

## Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 8,008

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## Local News Bulletins

### ON DEAN'S LIST

Miss Joyce Plonk, Kings Mountain sophomore at Lenoir Rhyne College, has been listed on the dean's list for the fall semester ending in January. Miss Plonk is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hal S. Plonk.

### ON HONOR ROLL

Miss Annie Vera Dilling, Kings Mountain student at Gardner Webb College, was listed on the honor roll and dean's list for the fall semester. Miss Dilling is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Dilling.

### PTA MEETING

East School PTA will meet Tuesday, February 19, at 7:30 p. m. in the school auditorium.

### FAMILY NIGHT

First Presbyterian church will hold family night Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. A covered dish supper will be served in the church fellowship hall.

### CHOIR TO SING

The Montreat - Anderson college chorus from Montreat will present a program of music Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m. at Armstrong Memorial Presbyterian church in Gastonia.

### TO 4-H MEETING

Six Kings Mountain 4-Hers attended the Cleveland County 4-H Council meeting at Shelby Monday night. They included Gary Stewart, president of the Dixon Community 4-H club; and Misses Patsy and Joy Welch, Jill Smith, Linda Hardin and Donnie Spears.

### TO MEETING

Ray G. Alexander, secretary of the local Moose Lodge, will attend the Moose Administration School for Lodge Secretaries February 16 and 17 in Charlotte. A staff of Moose officials from Mooreshead, Ill., headed by Supreme Secretary, Carl A. Weiss, will be in charge.

### LUTHERAN SERVICE

Miss Sue Hoad, Kings Mountain exchange student from Australia, will show slides of her native country and present a program Sunday evening at 7 o'clock at Resurrection Lutheran church. A social hour will follow the program and refreshments will be served.

### TO MEETING

Rev. George Moore, pastor, and John B. Plonk, chairman of the church's committee on parish education, will represent Resurrection Lutheran church at an area meeting on parish education Thursday night in Belmont.

### DAVIS IMPROVING

The condition of J. R. Davis, Kings Mountain attorney recuperating at Kings Mountain hospital from a fractured hip, is improving steadily, associates said Wednesday.

### MUCH IMPROVED

Mrs. Lona W. McGill, well-known Kings Mountain citizen, is reported much improved from a stroke of paralysis suffered several weeks ago. She remains a patient at Kings Mountain hospital.

### RETURNS HOME

C. D. Blanton, Kings Mountain druggist, returned to his home from Kings Mountain hospital Tuesday.

### SENIOR CITIZENS

The Senior Citizens club will gather for regular meeting Friday afternoon at 3 p. m. at the Woman's club.

## Kiwanis To Hear James Maiden

Kiwanis Lt. Governor James B. Maiden of District 1 will make his official visit to the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club Thursday night at 8:45 at the Woman's club.

Mr. Maiden, who lives in Asheville, is a native of Vero, Kentucky. He is a graduate of the Castle Heights Military Academy and is a member of the West Asheville Kiwanis club.

There will be a training school for the local club's officers immediately following the regular meeting.

## Election Matters On Board Agenda



OFFICER — C. Glenn White was elected Tuesday a vice-president of Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association. He is a veteran member of the board of directors.

## George Lewis S & L Director

George Lewis, of Bessemer City, was elected a director of Kings Mountain Savings & Loan Association at the annual shareholder meeting Tuesday.

Mr. Lewis fills the vacancy created by the death of his father, R. Lee Lewis, who was a long-time member of the board.

All other directors, Dr. L. P. Baker, Boyce Gault, Clyde Korns, Dr. J. C. McGill, C. Glenn White, J. R. Davis, and Ben H. Bridges, were re-elected.

The directors, immediately following the shareholder meeting, elected Mr. White a vice-president, also filling a vacancy created by the death of R. Lee Lewis, and re-elected all other officers.

Ben H. Bridges, secretary-treasurer, gave a report on the association's 1962 operations showing asset increased \$250,344 to \$3,307,655, up 8.71 per cent; savings increased \$181,947 to \$3,233,321, up 5.95 per cent; and loans increased \$236,976 to \$3,823,349, up 7.53 per cent.

