

## Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 8,008

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# Mayor Kelly Dixon Is Candidate For Re-election

## Broadened Budget, Scope Is Mapped By C. Of C. Board

### Local News Bulletins

#### AT HOME

City Attorney J. R. Davis is back home this week after several weeks of hospitalization due to an injury. Mr. Davis reports that he is getting along fine and hopes to return to his office within a week.

#### PERMITS ISSUED

City officials issued building permits to Rhyme Construction Co. Monday for the construction of two \$7200 houses on Bridges Drive.

#### FIRECALLS

City firemen answered two fire-calls during the past week. Thursday they were called to South Battleground to douse a grass fire and Monday they went to McDaniel Hoseway Mill to extinguish a blaze that had erupted in a motor. Slight damages resulted.

#### IN CHARLOTTE

T. W. Jackson was transferred to Charlotte Memorial hospital last Friday for observation and treatment. A member of his family said results of tests should be known Thursday.

#### ON DEAN'S LIST

Bobby D. Biddix, Kings Mountain junior at Wake Forest college, qualified for the spring semester dean's list according to announcement from the college.

#### GOLF CLINIC

Beginners' Golf clinics for Kings Mountain women golfers will begin Friday morning at 10 o'clock at the Country Club.

#### BETHWARE PTA

Meeting of the Bethware PTA will be Thursday, March 14, at 7:30. Program for the meeting will be the finals of the reading and declamation contests.

#### HOT DOG SALE

Young people of Central Methodist church will sell hot dogs, homemade cakes and pies and cold drinks Friday from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. at the church fellowship hall. Delivery service will be available for city limits orders.

#### CAKE SALE

East Gold Street Wesleyan Methodist church will sponsor the sale of homemade cakes Saturday from 2 until 5 p.m. at Sadie Mill clubhouse for benefit of the church building fund.

#### SPRING BALLY

The Rhythmaires Quartet will render special music during the Sunday School hour and Spring Rally Sunday at East Gold St. Wesleyan Methodist church. Goal of Rally Day is 150 for Sunday School.

#### 4-H PROGRAM

4-H'ers who are members of the Dixon Community 4-H club presented special programs at Sunday services at Dixon Presbyterian and Macedonia Baptist churches. Participating in the morning service at Dixon were President Gary Stewart, Vice President, Vickie Jackson and Paul Farris, and at the evening service at Macedonia Gary Stewart, Secretary Donnie Spears, Margaret Hambricht and Joy Welch.

### Merchants Banquet Date Is March 29

Date for the annual employees' employer banquet of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association has been changed from March 22 to March 29. Mrs. Ida F. Joy, Association secretary, said yesterday.

The affair, at which retailers and their employees will attend, will be held at 7 o'clock at the Woman's club. New officers of the association will be installed.



**ELECTED** — Harry Jaynes, high school principal, has been elected vice-president of the southwestern district, North Carolina Education association.

### Jaynes Elected To NCEA Office

Harry Jaynes, Kings Mountain high school principal, has been elected vice-president of the Southwestern district of the North Carolina Education association.

Mr. Jaynes was notified of his election by the canvassing committee last week. He was opposed by Lester Probst, a Lincoln principal. The voting results were not detailed.

The district, one of ten in North Carolina, includes Rutherford, Cleveland, Lincoln, Catawba, Gaston and Iredell counties. Next year, Mr. Jaynes will automatically advance to the presidency of the district.

He is a graduate of Western Carolina college and a former president of the Kings Mountain NCEA unit.

### Country Club Meeting Tuesday

Annual dinner meeting of stockholders of Kings Mountain Country Club, Inc., will be held Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at the club.

Business of the meeting, as announced by President John Smathers, will include election of four directors for three-year terms, presentation of reports by officers and by chairmen of standing committees.

Officers in addition to Mr. Smathers are Joe N. McClure, vice president, W. S. Fulton, Jr., secretary, and James Gibson and L. E. (Josh) Hinnant, co-treasurers.

