

Population
Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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Thieves Hit Winn-Dixie In \$2,000 Haul

Entry Via Roof In Harris-Teeter Theft Repeat

Winn-Dixie was virtually out of the cigarette-selling business on Tuesday morning, following a Tuesday night fire of approximately 1000 cartons valued at about \$2000.

In a repeat of last year's Harris-Teeter robbery, the thieves made a hole in the roof, then drilled the lock off the back door to load their loot.

The thieves presumably drilled the lock off another door at the back, which proved a waste of time, as the door led into the trash bin.

Police theorize that the thieves used a battery-powered electric drill to gain entry and exit.

Winn-Dixie manager Yates Harrison said it is impossible to know whether any other goods were taken, but he added, "We don't miss anything else."

In their pursuit of cigarettes, the thieves not only claimed cartons and larger packages, but emptied all but one of the pack racks at the check-out counters.

Police Chief Paul Sanders said a set of scales had been knocked onto the floor. He speculated the thieves might have thought the scales a cash register.

The Harris-Teeter robbery last May, in which thieves drilled a hole and made off with \$3,913.40, remains unsolved. In that robbery means of entry was the same.

Police were on the lookout Wednesday morning for a white pick-up truck bearing a South Carolina license plate which had been noticed in Kings Mountain during the previous two days and was observed as recently as 4:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Manager Harrison commented, "The thieves were very immediate. They cut their hole immediately over our floor drain. With all this rain we'd have been mopping 'til the roof repairman arrived."

Local News Bulletins

AUTO TAG
Kings Mountain auto tags, being sold this year by the Lions club, remain on sale at Harris Funeral Home. Sales committee Chairman Sam Weir reported Tuesday 1685 have been sold.

AT FASHION FORUM
Mrs. Ila Morrow attended the 18th annual Hair Fashion Forum and Trade Show in Columbia, S. C. February 21-23. Mrs. Elizabeth Bret, accompanied Mrs. Morrow. The show was held at Wade Hampton Hotel.

ANTHONY RETURNING
Dr. J. E. Anthony and Miss Elizabeth Anthony, vacationing at Palm Harbor, Fla., are scheduled to return this week.

WEEK OF PRAYER
Kings Mountain Baptist churchwomen are sponsoring special week of prayer services March 1-5. It has been announced by Mrs. O. O. Walker, president of the Women's Missionary Society.

KIWANIS PROGRAM
Fred Withers, director of Industrial Cooperation Training, new addition to the high school curriculum, will give the program at Thursday night's Kiwanis club meeting at 6:45 p.m. at the Woman's club.

GIVES PROGRAM
Mrs. Luther Joy, secretary to Kings Mountain Merchants Association, gave the program on "Credit Bureaus" at Wednesday morning's meeting of the Credit Women's Breakfast club at Holiday Inn.

ON DEAN'S LIST
Houston Huffman, Kings Mountain student at Wofford college in Spartanburg, S. C., has been listed on the dean's list for the fall semester. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Huffman.

W.S. Biddix, James Guyton File For City Board Post

Biddix Runs In Ward 2, Guyton In 3

Two more candidates entered the spring political campaign this week.

W. Seimore Biddix, Kings Mountain insurance man, filed Tuesday for the Ward 2 city commission post, while James L. Guyton, masonry contractor, filed Wednesday for the Ward 3 commission spot.

It is the second entry into politics for Mr. Biddix, 42, who unsuccessfully challenged Commissioner Eugene Goforth two years ago, and the first entry for Mr. Guyton, 31.

Mr. Biddix is a representative of Pilot Life Insurance Company, who resides at 102 Owens street with his wife, the former Marie Hope, and five daughters. He is a Kings Mountain native and a member of East Gold Street Wesleyan church.

Mr. Guyton, his wife, the former Shirley Yarbro, and two daughters, live at 707 Groves street. He is also a Kings Mountain native and a member of Piedmont Baptist church.

While Mr. Biddix and Mr. Guyton are first entries in their respective wards, Mr. Biddix candidacy poses a possible re-match between him and Comm. Goforth.

Should Ward 3 Commissioner T. J. (Tommy) Ellison run again, as anticipated, Mr. Guyton will be challenging him.

