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Garland E. Still for Ward 1 Commissioner



Eugene Goforth for Ward 2 Commissioner



W. S. Biddix for Ward 2 Commissioner



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Norman King for Ward 4 Commissioner



Dewey Styers for Ward 4 Commissioner



O. O. Walker for Ward 5 Commissioner



J. E. (Zip) Rhea for Ward 5 Commissioner



Benjamin Brown for Ward 5 Commissioner



Mrs. Lena W. McGill for School Trustee



Robert Smith for School Trustee



Mrs. Verlee Roberts for School Trustee



B. Holmes Harry for School Trustee

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320

City Limits 8,008

This figure for Greater Kings Mountain is derived from the 1955 Kings Mountain city directory census. The city limits figure is from the United States census of 1960.



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Citizens To Polls Tuesday For Biennial Voting

U. S. 74 Hearing Is Lively

McGowan Replies To Objections Are Listed

R. W. McGowan, highway commission's assistant chief engineer in charge of road location and design, made these replies to citizens voicing complaints to the projected 7.3 mile U. S. 74 by-pass (which he termed a partial thru-way and a partial by-pass):

- 1) The schools say we will kill kids. But everytime they migrate to these good roads to build new schools. All these roads are fenced in school and residential areas. The projected routes do not preclude other future improvements to the in-city street system or approaches.
- 2) The north route is a high-mica area.
- 3) A town which can afford an 18-hole golf course is pretty prosperous.
- 4) Walkways and sidewalks will be provided in school areas and there will be no service roads.
- 5) (Answering George H. Mauney) Transcript (tape-recorded) of this hearing will be studied by the federal Bureau of Public Roads at all levels, including Raleigh, Atlanta, and Washington, as well as by effected agencies of the State Highway commission. All appraisals are based on today's value and future potential by experts, both state and local. Ninety percent of property owners settle on these appraisals.

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P. H. Wilson Guest Stolen From Abbey

Newest member of the P. H. Wilson family — a homing pigeon — is going back home today.

Mrs. P. H. Wilson has heard from the pigeon's owner — Rev. Martin Hayes, O.S.B., of Belmont Abbey College, that he will come for the Wilsons' guest.

The Wilsons found the identity of the owner by writing the Richmond Times-Dispatch for information. A metal identification tag wrapped around the pigeon's leg bore the inscription "Richmond, Va. No. 19981F57."

A letter from G. S. Amory, Richmond, Va., revealed that Rev. Mr. Hayes received the pigeon several years ago as a gift from Amory. The Amory-Hayes-Wilson pigeon was one of several stolen from Belmont Abbey two months ago.

North Piedmont - Linwood Interchange Would Cut Wide Swath In Residences

Largest swath of developed property that will become the roadbed of the projected U. S. 74 by-pass, no matter which of the projections, the short 3.13 mile one, or 7.3, will occur at the N. Piedmont avenue interchange.

Time did not permit taking of notes, but among the buildings within the path of right-of-way requirements are Roberts Grocery, the residences of George C. Smith, Mrs. W. M. Gantt, two dwellings owned by W. K. Mauney, Jr., residences of George H. Mauney, Dr. L. P. Baker, Misses Ida and Gussie Huffstetler, John George, Jr., Clyde (Whitey) Bridges, the Mrs. H. W. McGinnis residence and others.

The 7.3 mile projection also envisions:

- 1) Dead-ending Phenix street where it would converge with the new road.
- 2) A diamond interchange at NC 161.
- 3) A bridge under the Southern Railway tracks between Phenix Plant of Burlington Industries and the former Loom-Tex plant.
- 4) A bridge under Cansler street.
- 5) A partial diamond interchange near Nebo creek.
- 6) A diamond interchange at county road 2036, go south of Bethware school, re-entering US 74 to the west.
- 7) The project is estimated to cost \$6 million.

