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Seventy-Fourth Year

PRICE TEN CENTS

Glee A. Bridges Files Candidacy For Mayor Post

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 mee t 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 col-lege 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-H'ers at Six Kings Mountain 4-H'ers 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

Kings Mountain Savings & Loan
Association at the annual share-holder meeting Tuesday.

Mr. Lewis fills the vacancy
created by the death of his father, R. Lee Lewis, well · k no wn
dairyman.

All other directors, Dr. L. P.
Baker, Boyce Gault, Clyde
Kerns, Dr. J. C. McGill, C. Glenn
White, J. R. Davis, and Ben H.

Bridges, were re elected.

Ray G. Alexander, secretary Bridges, were re_elected. of the local Moose Lodge, will The directors, immediate School for Lodge Secretaries February 16 and 17 in Charlotte. A staff of Moose officials from Mooseheart, Ill., headed by Su-preme Secretary, Carl A. Weis, officers. will be in charge,

LUTHERAN SERVICE Miss Sue Hoad, Kings Moun-

tain 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 refresh-ments 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 a an area meeting on parish education Thursday night in Bel-

DAVIS IMPROVING

The condition of J. R. Davis, Kings Mountain attorney recu-perating at Kings Mounttain 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 hos-pital.

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

SENIOR CITIZENS

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

Kiwanis To Hear James Maiden

K'wanis Lt. Governor James
B. Maiden of District 1 will
make his official visit to the
Kings Mountain Factors chib
Thursday night at 6:45 at the
Woman's club.

Woman's club,

Mr. Maiden, who lives in Asheville, is a native of Verne, 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.

Local News Election Matters Bulletins On Board Agenda Clearing of land for the construction of a new building to house Southwell Motor Company has started just west of the



of Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association. He is a veteran

George Lewis

attend the Moose Administration lowing the shareholder meeting, elected Mr. White a vice-presi dent, also filling a vacancy cre-

> Ben H. Bridges, secretary_ treasurer, gave a report on the association's 1962 operations showing asset increased \$250,344 o \$3,507,655, up 8.71 per cent; savings increased \$181,947 to \$3,238,321, up 5.95 per cent; and oans increased \$236,976 to \$3,82,349, up 7.53 per cent.

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

savings accounts. 2. The association made 254 oans 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 I. R. Davis, president; Dr. L. P. Baker and C. Glenn White, viceresident; Ben H. Bridges, secetary treasurer; and Mrs. Ruby H. Baker, assistant secre-ary-treasurer.

etain the firms of Davis & White and George B. Thomas-

on as attorneys. ROTARY SPEAKER

Rotary Scholar Erwin Lands erger of Chile, a student at Davson college, gave the program t Tuesday's meeting of the ings Mountain Rotary club. Mr. andsberger's scholarship to stuv at Davidson was provided by \$136.10 from on-street meters, \$42

Commission **Will Consider New Registration**

The board of city commission-Thursday night.

mendation for a new registra-

The Mayor was instructed by the commission to bring elections arrangement recommenda_ tions at the February meeting. He said he will recommend that elected Tuesday a vice-president courtroom historically but with-of Kings Mountain Savings & 1 let the bounds of Ward 2, she changed to the American Legion building, and that the Ward 3 precinct be changed from Frank Ballard's Store to East School... member of the board of directors.

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

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

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 qquotation from Spangler Ready Mix Concrete on repairs to the city's two swimming pools, and repairs to the water filter plant.

Mrs. McGill's **Rites Conducted**

Funeral rites for Mrs. Annie Mae Weir McGill, 74, of Gas-tonia, widow of Robert A. Mc-Gill an da former Kings Mountain resident, were held Wednesday at 4 p. m. from Boyce Memorial ARP church, of which

she was a member. Mrs. McGill died Monday the Kings Mountain hospital after an illness of several months. A native of Gaston Couty, she was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Weir. Her hus

band died in July 1959. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. John Oates, and a half-sister, Mrs. Arthur Cornwell, both

The directors again voted to etain the firms of Davis & Dr. W. L. Pressly, assisted by White and George B. Thomas-Rev. R. E. Elliott and Rev. George Moore, officiated at the final rites and interment was made in Mountain Rest cemetery.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday totaled \$195.85, City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Ir., reported. The total included Rotarians in memory of the late from over-parking fees and \$17 t Governor Chan Gordon. 35 from off-street meters.

Special Legislation May Be Asked To Solve Warrant-Writing Problem

Southwell Firm Starts Building

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 show_

ers will consider arrangements for the biennial May elections ment and paint and body shop. Stran-steel will be used for Mayor Kelly Dixon said he will recommend be location of two of the five city precincts and will re-iterate his recom-

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 OFFICER - C. Glenn White was the Ward 2 precinct, at City Hall the new structure and moving from his present location.

customers.