Eight candidates are now in the field for six offices at City Hall and one board of education position. The Candidate list to date:

For Mayor — Mayor Glee A. Bridges, Kelly Dixon, and John Henry Moss.
For Ward 1 Commissioner — Garland E. Still.
For Ward 2 Commissioner — W. S. Biddix.
For Ward 3 Commissioner — James L. Guyton.
For Ward 4 Commissioner — Comm. Norman King.
For School Trustee — Mrs. Lena W. McGill, incumbent.

Club To Employ Manager Soon
Henry Neisler, president of Kings Mountain Country Club, said Wednesday he anticipated the board of directors would act to employ management for the club this weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Allyn Berlin have resigned, effective March 1.

Mr. Neisler said the club house committee, chaired by William Herndon, has been interviewing a large number of applicants and anticipates being ready to make a recommendation within the week.

Meantime, Mrs. Berlin will continue to manage the club until a new manager is so named.

Benefit Bridge - Fashion Show Set For Heart Fund Thursday Night
Pat Lee, Woman's Director of WBT, Charlotte, will serve as commentator for Thursday night's Heart Fund Benefit and fashion show at the National Guard Armory.

The benefit will culminate a month-long effort to raise funds for the 1965 Heart Fund Drive in Kings Mountain.



CANDIDATE — Siemore Biddix is a candidate for Ward 2 city commissioner in the May city election.

Dewey Styers, Robert Smith Listed "Sure"

Political activity increased somewhat during the past week, with entry of two more candidates and some further indications of candidates rumored, possible and probable.

Robert (Bob) Smith, hardware salesman, said he had received considerable encouragement to challenge Mrs. Lena W. McGill for the school board post and indicated he would make a decision on whether to make the race soon.

Another regarded as a "sure" entry is Dewey Styers, newspaper circulation representative, expected to challenge incumbent Norman King for Ward 4 Commissioner.

With the exception of Comm. King and Mayor Glee Bridges, incumbent city administration members were still silent officially on whether they will seek re-election, though political observers anticipate all will.

One rumor has O. O. Walker, a dry cleaner and retired construction man, opposing J. E. (Zip) Rhea in Ward 5 — hardly considered likely, since Mrs. Walker is Mr. Rhea's aunt. Another uncheckered rumor put Charlie Ballard, Lithium Corporation personnel manager, into the race against Mr. Rhea. Corbett Nicholson, who pressed T. J. Ellison in 1963 may offer again, one observer reported.

There was a paucity of conjecture on what candidate or candidates the Negro community will produce this election season. Principal rumor is that William Orr will become the first member of his race to seek the mayor's post.

For the past four elections, there has been a Negro candidate for the Ward 5 commission seat. Filing deadline is April 26.

Five Senators Reply To Mayor

Five state senators have replied to Mayor Glee A. Bridges plea for protection of power-selling cities in any new legislation relating to utility sales.

All promised a willing and sympathetic ear concerning the municipal position on proposed legislation and Senator Hector McLean, of Robeson, wrote he was fully conversant with the situation, as Lumberton, like Kings Mountain, distributes power.

Senator Ralph Scott, of Alamance, wrote, "... you can rest assured if it has any diverse effect on any large segment of our population, I will not be for it."

Other replies came from Senator Roy Rowe, of Pender, who said he introduced original REA legislation many sessions ago. Senator Sam Whitehurst, of Craven, and Senator Oral Yates, of Haywood.

The power-selling cities will be restricted to present sales territories under legislation proposed by Rural Electrification Associations and Public Utilities.

Mayor Protests Long Train Stop
A near hour-long stop of a 200-car Southern Railway freight blocked traffic at the Piedmont Avenue, Baker Street, and Linwood Road crossings Wednesday morning elicited a strong protest to the rail company by Mayor Glee A. Bridges.

Mayor Bridges said he telephoned J. R. Brosnan, Greenville division superintendent, and told him, "We can't put up with this." The Mayor said the long stop caused some school pupils to be tardy Wednesday morning.

Mayor Bridges said Mr. Brosnan told him he would check into the Wednesday incident — as well as the general problem — at once.

