

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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Mayor
GLEE A. BRIDGES



Comm.
RAY CLINE



Comm.
EUGENE GOFORTH



Comm.
T. J. ELLISON



Comm.
NORMAN KING



Comm.
J. E. RHEA



School Trustee
JAMES E. HERNDON, JR.



School Trustee
GEORGE H. MAUNEY

Glee A. Bridges To Resume Mayoral Post Thursday Herndon And George Mauney Are Elected School Trustees

City Annexes Rockford Road Petitioners

The city commission annexed an area of more than four acres to the western city limits Thursday and received petition from Marvin Goforth for further annexation of 10 lots adjacent to the west.

In other action, the commission authorized Mayor Kelly Dixon to investigate possibility of the State Highway Commission installing a wire fence along the east side of the Southern Railway from Gold Street to Ridge Street.

Mr. Dixon recommended that the city itself install the fence for the two-fold purpose of protection from passing trains and for beautification of the railroad area.

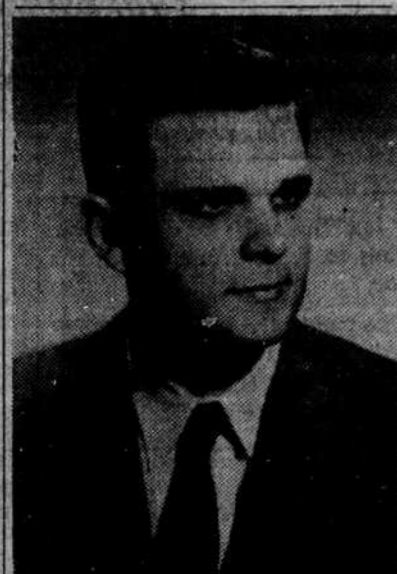
2) voted to resurface Mountain street from Battleground Avenue to Piedmont.

3) appointed police officers Ernest Beam, Robert Greene, Jackie Barrett and B. P. Cook deputy clerks with justice of the peace powers.

4) voted to pave the entrance at City Stadium and approved requests for six street lights.

5) Agreed to hold a public hearing for the annexation of 10 (Continued on Page Eight)

Dr. K. H. McGill To Be Surgeon



LEAVING — Dr. Kenneth H. McGill, Kings Mountain physician, will begin a three-year residency in surgery at Barones Erlanger hospital, Chattanooga, Tenn., July 1.

Doctor Plans Residency In Chattanooga

Dr. Kenneth McGill announced this week plans to begin a three-year residency in surgery at the Barones Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga, Tenn., on July 1st.

Dr. John C. McGill, senior partner in the McGill Clinic, and brother of Dr. McGill, said he would make announcement concerning replacement about June 1st.

Dr. McGill, who began the general practice of medicine here in 1954, is a 1948 graduate of Erskine College and a graduate of Vanderbilt University Medical School, Nashville, Tenn., where he also did his internship.

He will study surgery at the Chattanooga hospital where he formerly spent a year specializing in surgery, gynecology and obstetrics, prior to coming to Kings Mountain.

Son of Dr. and Mrs. W. K. McGill of Clover, S. C., he served from 1944 until 1946 with the 106th Infantry in Europe.

In 1948 he was married to the former Nancy Thomson. The McGills have three children, Kenny, 11, Linda, 7 and Jimmy, 3.

Board Chairman Fred W. Plonk Is Defeated

James E. Herndon, Jr., textile waste dealer and son of a late four-term Kings Mountain mayor, and George H. Mauney, textile official, were elected to school trustees posts in Tuesday's municipal election.

Voters in the Kings Mountain school district gave Mr. Herndon a total of 1731 votes and Mr. Mauney 1555.

Neither Mr. Herndon or Mr. Mauney has had prior service on the city board of education.

Incumbent Board Chairman, Fred W. Plonk, two-term school trustee, trailed in the three-man affair. He polled 1238.

The Kings Mountain board of education will hold an organizational meeting at the school office of Superintendent B. N. Barnes, following Thursday morning's induction at City Hall, for the purpose of electing a chairman, according to announcement by Mr. Barnes.

Regular meeting date of the board is Monday night, but Mr. Barnes said that decision whether to continue this schedule would be made at this time.

Dr. P. D. Padgett, who retired from the board after twelve year's service, did not offer for re-election.

The election paramount one major issue of several the board of education has determined in the past few years. Mr. Plonk had favored a site other than the one chosen for the new area high school. Retiring Trustee Padgett voted with the majority in a 3 to 2 decision, and Chairman Plonk joined with Trustee Otto Williams in the minority.

Otherwise, the newly elected trustees were in agreement with the defeated candidate on endorsing the consolidation of area schools and in supporting the \$1,100,000 bond issue to build the new high school.

The winners indicated privately that they would speed the building of the new high school, for opening was envisaged for completion in March 1962.

