

# Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 8,008

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## Two Board Seats At Stake In Tuesday Run-Off

### First Citizens Bank Seeks Branch Here

#### Holding Says Applications Filed Monday

By MARTIN HARMON  
Lewis R. Holding, president of First Citizens Bank & Trust Company — North Carolina's fourth largest — confirmed Wednesday that First Citizens filed applications Monday with the State Banking Commission and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for permission to open a branch in Kings Mountain.



**NEW ADMINISTRATION SWORN** — Members of the new Moss Administration and newly-elected school trustees took the oaths of office Thursday, and Magistrate J. Lee Roberts, left above, is shown administering the oaths to Ward III Commissioner T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, Mayor John Henry Moss, Ward IV Commissioner Norman King, Ward I Commissioner Ray Cline, and School Trustees Mrs. Lena W. McGill and Holmes Harry. The swearing-in ceremony was held at 10 a.m. at City Hall courtroom. (Photo by Bill Jackson).

Under normal procedures, Mr. Holding said, the banking commission will consider the application at its regular July meeting. If decision is favorable, action by the FDIC should be taken within 30 to 60 days.

First Citizens Bank and Trust Company, headquartered in Smithfield, has 97 branches in 46 North Carolina towns and cities, including two in Gastonia and nine in Charlotte.

He said the incidence of Kings Mountain accounts at the Gastonia branches dictated the application of First Citizens to establish a branch here.

Mr. Holding continued, "A Kings Mountain branch would be a completely separate unit, with its own officers, and a full-service bank." He added, "We provide no less than 78 banking services in all."

As of April 26, First Citizens Bank & Trust Company listed assets of \$417 millions. Largest of the 97 branches are at Raleigh and Charlotte.

Kings Mountain has been served by a single banking house since April 1929, when Commercial Bank & Trust Company headquartered in Gastonia, closed its doors here and in several surrounding communities in which it had branches.

At the turn of the century, there were three banks. First National Bank, founded in 1900, merged with First Union National Bank of North Carolina in 1960.

#### Foster Rites To Be Friday

Funeral rites for Charles Meek Foster, 73, will be held Friday at 4 p.m. from Resurrection Lutheran church of which he was a member.

Mr. Foster died Wednesday morning at his home at 27 Elm street following a week's illness. Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Foster, he was a retired Mauney Mills employee. His wife, the former Martha Jane Weaver, died December 4, 1950.

The body will remain at Harris Funeral Home until taken to the church where it will lie in state 30 minutes before the service. Rev. George Moore will officiate, and interment will be in Mountain Rest cemetery.

#### Southern Poles To Come Down

Southern Railway Company informed the city this week it will remove in the near future its telegraph utility poles all along its right-of-way between Washington and Atlanta.

The Southern has forsaken its long-familiar telegraphic communication system for modern microwave radio.

Mayor John Henry Moss said he was pleased at the information, commenting, "The elimination of the Southern's poles will improve the city's business section parking situation if in minor degree and it will also enhance the beauty of the rail company's right-of-way through Kings Mountain, as elsewhere."

### 189 Negro Students Prefer Former All-White Schools



**CHAIRMAN** — George H. Mauney is the new chairman of Kings Mountain district board of education.

#### Mauney Heads School Board

George H. Mauney was elected Monday chairman of the Kings Mountain district board of education, succeeding James E. Herndon, Jr., H. O. (Toby) Williams was re-elected vice-chairman.

In other actions the board: 1) Re-elected Miss Alice Averitt teaching supervisor. 2) Voted to renew its school child accident policy, at \$1.75 per pupil, with Pilot Life Insurance Company. 3) Authorized conducting a summer school on the same basis as last year. 4) Instructed the superintendent.

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#### Dial, Dial, Dial, All Toll-Free To Gastonia, Since 12:01 May 19

Kings Mountain citizens began making toll-free calls to Gastonia and Dallas at 12:01 Wednesday morning, merely by dialing the desired numbers and without the necessity of calling the long distance operator or using direct distance dialing.

Subscribers in both cities are now able to call any telephone in the other city without paying a long distance charge. There will be a small monthly increase in rental rates for residential and

#### Presbyterians Welcome Hope

A. Chalmers Hope, Jr. now completing his first year at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., will join the staff of First Presbyterian church for the summer on May 31.

On Sunday afternoon at 6 o'clock, Mr. Hope will be honored at a reception at the church. Mr. Hope is the son of Dr. Chalmers Hope, a Charlotte physician.