Mrs. Kitchen's Rites Friday

Mrs. Nancy McSwain Kitchen, 75, died Wednesday morning at 5:45 a.m. in Royster Memorial hospital at Boiling Springs.

Funeral rites will be held Friday at 4 p.m. from Second Baptist church. Rev. George Julian will officiate, and interment will be in Bethlehem cemetery. The body will lie-in-state at the church 30 minutes before the rites.

A native of York County, S. C., Mrs. Kitchen was the widow of Henry Kitchen. She had been in ill health for several months.

She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Walker Kitchen and a member of Second Baptist church.

Mrs. Kitchen is survived by her sister, Mrs. Annie McAbee, of Kings Mountain.

Baying Stray Dogs Bring Complaints
Mayor Glee A. Bridges said Wednesday the police department is receiving numerous and frequent calls from all sections of the city complaining of stray dogs which howl at night and disturb rest.

The Mayor noted that the city dog ordinance requires owners to keep their dogs contained and he advised owners to "bed down" their dogs at night.



COMMENTATOR — Pat Lee, radio and television personality, will be commentator for Thursday night's Heart Fund benefit at the Armory.

Senate, House Honor Davis, Ex-Legislator

The State Senate voted Kings Mountain Attorney J. R. Davis the courtesies of the body at the motion of his partner Senator Jack White.

Subsequently, Rep. Bob Falls dined in the House of Representatives, noting that Mr. Davis was a former member, having served in the 1923 session.

Senator White, incidentally, has a file number 1103 in the State Legislative building.

Before returning to Raleigh Monday afternoon, he said he favors the bill to make Charlotte College a branch of the Greater University of North Carolina, and also favors the bill to call a \$300 million bond election for roads.

The formula for division of the funds would provide \$150 million for primary roads, \$75 million for secondary roads, and \$75 million for state highways through cities and towns. Cleveland county would receive some \$2 million from the latter two items, Kings Mountain more than \$300,000.

Noting that the legislative session is getting underway, as usual, at a fairly slow pace, Senator White said it doesn't mean the members aren't busy. He cited his schedule for one day last week: breakfast at 8 as the guest of Governor Dan Moore at the Executive Mansion, a committee session at 9:30, another committee session at 10:30, convening of the Senate at noon, a bus trip to Camp Butler for inspection of this expansive state-operated facility, a social engagement in the evening.

Senator White said the Butler operation firmed his effort to restore to the appropriations list the education department's request for 15 additional teachers to teach school age children at Butler and the state's three other mental institutions.

Cleaning Firm Damaged By Fire

Fashion Cleaners, owned by Gene Austin, suffered considerable damage Monday afternoon, as a result of a fire stemming from burning cleaning fluid.

Amount of the damage had not been assessed Wednesday, but included extensive damage to presses, smoke to clothes and building. A valuable wedding dress was severely scorched.

On Tuesday shortly after noon, the department answered a Cherryville road alarm where a station wagon owned by William Morgan was afire. Chief Floyd Thornburg said the entire interior was demolished. Morgan lives in the Ebenezer church community.

Hospital, State Officials Confer

George W. Mauney, president of Kings Mountain hospital, and Administrator Graydon Howard were in Raleigh Wednesday to confer with officials of the state Medical Care commission on plans for expansion of the hospital.

Voters of the county authorized a two million dollar bond issue for hospital expansion, with \$500,000 designated for Kings Mountain hospital.

Approval of plans by the commission is preliminary to obtaining share funds from the federal and state governments.

Dewey P. Randall, Mill Overseer, Succumbs; Funeral Held On Sunday
Funeral rites for Dewey P. Randall, 67, veteran Bonnie Mill overseer, were held Sunday at 3 p.m. from St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

Rev. Charles Easley officiated at the final rites and interment was made in Mountain Rest cemetery.



GIRL SCOUT GETS TOP AWARD — Linda Falls, 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Falls, Jr., is recipient of the Curved Bar, highest honor in Girl Scouting. Her mother, at right, presents the award, while Mrs. Howard Pursley, Cadette Scout leader at Boyce Memorial ARP church, looks on. Miss Falls recently advanced to Cadette Troop 3 from Junior Troop 157 led by Mrs. M. D. Philfer and Mrs. Dicus Bennett. The award was presented as highlight of Tuesday night's special Girl Scout program held by seven troops of Kings Mountain Girl Scouts at First Presbyterian church fellowship hall. Brownies, Cadettes and Junior Scouts gave a "Thinking Day" program in which they depicted Girl Scout activities of various countries of the world. A near-capacity crowd attended.

