

# Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 8,008

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## Fourth '62 Snow Harbingers More?

### Local News Bulletins

**LEGION MEETING**  
Regular meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock at the post building, H. O. Williams, chairman of a four-man committee, will make recommendations for the 1962 Legion Baseball athletic office and other members of the management team.

**METER RECEIPTS**  
Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$155.70, including \$112.65 from on-street meters, \$31.75 from over-parking fees and \$11.30 from off-street meters, City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., reported.

**VFW FILM**  
Showing of a film of the Southern 500 races at Darlington will be free to the interested public at a VFW-sponsored program Friday. Commander Paul Dever says the film will be shown from 7 until 9 p. m. at the VFW Post building on Grover road.

**KIWANIS PROGRAM**  
Thursday night's Kiwanis program will be devoted to a question-answer discussion of the upcoming school bond election of March 10th. The civic club meets at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's club.

**WMS PROGRAM**  
First Baptist church WMS is inviting Brotherhood groups and Women's Missionary Societies from other area churches to join in a program Tuesday night at 7:30. Rev. Jesse Powers, pastor of Hopewell Baptist church of Blacksburg, S. C., will show slides he made during a preaching tour of Nicaragua.

**MISSION FILM**  
A mission film will be shown Saturday night at 7 p. m. at Dixon Presbyterian church, the pastor, Rev. James Mann, has announced. Refreshments will be served by women of the church.

**SEMINAR CONTINUING**  
Seminars on education are continuing on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 at Trinity Episcopal church, Phifer road. Mrs. Thomas Droppers, wife of the pastor, is leading the classes, open to the interested public. Mrs. Droppers teaches English in Bessemer City schools.

**PADA TO MEET**  
Piedmont Area Development Association is meeting in Charlotte Thursday at 6 p. m. at Charlotte-Mecklenburg County Courthouse, according to announcement by Clyde Stutts of Shelby. Sixteen counties in North and South Carolina will give reports.

**IN NEW POSITION**  
Mrs. Eddie Simmons, the former Patricia Foster of Kings Mountain, has accepted the position of secretary to the City Council of Tipton, Ga. The Simmons now reside in Georgia. Mrs. Simmons is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Foster.

**NO PERMITS**  
No building permits were issued by city officials during the past week.

**JAYCEE MEETING**  
Frank Splawn, safety representative for Highway Patrol District 3, will present a safety film to Kings Mountain Jaycees as the club meets in regular session Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. at Kings Mountain Woman's Club.

**FAI'S TO SPEAK**  
Butler Falls, Kings Mountain Surveyor, will speak to Shelby Kiwanians Thursday at 7:00 p. m. at the Hotel Charles. The program will be an illustrated lecture on his recent European travels.

**OPTIMIST MEETING**  
Rev. Melvin Gentry, of Gastonia, will address the Optimist Club at its meeting Thursday night at 7 o'clock at Kings Mountain Baptist church fellowship hall.

## Township GOP Committees Are Elected

Kings Mountain area Republicans elected precinct officials last week.

B. F. Maner will serve as chairman of the West Kings Mountain precinct, Ed H. Smith will serve as chairman of the East Kings Mountain precinct, Bill Babb will serve as chairman of the Bellware precinct and Paul Allen will serve as chairman of the Grover precinct.

Other precinct committeemen and officers are:

West Kings Mountain: Mrs. Delbert Dixon, vice-chairman; Jacob Dixon, secretary; and Dorus Littlejohn, William M. Herndon, committeemen.

East Kings Mountain: Palmer Huffstetter, secretary; and Harold Glass and Doc Burton, committeemen. A vice-chairman is still to be named.

Grover: Stough Wright, vice-chairman; W. W. Little, secretary; and Mrs. James Rollins and M. H. Camp, committeemen.

Bethware: Mrs. Clyde McDaniel, vice-chairman; Frank C. Ware and William A. Wright, committeemen. A secretary is still to be named.