Other highlights in the report: 1. Reserves in the federal insurance fund and for bad debts increased \$40,478 to \$321,544, and represent 9.22 per cent of total savings accounts.

2. The association made 254 loans during 1962, total loans at December 31 number 1009.

3. Savings accounts at year end total 1548, with 355 having been opened during 1962.

4. Dividends paid increased \$5,187 to \$119,210.

The association's officers are J. R. Davis, president; Dr. L. P. Baker and C. Glenn White, vice-presidents; Ben H. Bridges, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. R. H. Baker, assistant secretary-treasurer.

The directors again voted to retain the firms of Davis & White and George B. Thomas as attorneys.

### ROTARY SPEAKER

Rotary Scholar Erwin Landsberger of Chile, a student at Davidson college, gave the program Tuesday's meeting of the Kings Mountain Rotary club. Mr. Landsberger's scholarship to study at Davidson was provided by Rotarians in memory of the late Governor Chan Gordon.

## Special Legislation May Be Asked To Solve Warrant-Writing Problem

The city may ask a special act of the General Assembly to permit appointment of some policemen as magistrates with police jurisdiction only.

The reason: only one officer, Earl Soupe, Jr., is currently empowered to draw warrants and he has the power by virtue of serving as clerk of city recorder's court.

Previously, two other policemen, those serving as desk clerks on second and third shifts were empowered to draw warrants as they held appointive commissions as justice of the peace. However, all these appointments — for a two-year period — have expired and have not been renewed.

## Commission Will Consider New Registration

The board of city commissioners will consider arrangements for the biennial May elections Thursday night.

Mayor Kelly Dixon said he will recommend a location of two of the five city precincts and will reiterate his recommendation for a new registration.

The Mayor was instructed by the commission to bring elections at the February meeting. He said he will recommend that the Ward 2 precinct, at City Hall courtroom historically but within the bounds of Ward 2, be changed to the American Legion building, and that the Ward 3 precinct be changed from Frank Ballard's Store to East School.

"Members of the commission may have some additional ideas, but these will be my recommendations," Mayor Dixon commented.

He declined to predict whether the commission will order a new registration, noting, "Some members have indicated they favor a new registration, others that they don't. However, it's been long needed and I favor it."

The city pollbooks have been in use since the ward system was created in 1939, nearly 24 years ago.

The board will also consider a recommendation from South-eastern Engineers that a low bid of \$3,000 from Davey Tree Company be accepted for tree-trimming work in connection with the projected rebuilding of the city electrical system.

The board will also consider a quotation from Spangler Ready-Mix Concrete on repairs to the city's two swimming pools, and repairs to the water filter plant.

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## Southwell Firm Starts Building On Highway 74

Clearing of land for the construction of a new building to house Southwell Motor Company has started just west of the Kings Mountain city limits on the north side of Highway 74.

Grading of the land for what is slated to be the most modern of its kind in this area is to begin as soon as dry weather makes it possible.

The proposed 60 by 120 foot building will house an air-conditioned modern, all glass showroom, offices, service department and paint and body shop.

Stransteel will be used for constructing the building, with only the offices (brick) and the showroom (glass) being of different material.

Adjacent to the \$70,000 building will be the company's used car lot.

Bob Southwell, owner of the motor company, gives more space and better service as the main reason for building the new structure and moving from his present location.

"With the new location and building, we will have more parking and service area, and therefore, be able to give better and more complete service to our customers."

Although the new building is expected to be completed earlier, Southwell doesn't plan to move to the new location until June 1.

A Charlotte firm is in charge of the stransteel construction, with other features (heating, air conditioning, brick work, etc.) to be handled by local contractors.

## Band Begins Busy Season

The Kings Mountain high school band, under the direction of Joe Hedden, has begun its 1963 concert season with four big events leading up to the district band contest in Marion on March 30th.

The band clinic in Gastonia January 25-26 was attended by eight members of the Kings Mountain band. The participating musicians were: John Clemmer, Del Goforth, Joan Howard, Joan McClure, Susan Plonk, Buz Shuford and Glenn Werner. The two-day event included demonstrations by leading musicians, a banquet and dance, and a concert.

