

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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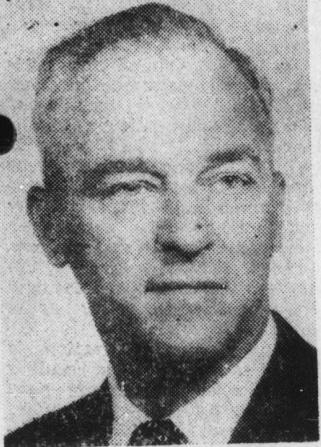
Kings Mountain, N. C., Thursday, March 18, 1965

Seventy-Sixth Year

PRICE TEN CENTS

Stadium S. O. S.: \$15,000 Needed To Let Contracts

Cline, Goforth And Rhea File



All Incumbents Ask New Leases On Their Offices

All city and board of education incumbents are seeking re-election, with the filing Wednesday of Ward 1 Commissioner Ray Cline, Ward 2 Commissioner Eugene Goforth, and Ward 5 Commissioner J. E. (Zip) Rhea.

Mr. Cline is already apposed by former-Mayor Garland E. Still, and Mr. Goforth is already apposed by Thomas B. Ebanks and W. Seimore Biddix.

Mr. Rhea is the lone candidate to date in Ward 5.

Only other unopposed candidate to date is Holmes Harry, school trustee in the outside-city district.

Filling out of the candidate slate, political observers think, will quicken the pace of political activity and interest which, to date, has been principally limited to the three-way race for mayor, including Mayor Glee A. Bridges, seeking a sixth term, ex-Mayor Kelly Dixon seeking a comeback after losing in 1963, and John Henry Moss, ex-city commissioner who is seeking the mayor's post for the first time.

There has as yet been no formal activity from the Negro community, though Williams Orr is reported a possible candidate for mayor. It is also on basis of the past four elections, anticipated a Negro will offer for the Ward 5 commission seat against Mr. Rhea.

Otherwise, the rumor-mill was devoid of likely candidates for other offices. Filing date is April 26.

The three commissioners who filed for re-election this week are seeking their third terms, all being elected in 1961.

Mr. Cline failed to win a majority in three-man race, but took office when the late Ross Alexander declined to call for a run-off. In 1963, he was re-elected without opposition, first unopposed candidate for city hall office since 1945. He is an overseer of Mauney Hosiery Company, member of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, former district commander of the American Legion, a member of the Moose and a navy veteran of World War II. He is a one-time semi-pro baseball player.

Mr. Goforth edged Boyce H. Gault for the commission by 116 votes in the 1961 runoff. He won re-election easily two years ago against Seimore Biddix. He is a member of Central Methodist church, army veteran of World War II, Legionnaire, and an employee of Lithium Corporation of America.

Mr. Rhea defeated R. Coleman Stroupe in a run-off in '61 by 648 votes, easily won re-election two years ago over Hazel L. Gill. He is a member of Central Methodist church, navy veteran of World War II, past commander of the American Legion post, and past president of the Kings Mountain Country Club.

The candidate list to date:

For Mayor — Mayor Glee A. Bridges, Kelly Dixon, and John Henry Moss.

For Ward 1 Commissioner — Comm. Ray Cline and Garland E. Still.

For Ward 2 Commissioner — Comm. Eugene Goforth, W. S. Biddix and Thomas B. Ebanks.

For Ward 3 Commissioner — Continued On Page 8



SEEKS RE-ELECTION — Three incumbent city commissioners Wednesday joined other members of the administration in seeking re-election. At top is Roy Cline, Ward 1, center is Eugene Goforth, Ward 2, and below is J. E. (Zip) Rhea, Ward 5. All are seeking third terms.

W. F. Osborne Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for William Franklin Osborne, 52, were held Tuesday at 3 p.m. from First Presbyterian church of which he was a member.

Mr. Osborne succumbed Sunday night at 8:25 p.m. in the Kings Mountain hospital following serious illness of several weeks. He had undergone an operation for lung cancer several weeks ago. Results of an autopsy requested by the family had not been learned Wednesday.

Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Osborne of Fulton, Kentucky, Mr. Osborne was a Navy Veteran of World War II. He had been employed as a salesman by Pifer Hardware Company for several years and had worked previously at Margrave Store, Lithium Corporation of America and Sterchi Brothers.

His wife, the former Ethel Wright, survives, in addition to a son, William F. Osborne, Jr. of Kings Mountain; one daughter, Mrs. William Hoyle Burton of Lynchburg, Va.; one brother, Robert B. Osborne of Gastonia; and two sisters, Mrs. E. R. Smith of Memphis, Tennessee and Mrs. J. H. Swearingen of Norwood, N.C. A grandchild also survives.

