

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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Hearing Saturday On School Secession Bill Effort



CLUBS LAUNCH BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT—Kings Mountain's six garden clubs have launched an extensive beautification and landscaping project at Kings Mountain Hospital, as the above photograph made on the hospital grounds points out. Holding a copy of the proposed plan as they admire progress of the project are from left, Mrs. George Houser, chairman of the beautification committee, Mrs. Henry Neisler, Mrs. E. W. Griffin, newly-elected president of the Council of Garden Clubs, George W. Mauney, member of the hospital board of trustees, and Mrs. A. J. Slater, outgoing president of the Garden Club Council which includes all garden clubs in the city. See news story on page 4, Section 1. (Photo by Pennington)

Saunders Joins Mayor Seekers On WKMT Quiz

All candidates for mayor appeared on WKMT's Monday "Race for Mayor" program and Mayor Glee A. Bridges said, if re-elected, he will recommend a bond issue election for funds to improve the sewage disposal system and to improve water pressure.

Challenger Kelly Dixon, by implication in a formal speech, indicated he wouldn't, noting that street-paving and other capital outlay improvements have been made. "Can't we continue without borrowing?" he asked.

Former Mayor Garland Still reiterated his promise to give the power and water customers a

MONDAY BROADCAST
Third in a series of programs entitled "The Race For Mayor" will be broadcast via Station WKMT Monday at 6 o'clock.

Major Candidates Glee A. Bridges, Garland E. Still, Kelly Dixon and David L. Saunders will be interviewed by a three-man panel including Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, Harold Phillips, yarn salesman, and Martin Harmon, Herald editor. WKMT manager Jonas Bridges will moderate the hour program.

free bill for November and added a promise to pare gas rates.

Challenger David L. Saunders, who had at first declined to appear on the impromptu question-and-answer program, said he changed his mind at the exhortation of many citizens and pledged to work for new industry and a year-round public recreation program.

Serving on the question-asking panel Monday were Haywood E. Lynch, realtor, Dr. Nathan H. Reed, optometrist, and Martin Harmon, Herald editor, with WKMT Manager Jonas Bridges as moderator.

All candidates agreed on the advisability of effectuating a citizens city planning commission (though Mayor Bridges said it is hard to get citizens to give their time), and all said they supported improved white way and residential area lighting. All, to a question by Mr. Lynch, indicated, if elected, they would endorse establishment of another bank in Kings Mountain. Mayor Bridges noted he is a director of the

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Pollbooks Open Again Saturday

Registration books for the May 9 city and school elections will be open at all precincts again Saturday.

Within the city, where no new registration is required, a total of 50 new voters were registered last Saturday in addition to transfer activity. It was regarded by registrars as moderately active.

Registration activity was considered light in the Bethware and Park Grace precincts, where voters, along with those in the Grover precinct, have a new registration to provide for their participation in the expanded Kings Mountain school district trustee election. No report was obtained from the Grover precinct, but only 33 names were logged in the Bethware pollbook and only 12 at Park Grace.

Majority of the new registrants at Ward 1 (City Hall) and Ward 5 (West school) were Negroes, registrars reported.

Registration books will be open for only two more Saturdays, April 22 and 29, with Saturday, May 6, to be challenge day.

Only registered citizens may vote.

White Heads Rotary Club

Jack White, Kings Mountain lawyer and judge of city recorder's court, has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Rotary club for the coming year.

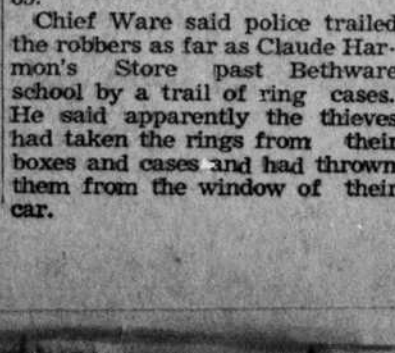
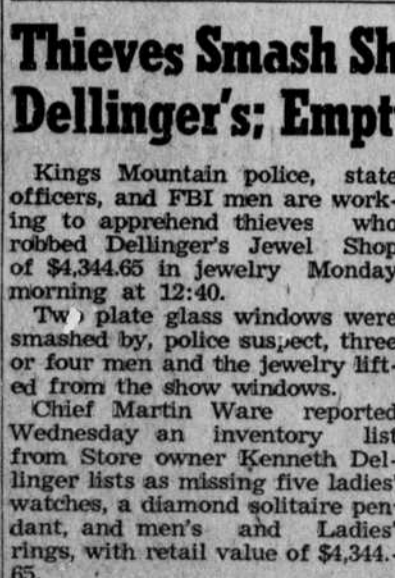
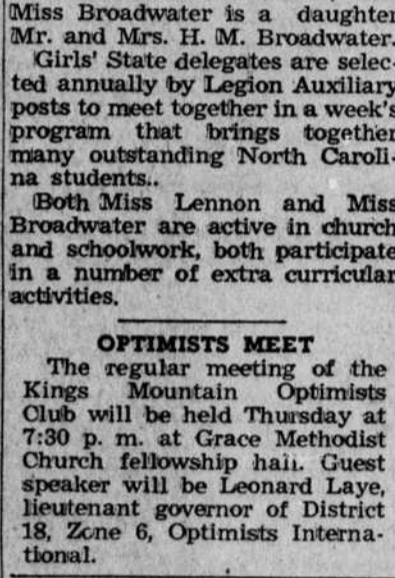
He succeeds Thomas L. Trott, insurance man.