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

A Charlotte firm is in charge of the stran_steel construction, with other features (heating, air-

Band Begins Busy Season

Bridges, were re-elected.

The board will also consider school band, under the direction lowing the shareholder meeting, 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 musiciains were: John Clem-mer, Del Goforth, Joan Howard, Joan McClure, Susan Plonk, Buz Shuford and Glenn Werner. The two - day event included demonstrations by leading mu-sicians, 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 Stan Spangled Banner for the flagraising ceremony which follow-

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 Huffstetler Martin; two sons, J. A. Martin and Gary E. Martin, both of Charlotte: one daugh er, Mrs. Mary Merrill of Gastonia; two brothers, John G. Martin of Kings Mountain and Plato Martin of California; and one sister, Mrs. Ransom Pruitt of Kings Mountain.

City To Reconvey

The city may ask a special act the General Assembly to persit appointment of some pocemen as magistrates with poce jurisdiction only.

The reason: only one officer, ari Su oupe, Jr., is currently menowered to draw warrants and he has the power by virtue of serving as clerk of city reacts on second and third shifts were empowered to draw warrants as they held appointive ommissioners as justice of the seace. However, all these appointments — for a two year period — have expired and have

The city is publishing a resonate from the appointments of the appointment of the commission of t



evidence displayed at the coroner's jury hearing Saturday in the death of Hugh Phillips, a Negro escapee from the prison camp near "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 service to our and more complete service to our service to our service. (Photo courtesy Tom McIntyre, Gastonia Gazette.) Shelby. Phillips, after being accosted by Patrolman R. B. Leonard,

Leonard Blameless 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 re-

ported. Sales for 1962 totaled 1778 The city ordinance requires that auto owners not only purchase but display the tags on their vehicles

Truitte Hearing Set For Thursday

Preliminary hearing for Jimmy Truitte, charged with armed

Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m. City officers Robert Green and rom Harlan County, Kentucky, the car, and fired twice. Saturday morning.

Truitte, an escapee from a Hared and arrested by Harlan offi- trol car.

est to Harlan officials and extraobber.

Fruitte is the alleged partner of Jimmy Eugene Hopper in the ty. East King station. Hopper, who hanged himself in city jail after giving himself up to Rutherfordton police and being returned

iere, implicated Truitte. If probable cause is found against Truitte Thursday, he will be bound over until the next erm of Superior Court.

Open House Set For "Debie's"

Mrs. Humes Houston announ ced this week the opening of a new beauty shop, Debie's, in an addition to her residence on

South Deal street.

Open house at the new establishment will be held from 4 to 8 p. m. Thursday, to which the public is invited.

A prize drawing will be constituted with a permanent wave ducted with a permanent wave and other valuable prizes to be given to lucky visitors.

In addition to Mrs. Houston, other beauticians on the staff will be Mrs. Georgia Meltor and Mrs. Pauline Clark.

RECORDER'S COURT The regular weekly recorder's including:
ourt will be held Thursday at 2 For president, J. Wilson Crawiford.

Coroner's Jury **Rules Officer Was Justified**

Highway Patrolman R. Blackwell Leonard was justified in killing an escaped convict last Friday, a six-man coroner's jury ruled following a hearing at City Hall Saturday morning.

To a question by Coroner J. Ollie Harris, Patrolman Leonard Lions Get Look testified, "I believe he meant to kill me. He said so and he hit

Hugh Phillips, 52-year-old Negro serving 25 to 30 years for a look-see at Australia both vis murder was killed Friday morn ually and verbally, Tuesday capee from the prison camp near Shelby into his car.

The patrolman testified that my Truitte, charged with armed phillips got into the patrol car, robbery of East King Esso statchen started flailing him with a tion here on January 9, will be three-cell flashlight. He pulled held in City Recorder's Court his gun and fired. The bullet ap- ed to two months per year. parently missed, Phillips leaving the car on the passenger side. Ernest Beam returned Trukte Leonard also got out, ran around

Phillips fell while swinging another weapon in the form of an an prison, had been apprehend auto tag Leonard had his pa-

Coroner Hanris said two bul-Chief Paul Sanders had for lets entered Phillips' body, the varded warrants for Truitt's ar- autopsy showing there were two wounds of entrance, one of exit. iition was waived by the alleged One bullet had pierced the aorta, a lung, liver and pancreas and had lodged in the left chest cavi-

SBI Agent John Vanderford testified that Phillips had killed a man in June of 1957 and had been wounded in a gun battle with Hickory police before his capture. He had subsequently

escaped, but was re-captured. Members of the jury were R. E. Hambright, foreman, and W. S. Hicks, both of Grover, Jim Leigh, Otis Falls, Sr., Charles E. Dixon and Paul Cole, all of Kings

SCOUT PROGRAM Fourteen Boy Scouts from ant.