Tentative date for the Republican Party's Cleveland County convention is Saturday, February 10th, at 2:30 p. m. at the county courthouse in Shelby. The Republican state convention is to be held in Durham March 3rd.

## Gary Decries Extremists

"There is one America, one God. Both command our faith," Kays Gary, Charlotte Observer columnist, said last Thursday in an address to the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club.

Mr. Gary, a Fallston native, had decry the nation's extremists, both super-patriots and ultra-liberals as hardly patriots at all and declared the United States operations "have weaknesses and waste because humans administer them."

"Do we correct the abuses or stop 'em?" he asked.

He cited Russia's quick conquest of Poland and contended that the Russians make a peace with the owners of the Skoda munitions works. He also charged that Cuba fell easily to Castro due to the government tyranny of Batista "with our and U. S. investors' approval."

"Those who would ruin our United Nations have Mr. K dancing with glee," he declared, adding, "none likes waste in foreign aid, but our missiles encircle the Soviet."

He failed to see, he added, how elimination of the income tax or impairment of Chief Justice Earl Warren would defeat Communism which he termed "the threat of our nation."

Mr. Gary spoke on a program arranged by Sherman Perry.

## Fish Not Hungry But Weather Fine

Mayor Kelly Dixon, just returned from a week's trip in Florida, reports "weather fine, but fish not biting."

The Mayor visited the Tampa-Clearwater area, confined his fishing efforts to dockside. The weather was warm and pleasant," he added, "but the fish just wouldn't bite."

## Crowded Now, High School To Need Eight More Classrooms Next Year

"We're badly crowded today," says B. N. Barnes, superintendent of schools, "and will be more crowded next year."

This is the basic theme of the Superintendent as he expounds on the need of the area for a new high school plant.

He cites chapter-and-verse from projections of school attendance in future years, as based on today's actual attendance.

With earliest possible use date of the proposed new high school plant the school year 1963-64, the high school can anticipate having an enrollment jump of 231 — from today's 817 to 1048 — or, in classrooms, virtually eight, for next year (1962-63) with only present facilities.

Present enrollment figures indicate another big jump for 1963-64 to a high school population of 1183, or a need for a minimum of 12 new high school classrooms, followed by a peak of 1243 students in 1964-65.

Mr. Barnes notes the figures will undoubtedly vary, with dropouts and transfers in and out of the district, as citizens move in and out of the school area.

school population, again on basis of today's enrollment, will drop slightly for three years to a base figure of 1135, then resume its upward trend.

Mr. Barnes lists these items in today's crowding:

- 1) Three high school classes are in temporary buildings.
- 2) The band is housed in a garage.
- 3) Two seventh grades are being bused to Park Grace school.
- 4) Auditoriums at both West and East schools are being used for classrooms.
- 5) Libraries are sharing space with cafeterias.

"A new high school will not only provide the needed high school classrooms but will relieve the Central plant and others for more students," Mr. Barnes adds. He continues, "A new high school is best and most economical means of handling the district's present and future space needs. The present Central plant has insufficient acreage for an adequate high school and the building, constructed in 1933, was designed in greater part to accommodate elementary students, as this was the great need at that time."

## Bridges Elected C Of C President



**PRESIDENT** — Glee A. Bridges, former Mayor, has been elected president of the Chamber of Commerce for the coming year. He succeeds Charles Blanton.

## Ross Funeral Held Sunday

Funeral rites for Mrs. Blanche McGill Ross, of Charlotte, formerly of Bessemer City and a Kings Mountain native, were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Carson Memorial ARP church, Bessemer City.

Mrs. Ross, who had made her home in Charlotte with a daughter for the past seven years, died at Presbyterian hospital in Charlotte at 6:10 Friday afternoon. She had been in declining health.

Born March 19, 1885, Mrs. Ross was a daughter of the late John Thomas and Frances Payne McGill. Her husband, John Odum Ross, Sr., died in 1951. She was a member of the Carson Memorial church.

