

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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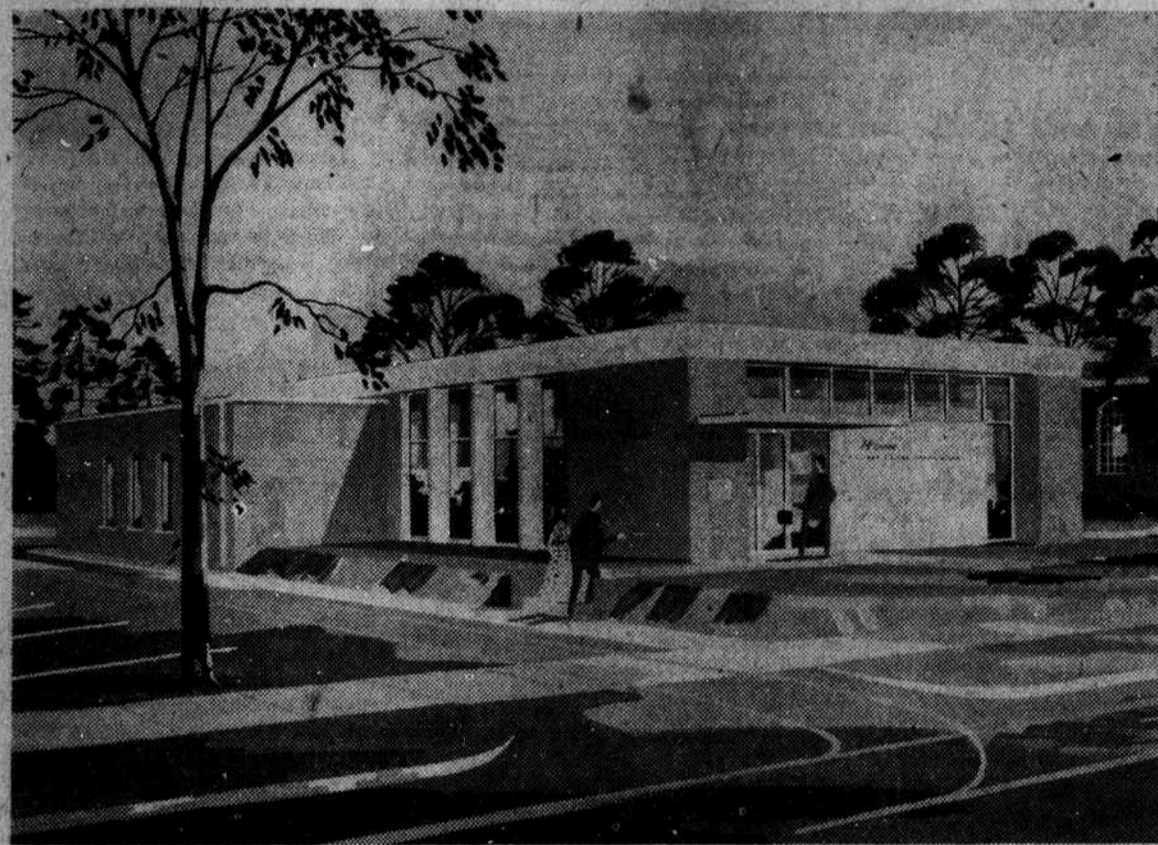
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Kings Mountain, N. C., Thursday, May 4, 1961

Seventy-Second Year

PRICE TEN CENTS

Biennial City Election To Be Conducted Tuesday



NEW BUILDING — Pictured above is an architectural sketch of the new building which will house Home Savings & Loan Association. Construction on the plant is scheduled to begin Monday morning. The general contract has been let to Laxton Construction Company of Charlotte and the building is expected to be completed in 120 days. Overall cost of the new

plant is approximately \$80,000. The new quarters will feature drive-in windows, a large parking area, air-conditioning, and completely modern interior and exterior. Tom Tate, secretary-treasurer of the association, said Wednesday the association will be in the new quarters by October 1.

