

**Population**  
Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 8,008  
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## Citizens To Vote In Biennial Elections On Tuesday

### New Petition For Expanding City Bounds

The city commission is expected to annex an area of more than four acres to the western city limits Thursday night and to receive a petition for further annexation to the west.

The commission will act on a petition of nine property owners on Rockford road for annexation, and, since all property owners are represented on the petition, the annexation is regarded as a formality, Mayor Kelly Dixon said.

He also reported receipt of a petition from Marvin Goforth, who asks the city to annex 10 large lots lying adjacent to the Rockford Road area.

- Otherwise, Mayor Dixon said he would recommend to the commission:
- 1) Re-surfacing of West Mountain street, from Piedmont to Battleground.
  - 2) Appointment of several policemen as justices of the peace.
  - 3) Approval of a half-dozen requests for street lights.
  - 4) Paving of the City Stadium entrance.
  - 5) Installation of a steel fence along the railway banks in the overhead bridge area.

The commission will convene in City Hall courtroom at 7 p.m.



**ELECTED** - Joe McDaniel, Jr., has been elected commander of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion. He will succeed J. E. (Zip) Rhea.

### Legion Elects New Officers

Joe H. McDaniel, Jr., city clerk, was elected commander of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, in annual post elections Friday. He will succeed J. E. (Zip) Rhea.

Only contests were for the five positions on the executive committee. Elected were James Bennett, Gene Gibson, John W. Gladden, Bob Smith, John W. (Red) Morrison.

Other officers elected are: Carl Wilson, first vice-commander; Carl Weisner, second vice-commander; Wesley Bush, adjutant-in-charge; Franklin Ware, chaplain; Frank Blanton, sergeant-at-arms; John Weaver, historian; Grady Howard, service officer; and Glee A. Bridges and Charles E. Dixon, scholarship committee.

Mr. McDaniel is retiring adjutant and a navy veteran. Installation of the new officers will be conducted at the June meeting of the post.

### Bowling Team National Champ

### Kings Mountain Captures Cash At Bethesda

**By MARTIN HARMON**  
Kings Mountain has a national champion for the second consecutive year.

A five-person Kings Mountain team, participating last weekend in the National Duckpin Bowling tournament at Bethesda, Md., rolled an aggregate score of 1816, including its 28-pin handicap, to retain its national title in the mixed regular booster division.

The five member team includes Albert Brackett, John Dilling, Furman Wilson, Mrs. Lib Bolin Gault, and Mrs. Jenny Oates.

Mrs. Janet Burns substituted for Mrs. Gault and joined the other four for an aggregate score (no handicap) of 1678 good for second place in the "B" Booster division.

Teaming with Charlotte bowlers in other divisions, Albert Brackett was a member of two sixth place finishers in the national tournament and Wilson and Dilling were members of one sixth place team each.

Perusal of the national tournament records revealed that the national champion score of 1816 was the highest figure recorded in the regular mixed division since 1957.

At 1788 net pins, Furman Wilson was the leading scorer with 134.99-146-379, closely followed (Continued On Page 2)

### Bach New Member Of Rotary Club

Dr. Ricardo Bach, Lithium Corporation chemist, was inducted as a member of the Kings Mountain Rotary club at the civic club's Tuesday meeting.

Inorganic research is Dr. Bach's principle work. He came to this country five years ago from Argentina where he had lived for 15 years. He was born in Germany and educated in Switzerland.

Dr. Bach is making his home in Gastonia.

### Erskine To Honor Dr. Henry Pressly

Dr. Henry E. Pressly, Charlotte minister and brother of Dr. W. L. Pressly, of Kings Mountain, will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Erskine college, his alma mater on May 27.

### William Anthony Going To Holland

William (Bill) Anthony, son Mrs. Katie Anthony and the late A. F. Anthony, and two other Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company employees will leave Thursday for Holland to aid in the initial start-up of a fibre-glass yarn plant.

The trip expects to be in Holland two months.