Mr. Herndon, the ticket leader (Continued on Page Eight)



SUCCUMBS — Ross Alexander, former city commissioner, succumbed in a Charlotte hospital last Thursday. Funeral rites were conducted Saturday.

Alexander Rites Held Saturday

Funeral rites for Ross Finley Alexander, 39, were conducted Saturday afternoon at Harris Chapel.

Mr. Alexander, Ward 1 city commissioner from 1957-61, died at 11 o'clock at Charlotte Memorial hospital Thursday morning. Death was attributed to a cerebral hemorrhage. Hospitalized here Monday morning, he went into a coma and did not regain consciousness. He had suffered from a heart ailment since 1957.

Mr. Alexander had been a jeweler for Dellinger's Jewel Shop and Grayson's Jewelry before opening his own establishment, Alexander's Jewelry. He managed Kings Mountain Country Club several years ago. He was a veteran of two year's service in the navy during World War II and was a member of the American Legion, a Mason, Veterans, of Foreign Wars, and Loyal Order of the Moose.

He was a native of Chesterfield, S. C.

Surviving are his wife, the former Louise Parker, a son, Eugene Alexander, age ten, and a daughter, Lou Ann Alexander, age seven, his parents, Henry and Fannie Sellers Alexander, of Hartsville, S. C., five brothers, Ray and Lloyd Alexander, both of Kings Mountain, Carlton Alexander, with the air force at Charleston, S. C., J. B. Alexander, (Continued on Page Eight)

Board To Let Electrical Contract

Awarding of contracts for rebuilding of the city electrical distribution system will be first item on the agenda of the new Bridges Administration.

The board of commissioners, in regular meeting Thursday night, tabled action until the June meeting. Part of the funds for the \$165,000 revamping project must be budgeted for the coming fiscal year.

Six firms have bid and contract is to be awarded on recommendation of the city's consulting engineers, Southwestern Consulting Engineers, Inc. of Charlotte.

A representative of the firm, D. B. Lampke, told the board that the Hunter and Walde Company of Charlotte submitted a low bid of \$70,077.87 on Increment I, and that Bryant Electric Repair of Gastonia submitted a low bid of \$60,640.20 on Increment II.

Increment I covers the installation of outdoor metal-clad switchgear equipment, which the city presently has on order with the General Electric Company, and the construction of its associated main feeder lines, all of which is programmed for the current fiscal year.

Increment II covers the conversion of the city's present electrical distribution system to multi-grounded wye operation, which the city plans to budget and program for the 1963-1964 fiscal year.

In his report, Lampke advised against the awarding of two separate contracts.

"There will be additional administrative and engineering expense associated with two contracts which in our opinion could offset the \$588.70 differential between the Bryant Electric Co. and Hunter and Walden bids, (Continued on Page Eight)



TO BOYS' STATE — Don Freeman, above, and John Tria, Jr., have been chosen as Kings Mountain representatives to annual Boys' State at Chapel Hill. Both are juniors.

Students Chosen For Boy's State

Kings Mountain High School's representatives to the American Legion sponsored Boy's State, at the University of N. C. in Chapel Hill this summer will be Don Freeman and John Tria.

Both students are rising seniors, members of the National Honor Society, and active participants in numerous school activities.

Don, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Patterson, is president of the Student Participation Organization and is a member of the staff of "Milestones," the school annual, the French club, Monogram club and the Key club. He attends Central Methodist church.

John, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Tria of the Bethlehem community, belongs to the Science club and the Track team. He attends Christ the King Catholic church.

PRESENT PROGRAM

Seven members of the Dixon and Northside Presbyterian church youth group gave the program on a trip they took to Rock Eagle Springs in Georgia attending a missions conference at First Presbyterian church Sunday night. Presenting the program at the Senior High meeting were Sharon and Becky Westbrook, Geraldine Humphries, Della Tilson, Gary Stewart, Doug Bell and Darrell Murphy.

Other Incumbents Win; Ellison Edges Nicholson

Ex-mayor Glee A. Bridges was elected to a fifth term as Kings Mountain mayor Tuesday, as 2304 voters went to the polls, giving Bridges 1315 votes to Mayor Kelly Dixon's 977.

All incumbent city commissioners seeking another term were re-elected and two new faces will be at City Hall in the persons of the new mayor and Ward 4 Commissioner Norman King.

A total of 2390 went to the polls. The tired election officials finished at 11:30 p. m.

In the mayoral race, Mr. Bridges, a Democrat, led Mayor Dixon, Republican, completing his first term, by 338. William Brooks McAbee trailed with 45 votes.

Ray Cline, unopposed for Ward 1 commissioner, garnered 1861 votes.

Ward II Commissioner Eugene Goforth easily withstood the challenge of W. S. Seimore Bidix. Total vote cast for Goforth was 1440, while Bidix received 714.