Other officers, named at a recent meeting, were A. J. Slater, vice-president, Tom Tate, secretary - treasurer and O. O. Walker, sergeant-at-arms.

Newly elected directors include Bill Moss, Wilson Griffin, Lewis Dellinger and Marion DuBose.

The new officers will assume office on May 1st.

Bridges Seeking Re-Election As Commissioner In Ward 4



All Incumbents, 16 Challengers In City Races

Ben H. Bridges filed his candidacy for re-election to a third term as Ward 4 commissioner shortly after noon Wednesday.

Mr. Bridges' decision to seek re-election had been anticipated. His candidacy brings to five those seeking the Ward 4 commission positions and puts into the race all of the current administration's six incumbents. His candidacy brings to 22 those seeking the six city hall elective positions.

Comm. Bridges was first elected to the commission in 1957. After both the 1957 and 1959 elections his fellow commission members chose him mayor pro tempore.

Mr. Bridges is secretary-treasurer of Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association. He is a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

There was no further filing activity for the two district school

FILING DEADLINE
Deadline for filing for either city or board of education elective positions for the May 9 election is 4:30 p. m. Monday, April 24, City Clerk Joe McDaniel reminded would-be candidates this week. The law requires that candidates must pay a \$5 filing fee and file notice of candidacy in person not later than 15 days prior to the election.

Trusteeships also to be filled May 9. Candidates must reside in areas of the newly expanded Kings Mountain school district outside the Kings Mountain City limits.

To date, lone candidates for these two positions are H. O. (Toby) Williams and Holmes Hamby of Grover.

Challenging Mr. Bridges are former Commissioner Paul W. Ledford, Norman King, Willis Bagwell, and Clinton Wood.

With exception of mayoral candidates, most observers reported little outward evidence of political activity.

Former Mayor Still created a political stir over the weekend by publishing a promise to give power and water customers free service for the month of November. It would be a "Christmas present" from the city, he says, and he further contends the city can afford the "gift."

The candidate list to date: For Mayor — Glee A. Bridges, incumbent, Garland E. Still, Kelly Dixon and David L. Saunders.

For Ward 1 Commissioner — Ross Alexander, incumbent, Ray Cline and C. H. (Cat) Houser.

For Ward 2 Commissioner — Boyce H. Gault, incumbent, Eugene Goforth and John W. Gladden.

For Ward 3 Commissioner — Luther T. Bennett, incumbent, T. J. Ellison, Clavon Kelly and Corbett Nicholson.

For Ward 4 Commissioner — Ben H. Bridges, incumbent, Paul W. Ledford, Willis Bagwell, Norman King and Clinton Wood.

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Morgan, Palmer Invite Views On Majority Wing

Senator Robert Morgan and Representative Jack Palmer have called a hearing for Saturday morning at 9 o'clock at the county courthouse in Shelby to hear the views of supporters of the Number 4 township school consolidation.

The county's legislation last Saturday heard supporters of the dissident group, which seeks special legislation to provide for a "secession" election.

Meantime, B. N. Barnes, superintendent of Kings Mountain city schools, denied categorically that the Kings Mountain board of education, formally or informally, had agreed to support legislation to allow a portion of the newly merged district to secede — as A. A. Powell, attorney for the dissidents, contended at last Saturday's hearing.

Mr. Barnes said a request by Powell was made for such an agreement last November at the time the dissident suit, seeking to abrogate the May 14 consolidation election result, was scheduled for trial.

Mr. Barnes said the Kings Mountain answer was that they were there for trial of the litigation. When Judge James Farthing called the case, the plaintiffs took a voluntary non-suit.

Mr. Barnes said the position of the Kings Mountain board of education has been that it has no moral or legal grounds to compromise the results of a legally binding election.

Leaders of the pro-consolidation group reported this week they expect to have a large delegation on hand for the Saturday morning hearing. It is also anticipated numerous Kings Mountain citizens, interested in the consolidation though they've never had opportunity to support it at the polls, will also attend the hearing.

The dissidents seek to carve a line which would remove the Bethware and Grover school plants and citizens within the bounds of the area from the newly merged Kings Mountain district, should these citizens so vote.

Mrs. Fred Shytle Wreck Victim

A Kings Mountain woman jumped out of her car which stalled on the railroad tracks Saturday, but was killed when a north-bound train hit the car and knocked it into her.

Mrs. Annie Mae Shytle, 49, apparently died instantly of head and internal injuries, Coroner J. Ollie Harris said.

The freak accident occurred at 5:20 p. m. at the Gold street crossing near the center of town. Investigating officers said the crossing does not have an automatic signal device and no flagman was on duty to warn motorists of the approaching train.