Low Stadium Bid Painfully High

Members of the board of education did not smile yesterday as they opened bids for the John Gamble stadium.

Low base bid, among five, was \$112,700, by Elmore Construction Company, of Catawba, and the base bid provided only home-side grandstand, plus lighting, grading and sodding of field, and exclusive of visiting side grandstand and pressbox. Addition of steel stands, plus visiting side rest rooms and pressbox, would add \$20,730, for a total bid of \$133,430. More preferable concrete stands for the visitors' side would add another \$11,911 or a total of \$145,341 — all exclusive of engineering fees. The Elmore completion promise is 150 days.

This would place the project at a round-figure \$150,000, or \$70,000 over the \$80,000 fund cam-
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Heart Attack Fatal On Monday To John Bryson Mauney, Age 70

Funeral rites for John Bryson Mauney, 70, city commissioner from 1931-41 and former groceryman, were held Wednesday at 3 p.m. from Central Methodist church of which he was a member.

Mr. Mauney suffered a heart attack Monday about 10:30 a.m. as he stopped his car at the King St.-Watterson intersection stop light. He died 30 minutes later at Kings Mountain hospital.

A native of Gaston County, he was a son of the late James Lonza and Laura Carpenter Mauney.

Before his retirement, he operated a grocery store in the Burlington Mills community for many years. He served five terms on the board of city commissioners.

Mr. Mauney served as a director of HomeSavings & Loan Association for several years and at one time operated a realty business in East Kings Mountain.

He was a veteran of Army service during World War I, a Mason, member of Fairview
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Mayor Says City For New Route; Groups Oppose

Need for an 18-hole golf course at the country club, safety of school children, self-admitted and non-self-admitted economic interests, history of prior confrontations with highway locations, and the "I-85 - U.S. 74 death trap" came in for discussion in a lively two-hour public hearing on the 7.3 U. S. 74 Kings Mountain by-pass at the Armory Wednesday.

After Highway Commissioner J. Clint Newton opened the hearing and Commission Engineer R. W. McGowan had outlined the route, terming the project a \$6 million one, Mayor Glee A. Bridges was the first citizen-commentator and declared himself and the five-man city commission "for the road, as is 100 percent."

J. Wilson Crawford, former president of the Chamber of Commerce and current president of Kings Mountain Business Development, Inc., gave the Mayor qualified support. He noted he had no property involved, then objected to dead-ending Phenix street and the point it would intersect with the proposed by-pass. He further objected to the current projection for providing
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Moss Asks 74 Map Posting

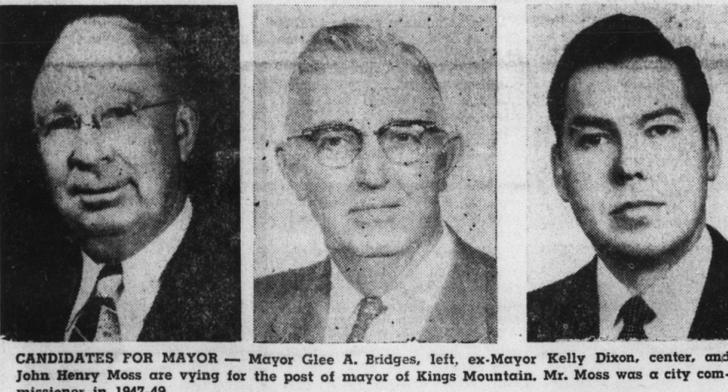
John Henry Moss, candidate for mayor, addressed a letter to the director of the State Highway Commission Wednesday afternoon asking that a detailed property map on the U. S. 74 by-pass—shown at the hearing here a few hours earlier—be posted at City Hall.

Mr. Moss was among citizens at the hearing who spoke briefly. He took no position on routing, but suggested the highway department should make every effort to keep effected property owners up-to-date on developments.

He said he wrote the department on learning the detailed map shown was the only one available and could be seen by the public only at Raleigh headquarters of the commission.