Accompanying Anthony will be Earl Lall of Shelby and Herman Spangler, Rutherfordton.

### Fire Razes Mitchem Home

Fire razed the five-room residence of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mitchem, Park Grace road, Friday about 7:30 p.m., city firemen reported.

The house and furnishings were partially covered by insurance. Firemen said the house was a total loss.

### Contract Likely For Electrical Re-building

The city commission is expected to award contract Thursday night for re-building the electrical distribution system.

Mayor Kelly Dixon said Wednesday he anticipates the commission will let firm contract on a portion of the project and provisional contract for the remaining portion.

Under statute, a city commission is not permitted to contract past its term of office, nor over budgeted expenditures. Terms of office of the present administration expire May 16, or when successors are duly elected and qualified, and the current year's budget carries an appropriation for only a portion of the electrical system re-building job.

Apparent low bidder on the project is Hunter & Walden, of Charlotte, with a gross bid of 0130,638.70, who edged Bryant Electric Repair Company, of Gastonia, by less than \$220 at \$130,858.05.

Other firms posting bids, opened last Thursday, were: Harris & Wright, Charlotte, \$143,891.69; L. W. Routh, \$144,628.24; Georgia Electric Company, Athens, Ga., \$150,279.75; and Floyd S. Pike, \$153,014.40.

Mayor Dixon said all of the bids are subject to downward revision of around \$26,000, each firm itemizing in inclusion for switchgear equipment, now being manufactured on order by the city. The downward revision would include the \$24,965 for the switchgear equipment, plus freight from shipping point.

### Junior Women Win Honors

The Kings Mountain Junior Women's club won recognition at the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs Convention held last week at Grove Park Inn in Asheville.

Kings Mountain Junior's won honors for its Children's Clothing Closet work, described by club leaders as the "best project not connected with the local welfare department."

In the Community Affairs Departments, Kings Mountain Juniors won a certificate of merit in competition for the Mammie Brown Latham silver tray.

The awards were on work during 1962. Mrs. Jacob Dixon, president, and Miss Elizabeth Stewart, immediate past president, shared leadership of the club during the year.

The Kings Mountain club of 21 members has maintained a Clothing Closet at the high school for several years. The project is headed by Mrs. John H. Gamble. Last year, over 3,000 garments were distributed locally to Kings Mountain needy children and adults. The Closet is well-stocked year-round in the superintendent's building of the high school.

For its community affairs award, the local club was cited for its community service work. For several years the club has copied district honors and won the community service silver bowl two years for this project. The club last year supplied a music system for use of the patients of the local hospital. This year the club recently gave a check for \$150 toward payment of a heart machine for the hospital. The machine is to be delivered by June 1. Hospital Administrator Grady Howard has notified Junior clubwomen.

### "Refined" School Plan To Raleigh

A "refined" floor plan for the new Kings Mountain district high school, including a grading grid plan, went to the state's division of school planning Tuesday.

The architects wrote in a letter accompanying the floor plan, they felt that the minor changes previously suggested by Marvin Johnson, and other officials of the school planning unit, had been met.

The architects added they are ready to proceed at once with detailed scale drawings.

### 17 Seeking Eight Positions; Registration Reaches 3128

### Registering Period To End On Saturday

City registration figures for next Tuesday's biennial election increased to 2,549 and Kings Mountain school district registrations to 3,128, registrars reported Monday.

Saturday is the final day to register for the two elections, when in-city voters will choose a mayor and five commissioners, and will join with outside-city citizens of the school district to elect two members of the board of education.

The current registration is all-new, meaning that no citizen is registered to vote unless he has registered since April 13, when the new poolbooks were opened.

Saturday will also be Challenge Day, when candidates or other interested citizens have the right to inspect the books to determine whether those listed are legally and properly elected.

Registrars guess that the final registration day will probably be the busiest, particularly in the outside city precincts where the total of 579 indicates many citizens haven't yet had their names inscribed on the new books.