Mrs. Shytle, riding with her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Haynes, could not start the engine when the car stalled on the tracks as Freight No. 58 approached. Both women reportedly jumped clear — but Mrs. Shytle, who attempted to run, stumbled, then regained her feet and fled from the tracks. The train rammed the stalled car and knocked it onto Gold street where it struck the fleeing woman. Her body was knocked 20 feet from the crossing, officers reported.

The 138-car freight train was on a run from Greenville, S. C. with J. S. Finch as conductor and W. E. Crooks the engineer.

Saturday's fatality is the first on Kings Mountain streets in nearly two and one-half years.

Mrs. Shytle, who lived at 301 West Gold street, was the widow of Fred Shytle who died last August. She was an employee of High Shoals Manufacturing Company and a member of Grace Methodist church where the funeral rites were held Monday at 4 p. m. Rev. W. C. Sides officiated and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Besides her daughter, Mrs. Shytle is survived by her mother, Mrs. William Bolt of Rutherfordton; a son, Charles H. Shytle of Huntsville, Ala.; a brother, Howard Bolt and a sister, Mrs. Eva Hutto, both of Kings Mountain. Also surviving are five grandchildren.

Local News Bulletins

BENEFIT

The Women's Society of Christian Service of Grace Methodist church will sell hot dogs, homemade cakes, and pies at Grace Methodist church fellowship hall Saturday from 11 a. m. to 6 p. m. Delivery service may be obtained by telephoning 739-5391.

PARKGRACE P-TA MEETS

The Rev. Norman Brown, pastor of the Bethlehem Baptist Church will be the guest speaker for the Parkgrace PTA which will meet Monday night, April 24, at 7 o'clock in the school auditorium. His topic will be "Teenage Problems."

DANCE

The Grover Rescue Squad is sponsoring a dance, including square dancing, rock-n-roll and round dancing, at Grover school gymnasium Saturday beginning at 7:30 p. m. Music will be provided by Mike Lattimore and his band from Shelby.

METHODIST MEN

Methodist Men of Central Methodist church will hold a regular meeting Monday night at the church. Rev. George Moore, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church, will be guest speaker and will show slides featuring the mission program in Africa.

LEGION SUPPER

A free fried chicken supper for members of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, previously scheduled for Friday night, has been postponed until Saturday, it was announced this week.

Gladden Gets Feel Of Board Meeting

John W. Gladden, city commission candidate in Ward 2, was in the audience at last Thursday's city commission meeting.

As is standard procedure, Mayor Glee A. Bridges welcomed the visitors and asked if they had any business with the commission.

When addressed Mr. Gladden, the candidate laughed. "No, I have no business with the commission. I just wanted to attend a meeting. It may be the only one I'll ever attend." Everybody laughed.

Schoolmen Talk School Financing

Superintendents Say County Bond Plan Feasible

Cleveland County school officials discussed Monday the possibility of financing school construction costs of the county by a county-wide bond issue.

In view of pending school construction in the county and present construction in Shelby, Supt. B. N. Barnes, Kings Mountain City Schools; Supt. Malcolm Brown, Shelby city schools, and Supt. J. Horace Grigg, Cleveland County Schools, discussed the advisability of one countywide bond issue to finance prospective school construction costs.

Supt. Barnes reported on the meeting to Kings Mountain school board members as the board met in regular session Monday night.

Barnes reported no action was taken, but said all present at the Shelby meeting feel it could be a definite advantage. He said the county-wide bond plan would save the taxpayers money, in that a larger bond issuance would net a cheaper interest rate, and attorney fees would be spent only for one issuance rather than for issues in three separate districts.

The county-wide plan would be for between four million and four and a half million dollars of which Kings Mountain and Shelby would receive approximately a fourth each and the county school system the remaining half.

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ARP Members Vote By 120 To 16 To Sell Property To Catholics

Members of Boyce Memorial Assoc., Reformed Presbyterian church voted 120 to 16 at a congregational meeting Sunday to sell their property at King street and Piedmont avenue to the Roman Catholic church.

Purchase price is \$50,000 and the contractual agreement is to deliver the property to the purchaser by June 1.

The transaction includes the ARP sanctuary, educational building, and two residences, one on Piedmont avenue and the other on W. King street, along with church personal property, exclusive of pianos, the organ, and all personal property given to the



EVANGELIST — Dr. John M. Lewis of Raleigh will begin a week of evangelistic services Monday at Kings Mountain Baptist church.

Lewis To Lead Baptist Revival

Dr. John M. Lewis, pastor of Raleigh's First Baptist Church, will conduct evangelistic services beginning Monday at Kings Mountain Baptist church.

Services are at 7:30 p. m. nightly through April 30th, Rev. M. D. DuBose has announced.

A native of Miami, Fla., Dr. Lewis is a graduate of Miami Senior high school, the University of Mexico, J. B. Stetson Uni-

versity of North Carolina, and the University of South Carolina. He is a member of the American Baptist Church.

He is also a member of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., and the Southern Baptist Convention.

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