On February 3rd the band played a concert preceding the dedication of the National Guard Armory. In addition to the concert, which consisted of the contest music the band is using this year, the band played the Star Spangled Banner for the flag-raising ceremony which followed.

On February 20th the band will play for a Davidson - Wake Forest basketball game at the (Continued On Page Eight)

## Rites Thursday For Mr. Martin

Baxter William Martin, 66 formerly of Kings Mountain, died Monday night at his home in Morristown, Tenn.

Funeral rites will be held Thursday at 4 p. m. from Sisk Funeral Home here. The Rev. Clyde Goodson will officiate and burial will be made in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Martin is survived by his wife, Mrs. Emma Huffstetter Martin; two sons, J. A. Martin and Gary E. Martin, both of Charlotte; one daughter, Mrs. Mary McGill of Gastonia; two brothers, John G. Martin of Kings Mountain and Plato Martin of California; and one sister, Mrs. Ransom Pruitt of Kings Mountain.

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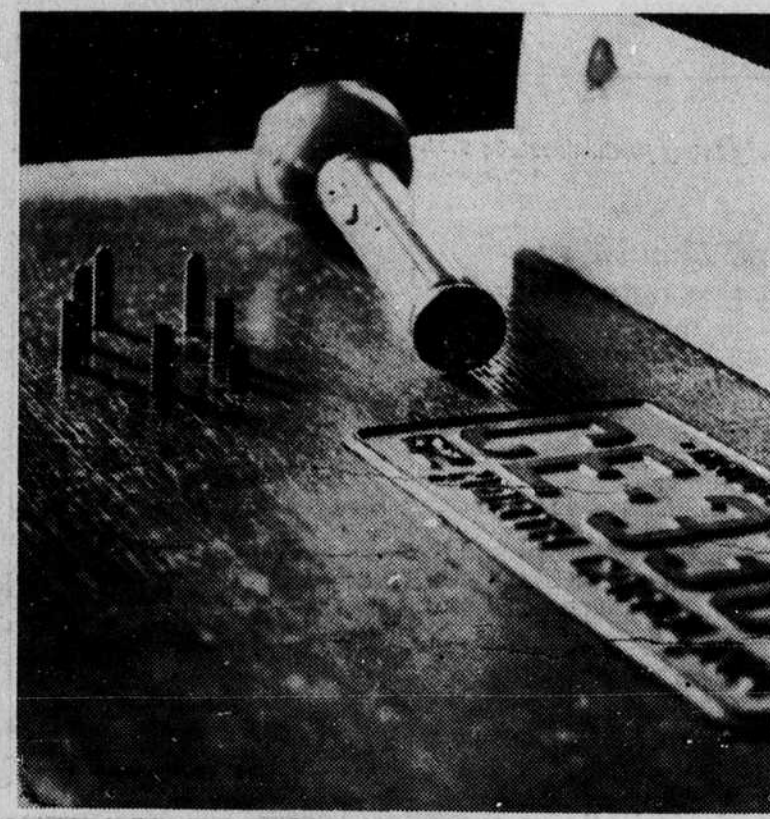
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EVIDENCE IN SHOOTING OF ESCAPEE — The items pictured were evidence displayed at the coroner's jury hearing Saturday in the death of Hugh Phillips, a Negro escapee from the prison camp near Shelby, Phillips, after being accosted by Patrolman R. B. Leonard, attacked the patrolman first with the flashlight, then the auto tag. The bullets and empty cartridge cases are from Leonard's pistol. Phillips was shot twice. (Photo courtesy Tom McIntyre, Gastonia Gazette.)

## Leonard Blameless In Convict's Death

### Deadline Is Near For Buying Tags

Friday is the final day to purchase 1963 city auto license tags without penalty, and sales through Wednesday indicate some 500 Kings Mountain auto owners have not yet purchased ed new tags.

Sales through Wednesday totaled 1223, city officials reported.

Sales for 1962 totaled 1778.

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## Former Mayor Enters Race For City Office

Glee A. Bridges is seeking to regain the city's mayoral office which he held from 1953-61.

The semi-retired hardware man paid his filing fee shortly before noon Wednesday.

