mrs. Wright died Sunday afternoon in the Kings Mountain hospital after an illness of several years. A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Bell. An active member of Oak Grove Baptist church, she had served as the church's pianist for the past 51 years. In addition to her husband, she is survived by one son, Stokes Wright, of Kings Mountain; two brothers, David Bell and Lee Bell, both of Kings Mountain; and one sister, Mrs. Elam McSwain, of Kings Mountain. The final rites were conducted by Rev. James E. Holder, assisted by Rev. C. C. Crowe, Rev. Arnold Bell and Rev. Richard Spencer. Interment was in the church cemetery.

### St. Luke's Easter Story

Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen, remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee. Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. And they remembered his words. And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest. (St. Luke 24:1-9).



**SUCCUMBS** — Funeral services were held for Clarence T. Cornwell, 83, Wednesday afternoon.

### C. T. Cornwell Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Clarence Tracy Cornwell, 83, Kings Mountain native and lifelong resident, were held Wednesday afternoon at Kings Mountain Baptist church. Mr. Cornwell died Tuesday morning at 5:10 at Kings Mountain hospital following several months illness. A son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cornwell, he was a charter member of Kings Mountain Baptist church, a lifetime member of Fairview Lodge A. F. & A. M. 339 with 60 years of continuous membership, and a shriner. He was a graduate of Wake Forest college and had been a member of the college baseball team. A retired salesman, Mr. Cornwell was for many years a representative of New York Life Insurance Company, and had been associated with other business endeavors. His wife, Mrs. Della Turner Cornwell, died in 1955. For the past several years he had resided at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Whitener, 412 W. Gold street. Surviving are six daughters, Mrs. Percy Dilling, Mrs. Lawrence Logan, Mrs. E. K. Whitener and Mrs. J. M. McGinnis, all of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Archie Saunders, of Stanley, and Mrs. Charles T. Mulwee, of Memphis, Tenn. Two sisters survive, Mrs. Emma C. Austell, of Oxford, and Mrs. J. B. Youngblood, of Savannah, Ga. Also surviving are 19 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. The funeral rites were conducted by Rev. Marion DuBoe, Rev. George Moore and Dr. T. L. Cashwell. Masonic burial rites by members of Fairview Lodge were conducted at Mountain Rest cemetery.