Former Citizen Wills Churches \$10,000 Each

A former Kings Mountain citizen has bequeathed \$20,000 to two Kings Mountain churches, \$10,000 to El Bethel Methodist church and \$10,000 to Central Methodist church.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson Thorne, a stepdaughter of I. Ben Goforth, Sr., of Kings Mountain, who died last year at St. Petersburg, Fla., also bequeathed \$10,000 to the church which she belonged in St. Petersburg and made other charitable bequests to the American Cancer Society and the Heart Fund.

Her husband had predeceased her by a few months.

The Thornes were St. Petersburg hotel owners. They had no children.

Mrs. Thorne was a daughter of the late Mrs. Rossie Dixon Jackson Goforth. She was reared here and initially belonged to El Bethel Methodist church. When Central Methodist church was formed, she transferred her membership to this church and subsequently was married in this church.

The bequests were announced recently by Attorney J. R. Davis.

Kiwanians Honor Ladies

Members of the Kiwanis club, their wives and other guests enjoyed a fun-filled evening last Thursday at the club's annual ladies night banquet.

Program feature was a humorous address by Alex Clark, representative of Armour & Company, a brother of Mrs. Carl Mayes, of Kings Mountain.

Mr. Clark regaled his audience with witty tales and jokes for the major part of his address, then closed on a slightly more serious note in which he discussed the "high price of meat." He suggested costs of meat are higher than they might be due to feminine demands for pre-packaging, best cuts, butcher shop trimming and other time-saving features.

He predicted that the course of meat prices is a one-way street "up", noting that producers withdraw their animals from the market with small price fluctuations, and pointing out the trend of population increase.

President Charles A. Neisler presided and B. S. Peeler, Jr., served as toastmaster.

James E. Amos welcomed the ladies and Mrs. Charles Alexander responded.

Invocation was said by Rev. Herbert Garmon and Dr. W. L. Pressly presented Mr. Clark.

Legion Election Set For Friday

Members of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will elect officers for the coming year at the annual post election Friday.

Nominees are: For commander — W. D. (Red) Morrison, Ross Alexander and David Delevie.

For first vice-commander — Hobart Dye and H. O. (Toby) Williams.

For second vice-commander — Eugene Goforth and Carl Wiesener.

For adjutant and finance officer — J. H. McDaniel, Jr. and Hubert Aderholdt.

For sergeant-at-arms — George Hull.

For chaplain — John W. Gladden.

For historian — Wesley Bush, Floyd Dover and Franklin Ware.

For executive committee (vote for five) — Frank Blanton, Odell Lovelace, W. L. Plonk, Jay Powell, Gene Gibson, John Weaver, T. W. Bryant, James Alexander, Bob Lynn, E. C. (Abbie) Martin and James Bennett.

Voting hours will be from 2 to 8 p. m., with presentation of 1961 membership cards a pre-requisite to voting.

Jacoby Resigns At Waco Firm

Fred Jacoby has resigned as general manager of Waco Sports-wear, Inc., it was announced this week.

Jack Hauser, production manager, will be in charge of the operation, the firm announced.

County Board Of Education Wants County-wide Merger

Public Meeting For Discussion Set For May 22

The county board of education has launched a movement for a county-wide school consolidation under a lone administrative system.

The proposal will be discussed at an open meeting in Shelby's new high school plant on May 22, the program to be arranged by the sub-committee on administration of the Cleveland County Citizens committee for public schools.

Meantime, Harold Love, of Shelby, chairman of the citizens committee, labeled as a misimpression his appearance before the county board of education Monday.

Mr. Love said, "I appeared before the board of education on the board's invitation. I was told the board unanimously favored a county-wide school consolidation."

He said his position today, and in the future, will be that the function of the Citizens Committee for Better Schools is informational.

At the May 22 meeting, he added, "We hope to give the pro's and con's, costs, advantages and disadvantages of a county-wide school consolidation." "He told the board of education, he added, that an election on the question would require a special enabling act of the General Assembly and he said it appeared earliest possible date for holding such an election would be in late October.

