

The Way We Were

Section B

28 Years Ago In Kings Mountain
• Taking A Stroll Down Memory Lane •

Thursday,
February 20, 1992

Population

Greater Kings Mountain	10,320
City Limits	8,008

The figure for Greater Kings Mountain is derived from the 1980 Kings Mountain city directory census. The city limits figure is from the United States census of 1980.

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PRICE TEN CENTS

Mayor, Commission To Discuss Railroad Underpass



Richard Gold SPO President

Richard Gold, rising senior at Kings Mountain high school and son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gold of Grover, was elected president of the Student Participation Organization for the coming year.

Gold defeated two other candidates: Neil McCarter and Tommy Black, both of whom are also rising seniors. The new president will succeed Warren Goforth, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Goforth.

Elected to succeed Gold as vice-president for 1964-65 was Steve Goforth, rising junior and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Goforth.

Other candidates for the vice-presidency were: Jimmy Cloninger, Neal Cooper and Scott Cloninger. Other candidates for secretary-treasurer were Susan Hester and Mary Ann Hester.

The student elections were accompanied by student political and campaign speeches.

Local News Bulletins

ELECTED
Mrs. F. A. McDaniel, Jr. has been elected secretary of the Women's Democratic club of Cleveland County, succeeding Mrs. Jack H. White, resigned. Mrs. O. O. Walker will succeed Mrs. McDaniel on the board of directors. Under the club constitution Mrs. White may not serve as an officer in her husband's place as a candidate for election to the state senate.

LEGION DANCE
Donald Deal and the Continentals will play for a post Valentine dance at Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, Saturday night from 9 to midnight. The dance will be for members and guests. Admission is \$2 per couple.

EMERGENCY MEETING
An emergency communication of Fairview Lodge 329 AF&M will be held Monday night at 7:00 p. m. at Masonic Hall, Secretary T. D. Tindall has announced.

ELECTED
John Dilling of Dilling Heating was elected a director at the first annual meeting of the North Carolina Warm Air Heating and Air Conditioning Association in Greensboro last Friday.

SCHOOL
A School of Instruction for Masons will be held by Fairview Lodge 329 AF&M Monday through Thursday with classes each evening at 7 p. m. at Masonic Hall, D. C. Wright of Mooresboro is leading the school.

METER RECEIPTS
Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday totaled \$185.60, including \$131.60 from on-street meters, \$47 in over-parking fines, and \$7 from off-street meters. City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr. reported.

Day of Prayer Services Friday

All Churches Set Services Friday Morning

Kings Mountain citizens will join with those around the globe Friday in the annual observance of World Day of Prayer.

Short services at most Kings Mountain area churches will be held beginning at 11:15 a. m. and continuing until 11:45 a. m. Kings Mountain retail businesses will be closed from 11 until 12 noon to allow their employees to attend churches of their choice.

Where citizens are not able to leave work and where loudspeakers are available, local ministers will lead a three-minute prayer. A service will be led at the local hospital, in the mills and mines and at other places of public assembly.

Whistle and sirens will mark the beginning of the period of prayer.

Negro citizens will hold special services Friday evening.

Kings Mountain Mayor (Ike A. Bridges) signed a proclamation last week officially designating Friday, Valentine's Day, as a World Day of Prayer in Kings Mountain. It also designated a window display at Bell's Department Store all attention to the worldwide observance.

The local observance is headed by the Council of Churchwomen with Mrs. John C. McGill as general chairman. Other committee members are: Mrs. D. L. Bennett, Mrs. Arno Hays, Mrs. Paul Mauney, Mrs. Hunter Neider, Robert D. Southwell, Mrs. Lawrence Lohr, Miss Mae Sue Goforth, Roy H. LeRoux, Rev. R. L. McGaha, Mrs. O. O. Walker, Rev. Martin Dill, Mrs. Thomas Duggan, Mrs. Earl Ledford and Mrs. T. J. Ellison.

Gene Blanton Joins Herald

Gene Blanton of Shelby, formerly with Star Press, Inc., will succeed Russell C. Parrish Thursday as mechanical superintendent of the Kings Mountain Daily Star on Monday.

Mr. Parrish, also of Shelby, became head superintendent in August of 1962. He is joining the mechanical staff of the Shelby Daily Star on Monday.

Mr. Blanton is a veteran of 16 years in printing and publishing trades.

Cowpens, Not Kings Mountain, Was Tide Turner, Professor Contends

A Lincolnton college professor thinks the Battle of Cowpens, not the Battle of Kings Mountain, was the real turning of the tide in the American colonial's successful fight for independence from Great Britain.

Dr. Robert Bass, speaking to the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night, described himself as a professional teacher of English literature and a hobbyist in three books on Revolutionary War subjects and is underway on a fourth.

The Battle of Cowpens was fought January 17, 1781, well over three months after the colonial success at Kings Mountain on October 7, 1780.

