

### Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 8,008

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## City Run-Off Election Will Be Conducted Tuesday

### Dixon Claims Mauney Support

#### Local News Bulletin

##### CHURCH PROGRAM

Dr. W. P. Gerberding will complete his series of WKMT Radio broadcasts Thursday and Friday morning at 9 a. m. The general theme for this week is "The Holy Spirit". Pastors from the various churches conduct morning devotions on the radio program.

##### ELECTED EDITOR

J. W. Goins of Kings Mountain has been elected editor-in-chief of The Clarion, student newspaper at Brevard College for the 1961-62 school term. Goins is a rising sophomore at Brevard and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Goins of Kings Mountain.

##### OPTIMIST MEET

Kings Mountain Optimists Club will hold its regular weekly meeting Thursday at 7:30 p. m. at Grace Methodist Church fellowship hall. The event will be Boys Night and each member is expected to bring a boy to the meeting.

##### TO NEVADA

Richard H. (Dick) McGinnis, of McGinnis Furniture Company, flew to Las Vegas, Nevada, Tuesday, for an Admiral Corporation sales meeting. He is to return Sunday.

##### PERMITS ISSUED

City Building Inspector M. H. Biser issued two permits this week, the first to J. Ollie Harris Saturday to alter his funeral home at 108 S. Piedmont Avenue. Mr. Harris is adding a room at the cost of \$1,000. The second permit was issued to J. Wilson Crawford to build a one-story dwelling on Sharon Drive. Estimated cost of the six room structure is \$15,000.

### Two New Cars For Policemen

City policemen should be riding in higher style in the near future.

The board of commissioners, in a called session last Friday, voted to buy not one, but two, new autos for the police department. One will be a Chevrolet, the other a Ford.

Buying two cars was not the initial intention, back in March when the commission decided to advertise for bids. The matter was to be handled at the April meeting.

Question developed over the bid specifications, when the bids were opened, involving the type of generator each bidder, Plonk Motor Company and Victory Chevrolet Company, would furnish. Victory was apparent low bidder, or was it?

With an election season already underway, the commission took the safe course and used its prerogative to reject any and all bids.

The bids were re-advertised for May 11, two days after the election, which, however, wasn't yet settled. This time Plonk Motor Company was clearly low on a "with trade" bid of \$1,335, by the major sum of five dollars.

Charles Dixon, of Victory Chevrolet, argued that Plonk Motor hadn't met specifications by not supplying both "with trade" and "straight sale" bids, as Victory Chevrolet did.

The commission took it under advisement, and reconvened the next day with the decision to buy two police patrol cars, one from each. Plonk Motor's "with trade" bid was accepted and Victory Chevrolet's "straight sale" bid of \$1,959 was accepted.

J. T. McGinnis, Jr., of Tedder Motors, Shelby, had bid \$2,070 straight sale and was clearly not low.

The smiling policemen think there's some benefit from politics.

### Stroupe Would Still Replace Chief Of Police

Mayoral Challenger Kelly Dixon said on the WKMT political forum Monday afternoon he has the support of W. K. Mauney, former mayor and commissioner, and long-time power in city politics.

Mr. Dixon said, "Mr. Mauney tells me you have my support 100 percent."

Mayor Glee A. Bridges, seeking a fifth term, acknowledged he does not have the support of Mr. Mauney, blamed the switch-over on "some trouble at the bank over which I had no control" and said Mr. Mauney had told him he wouldn't try to control the votes of his employees.

Mr. Dixon also said he had had "tentative talks" with representatives of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, who charge the city is gouging this company on water charges. Mr. Dixon added, "I've made no commitments."

To another question, R. Coleman Stroupe, incumbent commissioner, said he still feels Chief of Police Martin Ware should be replaced. Comm. Stroupe seconded an unsuccessful motion to discharge the police chief several months ago. He commented, "I feel a man should run his job and there are some other things I don't approve of."

J. E. (Zip) Rhea, Mr. Stroupe's opponent for the Ward 5 seat, had previously stated he favored charter amendments, if required, to enable a department head to manage his department.

The four candidates were interviewed on the forum series of WKMT "Political Round-Up" by Martin Harmon, Herald editor, and Ollie Harris, county coroner, with Station Manager Jonas Bridges serving as moderator.

Other comments by the candidates included:

Mr. Stroupe said he favored utility rate cuts, if possible, but pointed to a needed \$50,000 expenditure for rebuilding the city power system.