Chairmen of standing committees include C. T. Carpenter, Jr., pool; Jacob Cooper, house; P. M. Neiser, Sr., greens; Tolly Shuford, membership, and William Hendon, social.

### Barnes Says Assembly May Offer School Construction Bond Vote

Though legislation is yet to be introduced, there is a strong likelihood that North Carolina citizens may get the opportunity to approve or disapprove a \$100 million dollar state bond issue for local school construction.

This is the opinion of B. N. Barnes, Kings Mountain superintendent of schools, following a two-day meeting in Raleigh as Southwestern NCEA district member of the state schools' superintendents policy committee.

Supt. Barnes said considerably more sentiment was evidenced by legislators for such a bond issue than he had maintained.

All Cleveland County boards of education are on record as favoring the school construction bond issue, as is the state superintendent's association.

### Directors Plan To Hire Manager, Set Up Office

By MARTIN HARMON  
Directors of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce have initiated plans to expand broadly the scope and work of the organization.

Specifically, the Chamber of Commerce board adopted plans to raise at \$10,000 annual budget, to set up an office and to employ an executive secretary.

"We are going to have an active Chamber of Commerce," President J. Wilson Crawford commented.

The membership drive, with L. E. (Josh) Hinnant as chairman, will begin next week. Other members of the membership committee are Charles A. Neisler, Tom Tate, Jonas Bridges, J. Ollie Harris and Bill Brown.

Other committees named by President Crawford include a group on employment of an executive secretary and on obtaining office quarters, with Grady Howard as chairman, and including Joe McDaniel, Jr., and Bob Maner, and a projects committee, with Fred Wright as chairman, and including Charles D. Blanton and Wesley Bush.

"Active Chambers of Commerce customarily base their budget requirements at one dollar per resident," Mr. Crawford commented, "and that would establish ours at approximately \$10,000."

"The community needs an active Chamber of Commerce and many benefits can be derived from Chamber of Commerce activities. Such an organization serves the community in many different directions, promoting the interests of all groups, mercantile, industrial, and civic."

Organized about six years ago, Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, though operating on a limited budget with minimal paid employees, has continually fostered the development of the community. It was the sponsor of Kings Mountain Business Development, Inc., has distributed hundreds of brochures to business leaders and school children throughout the nation, and was instrumental with the Merchants Association in fostering the outdoor re-lighting project now underway.

"There are many avenues in which the community needs to move for the benefit of all citizens," Mr. Crawford said, "and the Chamber of Commerce is the agency to point the directions. The projects committee will make its report soon."

"Some projects undoubtedly will be realizable soon, while others may be continuing goals, requiring several years," Mr. Crawford concluded.



**KINGS MOUNTAIN HOSPITAL GIFT** — Kings Mountain Junior Women's club members presented a check to the Kings Mountain hospital Thursday as down-payment on a new heart machine. Making the presentation are from left club president Mrs. Jacob Dixon, Mrs. Charles Alexander, chairman of the 1963 community service project, Hospital Administrator Grady Howard and Mrs. Bill Allen, club treasurer. Mr. Howard accepted the gift on behalf of the hospital. (Herald Photo by Truitt Moore)

## New School Plans Promised Monday



**RE-ELECTED** — Corbett Nicholson has been re-elected captain of the Cleveland County Life-Saving and Rescue squad for 1963-64.

### Nicholson Heads Rescue Squad

Corbett Nicholson, former city gas system superintendent, has been re-elected captain of the Cleveland County Life-Saving and Rescue Squad.

Other officers elected for 1963-64 are George Lovelace, first lieutenant, Doug Hullender and Arthur Sprouse, second lieutenants, C. D. (Red) Ware, Gene Chamption and George Carroll, sergeants, and Delbert Dixon, secretary-treasurer.

### Stringfellow Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Thomas William Stringfellow, 62, who died suddenly last Wednesday of a heart attack, were held Friday afternoon at 4 p.m. from First Wesleyan Methodist church of which he was a member.

Mr. Stringfellow was a section foreman for the State Highway Department.