He is the second candidate for mayor, Clarence E. Carpenter, having filed for the office last September.

In commenting on his candidacy, former Mayor Bridges said:

"I have had more encouragement to seek the office of Mayor than all of the previous times put together."

"During my previous terms of office, I worked hard as the city's chief executive official, from early in the morning until late at night, and I never failed to honor a citizen's request to investigate problems connected with the city."

"The record shows that the City of Kings Mountain made excellent progress during my previous administrations, broadening city services with a lower tax rate, and operating on a sound financial basis."

Mr. Bridges, after leading in the first election, was defeated by Mayor Kelly Dixon in the run-off in May 1961 by a margin of 116 votes out of 2110 cast.

Mr. Bridges holds the distinction of serving as mayor more consecutive terms (four) than any mayor in the city's history. He was for 12 years a member of the Cleveland County board of commissioners and its chairman for four years.

He is a past president of the Kiwanis club, with 22 years of perfect attendance, a former member of the Kings Mountain Baptist church, three times past commander of the American Legion, a member of the Moose and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is a Mason and Shriner and is retiring president of Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce. He has been a Kings Mountain bus driver since 1918.

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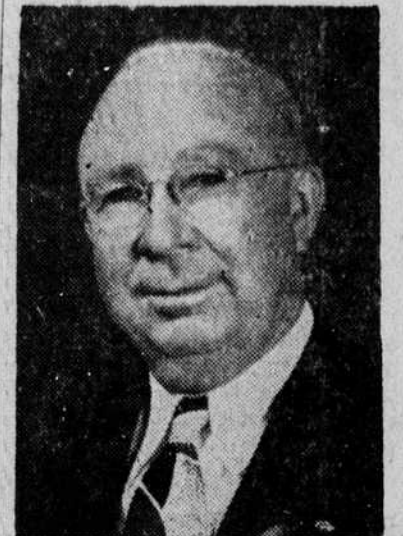
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CANDIDATE — Glee A. Bridges, four-term mayor from 1953-61, seeks to regain the office he lost two years ago to Mayor Kelly Dixon in a run-off election.

## Arson Suspected In School Fire

State inspector Earl Hatcher of Rutherfordton will return to Kings Mountain Thursday to continue the investigation into the fire that occurred at Kings Mountain high school Friday night.

The fire was reported at approximately 9:25 p. m. Friday while hundreds of people were at the high school gymnasium watching the Mountaineer-Rutherfordton Spindale basketball game.

Damage to the lower portion of the school plant was minor, but fire Chief Floyd Thornburg and Hatcher believe that the fire was "from inside the building and will continue to investigate on that premise."

Hatcher and Thornburg made a preliminary investigation of the fire Monday morning.

## Scouts Worship On Scout Sunday

Troop 90 Boy Scouts led the morning worship service Sunday at First Presbyterian church.

Dr. P. G. Padgett, elder, led the call to worship after which Scouts recited the flag salute and the Scout oath. Dale Putnam led the responsive reading and Larry Patrick read the scripture reading.

Young Patrick, an Eagle Scout who has won numerous honors in Scouting, delivered the morning message on "The Challenge." The history of Presbyterian Troop 90 was read as a tribute to the Scoutmaster, Phil Bunch, reported on 1962 achievements. Included in the service were the singing of the patriotic hymns, "O Beautiful For Spacious Skies," "America," and "Onward, Christian Soldiers." The choir sang the anthem, "Father In Heaven Who Lovest All."

The entire troop, in uniform, sat together during the service and led the congregation in the hymn singing and meditation.

Other Boy Scouts in the community also attended church services Sunday on Boy Scout Sunday, sitting together and dressing in uniform for the morning service.

J. H. Thomson is the troop's institutional representative. Lawrence Patrick is troop committee chairman, Henry McKelvie is scoutmaster and Manley Hayes is assistant scoutmaster. Larry Patrick is Junior assistant scoutmaster and Phil Bunch is senior patrol leader.

Wendell Bunch is scribe, Jimmy Baker and Larry Anderson are librarians and J. D. Wright and John Clemmer are quartermasters. Patrol leaders are Dale Putnam, Chas. Padgett and Ned Bridges.

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