

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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Mayor Asks Railroad To Install Track Signals

City Board To Gather Thursday Night

Mayor Glee A. Bridges has written Southern Railway Company officials requesting that the railroad install warning devices at the Gold St. crossing which Saturday night claimed four victims of a car-train crash.

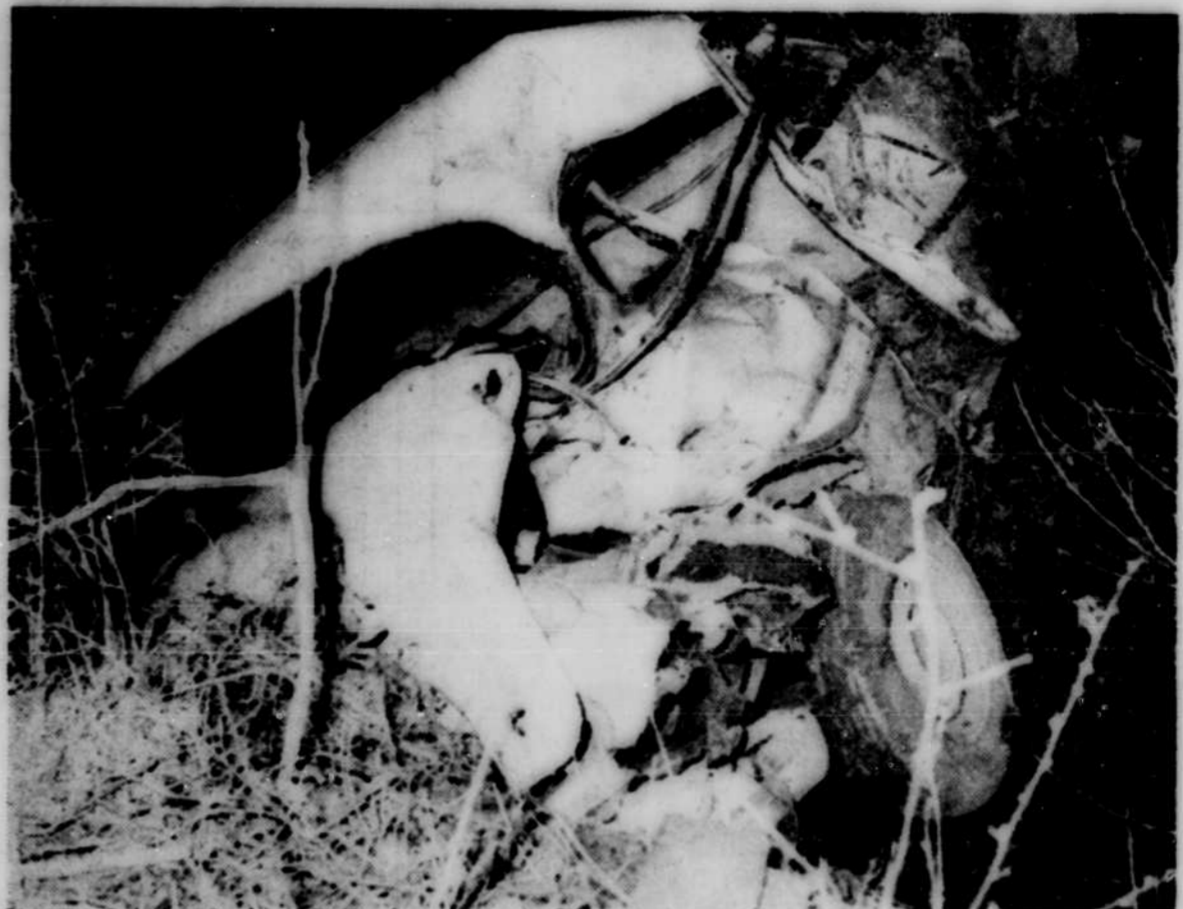
The mayor said Wednesday he had not had a reply from Supt. B. Osman of Southern's Greenville, S. C. office.

At Thursday night's regular January meeting of the board of city commissioners, Mayor Bridges said he would ask that the board enforce an ordinance which would, in effect, enforce a 35-mile-per-hour speed limit on trains passing through Kings Mountain.

He said he will suggest "that the resolution be enforced only if warning signals or protective devices are not installed at the crossing."

Mr. Bridges' letter to Southern Railway stating "the town's concern" was, he said, mailed during the weekend.

Thursday's commission meeting at 7 p.m. is expected to be a routine one with only a brief agenda planned. Year-end reports are expected to be received, as well as other items of routine business.