Mr. Rhea said he felt it possible outside city rates might stand some adjustment.

Mr. Rhea said he favors city lighting improvements and Mr. Stroupe said he thinks the money will be available.

Mr. Dixon said he was pleased with the support of Garland Still, defeated in the first race, and hoped to get the bulk of Mr. Still's support. He acknowledged that water and power rate cuts have political appeal but did not commit himself to endorsing cuts, leaving it on an "if we can" basis.

Mayor Bridges repeated his contention that water sales are a money-losing operation. He pointed out that large sums of money have been spent by the taxpayers in building the city reservoirs and filter plant.

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NEWLY ELECTED COMMISSIONERS — Ray W. Cline, left, is the new city commissioner for Ward 1, and T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, right, is the new city commissioner for Ward 3. Both led the May 9 election and were declared elected when their opponents failed to call for run-offs by the Sunday midnight deadline. They took their oaths of office Tuesday morning.

### Anthony Member Of 50-Year Club

#### Medical Society Honors Veteran Practitioner

Dr. James Edward Anthony recently marked his fiftieth year as a medical doctor, and became a member of the North Carolina State Medical Society's 50-year club.

His membership certificate and pin were presented by Dr. Amos Johnson, of Garland, and by Dr. John S. Rhodes, secretary of the medical society at the recent convention in Asheville.

All the participants in the ceremonies had some connection with Kings Mountain, where, with a brief exception, Dr. Anthony has spent all his professional career. Dr. Garland is related to L. Arnold Kiser, while Dr. Rhodes is a half-brother of Mrs. Fred W. Plonk and otherwise related to numerous Kings Mountain citizens. The 50-year-pin was put in Dr. Anthony's lapel by his youngest brother, Dr. W. A. Anthony, of Gastonia.

Dr. Anthony won a medical license from the State of Tennessee at the end of his third year at the University of Tennessee medical department. On completion of his studies the following year he came here to practice and recalls, "I felt mighty green."

The first intra-venous injection was made by lamplight on a lady patient of couplent size. He characterizes his 50 years as a doctor as "plenty of fun, full of ups and downs, and a lot I've learned by myself, the hard way."

Medical facilities today are considerably changed from what they were in 1911. Surgical patients had to go to Rutherfordton or Charlotte and transport was by train.

One train almost did him in. He was a passenger in a car driven by the late Dr. J. S. Howard one day in 1913. The car reached the crossing at Craftsman Yarns

Chamber of Commerce, secretary of the Board of Directors, 1960 chairman of the Jaycee Teenage Rodeo committee, chairman of the Youth and Recreation committee of the American Legion. He was a Boy Scout for three years and has served as Scoutmaster of his Troop for three years.

Mr. Falls still finds time to assist with the Red Cross Bloodmobile, take part in the Junior Chamber of Commerce paper drive, and his Troop assisted in the Boy Scout Get-Out-The-Vote Campaign.

Scout Executive, Eugene J. Jones of the Piedmont Council stated that the two men were among the others considered. He said "Their outstanding records in all walks of community life as well as their Scouting Activity resulted in their final selection by the National Committee . . . the Council is proud of their being honored and in the Council in having two such outstanding Lutheran leaders.

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### Commissioners Cline, Ellison Sworn Tuesday

Two newly elected city commissioners Ray W. Cline, Ward 1, and T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, Ward 3, took their oaths of office Tuesday morning.

Though both Mr. Cline and Mr. Ellison failed to obtain majorities in the May 9 voting the second-runners, Incumbent Ross Alexander in Ward 1, and Corbet Nicholson, in Ward 3, failed to call for run-offs by the Sunday midnight deadline.

Mr. Cline said he and Mr. Alexander had agreed, when the Ward 1 contest became a three-man affair, that, should they run one-two, the second runner wouldn't ask a run-off.

Mr. Alexander, a commissioner since 1957, commented after the May 9 voting, "I've about decided four years is long enough."

Mr. Cline led Mr. Alexander 929 to 720, a lead of 209, but short of a majority by 119.

Mr. Nicholson's failure to call a run-off was more surprising, since he trailed Mr. Ellison by a mere 54 votes in a four-man race which saw the defeat of two-term commissioner Luther T. Bennett. Mr. Ellison's vote total was 661, Mr. Nicholson's 607. Mr. Ellison was 411 votes shy of a majority.

