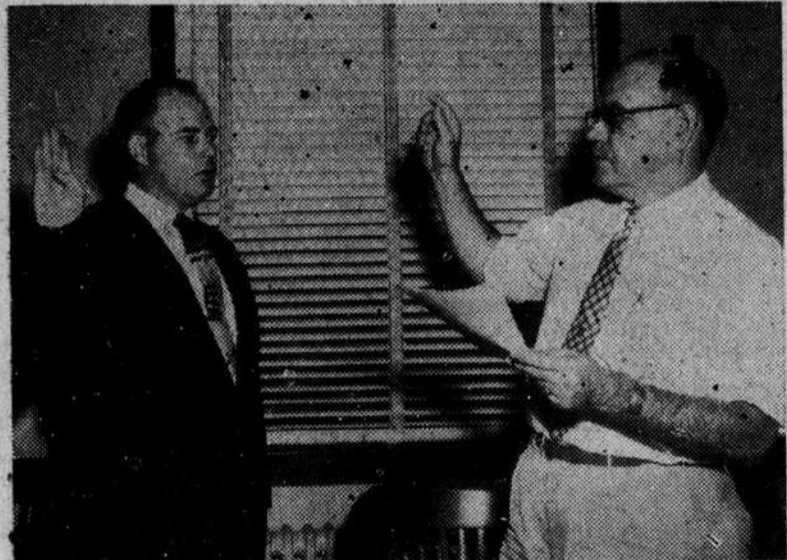


Greater Kings Mountain	10,320
City Limits	7,206

The 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 1950.

City And Park Grace Schools To Open Tuesday



ALEXANDER TAKES OATH AS POSTMASTER—Charles L. Alexander became Kings Mountain postmaster last Friday afternoon. Mr. Alexander, left, repeats the oath administered by F. R. Hayes, postoffice inspector and Kings Mountain native. Mr. Alexander succeeded W. T. Weir, who held the office from January 15, 1955, as acting postmaster.

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MOOSE MEETING

Members of Kings Mountain Moose Lodge 1748 will hold their regular weekly meeting at the lodge on Bessemer City road, Thursday night at 8:15.

IN FINALS

King's Quartet of First Baptist church will appear in quarter finals of the Arthur Smith TV Talent show at Park Center, Charlotte, September 8th at 8 p. m. Members of the quartet are Blake McWhirter, Bob Smith, Clavon Kelly, and Joe Hord.

COMMUNICATION

An emergent communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AF & AM will be held Monday night, September 3rd, at 7:30 p. m. at Masonic Hall for work in the third degree. A barbecue supper will be served at 6:30 p. m.

REUNION

The family of the late Emanuel Rudisill will hold their annual reunion Sunday, September 2nd, at 1:00 p. m. in the Howell club house, Cherryville. M. L. Mauney, of Charlotte, is president of the organization.

REUNION

Annual Herndon-Mitcham reunion will be held Sunday, September 2nd, at Lake Crawford picnic area. Dinner will be served picnic-style at 1 o'clock, and all relatives have been invited to attend.

KIWANIANS TO PICNIC

Final outdoor meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will be held at Lake Montona Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. Red Bridges, of Shelby, will serve a barbecue dinner for Kiwanians and their families.

MEETING POSTPONED

The scheduled meeting of the recently appointed City Recreation Commission, set for Monday night, was postponed for two weeks. Secretary-Treasurer Gene Mitcham announced Monday afternoon. The board meets in City Courtroom.

DISSOLVING FIRM

Gantt and Crawford, Inc., Kings Mountain firm, is dissolving the corporation, according to preliminary certificate of dissolution published today. J. Wilson Crawford, member of the firm, said the business would continue in operation as a partnership. The firm has conducted residential building on Belvedere Circle.

Early High School Registering Urged

Kings Mountain high school students who haven't yet registered for the term beginning next Tuesday are requested to visit the school and accomplish registration on Friday of this week.

E. L. Brown, principal, said he would be in his office between 8:30 and 5 p. m., Friday for this purpose and urged all unregistered students to complete registration for the fall term on this date.

Close Vote On Pearsall Plan Would Spur NAACP-Falls

Representative Urges Support Of Amendment

Support of the Pearsall Plan, embodied in one of four amendments North Carolinians will consider in the September 8 general election, was urged strongly by Rep. B. T. Falls, Jr., as he addressed members of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night.

The Shelby legislator told the Lions he regarded adoption of the Pearsall plan by a large majority "North Carolina's one hope to retain its public school system."

He gave this particular reason to support his contention:

North Carolina's eastern counties, where enmity toward non-segregated public schools is greatest, control the North Carolina Senate. It is Mr. Falls' contention that Eastern Senators would decline to appropriate funds for schools in the event de-segregation is forced, thereby killing North Carolina's public school system.

In calling for a large vote, Rep. Falls said, "I hope, along with the Governor, that a million votes will be cast on September 8, and that the majority in favor of the Pearsall Plan will be large. If the vote is close, it will be an invitation to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to say, 'They don't care much in North Carolina, so let's go down and take over.'"

Rep. Falls offered the opinion North Carolina's 1955 school assignment law—returning complete pupil assignment authority to the state's 174 local school units—is likely to solve the problem. He said it would be employed to fullest extent before the Pearsall Plan, if adopted, is ever used.