Mr. Moss' letter to Director W. F. Babcock follows:

"I attended a hearing this morning covering the proposed
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CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR — Mayor Glee A. Bridges, left, ex-Mayor Kelly Dixon, center, and John Henry Moss are vying for the post of mayor of Kings Mountain. Mr. Moss was a city commissioner in 1947-49.

Dr. Sam Robinson Is Plonks Partner

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Retailers May Sell State Tags

The Kings Mountain Merchants Association board of directors voted unanimously Thursday to proceed with efforts for its retailer office to become a dealer for North Carolina automobile license plates.

Directors named Gene Timms to head up a committee. They instructed the committee to contact Senator Jack White in Raleigh following report from President
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Registrars Add 374 Names To Pollbooks

Names of 374 citizens were added to the city's pollbooks on four successive Saturdays as citizens registered to vote in Tuesday's election.

Saturday was the busiest for registrars as 225 names were added at eight precincts. On subsequent Saturdays the count was: 102, 29 and 18.

Ward V leads the precincts in new registrations with a total of 148 names added to the pollbook.

During Saturday registrations, Ward I registrar C. L. Black reported 21 new registrations and two transfers; Ward II registrar R. D. Goforth added 26 and transferred two; Ward III registrar Mrs. Ruth Eowers reported 28 new registrations, six transfers into her ward and four transfers to another precinct; Mrs. Vera Cash, Ward V registrar, had 36 new registrations and transferred three; and Mrs. Paul Patterson reported 101 new names added in Ward V and two transfers.

At Grover, Park Grace and Bethware polling places where voters will help determine election of two school trustees, the count was: 13 at Park Grace where Mrs. Ruth Cloninger is registrar; seven at Bethware where Mrs. Frank Ware is registrar; and six at Grover where Mrs. J. B. Ellis is registrar.

Challenge Day is Saturday, May 8.

LUTHERAN SERVICE

Dr. Charles Easley's sermon topic Sunday, the third Sunday after Easter, at St. Matthew's Lutheran church will be "Queens In Every Age." There will be a service of blessing of a new processional cross.

19 Candidates Are Seeking Eight Positions

A Kings Mountain biennial political campaign, outwardly quieter than most in the past decade, will climax Tuesday at eight polling places where voters will choose a mayor, five city commissioners, and two members of the board of education.

Hottest campaign of the eight has been the contest for mayor, where Mayor Glee A. Bridges is defending against two challengers, ex-Mayor Kelly Dixon, and John Henry Moss, onetime commissioner. Both Mayor Bridges and Mr. Moss have been active at the vote-seeking business for weeks, utilizing communications media and personal visits. Mr. Dixon has confined his campaigning largely to personal politicking.

The commission races have been outwardly quiet, with observers crediting W. S. Biddix, unsuccessful Ward 2 challenger two years ago, with waging the most active campaign. He, along with Thomas B. Eubanks, freelance writer, attempt to unseat Eugene Goforth, seeking a third term.

Other contests find ex-Mayor Garland E. Still challenging Ray Cline in Ward 1; James L. Guyton challenging T. J. (Tommy) Ellison in Ward 3; Dewey Styers challenging Norman King in Ward 4; and O. O. Walker is challenging his nephew (by marriage) J. E. (Zip) Rhea in Ward 5.

Two incumbent board of education members seek re-election.

Mrs. J. L. McGill, seeking a second six-year term, is challenged by Robert Smith, while Holmes Harry, of Grover, completing a four-year term, and seeking a full six-year term, is challenged by Mrs. Verlee Roberts, first Negro woman to seek public office in the Kings Mountain area.

In-city voters will ballot only for the school board candidates of their choice.

While the campaign is outward
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Facts Are Listed On Tuesday Voting

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

Polls open: 7 a.m.

Polls close: 6 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 officers: 2500.

Estimated vote for school officers: 3500.