Mr. Nicholson declined comment on his decision. He is a former gas department superintendent who resigned last fall. Unconfirmed rumors say Mr. Nicholson will return to the city as chief of the gas department.

Shortly after they were sworn into office Tuesday, Commissioners Cline and Ellison were asked if, since they were in office, they would take part in the run-off election by supporting particular candidates.

Mr. Cline replied, "I want to be in position to work harmoniously with any officials who might be elected next week and I didn't support won." Mr. Ellison nodded agreement.

Mr. Cline is making his first venture as a city commissioner. Mr. Ellison has previously represented Ward 3, from 1947-51 and from 1953-57.

### Graduation Plans Listed

Commencement exercises for 199 seniors in the five high schools of the Kings Mountain area will begin May 28th.

Baccalaureate programs for graduating seniors at Kings Mountain, Bethware, Grover, Compact and Davidson high schools will be held at each of the high schools, Sunday, May 28th. With the exception of Compact and Davidson, all the school programs will be at 8 p. m. The Sunday programs at Compact and Davidson will begin at 3 p. m.

At Grover school, where 29 seniors will receive diplomas in finals, Tuesday, May 30th, the principal addresses will be made by four student speakers. A program by the students will also highlight Bethware's commencement for 27 seniors on Wednesday, May 31st. Compact high school will present diplomas to 18 seniors on Tuesday night, May 30th. Class Night at Compact will be Thursday, May 25th. Davidson school finals, where 10 seniors will receive diplomas, will be held June 2nd and Class Night will be on May 31st.

Kings Mountain high school will present diplomas to a class of 115 on June 2nd.

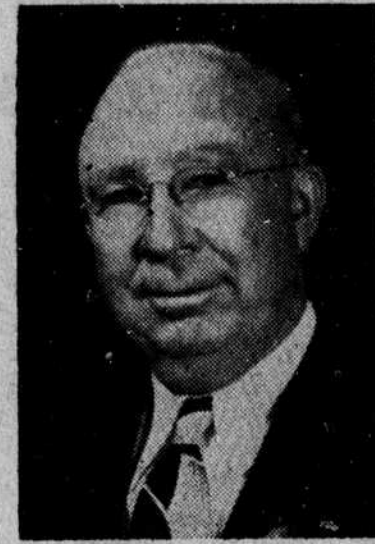
Employment service representatives are at City Hall all day Thursdays, from 8 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

MONDAY BROADCAST  
Final in the series of pre-election forums will be broadcast over WKMT Monday afternoon at 6 o'clock. Boyce Gault and Eugene Goforth, opponents for Ward 2 Commissioner and Ben H. Bridges and Norman King, opponents for Ward 4 Commissioner, will be interviewed by Ollie Harris and Martin Harmon, with Jonas Bridges moderating.

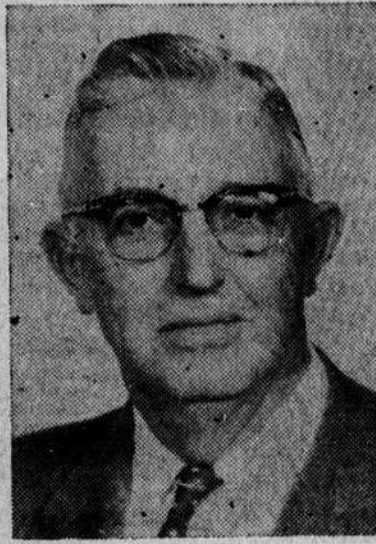
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## Citizens Will Choose Mayor And Three Commissioners

FOR MAYOR



GLEE BRIDGES



KELLY DIXON

FOR WARD 2 COMMISSIONER



BOYCE GAULT



EUGENE GOFORTH

FOR WARD 4 COMMISSIONER

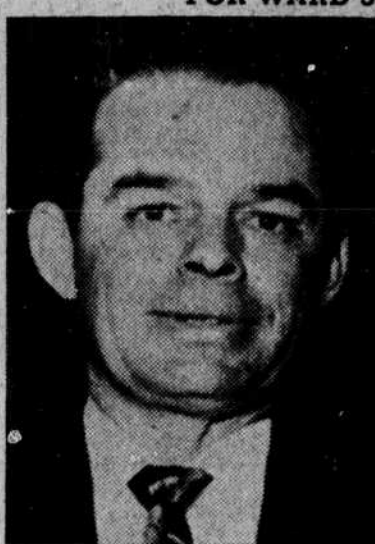


BEN BRIDGES



NORMAN KING

FOR WARD 5 COMMISSIONER



J. E. RHEA



COLEMAN STROUPE

### Run-off Calls Made By Four Challengers

Kings Mountain citizens will return to the ballot boxes on Tuesday to elect a mayor and three city commissioners.