Registration totals through Saturday by wards: Ward 1, 310; Ward 2, 404; Ward 3, 451; Ward 4, 523; Ward 5, 859; Bethware, 2,61; Grover, 162; Park Grace, 156.

Location of precincts and officials for the upcoming elections are:

Ward 1, City Hall courtroom. C. L. Black, registrar, Mrs. Nell C. Cranford and Mrs. R. C. Etheridge, judges.

Ward 2, American Legion Building, R. D. Goforth, registrar, Mrs. Tom Trotter and Mrs. Ruth C. Thomasson, judges.

Ward 3, East school, Mrs. Ruth Bowers, registrar, Rochel Conner and H. R. Murray, judges.

Ward 4, Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company clubroom, Mrs. Paul Cole, registrar, Mrs. Vera Cash and Brooks Tate, judges.

Ward 5, National Guard armory, Mrs. J. T. McGinnis, Jr., registrar, Mrs. Charles Ballard and Mrs. Paul Patterson, judges.

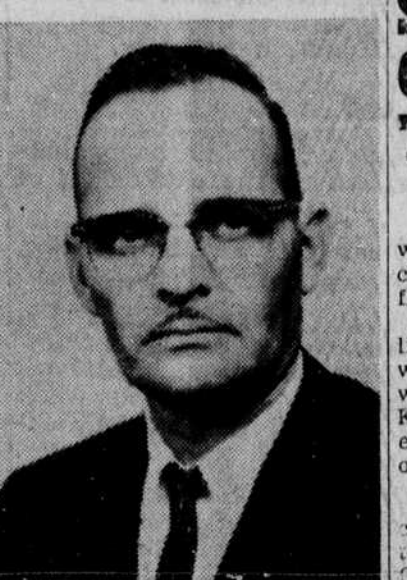
Bethware, Bethware school, Mrs. Will Watterson, registrar, William Wright and Mrs. J. D. Jones, judges.

Grover, Grover fire station, Mrs. J. B. Ellis, registrar, Mrs. W. W. McCarter and Miss Ethel Martin, judges.

Park Grace, Park Grace school, Mrs. James Cloninger, registrar, John Cloninger and Mrs. George Barber, judges.

### BAKE SALE

Ladies of Christ the King Catholic church will sponsor a bake sale Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. in the vacant building next to Sterchi's. Mother's Day gift items will include a wide assortment of homemade foods.



### School Trustees, City Hall Races To Be Settled

**By MARTIN HARMON**  
Kings Mountain area voters will go to the polls Tuesday to choose among 17 candidates to fill eight elective offices.

Voters who live within the city limits will elect a mayor and five ward commissioners and will join with outside-city voters in the Kings Mountain school district to elect two members of the board of education.

Holding major interest, as is customary, is the three-man contest for mayor, with ex-Mayor Glee A. Bridges and Brooks McAbee challenging Mayor Kelly Dixon, completing his first term.

Also gaining top interest is the school trustee election, where three candidates, Incumbent Fred Plonk, James L. Herndon, Jr., and George H. Mauney seek two six-year terms.

In Ward 3, Commissioner T. J. (Tommy) Ellison is being challenged by Corbet Nicholson, who trailed by 54 votes two years ago, and Avery (Mack) Murray.

In Ward 4, three candidates seek to succeed Commissioner Ben H. Bridges, retiring after three terms. The candidates are ex-Commissioner Paul W. Ledford, Norman King, who placed second to Comm. Bridges two years ago, and Willis L. Bagwell.

In Ward 2, W. Sehnore Biddix is challenging Commissioner Eugene Goforth, and in Ward 4, Hazel Lee Gill is challenging Commissioner J. E. (Zip) Rhea. In Ward 1, Incumbent Ray Cline is unopposed.

In the mayoral campaign, Mr. Bridges seeks to regain the seat he held for eight years and lost to Mayor Dixon in a close runoff election in 1961. The Dixon margin was 116 votes out of 2210 cast. Mr. McAbee also ran for mayor two years ago, placing fifth of five with 42 votes in the first election.