Troop 97 will present a skit at George Thomasson, past pres. Thursday night's Bethware school dent, welcomed Capt. Harol. P-TA meeting to be held in the Glenn Campbell to membershinchool auditorium.

Former Mayor Enters Race For City Office

Glee A. Bridges is seeking to regain the city's mayonal 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. Carpente having filed for the office last

In commenting on his cand dacy, former - Mayor Bridge

"I have had more encourage ment 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 unti late at night, and I never failed to honor a citizen's request to investigate problems connected with the city.
"The record shows that th

City of Kings Mountain made excellent progress during my previous administrations, broadening city services with a lower tax rate, and operating on sound financial basis." Mr. Bridges, after leading in

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 the was for 12 years a member.

He was for 12 years a member of the Cleveland County board o commissioners and its chairman for four years. He is a past president of the Kiwanis club, with 22 years o perfect attendance, a former members of the Kings Mountain board of education, a navy veteran of World War I, member of Kings Mountain Baptis church, three times past con mander of the American Legion

a member of the Moose and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He a Mason and Shrine: and is re tiring president of Kings Moun tain Chamber of Commerce. He has been a Kings Mountain bus.

inessman since 1918. Mrs. Bridges is the former Ad die Hamrick.

At Australia Members of the Lions clug got a look-see at Australia both vis. ing on the Long Branch road aft. night, from Miss Susan Hoad er the officer had ordered the es. of Melbourne, AFS student here She described Australia as continent about the size of th United States, populated by ten

million people, with a fe til-coastline and dry, rather barre interior, where rainfall is limit Australia, she related, was di covered by Captain Cook in 1770 nitially used by Britain as penal colony, beginning in 1778 Discovery of gold in 1850 pro duced a population influx.

She said Australia is much

like America, though there are differences. Most foods are eaten fresh, not frozen nor canned she said, and Australian school: follow the English "private school" pattern.

The native Australian, or abo. riginal, like the American In dian, is become extinct. From a population of 200,000 the num ber has dropped to 40,000 pure bloods and 17,000 half-breeds There is no color problem, she said, as the aboriginals, with exceptions, stay away from the

white man. Sheep raising for wool is the principal industry and largest export. Wheat is second. The basic wage scale approxi-mates that of the United States

and income taxes are high Miss Hoad, who showed brilliant color slides of her country, was presented by Howard Bry-

Chamber of Commerce Meeting Set For Tuesday; Crawford Nominee

New officers and directors of the Kings Mountain Chamber Mauney, of Commerce will be elected For secretary treasurer, L Tuesday night at a dinner meeting of the organization at 7:30 For directors: Jo p. m. at the Country Club. For directors: Jonas Bridges.

J. Ollie Harris, James E. Amos The nominating committee will present a slate of officers, William M. Herndon, Glee A. Bridges, Tom Tate, Fred Wright and Charles Blanton President Glee A. Bridges will preside.



DANDIDATE - Glee A. Bridges, our · 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 ire that occurred at Kings Mountain high school Friday night.

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

Damage to the lower portion of he school plant was minor, but lire Chief Floyd Thronburg and latcher believe that the fire was of from inside the building and will continue to investigate on 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, lea 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 Precbyterian Troop 90 was read at d Phillip Bunch reported on 1902 achievements. Included in the service were the singing of the patriotic hymns, "O Beautiful For Spacious Skies," "America" "Onward, Christian Soland tiers." 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 meditatio is. Other Boy Scouts in the com munity also attended chu ch services Sunday on Boy Scout Sunday, sitting together and

dressing in uniform for tires

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 assist. ant scoutmaster and Philip Bunch is senior patrol leader. Wendell Bunch is scribe, Jimmy Eaker and Larry Anderson are librarians and J. D. Wright and John Clemmer are quartermasters. Patrol leaders are Dale Putnam, Chales Padgett and Ned

Other troop members are Gene and Philip Putnam, Robe t Moss, Morris Timms, Wayne Mullinax, Larry Anderson, Tommy Clemmer, Vlc Laughridge, Donald Martin, Larry Wood, Harold Lingerfelt, David and Mack Bost, Andy Neisler, Ronnie Timms, Kenneth McGill and Laurin Whisnant.

New Entrance Doors Due For City Hall

The main entrance to City Hall is scheduled for a new New doors, partially metal and partially glass with alum-

aged wooden doors now being used and a glass transom will installed

A new flagpole is also being spiritated, replacing the "spiritated one" formerly in use, Mayor celly Dixon said.