Dr. Paul K. Ausley, his pastor, officiated at the final rites and interment was made in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Jack Arnette, Fred Wright, Charles Blanton, Bob Rhea and J. D. Rhea.

"Cocktail Bill" Was "By Request"

White's Side Wins Tuesday Senate Fight

By MARTIN HARMON

The so-called "cocktail party" bill which went into the Senate hopper Tuesday was introduced "by request," Senator Jack White, of Cleveland, a co-signer told the Herald by telephone from Raleigh Wednesday.

Senator White said the bill is in the province of the committee of propositions and grievances, of which he is a member. Chairman Herman Moore, of Mecklenburg, introduced the bill, and other co-signers were Senator White's 31st district colleague, Senator Adrian Shuford, of Catawba, and Senator Fred Mills, of Anson.

Under the bill, requested by the State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board and by the state association of ABC boards, the state board would be given authority to formulate rules whereby alcoholic beverages could be purchased and transported up to five gallons from a given store on a given date to a specified place for a stated purpose.

The present legal purchase limit is one gallon.

Purchasers would be closely screened and would be required to sign the applications for the larger amounts.

Senator Moore was quoted as saying the bill was intended to help "Industrial concerns and individuals having large cocktail parties."

On Tuesday, Senator White was embroiled in his first floor fight of the session. Teaming with Senator Tom White, of Lenoir, the two won by 33 to 17 a motion to refer to the judiciary committee the bill which would require revoking of a driver's license in event he was guilty of two speeding and/or reckless driving charges within 12 months. Present law makes revocation mandatory when convicted twice within 12 months. The proposed bill would make the date of charge the determining factor. Senator White said the majority's objection to the bill concerns out-of-state offenders. In Virginia, Senator White

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Mrs. Houser's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Sarah Evangeline Falls Houser, 78, were held Saturday at 2 p.m. from Kings Mountain Baptist church of which she was a member.

Mrs. Houser, widow of Horace M. Houser, succumbed Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock following a long illness.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Frank Falls. A graduate of Piedmont high school and Meredith college, she at one time taught in the Cherryville city school system.

She had made her home in Shelby the past several years.

Surviving are three sons, William F. Houser and George H. Houser, both of Kings Mountain, and R. Douglas Houser of Charlotte; three daughters, Mrs. W. H. Lutz of Waco, Mrs. W. Howard Blanton of Gastonia and Mrs. George G. Williams of Charlotte; one brother, William Curtis Falls of Greenville, S.C.; one sister, Mrs. Ernest Richardson of Richmond, Ga.; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Rev. Marion DuBoise officiated at the final rites and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Horace Lutz, Don Baldwin, Eugene D. Falls, Bob Johnson, Jones Vaughn of Rockingham (House Bill 255).



SENIOR PLAY CAST — Members of the cast of "We Shook the Family Tree," Kings Mountain high school senior play to be presented March 19 were photographed above during a rehearsal. At center front is Margaret Bryant and seated, from left to right, Linda Roberts, Neil McCarter, Nancy Lublanski, Beverly Willis, John Caveny and Carolyn Heaver. Standing, left to right, Richard Franks, Teresa Dixon, Patricia Strickland, Lewis Stewart and Buddy Wright. (Photo by Tommy Plonk.)

Complete Plans Due On Friday: \$65,063 Pledged

By MARTIN HARMON

The John Gamble Stadium fund-raising committee issued Wednesday an S.O.S. for about \$15,000 to complete the \$80,000 campaign and to permit immediate letting of contracts.

The committee learned, at a meeting with the board of education Monday, that complete plans from the architects, Grier Morrison & Associates, of Charlotte, will be ready for approval Friday.

Could advertising for bids be ordered Friday, construction could begin in late April, and the stadium ready for use by fall.

Meantime, Treasurer Charles F. Harry III reported Wednesday that total pledges to the stadium fund had surpassed \$65,000, the actual figure being \$65,063.28.

There were these major additions:

1) Announcement by W. S. Fulton, Jr., president, that the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will devote its full profits from the upcoming talent show to the stadium project, which, Mr. Fulton added, would be a minimal \$1000.

2) Announcement by Harry Jaynes, president, that the Kings Mountain Lions club gift would be a minimal \$400.

3) Announcement by W. D. Byers, president, that the Kings Mountain Optimist club will donate \$520.

Mr. Harry reported cash gifts received during the past week from the \$2500 anonymous industrial pledge previously reported and other cash gifts from Anco Refining Products Company, Brooklyn, N.Y., I. Ben Goforth, Jr., Paul R. Patterson, Edgar Rudisill, Mrs. Winnie M. Still and from Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney.