Surviving are two daughters, Miss Mary Ellen Ross, with whom she resided in Charlotte, and Mrs. Joseph Turner, also of Charlotte.

Also surviving are three sons, John O. Ross, Jr., and Norman E. Ross, both of Charlotte, and Robert M. Ross, of Bessemer City, a sister, Mrs. Earl Carpenter, of Kings Mountain, and two brothers, N. F. McGill, Sr., Kings Mountain, and J. D. McGill, Albemarle. Six grandchildren survive.

The final rites were conducted by Dr. J. W. Carson, a former pastor of Bessemer City, Dr. Moffett Plaxico, Charlotte, and Dr. W. L. Pressly, Kings Mountain. Interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

## Mother's March Set Thursday

The Junior Woman's club has postponed the Mother's March from Tuesday until Thursday (tonight). Club members will meet at 7 o'clock at the Woman's club to conduct a two-hour canvass of the community.

March of Dimes coin collectors have been placed in downtown stores and citizens not contacted via the Mother's March may forward their contributions to Harry Jaynes, Chairman, Central School.

Citizens who wish to contribute during the Mother's March are asked to leave their porch lights burning.

Crutch sale for benefit of the March of Dimes will be conducted on downtown streets Saturday. High school students will serve as "salesmen."

## Many In Area See Titan Wake

The fiery wake of Titan I, fired from Cape Canaveral, Fla., Monday afternoon at 6:31 was witnessed by numerous citizens in this area.

W. T. Weir, of Weir's Coal, said two of his drivers, Tom and Grady Odum came back from deliveries reporting the fiery aerial flame. Tom Odum had been delivering in the Hilltop area and Grady Odum in the Craftsman Yarns, Inc. area.

And Don W. Blanton, an Eastern Airlines employee, said "I had 200 calls reporting the site."

It was the last test-flight for Titan I, fired successfully for the 34th time in 47 launching attempts. The missile landed in the target area off Africa 5,000 miles distant.

Titan I will be replaced by Titan II, described as the nation's most powerful missile.

## Organization Has Compiled Area Analysis

Glee A. Bridges, former mayor of Kings Mountain, was elected president of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce as members met for the annual session Tuesday night at Kings Mountain Country Club.

Other officers elected include Fred Wright, Jr., first vice-president; B. F. Maner, second vice-president; and L. E. Hinnant, treasurer.

Three year directors are William Herndon and Charles Mauney. Thomas Tate and James Amos were elected to serve terms as two-year directors and, Robert O. Southwell and B. S. Peeler, Jr., were elected as one-year directors.

The officer candidate slate, prepared by a nominating committee, was accepted by acclamation of members present.

Charles Blanton, retiring president of the organization, outlined a year of small successes for the chamber. He noted a big achievement of the organization was the publishing of an industrial analysis of Kings Mountain for distribution to persons inquiring about Kings Mountain and area surrounding.

The analysis report covers up-to-date information on county manufacturing, labor supply, transportation, taxation, utilities, housing, education, churches, and other assets of the area.

Mr. Blanton noted he was pleased with the spirit of the active members of the Chamber of Commerce but said it had been his experience to find a lack of enthusiasm and interest in the growth of the community by the public. He noted the Chamber of Commerce must stimulate interest in the town, not only in executives of prospective industries, but in the citizens of Kings Mountain.

Working together, thinking in terms of growth, and being progressive is the key to building Kings Mountain," he said. Kings Mountain is failing to capitalize on the historical significance of its background, he said. "We are letting surrounding communities take the lead in publicizing the historical value of the Revolutionary War battle for which our town is named," he noted.

Mr. Blanton urged that something be done to start an annual observance of the Battle of Kings Mountain, date of which was October 7, 1780.

He noted the measure had been a big point on his "want list" for his year of service, and the observance had failed to materialize.