FOUR DIE IN CRASH — A Kings Mountain mother, two teen-age boys and an eight-year-old boy died in this car when it collided with Southern Freight No. 663 at the Gold street crossing Saturday night at 7:25 p.m. An 11-year-old boy was the lone survivor of the crash, called Kings Mountain's "worst in years" by law enforcement officials. The children were enroute to see a movie. (Herald Photo by Jim Underwood, Gastonia Gazette)

90-Year-Old Luther Ware Died Saturday

Final rites for Franklin Luther Ware, 90, longtime Kings Mountain citizen, were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. from Harris Funeral Home Chapel.

Dr. W. L. Pressly, pastor of Joyce Memorial A.P.C. church of which Mr. Ware was a member, officiated. Interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Ware died Saturday morning at his home after an illness of several years.

A native of Cleveland County, Mr. Ware was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Ervin Ware.

He was a retired carpenter and building contractor.

Mrs. Ware, the former Mary Emma Brown, died July 1953.

Surviving are two sons, Brown Ware and Franklin L. Ware, Jr., both of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Miss Annie Mae Ware of Kings Mountain and Mrs. J. Dixon Lesslie of Fort Mill, S. C., and eight grandchildren.

Active pallbearers were J. D. Hambricht, Myers Hambricht, Frank Potts, Arthur Davis, David Pursley and William Caveny.

CAOG Sets Dinner Meeting

Second dinner meeting of the Cleveland County Government and School Officials organization is scheduled Monday night at 7:30 p.m. at Hotel Charles in Shelby.

Kings Mountain Mayor Glee A. Bridges, city commissioners and school officials are expected to attend.

Both the mayor and Supt. B. N. Barnes are members of a steering committee of county government and school officials who are preparing application for a county North Carolina Fund project.

A statistical survey of county poverty problems is underway by the CAOG and the committee's project plan, in skeleton form must be presented at Monday night's meeting.

Mauney Firm Leads Donors

Mauney Hosiery Mills, with a total of 25 donors, was leader in the number of industrial donors for the Bloodmobile at the Woman's club Monday.

There was a total of 105 donors for the visit.

Margrae Mill, with 16 donors, was second, followed by Carolina Throwing Co. with 11, Foote Mineral Co., 7, Sadie Mill, 4, Lithium Corporation, two and Burlington Mills and Shannon Ltd., one each.

Those donating blood were: Mrs. Dorris B. Kay, Max Bolin, William J. Kay, Charles McSwain, David G. Gibbons, Thomas Rucker, Mrs. E. R. Gatter, Ray Cline, Elmer G. Ross, Mrs. Irene Hicks, Mrs. B. D. Bell, Lloyd D. Early, Annie Laura Robinson, Mr. Mitchem, Mrs. Dorothy Arrowood, Mrs. Carol Miller, Martha Houser, Jerry L. Lockridge, George La...
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YOUNG MAN OF YEAR — Robert O. (Bob) Southwell, right above, accepts the distinguished service award given by the Junior Chamber of Commerce at Tuesday night's Bosses' Night banquet

of the civic club, Charles Blanton, a former winner and a Joyce, presents the plaque emblematic of the tenth annual award to Mr. Southwell. (Herald Photo by Alex Vaughan, Shelby Star)

Bob Southwell Is Man Of '63

Jaycees Tap Auto Dealer For 10th Award

Robert O. (Bob) Southwell, civic leader and automobile dealer, is Kings Mountain's Young Man of 1963 and 10th recipient of the coveted honor made by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Southwell was presented the distinguished service award at Tuesday night's Bosses' Night banquet at the Woman's club.

A Kings Mountain citizen for four years, Mr. Southwell was cited for his contribution to community betterment, his contribution to the religious life of the community and his accomplishments in a chosen field.

Accepting the award, he commented, "I believe you've got the wrong man. I hope I'll be able to do better."

A Georgia native, Bob Southwell has headed successfully numerous drives, including the 1964 United Fund campaign, is president of the Merchants Association and has been active in the Boy Scouts and Little League baseball activities. He is active in First Presbyterian church, serving as a Sunday School teacher and as church treasurer. He owns and operates Southwell Ford on Shelby road which recently occupied a new building. He is father of two children.

In an address interspersed with bits of humor, Alan Newcombe, public relations director of WBT-TV of Charlotte, philosophized that "happiness is that feeling which accompanies the expansion of personality."