The possibility of county-wide consolidation was advanced by County Superintendent J. Horace Grigg and Chairman Walter Davis at a meeting of Number 3 patrons Monday night.

Mrs. Heavner's Rites Conducted

Funeral Rites for Mrs. Minnie Heavner, 74, were held Wednesday at 4 p. m. from Grace Methodist church. Interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Heavner, widow of Lonzo Heavner, died Monday night at her home on N. Ramsey street.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Ray Owens and Mrs. Harold Almond, both of Kings Mountain; two sons, Plato J. Heavner of Kings Mountain and Lonzo Heavner of Flint, Mich.; 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are two brothers, John B. Mauney and Irvin Mauney, both of Kings Mountain.

The final rites were conducted by Rev. W. C. Sides.

Saunders Endorses Utility Cuts; McAbee Would Expand City Limits

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TO BOYS' STATE — Claire Gilstad, at top, and Bill Ramsey are delegates to Boys' State. The high school juniors are delegates from American Legion Post 155.

Boys' State Delegates Named

Claire Gilstad and Bill Ramsey, Kings Mountain high school juniors, have been selected to attend Tar Heel Boys' State in Chapel Hill June 11-15.

The students are delegates from Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion, which sponsors local students to Boy's State annually.

Both Gilstad and Ramsey are active in numerous extra-curricular activities. The school photographer, Gilstad is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gilstad, Phifer road. He is a newcomer to Kings Mountain.

Ramsey, president of the student body, is a son of Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Ramsey. He is a member of the Mountaineer football team.

At the 1961 North Carolina American Legion Boys' State, the Tar Heel youths will participate

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200 Number 3 Patrons Talk Future Course

Patrons of No. 3 Township schools met Monday night at No. 3 High school to discuss the future of the school now that a consolidation with Grover and Bethware schools cannot be effected.

Present for the session was County School Superintendent J. Horace Grigg and County school members Walter Davis, J. D. Ellis, and C. D. Foney to answer questions concerning the school, and some 200 school patrons.

Mr. Grigg explained to the group that there exists three alternatives: they may remain as they are, they may consolidate with Shelby City schools, or they may wait for a county-wide school consolidation.

At the close of the session a standing vote was taken to determine feeling of members present and one voted to maintain No. 3 school as is, a small majority favored consolidation with Shelby schools, and the rest, discounting parties who did not vote, favored waiting for a county-wide consolidation vote.

In reply to a question as to where the school would go if a county-wide consolidation were effected, Walter Davis told the group their children would probably be consolidated with Shelby schools.

Davis reported the county school board had, Monday afternoon, voiced hearty approval of a county-wide school consolidation to Harold Love, member of the Cleveland County Citizens' Committee for Better Schools.

Citizens present were interested in the supplementary school tax rate and bond tax they would assume if they consolidated with Shelby schools and Mr. Grigg explained that Shelby patrons currently are under a 35 cents per hundred valuation supplementary school tax and a 35 cents per hundred valuation bond issue tax.

One patron asked if the bond tax would be lessened if No. 3 Township, with Fiber Industries tax valuation, were consolidated with Shelby. Mr. Grigg could not furnish the information and referred the group to courthouse tax records for the answer.

Davis pointed out the turmoil of the recent No. 4 Township school consolidation and said that he hoped that whatever the group decided to do, to vote their individual convictions, but stand by the results.

Mr. Grigg and members of the county school board present voiced interest in a county-wide school system and said the county-wide arrangement could be effected at the same time as a consolidation with Shelby city schools.

Grigg, explaining the voting

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Record Field Vying Tuesday For City Posts

Kings Mountain citizens will go to the polls Tuesday to settle, at least partially, the identity of the six men who will manage the city during the coming two years. There are 23 candidates.

With at least three candidates seeking each position, many observers think that few, if any, candidates will win election on Tuesday.

Many predict a record Tuesday vote total.

Runners-up to those with pluralities, but not minorities, have until five days after the election to issue a call for a run-off, which they must request in writing.