He noted, too, that the lighting campaign of the main business

## 1961 Tax Listing Officially Over

Annual tax listing officially ended Wednesday.

Max Hamrick, county tax supervisor, noted that the listing officials had enjoyed brick traffic all week and said an extension wasn't deemed necessary.

In Kings Mountain, Conrad Hughes, township listing official, and Gleen A. Bridges, city listing official, said that Monday was the peak listing day.

They were still recording properties for taxes Wednesday but the traffic wasn't heavy.

"We believe the large majority of property owners have listed," Mr. Hughes commented.

Mr. Hughes will be at City Hall for a week or ten days tabulating the listings, he said.

## Heart Attack Fatal To Ruppe

James Rubeush Ruppe, Gaffney resident employed at Ideal Knitting Mill here, died Wednesday afternoon in a Gaffney hospital from a heart attack suffered while at work.

Mr. Ruppe is reportedly a brother of George Thomas Ruppe of Kings Mountain.

## Mayor Hasn't Yet Decided On Senate Bid

Mayor Kelly Dixon, back in his office Wednesday after a trip to Florida, said he hasn't come to a decision as yet on seeking the Republican nomination for United States Senator.

"I've been out of touch for the past week," Mayor Dixon, the GOP Congressional standard-bearer in 1960, said Wednesday. He added he might be closer to a decision following Thursday night's Republican fund-raising dinner at Charlotte, where Rep. Charles A. Jonas, the state's lone GOP Congressman, will make the featured address.

In addition, the Republicans gathered at Hotel Charlotte will hear via closed-circuit television brief addresses by former President Dwight Eisenhower, National Chairman William Miller, New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller and Richard E. Nixon now seeking the California gubernatorial seat.

Normally, the GOP nominates its candidates for state offices at the state convention, to convene in Durham this year on March 3.

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## Mrs. Corey's Rites Conducted

Mrs. Bonnie Wells Corey, 51, Kings Mountain native, died Saturday in Washington, D. C., following a long illness.

Mrs. Corey, wife of Verne G. Corey, retired Washington attorney, was a daughter of the late Aaron and Jane McCarter Wells of Kings Mountain. She was graduated from Kings Mountain high school and received her R. N., B. S., and N. E. degrees from Saint Elizabeth Hospital at Washington.

Mrs. Corey had served for many years as assistant neuropsychiatric nursing specialist at Veterans Administration Hospital in Washington. She and Dr. Raymond Hendry were co-authors of the book, "Psychiatrics in Nursing," used for textbook material student nurses in veterans hospitals.

She is survived by her husband, seven brothers, Whitney Wells, Earle Wells, Hunter Wells, Quinn Wells and Wayne Wells, all of Kings Mountain, Harley Wells of Washington, D. C., and Daley Wells of Virginia; and one sister, Mrs. W. B. Francis of Blacksburg, S. C.

Funeral rites were held Wednesday at 1 p. m. in Washington. Interment was in Arlington National cemetery.

## Gifts For Bible Teaching \$135

The Ministerial Association's Bible-in-the-Schools committee is \$135 nearer meeting its expanded budget commitment for the current school year, Treasurer Paul Ausley reported Wednesday.

The money came from an unnamed business firm \$50, from Second Baptist church, \$35, and from David's Baptist church, \$25.

Currently needed to even the budget for the current school year is \$928, Dr. Ausley added. The budget got out of kilter on two counts: 1) the general state-wide teacher pay increase; and 2) the fact the Bible teacher upgraded her certificate to "A."

"The Bible committee deeply appreciates these contributions and yearns for additional ones," Dr. Ausley commented.

He noted that several civic clubs have been asked for aid and added, "I hope their consideration will be favorable."

Other committee members are Dr. W. L. Pressly and Rev. J. W. Phillips.

## High School Student Campaigning At Full Peak; Election Friday

School "politicking" is in full swing at Kings Mountain high school.

Campaign speeches will begin on Thursday during a student assembly and Election Day is Friday when students will select a president, vice-president, and secretary of the Student Participation Organization.