#### T. J. Ellison Mayor Pro Tem; Moss Pay Same

Shortly after inauguration ceremonies last Thursday, the board of city commissioners held a brief session in which they elected T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, Ward 3 commissioner, mayor pro tempore.

Comm. Ellison succeeds Comm. Ray Cline, re-elected Ward 1 commissioner. In choosing Ellison for the honor, the commission followed tradition. It customarily honors the newly-elected member receiving the highest vote.

In other routine actions, the board voted retention for 30 days of all city employees, and voted to pay Mayor John Henry Moss gross pay of \$6,000 per year, including \$600 per year travel allowance — same pay Mayor Glee A. Bridges and Mayor Kelly Dix on had received.

The commission also voted to change its regular monthly meeting schedule to second Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., rather than on second Thursdays at 6 p.m.

At the regular monthly meeting Thursday evening, Mayor Moss welcomed numerous citizens in the audience and promised the administration would maintain an open door at all meetings at all times.

The Mayor and City Attorney J. R. Davis were instructed to see what provisions present city ordinances might have in relation to location of trailers after G. L. McDaniel, Jr., had stated, "I want that trailer moved from my backyard." Comm. Ray Cline had suggested it might be good policy for the city to prohibit use of trailers for permanent residences except by special permission of the zoning board, adding "which is this board."

Mayor Moss said Wednesday a check had revealed the city has no ordinance specifically pursuant to residential trailers, and that only the present zoning ordinances apply.

W. G. (Bill) McDaniel asked for some "dust down" on dusty West God street extension, was told the dust preventive was on order and would be applied on arrival.

Comm. Eugene Goforth said members of Eastside Baptist church had asked that an adjacent lot to the church property be cleaned of grass and honeysuckle. Mayor Moss said yesterday the owner, W. K. Mauney, Jr. had said he would clear the lot.

#### Toll-Free Cost Survey Planned

Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company will conduct a survey to determine feasibility of countywide toll-free service, officials have informed Floyd Farris, Shelby branch manager.

Several farm groups and rural citizens have endorsed countywide toll-free service. Basis of the survey, Mr. Farris said, will be cost of installation and its relation to potential rental rates.

Last April Southern Bell conducted a traffic survey to determine need for the service and the results were not favorable. Mr. Farris added.

Acknowledging the renewed request from the county farm bureau, Bethware Progressive club and others, Mr. Farris said it is possible both sentiment and telephone traffic may have changed sufficiently to justify the service, depending on the cost analysis.

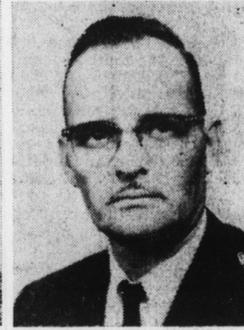
"That's why we survey," Mr. Farris said.

#### TO SYNOD

Dr. Paul K. Ausley, minister, and Paul Mauney, elder, of First Presbyterian church, and Rev. J. O. Mann, minister of Dixon Presbyterian church, will go to Richmond Tuesday for the annual meeting of the North Carolina Synod, to be held at Union Theological seminary.



For Ward 2 Commissioner  
**EUGENE GOFORTH**



**W. S. BIDDIX**



For Ward 5 Commissioner  
**O. O. WALKER**



**J. E. (ZIP) RHEA**

#### Biddix, Walker Are Challenging Goforth, Rhea

Kings Mountain citizens return to the polls next Tuesday to complete selection of the board of city commissioners.

The contests are between Gene Goforth, for the past four years Ward 2 commissioner, and W. Seimore Biddix, the challenger, he two finishing in a dead heat at 863 votes each in the May 11 voting, while Thomas B. Eubanks trailed at 107.

The other race finds J. E. (Zip) Rhea, also a four-year commissioner from Ward 5, challenged by O. O. Walker, his uncle by marriage. Mr. Rhea led the May 11 balloting by 172 votes, 923 to 751, but failed to attain a majority by 52 votes as Benjamin Brown polled 295 votes.

Already seated are a first-time mayor, John Henry Moss, and three veteran commissioners, Ray Cline, elected to his third term, Norman King, elected to his second, and T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, elected to his seventh.

The run-off campaign has been marked by continued personality-type politicking by the Ward 5 contestants, Goforth and Biddix.