Elaborating that "work, play and love" are the prerequisites for the happy life, he told Jaycees and their guests, "Don't take yourself too seriously or your work. Every job has drudgery but the key is the satisfaction in your work. We are just as ignorant of the laws which make us happy as people ever were, perhaps more so."

Mr. Newcombe continued, "You can see many driving through life with the brakes on, yet wondering why the brake lining burns out."

Howard Lutz, chairman of the Bosses' Night committee, presented Mr. Newcombe. Jaycee President Bill Allen presided and recognized employers of Jaycees.

The Jaycee DSA award is presented to a young man, age 21 to 35, who has made outstanding...
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TRANSFERRED — Mrs. Devere R. Smith has been transferred from the Shelby office of Thomson & McKinnon stock brokers to the Charlotte firm.

SPEAKER

The Rev. James Y. Perry, Jr., executive secretary of the Diocese of Western North Carolina, will be the guest minister at Trinity Episcopal church Sunday morning. Rev. Perry will deliver the 10 a.m. morning address.

Kings Mountain Citizens To Vote On "Little Federal" Issue Tuesday

Kings Mountain area citizens and other North Carolinians will go to the polls Tuesday to vote for or against a so-called Little federal amendment to the North Carolina Constitution.

Registration activity here at No. 4 Township's four precincts has been minor with only a handful of new registrations. No new registration is required to those who are already registered to vote in a general election. Challenge Day is Saturday.

The four polling places which open at 6:30 A.M. and close at 6:30 p.m., are:

East Kings Mountain, City Hall courtroom.

West Kings Mountain, National Guard Armory.

Grover, at Grover fire station.

Bethware, at Bethware school. Under the constitutional amendment proposal, North Carolina voters will determine whether the General Assembly membership remains as it is, with 120 members of the House of Representatives...
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HEADS SQUAD — Fain Hambricht has been re-elected captain of the Grover Rescue Squad for the coming year.

Commissioners Decline To Call ABC Referendum

Ralph Gilbert, Shelby insurance and real estate agent, said this week that petitions to secure names of at least 2,808 qualified voting citizens are being circulated to call for a referendum on ABC stores in Cleveland County.

The Cleveland County board of commissioners Monday denied Gilbert's request for a referendum after a delegation of 150 citizens, including numerous ministers and others from Kings Mountain and Cleveland County, appeared at their regular session.

Shelby Attorney C. C. Horn informed the commission that a petition signed by 15 percent of the number of registered voters voting in the last gubernatorial election would by law require the referendum to be called by the board of elections.

Since 18,6670 voted in the 1960 election for governor, the petition would have to bear at least 2,800 signatures.

Speaking in opposition for an ABC referendum were Rev. R. M. Hauss, Harold Causby, Rev. Mitchell Faulkner, Dr. E. Eugene Poston, Rev. Fred Crisp, Rev. D. W. Digh, Rev. Cline Borders, Rev. Ernest Smith, H. L. Stewart and County Comm. Hugh Dover.

Gilbert told the commissioners, "What we're asking is for the people's right to decide whether we want legal control of whiskey or whether we want to leave it in the hands of bootleggers."

A delegation from the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association, opposed to the referendum, attended the county commission meeting.

Comm. Dover, who said on Dec. 16 that he was against the ABC referendum, said, "I am not against the people's right to vote. But I am against something that isn't good for the people. I had at least 100 phone calls after my stand was printed in the newspaper and three of them were against me. I don't think there's any way to control liquor except to keep it in the bottle. I'm for anything that's right and I'm against anything that's wrong."

Drug Store Begins Renovating Work

Kings Mountain Drug Company, Kings Mountain business citizen, has begun a renovating program which is expected to be completed within a week or 10 days.

Relighting, re-arranging of the food service area, added display space, and new flooring is included in the plans, Charles Blanton, partner in the firm, said this week.

City Floor Service holds the contract for the new flooring and Ramsey Manufacturing Company of Charlotte is in charge of other work.

Crash Survivor Is Doing Well

Saturday Wreck At Crossing Takes Four Lives

Eleven-year-old Richard Hayes, lone survivor of an automobile-train crash Saturday which took the lives of his mother and three youngsters, is "doing well" at Kings Mountain hospital, his attending physician said Wednesday afternoon.

Young Hayes, suffering from a cerebral concussion, is expected to be discharged from the hospital in about a week.

His father, Ralph Hayes, told the child early this week that his mother, brother and two friends died in the Saturday night tragedy.

The youngster, able to be out of bed Wednesday afternoon, has captured the hearts of the nursing staff. "He's just a doll and is adjusting well", one staff member commented.