Kings Mountain citizens, along with voters at Bethware, Park Grace and Grover, will vote for two board of education candidates. Here there is no contest, with only H. O. (Toby) Williams and Holmes Harry seeking the two seats, but the front-runner will be elected for six years, while the candidate placing second will be elected for four years.

For the past ten days, all candidates have been actively seeking votes, quickening a campaign that, until that time, had been largely limited to activity by the five candidates for mayor, Glee A. Bridges, the four-term incumbent, former Mayor Garland E. Still, David L. Saunders, a one-time commissioner by appointment, Kelly Dixon, builder and former Republican candidate for Congress, and late-comer Brooks McAbee.

Several issues have developed in the mayoral jousting, including utility rates, city purchasing policies, utility rates charged outside city customers and natural gas system rates, along with the question of who is best qualified to serve as the city's elected spokesman and executive officer.

Campaigning for the five city commission positions has been largely devoid of issues, with most of the candidates waging a personality campaign.

All the five commission incumbents seek re-election to third terms.

Ross Alexander, in Ward 1, is challenged by C. H. (Cat) Houser and Ray W. Cline.

Boyce H. Gault, in Ward 2, is challenged by Eugene Goforth and John W. Gladden.

Luther T. Bennett, in Ward 3, is challenged by Corbet Nicholson, former Comm. T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, and Clavon Kelly.

Ben H. Bridges, in Ward 4, is challenged by Norman King, former Comm. Paul W. Ledford, Clinton Wood and Willis Bagwell.

R. Coleman Stroupe, in Ward 5, is challenged by J. Elmer (Zip) Rhea and Hazel L. Gill.

The polls will be open at all voting precincts from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m.

Facts Are Listed On City Election

Following are facts on Tuesday's city and school board elections:

Polls open 6:30 a. m.
Polls close 6:30 p. m.

Offices to be filled by all in-city voters: mayor, and five ward commissioners.

Offices to be filled by all school district voters (includes Kings Mountain citizens and citizens of areas of district adjacent to city limits): two trustees.

Number of ballots: two, one for city offices, one for school district offices.

Voting places: Ward 1, City Hall; Ward 2, City Hall; Ward 3, Frank Ballard's Store; Ward 4, Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company clubroom; Ward 5, West School; Park Grace, Park Grace school; Bethware, Bethware school; Grover, Grover fire station.

Basis of decision: majority of votes cast.

Run-off provisions: candidates qualified for a run-off election have five days in which to file request for run-off election with the city clerk.

The board of city commissioners serves as the elections board and will convene Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock to canvass the returns. Candidates elected next Tuesday will be sworn into office on Thursday, May 11.

Local News Bulletins

OPTIMISTS MEET
Kings Mountain Optimist Club will meet Thursday at 7:30 p. m. in the fellowship hall of Grace Methodist church for the regular weekly session.

PERMITS ISSUED
Two permits were issued Tuesday by City Building Inspector M. H. Biser, the first to B. S. McCullough to build a one-story four-room dwelling on Bennett Street at a cost of \$6,000, and the second to J. Wilson Crawford to build a one-story, six-room dwelling at 106 Sharon Drive at an estimated cost of \$12,600.

P-T-S-A MEETS
Central school Parent-Teacher-Student Association will install new officers at the regular meeting Monday night at 8 p. m. in the school auditorium. Monday's meeting will be final one of the school year.

PICTURE PAGE
As is customary, the Herald in this pre-election edition presents on Page 1, Section B, all the pictures for candidates to city and board of education offices, in addition to news stories detailing the several races.

FHA TEA
The FHA Mother-Daughter tea and freshman fashion show will be held at the high school home economics department Wednesday beginning at 3:30 p. m. The tea honors mothers of FHA members.

PARKING METERS
Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday totaled \$106.67, including \$90.27 from on-street meters, \$4 from over-parking fees and \$12.97 from off-street meters. City Clerk Joe McDaniel reported.