The student "politicking" includes all the "fun" of regular campaigning as each candidate picks a manager and other workers to aid him in his bid for office via distribution of campaign cards, placards and persuading favorable votes from other students.

Student campaign managers were buying colorful cardboard for vote-seeking. Some workers wear colorful hats, others have campaign buttons bearing the inscription, "Vote for..."

## Two More Groups For School Bonds

### C of C Members, GOP Precinct Groups Act

Two more organizations have endorsed the forthcoming bond issue election for building a high school plant.

Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, in annual meeting Tuesday night, unanimously endorsed the proposal.

East and West Kings Mountain Republican precinct organizations, noting they had no intention of making the bond election a partisan matter, endorsed the bond issue.

B. F. Maner, West Kings Mountain GOP chairman, and Ed H. Smith, East Kings Mountain GOP chairman, issuing the following statement:

"The East and West Kings Mountain Republican Precincts are writing to inform you that provided the amount of the bonded indebtedness to be floated in the coming School Bond election is sound in terms of cost projected in relation to actual plant size and function that we will support the passage of the bond issue.

"This statement is by no means to be construed as an injection of partisan politics into a wholly non-partisan project. As Republican citizens vitally interested in the growth of their community we are only concerned that the monies will be spent in such a way as to provide maximum facilities for the children at a sound minimum cost. In other words we oppose 'frills' which tend to be both expensive and unnecessary. A case in point is the extreme amount of added cost in the Garinger School in Charlotte, N. C.

"Our prime concern is that a reasonable bonded indebtedness be effected and that our School Board be assisted in every possible way to do an increasingly effective job in leading the community."

Additional one percent penalty applies March 2.

Joe McDaniel, Jr., acting tax collector, said collections through Tuesday totaled \$99,658, or 60.25 percent of the \$165,315 levy, which includes poll taxes.

Mr. McDaniel added that collections Wednesday morning had been heavy, guessing payments totaled \$7,000 to \$8,000.

He anticipates heavy collections Thursday, based on prior year's experience.

## Grover Bond Books To Close

Saturday is the final day for Grover citizens to register to vote in the February 17 \$148,000 water bond election, Town Clerk W. W. McCarter reminded Wednesday.

"No new registration is required. However, many new citizens of Grover are registering at the two polling places — Grover Fire Station and City Hall.

"We think there's a lot of interest in this election and we hope it goes the right way," Mr. McCarter added.

"By the right way" Mr. McCarter means the favoring by citizens of issuance of \$148,000 in water bonds to supply a new water system for Grover, a project started over a year ago when blueprints and plans were drawn up by the town board.

February 10th is Challenge Day. Grover citizens will vote on the proposal at the polls from 6:30 a. m. until 6:30 p. m. Saturday, February 17th.

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**PROMOTED** — Jack Ruth has been promoted to the vice-presidency of the North Carolina Bank of Charlotte. He joined the firm as assistant vice-president in 1953.

## Jack Ruth Wins Promotion

Hilton L. (Jack) Ruth, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Ruth of Kings Mountain, has been promoted from assistant vice-president to vice-president of North Carolina National Bank of Charlotte.

The former Kings Mountain citizen joined the Charlotte banking firm in 1953 after his graduation from Davidson College where he played football for four years and was president of the student body his senior year.

He is also a graduate of Kings Mountain high school. Mrs. Ruth is the former Betty Kate Jones of Greenwood, S. C. They are parents of three children, Libby, six; Hilton, III, four; and David Ruth, age three.

In Charlotte the Ruths are members of Covenant Presbyterian church where Mr. Ruth is assistant Sunday School superintendent and a deacon.

## Tax Payments Reported Brisk

The city tax office has had a busy week as taxpayers have been paying 1961 tax bills in advance of the penalty date.

Thursday is the final day for paying 1961 tax bills at par, with a penalty of one per cent applying on Friday.

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