Lambeth Rope, Chesterfield Give \$1000 Each To Stadium

Architects Get Go-Ahead On Drawings

The board of education have approved preliminary sketches of John Gamble stadium and authorized Charles Morrison Grier and Associates to proceed with working drawings.

Chairman J. E. Herndon, Jr., said officials of the stadium fund-raising committee, Co-Chairmen Charles Neisler, Carl F. Mauney and Charles Harry III, along with Coach Bill Bates, met with the board and the architectural-engineering firm Monday morning.

The stadium will be located south of the new high school on Philter Road with the football field virtually North-South. The location is virtually a natural in the Ebenezer church community.

Preliminary plans call for installation of a six-foot culvert to drainage, and for erection of concrete stands to seat 28,000 on the west side, and erection of 1500 steel-wood seats on the east, or visitors' side.

He said the steel-wood seating section, at about \$7 per seat, was less preferable than concrete, costing about \$17 per seat, but would require more maintenance. The gross difference of about \$15,000 dictated decision for the cheaper installation.

Initial estimate was that the stadium will cost about \$80,000. Chairman Herndon said the architects were told to return as quickly as possible with detailed grading plans in order that bids may be invited.



ELECTED — Jack Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Hughes of Kings Mountain and resident manager of Nicholas Turkey Breeding Farms, Inc., of Pegelwood, S. C., has been elected president of the South Carolina Turkey Federation. Mrs. Hughes is the former Clara Humphries of Kings Mountain. They are parents of two children, Beth and Mark Hughes.

Mr. Bates said citizens who wish to make a donation or sign a pledge card to support a \$80,000 fund drive to build a stadium should leave their porch lights burning.

In event of rain, Mr. Bates said the door-to-door solicitation would be rescheduled.

Meantime, Charles F. Harry, III, fund treasurer, reported cash in hand totaling \$14,204.22 for an indicated total of about \$59,000 overall.

Mr. Harry reported checks from: W. Mack Hanna, Mrs. Randolph Lowery, Mrs. Ruth Plonk, Mrs. W. L. Ransauer, Mrs. C. V. Harrell, James S. Teague, Miss Odessa Black, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Gamble, Mrs. Willie Patterson, Mrs. Allen M. Matheon, Mrs. Anita Culyer, Mrs. Elizabeth Gamble, William Z. Cashlon, Ruth Biggins, Fred Withers, Kiltay Foundation, The Arthur Hay Agency, W. T. Weir, Don Finger, J. R. Davis, Fulton's Department Store, Chesterfield Yarn Mills, Mrs. James H. Page, L. E. Humant, Robert H. Bryant, Mrs. Nevoite Hughes, Robert L. Haden, Jack H. White and J. Lee Roberts.

Omitted from the list of Mauney group firms and officials who pledged a total of \$21,190 was the name of Dr. W. L. Mauney.

Davis Before Supreme Court
Kings Mountain Attorney J. R. Davis appeared before the state Supreme Court Tuesday in the cases of Southern Railway versus Matthews Estate and Matthews Estate versus Southern Railway.

Both damage actions had been non-suited in Gaston Superior Court, and both litigants appealed, seeking a new trial.

Gross Pledges Near \$59,000; Goal \$80,000

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Young Citizens Plan Organization
A group of young couples is planning to organize a non-partisan political organization called Youth for Progress. Ronnie Tignor, acting chairman, said this week.

He said the group would include the 18-35 age group and would seek city office candidates and other speakers with a view to obtaining candidates' views on public questions and issues.

Persons interested in joining the organization should call Mr. Tignor at 739-3324.

DE CLUBS CONTEST
Kings Mountain high school's Distributive Education club was host Wednesday to District II contests with seven schools participating in advertising, sales demonstration and public speaking contests. The district winners will vie in state competition.

James Mullen, of Gastonia, represents the rail company.

Mr. Davis anticipates a favorable ruling within two to three weeks.