

Population

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City Limits 8,008

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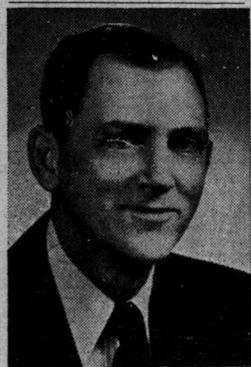
Kings Mountain, N. C., Thursday, March 21, 1963

Seventy-Fourth Year

PRICE TEN CENTS

Ben Bridges Will Not Seek Re-election In Ward 4

C. D. Blanton's Rites Conducted



Funeral rites for C. D. Blanton, Kings Mountain druggist, were held Tuesday morning.

Harris Rites Held Monday In Pasadena

Cleveland County Coroner J. Ollie Harris is expected to return Saturday from Pasadena, Texas, where he was called by the family of his brother, Robert F. Harris, 52, shot to death by a berserk neighbor about 6:30 p. m. Friday.

Funeral rites for Harris were held Monday afternoon from Pasadena's First Methodist church, interment following in Pasadena cemetery.

A Shelby native who moved to Pasadena about 1939, Harris was the owner of Bob Harris Enterprises, prominent real estate developers in Pasadena, near Houston. Ollie Harris, Jr., formerly of Kings Mountain, was working with him.

Harris was allegedly shot by Weldon J. Hornsey, next door neighbor, long-time friend and also a prominent realtor. A former newspaper publisher, he was an announced candidate for mayor and had apparently suffered a nervous breakdown.

Mrs. Hornsey reportedly called upon Harris and bank president S. R. Jones to sit with her husband while she was out making arrangements to have him committed to a hospital. Hornsey reportedly grabbed a gun and wounded Harris in the stomach. Jones ran and Hornsey reportedly fired four shots after him before he turned to fire the fatal shot at Harris. Hornsey then shot and killed himself.

Harris is survived by his wife, the former Miss Dorothy Redwood; his father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Harris of Troy, S. C.; two daughters, Diane, a junior at Texas college, and Darlene of the home; a son, Robert F. Harris, Jr. of the home; his brother here and sister, Mrs. W. F. Folsom of Hendersonville and two uncles, W. C. Harris and Miller Harris, both of Shelby.

"White-Way" Poles Being Placed

Modernization of the city's "white-way" began to take visible form this week.

City electrical chief Hunter Allen started placing the new poles for the change-over lighting.

Allen hoped to place about four of the 10 Wednesday and complete the job within a few days.

City Clerk Joe McDaniel said that he didn't know how much light the new system would provide but "the new aluminum poles are certainly bright and shiny."

CLUB TO MEET

The Oak Grove community 4-H club will hold regular meeting Friday night at 7:30 in the adult assembly room of Oak Grove Baptist church. Henry Dameron, assistant county agricultural agent, will present a program on "Selection of Projects."

Local Druggist Passes Sunday In KM Hospital

Funeral services for Charles Donald Blanton, Sr., 59, were held Tuesday morning at First Presbyterian church.

The Kings Mountain druggist succumbed at Kings Mountain hospital at 3:45 Sunday afternoon. He had been suffering from leukemia since August.

Mr. Blanton was a native of Forest City, a son of the late William Charles and Georgia Rollins Blanton. He was graduated from the University of North Carolina Pharmacy school in 1926, spent a year at Henric Mills Pharmacy, then became pharmacist at Lowell Drug Company. He came to Kings Mountain in 1935 as manager of Summers Drug Company, a firm he and his partner, John L. McGill, purchased in 1937, and operated since that time as Kings Mountain Drug Company.

Mr. Blanton was an elder of First Presbyterian church and served its Sunday School as treasurer for 18 years. He was a charter member and past president of the Kings Mountain Lions Club and a past president of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical association. He was a member of Sigma Phi Sigma pharmacy fraternity and was honored as pharmacist of the month in the Southeast in 1950.

Surviving are his wife, Helen Covington Blanton, a son, Charles D. Blanton, Jr., a sister, Mrs. T. O. Vernon of Forest City, and four brothers, John T. Blanton, Rutherfordton; Fred A. Blanton, George M. Blanton, and Robert R. Blanton, all of Forest City. Two grandchildren also survive.

The final rites were conducted by the pastor Dr. Paul K. Ausley, assisted by Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

Active pallbearers were Bob Maner, Ben T. Goforth, Robert H. Goforth, Henry Neisler, Herman Campbell and Paul Mauney.

Honorary pallbearers were elders of First Presbyterian church, Kings Mountain medical doctors, Humes Houston, Wilson Griffin and Paul M. Neisler, Sr.

Retail business firms were closed during the funeral rites.

Interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Harold Hunnicutt, "Mr. Kiwanian," Is Honored For His Long Service

Harold R. Hunnicutt, charter member who holds a 23-year record of perfect attendance in the Kiwanis club, was accorded the club's top honor as "Mr. Kiwanian of 1962" Thursday night.

Third Kiwanian so honored, Mr. Hunnicutt was presented the service scroll at the Charter Night banquet of the club by Harold Coggins, recipient of the honor last year.

In an address laced with both seriousness and facetious humor, Mr. Coggins categorized Mr. Hunnicutt as "an enthusiastic full-time Kiwanian."

The award is based on accumulative service.

A native of Stallings in Union County, Mr. Hunnicutt attended Indian Trail school, the Westminster Presbyterian Prep school, Glade Valley private school, Kings Mountain high school and Gupton Jones School of Mortuary. Semi-retired as maintenance superintendent at Neisler Mills for many years, he worked for 10 years at Hovis Funeral Home in Charlotte and for two years at Mackey Funeral Home in Greenville, S. C.

He and his wife, the former Margaret Neisler, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last year. Their son, Richard Hunnicutt, Jr., graduated from N. C. State college in January and their daughter, Sue, is a freshman at Straford college in Vir-



SENIOR PLAY CAST — Members of the cast of "And Came The Spring," senior play to be given Friday evening, include, from left front row, Diane Roberts, Marilyn Dixon, Norma Spearman, Brenda Lovelace, Laura Page, Barbara Cable and Jewel Robbs. Back row, from left, Ronnie Blackburn, Wendell Phifer, Freddie Foster, Kenneth Barnes, David Adams, Gary Wilson, Tommy Hope, Robert Plonk and Junior Davenport. (Photo by Truitt Moore)

Senior Play, "And Came Spring," Is Friday Night

Kings Mountain high school seniors will present the three-act comedy, "And Came the Spring," Friday night at 8 p. m. in Central auditorium.

Directed by Miss Lillian Quinn, the production by Marijane and Joseph Hayes will be staged by a cast of 16 and on the first day of spring, March 22.

Admission will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.

Proceeds will be used by the class to purchase the annual class gift for the school.

Members of the cast will include Jewel Robbs as Madge Hartman; Wendell Phifer as Jeffrey Hartman; Brenda Lovelace as Mrs. Louise Hartman; Diane Roberts as Virginia Hartman; Robert Plonk as Elliot Hartman; David Adams as Keith Nolan; Laura Page as Christine Myers; Vicky Hager as Carolyn Webster; Barbara Cable as Edna; Junior Davenport as Clancy; Tommy Hope as Mr. Fields; Marilyn Dixon as Mrs. Fields; Gary Wilson as Alan Fields; Kenneth Barnes as Buzz Lindsay; Freddie Foster as Freddie North; Ronnie Blackburn as the messenger boy; and Norma Spearman as Gabby Allen.

Buddy Estes To Play For Legion Dance

Buddy Estes and his band will provide the music for dancing Saturday at the Legionnaires and their guests have their regular bi-weekly dance at the Legion hall.

Dancing will be from 9-12 and the kitchen will open to serve from 6 p. m.

Admission will be \$2 per couple.

School Plans Get Board's Approval

Preliminaries Sent To Raleigh For DSP Reaction

Preliminary plans for the new Kings Mountain high school were sent to Raleigh Tuesday for study by Department of School Planning officials, Dr. Dwayne Gardner and Marvin Johnson.

Permission for sending the plans to Raleigh was granted by the board of education Monday night after study of sketches presented by school architects Fred Van Wageningen and Tom Cochran of Architects Associated of Shelby.

Reaction of the Raleigh officials is needed before the architects proceed with further plans of the proposed \$1.1 million dollar school.

Sketch plans of the building shown the board Monday included layout of classrooms, library, gymnasium, toilet facilities, administrative, guidance and health offices, student commons, lunchroom and kitchen.

Van Wageningen, who made the presentation to the board stated that the structure was designed to hug the contours of the site property and was made as compact as possible to stay within the budget and avoid cutting down on the footage.

Although the plans show four elevation levels, the architects stated that the variances were so small that the building is a two level structure only at the north end of the building.

Plans for the structure call for 110,400 square feet of space with the cost estimated at \$1,186,000. (Continued On Page Eight)

Charles Fulton Rites Thursday

Charles Lee Fulton, 87, long-time Kings Mountain citizen and city employee for over 40 years, died Wednesday morning at 9:15 in the Kings Mountain hospital.

Funeral rites will be held Thursday afternoon at 4 p. m. from Central Methodist church.

The body will lie in state at Harris Funeral Home until the hour of service.

Rev. H. D. Garmon will officiate, assisted by a former pastor, Rev. Phil Shore, Jr., now of Charlotte. Interment will be made in Mountain Rest cemetery.