Dr. Bass lists three principal contentions:

1. There was no follow-up to the Kings Mountain victory, with the mountain men returning to their homes and only a couple of the leaders finishing further.
2. Kings Mountain's British losses, except for Col. Ferguson, were not as heavy as those at Cowpens were well recently-recruited Tory co-

Optimist Club Talent Show, Dance Saturday

A ten-act talent show will precede a dance at the National Guard Armory Saturday night.

The talent show and dance is being sponsored by the Kings Mountain Optimist club, which will use the proceeds for youth activities.

Lawrence Adams, chairman of the committee on arrangements, said advance bookings for the talent show indicate the audience will enjoy excellent entertainment and that competition will be keen for the numerous prizes awaiting the winners.

He also said that Clayton Jewell has provided 100 records which will be given the first 100 persons arriving for the event, which will begin 7:30.

Music for the dance will be furnished by the Fabulous Impassioned.

Wells Funeral Held Wednesday

Funeral rites for William Wells, 71, were held Wednesday at 4 o'clock from Kings Mountain Baptist church, at which he was a member.

Mr. Wells succumbed Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Kings Mountain hospital following several months of declining health.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Wells. A retired farmer and nightwatchman at Massachusetts, he was 71 years old.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Sallie Wells; a son, Jeff Wells of Mecklenburg; five daughters, Mrs. Floyd McDaniel, Mrs. Myrtle Thomas and Mrs. David Sanders, all at Kings Mountain; Mrs. M. E. Randle of Greenville, S. C.; and Mrs. Wessie McSwain of New York, Va. Also surviving are five brothers, Wayne Wells, all of Kings Mountain; Daily Wells of Richmond, Va. and Harley Wells of Washington, D. C. Mrs. Basil Francis of Blackburg, S. C.; 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Hospital Vote Books To Close

Registration books will be open Saturday for the final time preliminary to the February 23 hospital construction bond election.

At Rumber 4 Township's four polling places there was little activity Saturday. Mrs. J. B. Ellis added two new names to the Grover pollbooks. There was one reported by Mrs. Nellie Crawford, East Kings Mountain, or Mrs. J. D. Jones at Belvedere. Mrs. J. H. Arthur could not be reached Wednesday afternoon for report on West Kings Mountain registration activity.

A new registration is not required. However, unregistered citizens who expect to vote must register. Voters who have moved to different precincts should obtain transfers.

Challenge Day is Saturday, February 23.

The books will be open at all the county's 28 precincts.

Citizens will determine whether the county shall issue up to \$2,000,000 in bonds for hospital construction, including \$1,500,000 for replacements, renovations and additions to Cleveland Memorial hospital at Shelby, and \$500,000 for a 25-bed addition, together with auxiliary facilities at Kings Mountain hospital.

The county anticipates it will receive comparable matching funds from the federal government under the Hill-Burton Act, with the Cleveland Memorial project first launched given first priority by the county board of commissioners.



Three Contests For County Posts

Incumbent Ivey Whisnant seeks to retain Register Post.

Ivey Whisnant, register of deeds, is a candidate for re-election. He will seek reelection as register of deeds for Cleveland County.

Mr. Whisnant, serving by appointment since the late Register Dan W. Moore, and is opposed by Ralph J. Tucker of the Elizabeth community and assistant county recorder. Mr. Tucker announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for register of deeds several weeks ago.

During the next week, another name was added to those seeking District 4 Democratic nomination. A Bridges joined J. D. (Doc) Tucker and Sturgeon Hewitt as candidates for the Democratic nomination for register of deeds several weeks ago.

Both Mr. Whisnant and Mr. Bridges are Pedeville residents. One other county race was projected last week, when Jack H. White, Kings Mountain, lawyer, announced he would oppose R. Patrick Spangler for the state senate. Mr. Spangler having an ever Record Unit.

Grover Blood Gifts Record

Grover area citizens donated a record 157 pints of blood at Monday's visit, operated by the Grover Rescue Unit.

Actually, 260 donors waited the blood bank from 11 until 9 p. m. Kings Mountain Red Cross Chapter Blood Program chairman Charles Mauney said. There were 107 regulars.

The visit was Grover's first during the new fiscal year of the regional blood collecting unit. Joining the exclusive one-gallon blood donor club were five new members, including William W. Little, John Lee Padde, David R. Lovelace, Charles Duval and Bill Putnam.

Goal of the visit was 125 pints of blood.

Missie Hill employees led the collection.

Donors were: Robert Peterson, Jr., J. D. Hambricht, William D. Brown, William Andrew Hammett, Gordon D. Myers, Raymond Mullinax, Mrs. Shirley Deaton, Clare C. Mullinax, William D. Dancy, Hubert Humphries, Harry Roark, Sr., Ronald Queen, Dean Durwood McDaniel, Mrs. Nell Payne, Clyde L. Kiser, James Douglas Dinger, Paris R. Philbeck, Ernest Trull, Spurgeon Wright, Jack Turner, Gladie Merriam, Ronnie Martin, Floyd Cochran.