He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Stringfellow.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mae Stewart Stringfellow; one son, Bobby Stringfellow; of Kings Mountain; three sisters, Mrs. Anna Crosby of Four Mile, S. C., Mrs. Frankie Eddings of Rock Hill, S. C. and Mrs. Betty Mabry of Blacksburg, S. C., and three brothers, George Stringfellow of Shelby, Ernest Stringfellow of Rock Hill, S. C. and Raymond Stringfellow of Blacksburg.

Rev. J. W. Phillips, assisted by Rev. Norman Pusey, officiated at the final rites and interment was made in Mountain Rest cemetery.

### Junior Women Donate \$150 For Defibrillator

The Kings Mountain Junior Women's club has made a donation of \$150 on a new heart machine, a defibrillator, for Kings Mountain hospital.

Hospital Administrator Grady Howard said the machine is designed to treat cardiac standstills and ventricular fibrillation instantaneously, both internal and external.

The equipment is relatively new on the market and the latest in design, Mr. Howard noted. He said the machine should prove beneficial and in some instances life saving in the treatment of patients with heart diseases.

Gift by the clubwomen, a "downpayment" for the piece of equipment, already on order, is the organization's annual community project.

Previously, the 23-member club has renovated the hospital children's ward and nursery, installed a Moodmaster music system and furnished draperies for the hospital plant.

"We are most appreciative to the Junior Women's club for their gift to the hospital," Mr. Howard said in announcing purchase of the heart machine. Some memorial contributions to the hospital during Heart Month may be applied to this project, he added.

### Slimnastic Classes To Start Monday

The Kings Mountain recreation commission is sponsoring a series of women's slimnastic classes beginning Monday morning at the Armory.

The classes will be held at 9 a.m. Women planning to attend should bring tennis shoes or heavy socks, Bob Maner, member of the recreation commission, said.

### Carolina Throwing Company Adds 1200 Spindles For Yarn-Making

Carolina Throwing Company completed installation last week of five machines, totaling 1200 spindles, and increasing capacity of production to 20,000 pounds of stretch yarn per week.

W. K. Mauney, Jr., secretary-treasurer, noted that the company launched production in 1955 with a capacity of 3,000 pounds per week.

The new machinery, purchased from Blackwelder Textile Company, of Cherryville, raises the number of spindles to 9,000.

The machines are capable of producing both nylon and dacron stretch yarn, though the company is currently manufacturing nylon yarn exclusively, Mr. Mauney added.

Other officers of the company are Carl F. Mauney, president, and Howard B. Jackson, vice-president.

### Dixon Candidacy Poses Replay Of '61 Campaign

By MARTIN HARMON  
Mayor Kelly Dixon is seeking re-election to a second term. The Mayor filed his candidacy and paid the filing fee Wednesday morning.

The candidacy of Mayor Dixon poses a re-match of the 1961 campaign, when Mr. Dixon unseated veteran Mayor Glee A. Bridges in a run-off election by the margin of 116 votes out of 2210 cast. Ex-Mayor Bridges filed his candidacy exactly a month previously, on February 17.

Mr. Dixon's candidacy was the lone one of the past week. J. E. (Zip) Rhea, Ward 5 commissioner, has filed for re-election, and George H. Mauney has filed as a candidate for the Kings Mountain board of education.

Mayor Dixon said, "I am seeking another term because I am interested in seeing through to completion several projects now underway. It has been a very pleasant and rewarding two years." The Mayor mentioned specifically the re-vamping of the electrical system and the outdoor re-lighting of the business district as projects he wants to see completed.

Besides continuing city policy of heavy attention to street improvements, including paving, curb-and-gutter and sidewalk installations, the Dixon Administration also made a major expansion of the natural gas distribution system.

Mayor Dixon is a Kings Mountain outgoing contractor and lay minister of the Baptist church. Commenting on his church relationships, Mr. Dixon laughed that he was something of a hybrid, having been born and reared a Baptist, and having married a Methodist.