Four of the six challengers for city hall elective positions called for run-off elections.

The contests are:

For Mayor, Glee A. Bridges, incumbent, who held a 287 vote lead over Kelly Dixon on May 9, in a five-man race. Mayor Bridges had 814 votes, to Mr. Dixon's 527, but the Mayor lacked a majority by 300 votes.

For Ward 2 Commissioner — Boyce H. Gault, two-term incumbent, who led Eugene M. Goforth 909 to 706, a lead of 203 but short of a majority by 159 votes. One other candidate was eliminated on May 9.

For Ward 4 Commissioner — Ben H. Bridges, incumbent, who polled 1056 votes to lead four opponents and all others in the May 9 voting, who is challenged by Norman King, newcomer to city politics who placed second with 621 votes. Bridges failed to obtain a majority by 29 votes.

For Ward 5 Commissioner — J. E. (Zip) Rhea, another newcomer to city politics, led the May 9 voting with 981 votes, topping R. Coleman Stroupe, incumbent, and Hazel Lee Gill. Commissioner Stroupe trailed Rhea by 254. Mr. Rhea lacked a majority by 102 votes.

Trailing in the first election is no new experience to Comm. Stroupe, who twice came from behind to win election.

Mr. King and Mr. Stroupe formalized their run-off calls on Thursday. Mr. Dixon and Mr. Goforth on Saturday.

Garland E. Still, former mayor, is the lone defeated candidate to continue the battle publicly. He continued his attacks on Mayor Bridges in a circular printed Tuesday and endorsed Mr. Dixon, but praised the work of Incumbents Ben Bridges, Gault and Stroupe.

D. L. Saunders, another defeated candidate for mayor, said he isn't publicly endorsing either of the mayoral candidates.

Ross Alexander and Corbet Nicholson, both with sufficient votes for run-off calls, did not make them.

Tuesday's election will be conducted under the same terms as was the May 9 election.

Voting hours will be from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m., with the same election officials at the five ward polling places. The registration list will be the same.

### Facts Are Listed On Run-Off Election

Following are facts on Tuesday's city run-off election:

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

Offices to be filled by all voters: mayor and three ward commissioners.

Number of ballots: one.

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

Basis of decision: majority of votes cast.

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 will be sworn in to office on Thursday, May 25.

### Paving Contract Letting May 23

Contract for paving York Road, from King street south to the city limits will be let by the State Highway Commission on May 23.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges said he was informed this week.

Announcement came to the Mayor from E. L. Kemper, division highway engineer at Shelby.

Falls Honored By Lutheran Church As One Of Two Top Scoutmasters

Chamber of Commerce, secretary of the Board of Directors, 1960 chairman of the Jaycee Teenage Rodeo committee, chairman of the Youth and Recreation committee of the American Legion. He was a Boy Scout for three years and has served as Scoutmaster of his Troop for three years.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES ARE SWORN IN — H. O. (Toby) Williams, left, and Holmes Harry, right, are administered their oaths of office as members of the Kings Mountain district board of education by Judge Jack White. The ceremonies were held last Thursday morning at City Hall.

### School Officials Doubt Countywide Consolidation Is Close At Hand

Superintendent B. N. Barnes and school board chairman Fred W. Plonk were among school officials in the county who met with a subcommittee of the Citizens Committee for Better Schools Monday night to ponder a county-wide school consolidation.

Kings Mountain officials said they did not favor a county-wide consolidation now. Shelby officials expressed a "maybe yes, maybe no" attitude, and the county schools favor immediate consolidation county-wide.

Most agreed that consolidation, if effected, is some years away.

Lloyd Bost, chairman of the

administration subcommittee presided over the discussion. Representatives of the Shelby and Cleveland County school systems also attended.

Ideas reportedly expressed at the meeting included:

1) A long-range study into possible county-wide consolidation of the three systems might be worthwhile, but immediate action is probably inadvisable.

2) Most important consideration in any plan is that all schools remain at the highest possible level of achievement and program, and that no individual school or school system be allowed to suffer in any consolidation.

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