Meantime, Adjutant Joe McDaniel, Jr., of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, said the executive committee would consider a donation to the fund at its March 26 meeting.

Bill Bates, co-chairman of the committee soliciting individuals, said a dinner meeting will be held at the Country Club Friday night at 6:30, the meeting to include representatives of Kings Mountain area industries and his committee to plan a solicitation clean-up.

In a statement Wednesday, Co-Chairmen Carl F. Mauney and Charles Neisler said:

"We, quite frankly, are issuing an S.O.S. to industrial and business firms and individuals who have not yet made contributions or pledges to the stadium project to come to our rescue at once."

"Actually, it is not a question of saving the stadium ship, but of enabling an immediate start on construction in order that the stadium may be ready for use by the opening of the 1965 football season."

"A minimum of \$80,000 in pledges is required, educated estimates show, before bids can be sought and contracts let."

"First Union National Bank of North Carolina has proffered its services for financing the project over a three-year period."

Four Youths Face Charges Of Theft

Arraigned KMHS Seniors Free Under Bond

Four high school seniors, children of prominent Kings Mountain families, were arrested by county officers Tuesday night of charges of breaking-and-entering and larceny.

All are free under bond set by Magistrate J. Lee Roberts and will have preliminary hearing in county recorder's court before Judge Joe Mull Tuesday morning.

Officers say the youths admitted the acts as charged.

The four:

James Falls, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonah Falls, under \$1400 bond on three counts of breaking-and-entering and larceny, and one count of larceny.

Mike Ballard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ballard, and Danny Dilling, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dilling, under bond of \$600 each, both on two counts of breaking-and-entering and larceny.

Spencer Moore, son of Rev. and Mrs. George T. Moore, free under \$100 bond on one count of breaking-and-entering and larceny.

Investigating officers list the charges specifically as follows:

On last July 4, the Falls youth stole a two-way radio from a truck of Spangler's Ready-Mix Concrete on Grover Road.

On September 29, the Falls youth broke into Weir's Store at the Park Yarn Mill and took five cartons of cigarettes.

On October 16, Falls, Ballard and Dilling entered Weir's store and took 36 cartons of cigarettes and three or four cigarette lighters.

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EVANGELIST — Dr. Philip L. Shore, Jr., of Charlotte will lead special services Sunday through Wednesday at Central Methodist church.

Methodist Series To Feature Shore

Dr. Philip L. Shore, Jr., pastor of Charlotte's First Methodist church since 1961 and Central Methodist pastor here from 1952-55, will be evangelist for special services beginning Sunday at Central Methodist church.

Services will be held at 7:30 p.m. each evening Sunday through Wednesday.

Rev. Howard Jordan, pastor of First Wesleyan Methodist church, will deliver the Easter Sermon. Mrs. J. N. McClure will direct the music. Complete order of service will be announced later.

Should rain prevent the holding of this service in Memorial Park, no plans will be made to hold the program elsewhere.

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Cities Still Redheaded Stepchild As Utilities - REA Turn Deaf Ear

Power-selling cities remained the euchered-out parties of the third part Tuesday, as Private Utilities and Rural Electric Cooperatives turned deaf ears to pleas that the cities' present rights be protected.

The result was introduction in the General Assembly of the Utilities-REA compromise, which would no longer empower power-selling cities to acquire lines of others in areas annexed to city limits. The identical bills were introduced by Senator Fred Mills of Anson (Senate Bill 95) and by Representative Earl Vaughn of Rockingham (House Bill 255).

Localizing his blast, Mayor Bridges said, "Kings Mountain's net operating profit from power sales for the year ending June 30, 1964, was \$1,200,000.

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Mrs. Scism, 20, Dies Suddenly

Funeral for Mrs. Karen Horn Scism, 20, wife of Johnny Odus Scism, was held Saturday at 4 p.m. from Oak Grove Baptist church, of which she was a member.

Mrs. Scism died following childbirth Wednesday night at Kings Mountain hospital. Results of an autopsy requested by her family had not been learned Wednesday.

A native of the Oak Grove community, Mrs. Scism was the only daughter of Olland and Bertie Lee Dixon Horn.

Surviving are her husband, their infant son, John Kelly Scism; three brothers, Dennis Horn of Shelby and William and Edwin Lee Horn, both of the home; and her grandmother, Mrs. Clarence Dixon.

Rev. James Holder, assisted by Rev. D. W. Digh, officiated at the final rites. Interment was in the Oak Grove cemetery.