In Ward 5, Incumbent Rhea is making a particular point that he will give full cooperation to the newly-elected mayor, while Challenger Walker calls attention to the fact of long experience in sewage system and water line construction — noting the city has upcoming a major sewage disposal project.

Rules for Tuesday's run-off election voting are identical to those of the May 11 election. Polls will open at five ward polling places at 7 a.m. and will close at 6 p.m.

The same election officials will conduct the election. The city commission will convene Wednesday to canvass the returns and certify the vote.

Elected candidates will be sworn at 10 a.m., Thursday, May 27.

The five ward polling places are: Ward 1, City Hall; Ward 2, American Legion building; Ward 3, East school; Ward 4, the former Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company clubroom; Ward 5, National Guard Armory.

### Auxiliary Elects Mrs. Blanton



**PRESIDENT** — Mrs. Charles Blanton will serve as president of the Woman's Auxiliary to the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association for the coming year.

Mrs. Charles D. Blanton, Jr. was elected president of the Woman's Auxiliary to the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association at the 38th annual convention in Durham Sunday through Tuesday.

Her husband, partner in Kings Mountain Drug company, was elected first vice-president of the parent association, the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association, meeting in conjunction with the auxiliary and the Traveling Men's Association.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Blanton attended the convention at Jack Tar Hotel.

Mrs. Blanton is the outgoing first vice-president of the Woman's Auxiliary. Mr. Blanton has been serving as second vice-president of the parent group. His late father, Charles D. Blanton, Sr., was president of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association in 1957.

The Blantons are both active in civic, church, and community affairs. They are members of First Presbyterian church. Parents of three children, two daughters and a son, they reside at 403 Phifer road.

Members of the Woman's Auxiliary joined the men's group for

#### Kings Mountain Woman President Of State Group

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#### Stadium Fund Shy By \$52.61

The John Gamble Stadium fund is shy by \$52.61 the \$80,000 quota earmarked for a new football stadium.

Fund Treasurer Charles F. Harry, III reported two additional pledges totaling \$450 this week. Gastonia Coca Cola Bottling Company has pledged \$300 and Carolina Coin Caterers Corporation of Charlotte has made a pledge of \$150. Mr. Harry said.

Treasurer Harry also acknowledged gifts from the Kings Mountain high school Parent-Teacher-Student Association and Mr. and Mrs. James B. Simpson.

Actual cash-in-hand totaled \$1,270.27 this week and cash pledges totaled \$38,677.12 for a total of \$79,947.39, Mr. Harry said.

The stadium will be constructed south of the new high school plant on Phifer road. The stadium will have a seating capacity of 4,000 and will also be equipped for track and will have an ample pressbox.

Aim of the fund-raising committee was to have the stadium ready for use when the football season opens in September. However, base bids for the proposed Gamble Stadium were rejected last week and architects advised that other avenues be employed to complete the stadium project within budgeted amounts.

The board of education and stadium committee agreed to reject the initial low bids, rather than accept a partial bid at the painfully high prices and call for new bids.

#### KMHS Mixed Chorus To Give Concert

Annual spring concert of the Kings Mountain high school Mixed Chorus will be given at 8 p.m. Thursday night in the high school auditorium.

There will be no admission charge. Mrs. J. N. McClure and Mrs. Juanita M. Logan are directors of the choral group.

#### Moss Schedules Meeting May 27 With Stream Sanitation Officials

By MARTIN HARMON  
Officials of the State Stream Sanitation committee will come to Kings Mountain May 27 to confer with the mayor and board of commissioners on plans for building a sewage treatment system to serve the western portion of the city.

Meantime, Mayor John Henry Moss said, officials had assured him Kings Mountain would be in position to apply for the maximum allowable federal grant of 30 percent for the project, provided detailed plans, sufficient cash or borrowing authority for the project, and the application are ready for filing by next April 1.

Coming to Kings Mountain for the conference will be Wilbur E. Long, chief of the municipal

waste section, William Mull, regional engineer of Asheville, and W. K. Dickson, the city's consulting civil engineer.

Mayor Moss said Long had confirmed his recommendation to other city officials that the city utilize Potts Creek for its treatment plant, leaving Beeson's Creek for use by Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company's Mar-grace plant. Rate of flow in Beeson's Creek is insufficient to handle both loads and provide for growth, Mayor Moss said he was told.

Mayor Moss said he anticipated the discussion of the sewage project, which the city is committed to have under construction by January 1, would be both

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