In declining health for several years, Mr. Fulton had been seriously ill the past week.

He was a son of the late Horatio D. and Sarah Beatty Dixon Fulton. His family moved here when he was six years old.

Mr. Fulton was a member of Central Methodist church. His wife, Bertie Lee Fulton, succumbed in 1956.

Surviving are two daughters, Miss Winifred Fulton of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Hugh E. Hoke of Lincolnton; one grand-son and one great-grandson.

Injuries Fatal To Hudson Child; Rites Tuesday

Funeral rites for George Andrew Hudson, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hudson, were held Tuesday afternoon from St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

The youngster died Sunday night from severe head injuries he sustained when he apparently darted into the path of an automobile operated by Andrew Miller.

City police said the accident occurred at 5:30 p. m. last Wednesday in front of the child's grandparents' residence on Ridge street. Investigating officers ruled the accident unavoidable.

Young Hudson was rushed to Kings Mountain hospital for treatment but was transferred to Charlotte Presbyterian hospital to be under the care of a neurosurgeon. He died at 10:30 Sunday night.

Born in Danville, Va., son of Ben and Shirley Houser Hudson, he is survived, in addition to his parents, by a sister, Laura Ann Hudson, age 9; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Houser of Kings Mountain; and his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Hudson of Shelby.

Dr. W. P. Gerberding officiated at the final rites and interment was made in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Bud Rhea, Clarence Clifton, Jr., Jerry King, Sonny McDaniel, David Kincaid and Darrell Austin.

Slimnastic Classes Continue Weekly

Slimnastic classes for women and continuing weekly sponsored by the Kings Mountain Recreation commission at the National Guard Armory.

The second class will be held Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m. B. F. Maner, member of the commission, said yesterday.

Students are asked to bring heavy socks or tennis shoes, Mr. Maner added.

Retailer Banquet Plans Underway

Annual employee - employer banquet of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association will be held Friday, March 29, at 7 p. m. at the Woman's club.

Mrs. Luther Joy, association secretary, said plans are well underway for the event which customarily attracts a large crowd.

Tickets are \$1.75 and reservations should be made at the association office by March 23.

City Board Of Commissioners Set New Registration, Election Dates

It's official. Municipal and school board elections will be Tuesday, May 14.

City commissioners made this official Thursday night as they set dates and appointed registrars and judges for the new city and school district registration.

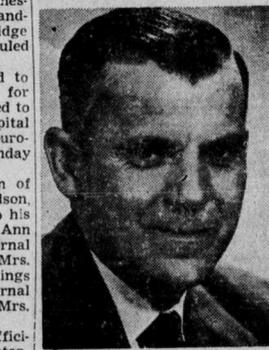
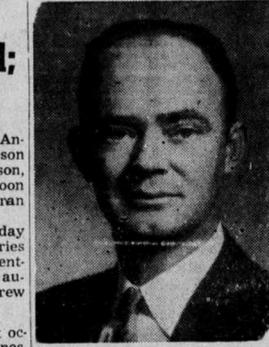
Re-registration by eligible voters may be done on 5 successive Saturdays beginning April 13 and running through May 11, three days prior to the elections. Challenge day will be May 11.

Voters can register each of these Saturdays at the eight polling places or may register on weekdays by contacting the proper registrar.

Polling places, registrars and judges are as follows: Ward 1, City Hall, C. L. Black, Neil C. Crawford and Mrs. Willie Grice; Ward 2, American Legion Building, R. D. Goforth, Mrs. Ruth C. Thomasson and Mrs. Tom Trotter; Ward 3, East School, Mrs. Ruth Bowers, Rochel Connor and H. R. Murray.

Ward 4, Kings Mountain Manufacturing Co. club house, Mrs. Paul Cole, Brooks Tate and Mrs. Vera Cash; Ward 5, National Guard Armory, Mrs. J. T. McGinnis, Jr., Mrs. Charles Ballard, and Mrs. Paul Patterson.

Also, Grover District, Grover fire station, Mrs. J. E. Ellis, Mrs. Margaret Scruggs and Miss Ethel Martin; Bethware district, Bethware school, Mrs. Will Waterston, Leonard Gamble and Mrs. John Jones; Park Grace district, Park Grace school, Mrs. James Cloninger, Mrs. T. W. Smith and



DECIDE — Ben Bridges, top, and T. J. Ellison made decisions this week pertaining to the city's May elections. Bridges will not seek re-election. Ellison filed Tuesday for re-election as Ward 3 commissioner.

Neisler Heads C of C Drive

The Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce launched its 1963 membership drive this week.

Charles A. Neisler, chairman said plans are to broaden the scope and work of the organization.

