



First-Citizens Bank and Trust Company's New Headquarters On South Battleground.

New First-Citizens Bank To Open Here Monday

First - Citizens Bank & Trust Company will officially open its new Main Office in Kings Mountain Monday evening, January 24.

Brief opening ceremonies will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will be followed by an Open House concluding at 7:30. The bank will open for business in its new quarters at 9 a.m., Tuesday, January 25.

In announcing plans for the opening, Lee McIntyre, assistant vice president and executive officer for First-Citizens in Kings Mountain, invited all area residents to visit the newest and most modern banking facility in the County.

First - Citizens' new office is located at 407 South Battleground.

Participating in the brief opening ceremony will be King s Mountain Mayor John Moss, the Reverend Charles Easley of St. Mathews Lutheran Church, Harold Sumner, senior vice president of First-Citizens and Lee McIntyre.

The spacious 10,000 square foot two-story building is of contemporary design and utilizes a combination of brick, glass and a pebble faced concrete, and features an interior decor that is designed to blend with the exterior. A combination of terrazzo and carpet will be used on the main floor, which will house the commercial and installment loan department.

On the second floor of the building will be located the bookkeeping, proof and transit department, together with a records vault, storage and an employee lounge.

All major banking services will be provided at First-Citizens' new main office. This includes savings, checking, lending, drive-up window, night depository and safe deposit boxes.

McIntyre explained that the new banking facility has been designed to meet the present needs as well as providing room for future growth. He also noted that access to the bank, its parking lot and drive-up window is available from both Battleground and Cherokee Streets.

"The building as well as the access have been designed for maximum customer convenience," the bank executive explained.

A special feature of the Open House will be a prize registration. Some lucky person will win a new home entertainment system which includes a combination of multi-track stereo cassette player, am/fm stereo radio and recording unit. This prize will be awarded to someone 16 years old or over at the conclusion of the Open House. In addition three radio bike lights

will be given for those 15 and under. To be eligible to win, simply visit the new First-Citizens Bank Building during the Open House and register. It is not necessary to be present to win.

Hours for First-Citizens new Main Office will be from 9 to 1 and 3 to 5, Monday through Thursday and from 9 to 1 and 3 to 6 on Friday.

New Scout Troop Formed

A new troop has been formed in the Compact Community of Kings Mountain it was announced today by Mr. Joe Laney, District Vice-Chairman, Battleground District Boy Scouts of America.

Sponsored by the Compact Community the following men will serve as: Chairman, L.L. Adams, Members of the Committee, E.D. Evans, Sam Brown, Roddie Stephens, Leroy Young and Jake Crocker. Serving as Scoutmaster will be Cornelius Edwards and Alfred Stephens.

Members of the Troop are: John Edwards, Calvin Edwards, Ray Young, Michele Young, James Young, Edward Goode, Terry Goode and Alton Mintz.

The Troop has been given Number 412.

Harris Calls It Quits

Mauney To Run For State Senate Seat

W.K. Mauney, Jr. announced today that he is a candidate for one of the three Senate seats from the 25th North Carolina Senatorial District composed of Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, and Rutherford Counties in the May Democratic Primary.

The Kings Mountain native is in his third term as a member of the North Carolina General Assembly.

Adding to the surprise of the announcement is the fact that State Senator Ollie Harris, also of Kings Mountain, has decided not to run for re-election.

In making the announcement, Mauney said, "Since my home County is Cleveland and the present Senator from here, Senator Ollie Harris, has decided that he will not be a Candidate for re-election, at least one of the three Senators to be elected should be from Cleveland County.

Since I have lived in Kings Mountain all my life, and lived only one-half mile from the Gaston County line, I feel that I know and understand the needs of the citizens of Gaston County as well as I do in my home County. My mother, who was Sarah Hoffman was raised in Dallas in Gaston County and I have grown up with the feeling that Dallas was a part of my family.

My father's grandparents, the Rudisills' home was in Labatory in Lincoln County and I still go there every year for our family reunion. After representing Rutherford County in the House of Representatives for three terms I feel that I know the people of Rutherford County and their needs as well as I know the needs of my home County. "

"I believe that I can represent all four Counties in this District in the Senate as if they were all one County."

"I have served my Church and Community to the best of my ability in the past and will continue to do so. I feel that my past record of service to the State, County, and City is one that deserves further confidence and election to this high office of State Senator."

"I solicit the support of all citizens in this District who believe that I have the qualifications and ability to represent them in Raleigh as they would like to be represented. During the campaigns for the primary, I will try to meet and talk with as many people as I can, and advertise myself to the Citizens in this District who do not know me, so they can cast their vote in the Primary for me with

confidence that they have cast their vote for the right man for the right office."



W.K. MAUNEY

City School Board Adopts New Personnel Policies

The Kings Mountain City Board of Education approved Monday Phase 1 of written policies for professional personnel. Phase 1 of the policies is concerned with absences and leaves of absence and is drawn up by the Association of Classroom Teachers Committee on Policy Development.