Mayor Reports Many Citizens Want Underpass

Mayor Dick A. Bridges said Wednesday he will invite discussion by the city council Thursday night on possibility of constructing an underpass near the business district to eliminate some of the present rail crossings.

Mayor Bridges said he had received numerous suggestions from citizens that an underpass be constructed and that, substantially as many as three of the present rail crossings be closed, including those at Gold street, at the Mauney Mill and at Cedar street.

"I am not recommending this project but I do want to get the views of the members of the commission. Undoubtedly, the project would be a very expensive one, undoubtedly would require a bond issue," the Mayor commented.

The Mayor will also report formally to the commission on the letter of D. W. Brown, president of Southern Railway Company, who wrote recently that Southern would not spend any money to install warning signals at the Gold street crossing, where four persons were killed in an auto-train accident several weeks ago.

Those will be the principal items of business on the regular city commission agenda Thursday night. The meeting will be held at 8 p. m. at the hour in advance of the regular meeting hour. Several members of the commission have other engagements on Thursday night.

Another item will be receipt of bids for purchase of a truck chassis for a dump-truck.

City Directory Is Distributed

Kings Mountain's 1964 city directory was distributed this week.

Actually, the yellow-bound volume is distributed to subscribers, including Bessemer City.

The directory includes four major sections: a classified directory, including business and industrial firms, clubs, and churches; a section listing individuals with their names of their trade or profession, where employed, and their residential addresses; a street guide, listing individuals and businesses by address, along with their telephone numbers.

The volume also includes summaries of Bessemer City and Kings Mountain history, with numerous pictures of public buildings.

The alphabetical directory of names requires 150 pages for Kings Mountain listings and 60 pages for Bessemer City listings.

Publications are King, Columbia, S. C. Kings Mountain Merchants Association endorsed the publication of the directory. Kings Mountain's third and first publications in several years.

Price of the directory is \$30. Copies are obtainable at the office of the Merchants association.



Larry Patrick Wins Award

Eagle Scout Larry Patrick has won the God and Country award, highest religious honor awarded by a church to a youth in scouting. The award was presented at First Presbyterian church.

The God and Country medal is the highest religious honor awarded to a youth in scouting, who is under 21 and who works with his minister on a definite program of the areas of study, work, experience and service. The five areas covering a year or more are: Christian faith, Christian citizenship, world outlook, Christian citizenship and Christian fellowship.

Patrick worked with Dr. W. L. Priddy, pastor of the ARP church and for certain areas of study with Dr. Paul Ansel, Presbyterian minister. Dr. Ansel made the award presentation.

Young Patrick, an Eagle Scout with five palms, is a graduate of National Junior Leader's Instructor's Training School at Pullman, New Mexico. He is a member of Presbyterian Troop 30.

Hospital Shares In Endowment

Kings Mountain hospital, with an appropriation of \$1,015, was included in the list of 163 hospitals in North Carolina to share in Duke Endowment appropriations totaling \$1,483,300.36 which aid Carolina hospitals and child care institutions in financing their increase in load of charity work.

Boyer Memorial hospital at Balling Springs will receive \$1,015, and Cleveland Memorial hospital at Shelby will get \$500.

The funds, based on charity care in the fiscal year which ended September 30, are being distributed to 145 hospitals and 43 child care institutions in the two states. Hospitals receive \$92,921 of the total.

Explaining that hospitals are assisted on the basis of \$1 a day for each free-day of care, Marshall J. Pickett, Endowment secretary, said these appropriations bring to \$28,113.35 the contributions made in 39 consecutive years to assist hospitals and child care institutions in the two states in their charity services.

No Dog School, Mayor Warns

Dogs should not be permitted to accompany their youthful masters to school. Mayor Dick A. Bridges warned Wednesday.

The pets frighten some of the other children and then are uncontrolled when class schedules start. "We've had numerous complaints on this," the Mayor added, "and we'll have no choice but to pick up the dogs at schools."

EDUCATION BOARD

Kings Mountain district board of education will hold its regular February meeting Monday night at 7 o'clock at the office of the superintendent.

PLOMBS IMPROVING

Tommy Plunk, high school student who underwent surgery for a rifle wound is reported improving satisfactorily at Charlotte Presbyterian hospital.

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Did You Know.....

- * The Cleveland County Chamber has two offices to serve 600+ members. 120 members are located in the Kings Mountain area.
- * Our tourism office and Visitor Information Center is located inside the Cleveland Mall and can help with your travel questions and needs.
- * The Cleveland County Chamber's Economic Development Division has announced over 400 jobs and \$885,639,500 in investment for 2012.

Call us today to find out how you can get involved!

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