The mayoral campaigning has been quiet in tone, with public pronouncements of the contestants in similar vein.

For city contests, all citizens may vote for all candidates, the ward boundaries merely limiting candidates to the particular commissioner's seats they seek.

All school district voters may vote for two board of education members. Here again a ward system is in vogue, with the five-member board including three members who reside within the city of Kings Mountain and two residing in other areas of the school district.

Dr. P. G. Padgett, completing 12 years as a school trustee, is retiring.

Polls at all precincts will open at 6:30 p.m. and will close at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, last registration day, is also Challenge Day. Should challenges develop, the officials of the particular precincts will meet on Monday to rule on the validity of the challenges.

Should run-offs be indicated following the Tuesday voting, second-round candidates have five days in which to issue formal demands for run-off elections.

The city commission, by statute the elections board, will convene at 10 a.m. Wednesday morning to canvass the vote.

Elected officials will take their oaths of office on the following morning, May 16, also at 10 a.m., at City Hall.

### Facts Are Listed On Tuesday Voting

Following are thumbnail facts concerning Tuesday's upcoming city and board of education elections:

Polls open: 6:30 a.m.  
Polls close: 6:30 p.m.  
In-city voters elect: a mayor and five ward commissioners to serve two-year terms.

All voters elect: two school trustees for six-year terms.  
Estimated vote for city offices: 2,500.  
Estimated voted for school offices: 2,400.

### Local News Bulletins

#### COURT OF AWARDS

Kings Mountain Girl Scouts will have a Court of Awards at the First Presbyterian church Friday at 7:30 p.m.

#### BUILDING PERMIT

Henry Belk was issued a building permit Friday by Assistant City Clerk Grace C. Wolfe to build a one-story brick residence on N. Rameur street. Estimated cost of the new home is \$9,000.

#### THIRTEEN ARRESTS

City police officers made 13 arrests during the weekend, according to report of Desk Sgt. Earl Stroupe, Jr.

#### CONFIRMED

Eleven members of the Confirmation class of St. Matthew's Lutheran church were confirmed at Sunday morning services. The new members have been members of Dr. W. P. Gerberding's Catechetical class the past two years.

#### SPECIAL SERVICE

A special Mother's Day service and infant baptismal service will be held Sunday at the 11 a.m. morning worship service at First Presbyterian church.

#### MOTHERS TO BE HONORED

The East Gold Street Wesleyan Methodist church will have special services Sunday at the Sunday School hour. Gifts will be presented to the youngest and oldest mother, and Rev. Clyde R. Goodson, pastor, said that his message will be especially for mothers. At the 7 p.m. service, Mrs. J. W. Phillips will speak to the ladies of the church on the subject of missions.

#### MOTHER'S DAY SERVICES

There will be special emphasis on Sunday School attendance at First Church of the Nazarene Sunday, May 12. Every mother attending Sunday School will receive an orchid. Oldest mother present, youngest mother present, and the mother with the most children present will receive a gift.

#### ATTEND CONVENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Spearman have returned from a week's trip to New Orleans, La., where they attended the convention of the Gulf Life Insurance Co., held at the Roosevelt Hotel. The trip was a gift to the Spearman's as an award for Mr. Spearman's sales production with the Life Insurance Co.

#### Students Win Forensic Honors

took honors in the annual Western district forensic contests at Newton-Conover high school April 29th.

Neil McCarter won first place in the oratory division or "Teenicide", an essay by Maxine Reimers.

In the girls' division, Libby Alexander copped second place honors for Alfred Noyes' poem, "The Highwayman." Third place honors in the girls division went to Linda Neal or her presentation or Hilda Guldseth's "The Great Emancipation."

Miss Odessa Black, Mrs. William Kay and Carl McWhirter were faculty advisors.

Miss Neal and McCarter are sophomores and Miss Alexander is a freshman at Kings Mountain high school.