The policies set up specific guidelines for teachers and other professional personnel, including a leave of absence for running for public office, leave of absence for pregnancy for women with three year experience, and leaves for study and travel.

Regarding political activity, the policy states that "The Board of Education recognizes the right of teachers to participate in political affairs in a manner afforded other citizens, including the right to vote, the right to be active members of a political party of their choice, the right to campaign for candidates, the right to seek, campaign for, and serve in public office themselves. A teacher will be granted a reasonable leave of absence for the purpose of running for or serving in public office if such activity interferes with his teaching duties. Such a leave or extension of leave shall not be for a longer period than the current school year."

"Political activities in support of or in opposition to specific candidates or issues may not be engaged in while the employees are officially carrying out their professional responsibilities with students. This, however, is not to be construed as prohibiting the impartial study and discussion of political or other controversial issues. School employees engaging in political activities shall make it clear that their utterances and actions are theirs as individuals and that these, in no manner, represent the views of the school system."

"The Board, while recognizing these rights, insists that there be:

- a. No coercive involvement of students
- b. No campaigning on school premises or school time
- c. No use of school equipment or supplies

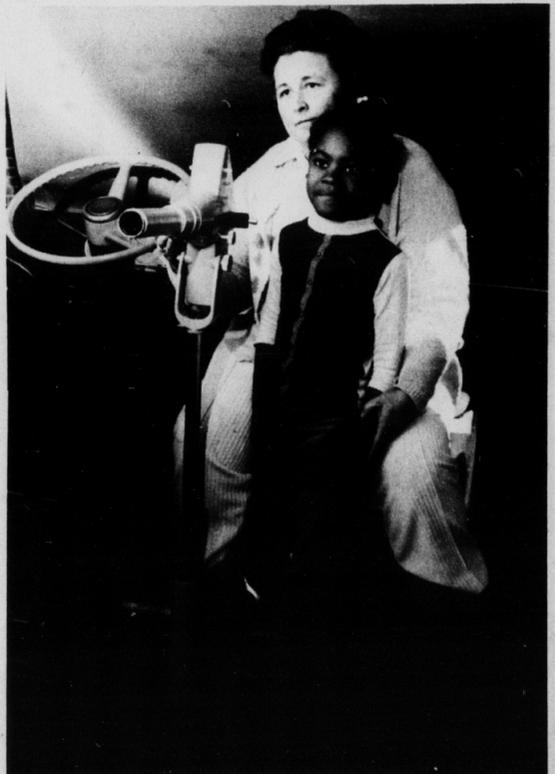
The position of a teacher will at no

time be in jeopardy due to his political activities as long as he adheres to the terms of this policy.

It is the duty of each professional employee to assume the responsibility to serve when called for jury duty. During his absence for this purpose he will receive his full salary and also be entitled to the compensation or fees received for jury duty.

Other provisions covered in the policies include: excusing personnel early, sick leave, and participation in professional organizations.

Dean Westmoreland, Chairman for the committee on policy development, emphasized that although many of the policies are already in effect, the main idea of the written policy is to serve as a morale booster.



The Lions mobile eye clinic was at Bethware School to test pre-schoolers Monday. In the truck taking the test is 6 year old Louvenia Ross. Her guardians are Mr. and Mrs. Willie J. Williams of Route 1, Kings Mountain. Conducting the test is Betty Masters. (Mirror Photo by Lem Lynch)



Fastest Cars In Town!

Approximately 30 boys entered the Cub Scout Pack 96 Pine Derby held last Tuesday night. The little cars were built as a father-son project for the race. The winners are shown here from left to right: Wynn Craw-

ford, 1st Place winner; Tim Holmes, 2nd Place winner; and Jeff Campbell, 3rd place winner. Pack 96 is sponsored by East Gold Wesleyan Church, Pat Layton, Cubmaster. (Mirror Photo)

Cox Resigns As Chamber Manager

Bob Cox has resigned his position as Manager of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce effective January 15th. Cox gave no immediate reason for his resignation or future plans.

Lee McIntyre, President of the Chamber of Commerce has announced the results of the Chamber's annual election.

The new President is J.C. Bridges. First Vice President is Joe McDaniel, and Charles Blanton, Second Vice President.

New Directors, whose terms expire in 1975, are: Joe Smith, Kings Mountain Savings and Loan; Bob Smith, First Citizens Bank and Trust; and Dick Shaney, Carolina Throwing Company.

Carry-over members of the Board of Directors, terms expiring in 1974 are: Paul Johnsonbaugh, Oxford Industries; Jim Jenkins, Burlington Industries; Frank Sincos, McGill's Clinic.

Members whose terms expire in 1973 are: Jim Yarbro, Sterchi Bros. Stores, Inc.; Jim Lybrand, Lybrands Carpet and Tile; and Bob Maner, Maner Insurance Agency.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held January 25th at 9:30 a.m. at First Citizens Bank and Trust's new building. New officers and directors will be installed at this meeting.