Mr. Neisler accepted the membership drive chairmanship following resignation this week of L. E. (Josh) Hinnant who asked to be relieved as chairman because of other pressing business.

"I accept the assignment enthusiastically," Mr. Neisler said. He added, "I have been assured full cooperation and I feel sure our goal will be met. We need an active Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce."

Other members of the membership drive committee include Tom Tate, Jonas Bridges, J. Ollie Harris and Bill Brown.

Mr. Neisler said organization of the campaign would be completed within the next few days.

City Board Of Commissioners Set New Registration, Election Dates

For each registration day and election day registrars will be paid \$15 each and judges \$10.

In other actions Thursday the commission agreed to Mayor Keltner's suggestion that alterations be made to city jail cells.

Mayor Dixon referred to an incident several weeks ago when a youth hanged himself in one of the cells in suggesting that the overhead bars be removed from each of the cells.

The commission delayed action on the requested extension of vestigates the possibility of a Gold Street until Mayor Dixon in-right-of-way. Approved requests that mercury vapor lights be placed on Park Circle and at the Cleveland Avenue-Linwood Road intersection.

Also delayed was action on a suggestion that one police car be traded for a new one.

The commission agreed also to:

1. Sell remaining old street lamps and posts on a first come, first serve basis at \$15 each.

2. Extend sewage lines on Boyce Street from Linwood to Groves Street when tap fee has been paid.

3. Put streets into Wilson Crawford's Gaston County real estate development when arrangements are ready to be worked out. The lots were previously annexed by the city.

4. Pave and gutter Mitchell Street from Waterson Street to city limits when a proper petition is prepared and presented to the commission.

Ellison Files For Re-election In Ward Three

Incumbent commissioners of Wards 3 and 4 reached decisions this week pertaining to the city's biennial election Tuesday, May 14.

Commissioner Ben Bridges decided that he will not seek re-election to a fourth term as Ward 4 representative on the city board.

Commissioner T. J. Ellison filed Tuesday for re-election to another term as commissioner from Ward 3.

Commissioner Bridges' action developed from his decision to move outside the city limits into Gaston County. He had been contemplating such a move for the past several months.

"I have enjoyed my service to the community during the six years as commissioner from Ward 4," Mr. Bridges said in announcing his decision, "but feel it is to my family's best interest that we make this move."

First elected in 1957, Commissioner Bridges, secretary - treasurer of Kings Mountain Savings and Loan Association, has been chief policy maker throughout his three terms, customarily being assigned duties connected with administration, including budget committee work.

Commissioner Ellison's candidacy was the lone one of the past week.

An East Kings Mountain grocer, Mr. Ellison was elected to the commission in 1961, unseating Luther Bennett. Prior to this he had many years of service on the commission. He served in the position from 1947-51, returned in 1953 and served for four more years before losing to Mr. Bennett.

Commissioner Ellison was the second incumbent to announce for re-election, J. E. (Zip) Rhea, Ward 5 commissioner, is the other.

Mayor Kelly Dixon and Glee A. Bridges, candidates for mayor, and George H. Mauney, candidate for the board of education, are the only other candidates filed for the May elections.

CC Stockholders Elect Directors

Stockholders of Kings Mountain Country club elected five new directors and heard reports of the 1962 year of operation at the annual dinner meeting Tuesday night.

The 71 present named these new directors: Glee Edwin Bridges, Ollie Harris, Henry Neisler, D. M. Peeler and Dr. George Plonk. Directors, with terms not expiring, are John C. Smathers, Jimmy Gibson, W. S. Fulton, Jr., P. A. Francis, Tolly Shuford, Charles Carpenter and William Herndon.

New officers will be elected by the directors at a dinner meeting Tuesday at 6:30 p. m. at the club, President Smathers said.

Due to other pressing matters at this time, L. E. Hinnant, a director asked to be relieved, Mr. Hinnant was also serving as co-treasurer with James Gibson.

Other outgoing officers are Joe McClure, vice-president; and W. S. Fulton, Jr., secretary.

Presentation of reports by officers and by chairman of standing committees revealed a good year, Mr. Smathers reported, giving reports were chairman of standing committees, including C. T. Carpenter, Jr., pool; Jacob Cooper, house; P. M. Neisler, S. J. greens; Tolly Shuford membership; and William Herndon, social.

High School Band To Give Concert

The Kings Mountain high school 51-piece band will play contest selections in a free public concert Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in Central auditorium.

Director J. C. Hedden said the band will play in contests at Marion March 30th and Sunday's concert here will give an opportunity to appear before an audience.

Their numbers will include: "Queen City March"; "Ballot Prisoner"; "Das Pensionat"; "Prelude To Act Five" by King; "Mandred" and "Variation Overture."