James E. Dellinger, cab driver, reports that he was sitting in his cab at the Price Cab lot which is located at the corner of Battle-ground Avenue and East Gold Street, at the time of the 7:25 crash.

"I looked down the tracks as the train approached the Gold Street crossing," said Dellinger, "and saw the light from the locomotive," he added.

Dellinger said that he didn't hear the train's whistle until the train was in the middle of the block which separates Gold and Mountain streets.

Dellinger was one of the first at the scene of the accident, and reports that he and several other...
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PRESIDENT — R. S. Lennon has been installed as president of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club for the coming year. He succeeds Grady Howard.

Lennon Heads Kiwanis Club

R. S. Lennon, Kings Mountain banker, was installed as president of the Kiwanis Club at the regular meeting of the club Thursday night at the Woman's Club.

Other officers installed in a service conducted by Dr. Woodrow Suggs, Supt. of the Gastonia city schools, were W. S. Fulton, Jr., first vice-president; Glee A. Bridges, second vice-president; Charles L. Alexander, secretary; John L. McGill, treasurer, and directors W. C. Ballew, J. C. Bridges, Dan M. Finger, George...
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Longtime Citizen Henkle McGinnis Died At Age 88; Rites On Wednesday

Funeral rites for William Henkle McGinnis, 88, Kings Mountain merchant and longtime citizen, were held Wednesday at 4 p.m. from St. Matthew's Lutheran church of which he was a member.

Mr. McGinnis succumbed Tuesday morning at 1 o'clock at Kings Mountain hospital. He had been in declining health for several years.

A partner in McGinnis Furniture Company, he was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel McGinnis. He was a native of Gaston County.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Iva Harris McGinnis; seven sons, Odell McGinnis of Gastonia, Donald McGinnis of Gaffney, S. C., Paul McGinnis, Hubert McGinnis,

Richard McGinnis, William McGinnis and James McGinnis, all of Kings Mountain; and five daughters, Mrs. Edward Gonzales of Plainfield, New Jersey, Mrs. Jack Whetstone of Alexandria, Va., Mrs. Louis Sabette of Rock Hill, S. C., Mrs. Herman Eagle of Kannapolis and Mrs. Carl Sawyer of Charlotte. A brother, Henry McGinnis, of Kings Mountain, survives. Also surviving are 28 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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

Active pallbearers were L. Ar. Ad Kiser, Ray Cline, Ben H. Bridges, Glee Edwin Bridges, Carl Mauney and A. S. Kiser.

Dellinger's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Arlie Carl (Red) Dellinger, 57, were held Sunday at 3 p.m. from First Presbyterian church of which he was a member.

Mr. Dellinger died Friday afternoon in the Kings Mountain hospital following an illness of several weeks.

A native of Lincoln County, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Dellinger. He was a veteran of World War II and a Mason. A salesman for Crowley Chevrolet Company of Shelby, he was formerly employed as a salesman here for Victory Chevrolet Company.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Zoe Falls Dellinger; and two sisters, Mrs. William Wilson of Winston-Salem and Mrs. J. A. Connell of Charlotte.

Dr. Paul K. Ausley officiated at the final rites and interment was made in Gaston Memorial Park.

Active pallbearers were Cicero Falls, W. W. Crawley, W. G. Grantham, Harry Page, Bill Brown and Paul Carter.

Clark To Speak To Local Rotarians

State Senator David Clark of Lincoln County will present his views on the "little federal" amendment Thursday at a meeting of the Kings Mountain Rotary club.

Rotarians will gather for a luncheon meeting at 12:15 at the Country Club.

Senator Clark is an advocate of the "little federal" amendment on which North Carolinians will vote January 11th.

Development Group Sets Area Meeting

Kings Mountain Negro citizens have organized an Area Development committee and have scheduled a meeting open to the public Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. at Ebenezer Baptist church.

Purposes of the meeting, according to Rev. R. D. Lucas, committee chairman, are: 1) to inform the public on jobs; 2) better living conditions; 3) education and 4) school drop-out problems.

Interested Kings Mountain area citizens are invited to participate, Rev. Mr. Lucas said in announcing the meeting.

City Tags On Sale At Clerk's Office

Kings Mountain auto owners may purchase their new city auto tags for \$1 at the office of City Clerk Joe H. McDaniel.

All in-city owners of autos are required to purchase the licenses not later than February 15. The law also requires their display on the auto.

Penalties are prescribed for those who fail to buy and for late-buying.