Ward III Commissioner T. J. (Tommy) Ellison withstood the challenges of Corbett Nicholson and Avery (Mack) Murray. Nicholson ran second with 822 to Ellison's 1103. Murray polled 267.

Ellison's lead over both challengers was 14. It will be Ellison's sixth term.

Norman King, who ran second to Comm. Ben H. Bridges in the 1961 voting, led a three-man race for Ward 4 Commissioner. Mr. King received 1378 votes, Paul Ledford ran second at 662 and Willis B. Bagwell's total vote was 174.

Ward 5 Commissioner J. E. (Zip) Rhea, challenged by Hazel Lee Gill, Negro, polled 1677 votes (Continued on Page Eight)

City Election SIDELIGHTS

The 2390 persons who voted in the city election Tuesday set a record, topping the one set two years ago when 2227 ballots. The gain was 163.

Park Grace, where 131 voted in the school trustee election, was the first to report the day's work complete. Counting was completed in 20 minutes; Ward 3, at East school, was last, completing final tallying at 11:30.

Rufus S. White, age 64, resident and voted in Ward 4. Mr. White may hold a record as the oldest citizen to vote in Tuesday's election.

Greamy Rogers of S. Cherokee street, an invalid for seven years, made the trip to the polls via ambulance. Mr. Rogers voted in Ward 1.

Mayor Kelly Dixon was first voter at Ward 5 precinct when it opened at 8:30 Tuesday. Second voter was Ex-Mayor Glee A. Bridges and leader in the three-man mayoral race.

In-city voters were blessed with ideal voting weather. They also voted at new polling (Continued on Page Eight)

OFFICIAL RETURNS City Election, May 14, 1963

	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Ward 5	Totals
For Mayor						
BRIDGES	144	200	216	261	494	1315
DIXON	101	153	208	187	328	977
McABEE	0	4	5	26	10	45
Ward 1 Comm.						
CLINE	208	283	353	364	653	1861
Ward 2 Comm.						
GOFORTH	157	192	270	253	568	1440
BIDDIX	67	153	128	183	183	714
Ward 3 Comm.						
ELLISON	103	182	273	209	336	1103
NICHOLSON	94	120	107	169	332	822
MURRAY	23	38	51	64	91	267
Ward 4 Comm.						
KING	130	212	303	279	454	1378
LEDFORD	77	110	66	129	280	662
BAGWELL	20	21	44	59	30	174
Ward 5 Comm.						
RHEA	184	277	338	346	528	1673
GILL	47	63	68	79	283	540
No. of Voters	252	358	439	481	860	2390

OFFICIAL RETURNS Board of Education Election, May 14, 1963

	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Ward 5	Both Wards	Blank Ballots	Grace Growers	Total
HERNDON	149	217	233	267	551	116	101	97	1731
MAUNEY	146	204	195	200	514	91	109	96	1555
PLONK	112	165	222	253	342	69	36	69	1268

Fact-Finding Survey Set

The Kings Mountain Ministerial Association is conducting a survey on needs of the aged, spokesman for the minister's group said Wednesday.

Ministers are interested particularly in nursing and boarding facilities available in this area.

Kings Mountain area churches are participating in the fact-finding survey which is headed by Rev. George Moore, as chairman, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church.

Mr. Moore noted that individual reports are invited from interested citizens.

POPPY DAY

The American Legion Auxiliary has designated May 25th as Poppy Day in Kings Mountain. Poppies are made by disabled veterans in VA hospitals.



WINS BRONZE PALM — Eogie Scout Philip Bunch of Troop 91 received his Bronze Palm award at Thursday night's Court of Honor for Kings Mountain district Boy Scouts. Young Bunch is son of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Bunch.

Dr. Lesesne, Erskine President, To Speak At Kiwanis Ladies Night

Dr. J. M. Lesesne, president of Erskine college at Due West, S. C., will make the address as highlight of the 23rd annual ladies' night banquet Thursday of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club.

The Kiwanians and their guests will gather at 7 p. m. at the Woman's club.

President Grady Howard will preside and B. S. Peeler, Jr. will lead group singing of "America." Rev. H. D. Garmon will pray the invocation and Dr. W. L. Pressly, program chairman, will introduce Dr. Lesesne. J. C. Bridges will welcome the ladies and Mrs. Dan Finger will make the response. Special music will feature the string band, "The Weejins", which won first prize in the high school division of the recent Kiwanis sponsored schools talent show. The band includes Wendell Blifer, Jr., Gary Wilson, Edward Lovelace, Quay Moss, Kenny Barnes and David Adams.

The ladies' night committee, including Bill Brown, Dr. D. F. Hord, John L. McGill, James H. Page, Dr. W. L. Pressly and John Smathers, will distribute favors to the ladies.

Among honor guests to be re-



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cognized during the affair will be widows of Kiwanians, including Mrs. R. N. Baird, Mrs. J. E. Herndon and Mrs. Kelly Bunch. (Continued on Page Eight)