#### Lions Celebrating 25th Birthday At Ladies' Night Banquet Tuesday

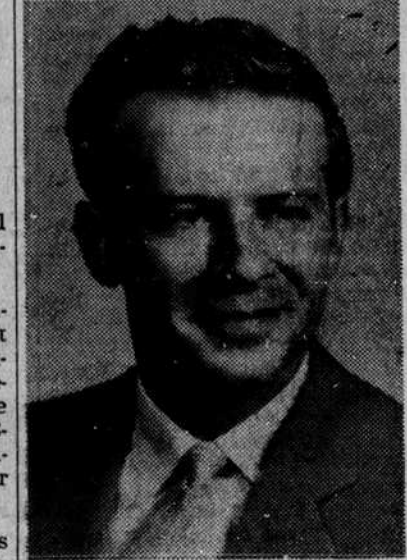
Charles E. Cullen, nationally known sales promoter and entertainer, will make the address as highlight of the 25th anniversary banquet and ladies' affair Tuesday of the Kings Mountain Lions club.

The banquet will be held at 7 p.m. at the Woman's club. President Jonas Bridges will preside and introduce the speaker. W. K. Mauney, Jr. will give the address of welcome and a committee of Lions will superintend giving gifts to the ladies. Mr. Bridges will also recognize special guests.

Program committee for the silver anniversary banquet include: President Bridges, Howard Bryant, J. T. McGinnis, Jr. and Richard Barnett.

John Morgan of Charlotte will provide dinner music on the Hammond organ.

Born and educated in Kentucky, Charlie Cullen received his early training in dealing with people as a house to house salesman during college years and later as salesman for Lever Bros. Co. and foreman for Chrysler Corp. After serving in Europe during



**PRESIDENT** - Bill Allen was installed as president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce for the coming year at the annual ladies' night banquet Tuesday night.

### Jaycees Install Bill Allen

Bill Allen was installed as president of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce at the organization's eighteenth annual Ladies Night banquet at the Woman's Club Tuesday night.

Other officers, installed by Joe Wells, JC district vice-president, of Rutherfordton, were: Hugh Lancaster, first vice-president; John Lutz, second vice-president; Jake Dixon, secretary; Bob Hullender, treasurer; Bob Goforth, Jaybird; and Charles Blanton, Bill Jonas, Bill Culp and Bob Mincey, directors.

John Warlick, outgoing president, who was installed as state director, presided.

James B. Garland, Gastonia attorney, spoke to the group following dinner. Referring to the 300th anniversary of the state of North Carolina, Mr. Garland traced the history of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Garland was presented by Charles Blanton.

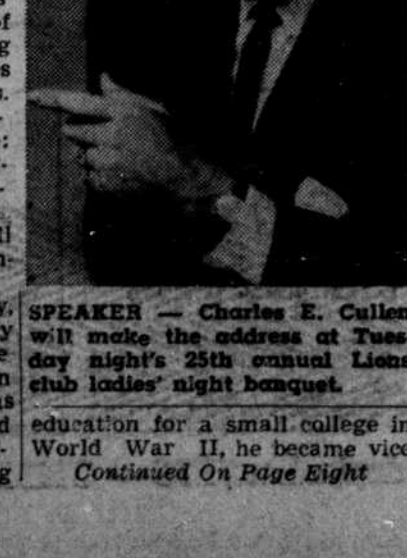
Bill Jonas presented special guests and Joe Wells installed four new members, including Howard Lutz, Jim McGinnis, Bill Childers and Clyde Cobb.

The invocation was delivered by Bob Goforth, and Bill Jonas introduced guests of the club.

Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Allen, is IBM supervisor for Rex Mill, Randle. He and his wife, the former Barbara Camp, have a son, David, age 1, and are members of Central Methodist church. Favors were presented to the ladies.

#### BIRTHDAY PARTY

Women of the Church of First Presbyterian church will hold the annual Birthday party Wednesday night at 7:30 at the church. Principal speaker will be Miss Anne Cook who did medical work in a mission station in Mexico last summer.



**SPEAKER** - Charles E. Cullen will make the address at Tuesday night's 25th annual Lions club ladies' night banquet.