Age 61, Mayor Dixon is a Kings Mountain native. His first foray into politics was in 1960 as Republican candidate for United States Representative. The following spring he entered the mayoral campaign, the upcoming election marking his third time to place his name on an election ballot.

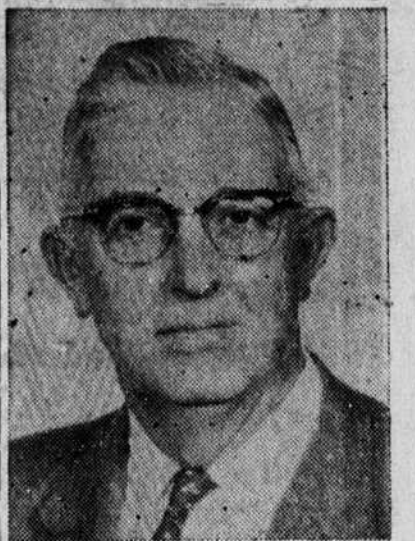
The Mayor lives at 209 North Slims street. Mrs. Dixon is the former Blanche Patterson and they have nine children (five boys and four girls) and nine grandchildren.

### Heart Fund Up To \$2728

Contributions to the Kings Mountain heart fund increased to \$2728 this week, Chairman L. E. (Josh) Hinnant reported.

Mr. Hinnant said additional pledges of donations are in hand and he hopes the final report will show a total of at least \$3,000.

"I am highly gratified at the generous response to this worthy appeal," Chairman Hinnant commented.



**CANDIDATE** — Mayor Kelly Dixon will seek re-election to a second two-year term. The Mayor filed notice of candidacy Wednesday.

### Dr. Gerberding Defers Retiring

Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church will defer his projected retirement until June 1, 1964, on invitation of the church council. W. K. Mauney, Jr., chairman of the council, said action to ask Dr. Gerberding to defer his retirement by 12 months was taken at a council meeting on March 6.

Dr. Gerberding, just returned Wednesday afternoon from the funeral of his sister, said he appreciated the action of the council and would accept the invitation.

Dr. Gerberding has been pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church since June 1951. He had succeeded Rev. W. H. Stender.

### Family Life Seminar Here

Dr. Walter D. Smith, dean of Winthrop college at Rock Hill, S. C., will launch the first in four Thursday night seminars on family life and teen problems here beginning Thursday (tonight).

The program is open to the community for both adults and teenagers at 8 o'clock in the Kings Mountain high school auditorium.

Born in Harriman, Tennessee, Dr. Smith earned his B. A. degree from the University of Michigan.

He joined the Winthrop faculty from Florida State University where he was professor of psychology from 1950-59.

A veteran of World War II, he is a member of the American Psychological Association, the Southeastern Psychological Association, the Society for Research in Child Development, Phi Kappa Phi and the Rock Hill Kiwanis club.

He and his wife, the former Rhonda Miller, are Presbyterians. They are parents of two sons, Ian Douglas, and Walter Henry Smith.

### Board To Call May Elections

The board of city commissioners will adopt the biennial election ordinance at Thursday night's regular March meeting.

The ordinance embodies the resolution formally calling the election and appointments of election officials for the five city wards and three outside-city precincts.

The city commission is, by law, the city elections board, and also is the agency which conducts elections for board of education offices.

Another item on the agenda includes a proposal for re-vamping city jail to preclude a re-occurrence of a prisoner hanging himself. Mayor Kelly Dixon said the proposal is to replace the overhead bars in all cells with a solid metal sheet.

A Grover youth hanged himself several weeks ago by attaching the belt to an overhead bar and jumping off the toilet seat.

Other items on the agenda include: (1) Request for an extension of East Gold street. (2) Request for a mercury vapor street light on Park circle. (3) Decision on trade of one police car.



**PHI BETA KAPPA** — Miss Mary Lynn Russell, Kings Mountain member at Duke University, was one of 16 undergraduates named at the Duke Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic society, last week in Durham. Miss Russell is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Russell.