TO NEW JERSEY
S/Sgt. and Mrs. Philip Myers have returned to McGuire AFB, N. J., after spending a furlough with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Foley Cobb, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Myers. The Myers' recently returned home from Newfoundland. After re-enlisting, the Myers will spend a 30-day furlough at home. Mrs. Myers is the former Bonnie Cobb.

Chestnut Ridge Revival Continues
Revival services at Chestnut Ridge Baptist church, which began Monday, will continue nightly at 7:30.

Rev. Wayne Haynes, of Calvary Baptist church, Lincolnton, is conducting the services.

Rev. Dale Thornburg is the pastor.

Funeral Is Held For E. A. Harrill

Heart Attack Proves Fatal To Attorney

Funeral rites for Ector A. Harrill, 77, prominent Kings Mountain lawyer who died last Wednesday night of a heart attack, were held Friday at 3 p. m. from Harris Funeral Home Chapel.

Mr. Harrill had been in poor health the past several weeks but his death was unexpected.

He was a native of Earl, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt L. Harrill. He was graduated from Wake Forest college in 1911 and in 1913 became superintendent of Kings Mountain city schools for several years. He served as judge of city recorder's court from 1950 to 1955.

Mr. Harrill was a former deacon and teacher of the Men's Bible Class at First Presbyterian church and was a past president of the Cleveland County Bar Association.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Martha Simonton Harrill; one son, Thornton Harrill of Kings Mountain; and one daughter, Mrs. J. W. Dorton of Atlanta, Ga. Also surviving are two grandchildren; one brother, C. V. Harrill of Shelby, and four sisters, Mrs. Thurman Hamrick and Misses Essie, Mignon and Ocie Harrill all of Shelby.

The final rites were conducted by Dr. Paul Ausley, First Presbyterian pastor. Interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

The family has designated Cleveland County Heart Fund for memorials.

Active pallbearers were Malcolm Patterson, Jack Arnette, Harry Page, Hall Goforth, Harold Hunnicutt, all of Kings Mountain, and Harold Moore of Shelby.

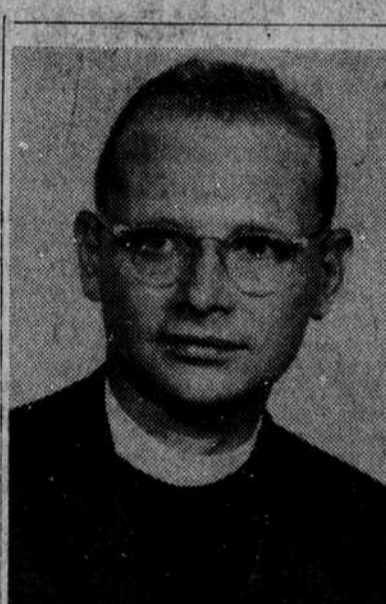
Final Registration Day Saturday; Over 250 New Registrants In City

Registration books for the city and board of education elections will be open for the fourth and final day Saturday.

Un-registered citizens will not be eligible to participate in the voting next Tuesday, nor in the May 23 run-off elections, if these are required.

Registrars in adjacent areas to the city have reported some confusion among voters in these areas. A new registration was ordered by the General Assembly in its amendments to the Kings Mountain voting law. Also, both inside city and outside city citizens will have a voice in voting for the school trustees.

Registering activity increased



SPEAKER — Rev. Tom Droppers will be speaker at May Fellowship Day Services Friday afternoon. The service is being sponsored by Kings Mountain area churchwomen.

Fellowship Day Program Friday

Rev. Tom Droppers, pastor of Trinity Episcopal church, will make the principal address at Friday's May Fellowship Day service at 3:30 p. m. at Resurrection Lutheran church.

The program is under sponsorship of United Church Women of Kings Mountain and virtually all churches will be represented.

Theme of this year's observance is "Our Churches Free and Responsible." Mrs. Paul Hendricks will lead the call to worship with voices from the various churches participating. Resurrection's Junior choir, under the direction of Mrs. Aubrey Mauney

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