He said it is in eastern counties of the state, some of which have predominantly Negro populations, where the pupil assignment law is likely to breakdown.

Mr. Falls excoriated the Supreme Court for its May 17, 1954, decision declaring public school segregation illegal. He said, "The Supreme Court on that date ceased to be a judicial body and sought to become a legislative body."

"Yet to defy the law would be foolhardy," he continued, describing both the 1955 school assignment law and the proposed Pearsall Plan as efforts of the state to live within the law, yet to circumvent an "intolerable" situation.

Commenting on the Pearsall plan, Mr. Falls noted the tuition grant provision would provide about \$134 per annum for a child to attend a private school. He added private schooling is likely

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REVIVAL SPEAKER—Evangelist Don Austin, of Greensboro, will conduct a week's series of services beginning Sunday night at Second Baptist church.

Second Baptist To Hear Austin

Revival services will begin Sunday, continuing for a week, at Second Baptist church, it was announced by the pastor, Rev. Howard T. Cook.

Evangelist Don Austin, of Greensboro formerly associated with Evangelist Billy Graham, will conduct the services, to be held each evening, September 9-16, at 7:30. Special singing will also be a feature of the revival series.

Evangelist Austin has traveled abroad with Mr. Graham, Rev. Cook said.

Youths Deplore School Change

At least two of Kings Mountain's city school students are wondering about the school assignment plan set forth by the City School Board of Trustees last week.

Jimmy Grant and Jerry Whetstone, both age 10, expressed great concern about the school assignment when they paid a visit to The Herald last Friday afternoon.

"Did the paper have it right about where we are supposed to go to school?" Young Mr. Grant inquired.

When assured that the information was published just as it came from the school board, he added, "Well, my mother says it's too far for me to walk to go to East School. At this point, his companion piped in with a "mine too."

The next question on his mind was how to get "changed back to Central" as he put it.

Both boys said they had attended Central last year, and both reside on Baker street, which is a territory allotted to East School for the coming school year.

It was explained how he could request the school board to reassign him to another school. This procedure involves contacting either the principal of the school where the pupil is assigned or Supt. B. N. Barnes and obtaining a standard blank form asking for reassignment. The school board approved these forms at its last

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Pat Malcolm Polio Victim

Pat Malcolm, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Malcolm, of York road, is a patient in Kings Mountain hospital with a diagnosed case of polio.

Miss Malcolm, who will be a junior at Central High school, was admitted to the hospital Friday. Her condition was described Wednesday by Dr. Paul Hendricks, attending physician, as satisfactory and thus far no paralysis has been noted. Miss Malcolm, Dr. Hendricks reported will probably be discharged within a day or two.

The patient had not previously received Salk vaccine. She became ill last Thursday.

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Carpenter Says He May Seek Mayor's Office

Clarence E. Carpenter, former city tax supervisor who asked and obtained a leave of absence last April, said Wednesday morning he is considering becoming a candidate for mayor in next May's election.

It was among the earliest public indications of office-seeking in city political history. Customarily, potential candidates don't become publicly active prior to January 1 of election years, though Mayor Glee A. Bridges, the incumbent, four years ago, formally announced notice of candidacy on December 30.

Though Mayor Bridges has made no statements, political observers expect him to seek a third term at next May's voting.

While Mr. Carpenter's is the first direct indication of political candidacy, there is evidence of possible candidacy for city offices.

Will majority of the incumbents seek re-election?

Generally speaking, it is too early to guess, even by the incumbents. Two commissioners, W. G. Grantham and J. H. Patterson, have inferred that their current and second terms, will be their last, but both made similar inferences two years ago, subsequently ran again and defeated their opponents.

In addition to six city offices to be filled at next May's voting will be two school board positions, terms of Dr. P. G. Padgett and Fred W. Plonk expiring. In next May's voting, new rules governing school trustee elections will be inaugurated. As passed by the 1955 General Assembly, the new election rules eliminate the ward requirements for electing school board members. Since 1939, school trustees have been elected on a strict ward basis for six-year terms. A candidate had to reside in the ward he sought to represent and was elected solely by the voters in that particular ward. Next spring, any citizen in any ward may seek the two vacancies and will be elected by all the voters of the full Kings Mountain school district. The six-year term of office was retained. The bill changing the election rules was advanced by Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch, then a member of the school board, and had the endorsement of all members of the board.

LIONS DIRECTORS

Directors of the Kings Mountain Lions club will hold their regular meeting Thursday evening at 7 o'clock in the office of Dr. N. H. Reed, club president.

Campbell Phifer Receives Honor For 50 Years As Hardwareman

Campbell Phifer, of Phifer Hardware in Kings Mountain, is probably the oldest hardware dealer in Cleveland County and this area of North Carolina. Mr. Phifer celebrated his 50th anniversary in the hardware business in January 1956.

"I've seen a lot of changes in the town and the hardware business since 1906," Mr. Phifer stated.

"For instance," the 74-year-old merchant pointed out, "When I went to work for D. M. Baker Hardware Co., in 1905, Kings Mountain was primarily a farming community. I have seen the city grow into a manufacturing center since that time. Back in those early days, farming implements and supplies constituted a major portion of the hardware business, now it has shifted to household goods."

Mr. Phifer bought the D. M. Baker Company's stock and fixtures in 1921, and has been in business for himself for the past 35 years. The location of Phifer Hardware has changed one-half block in that period of time. The hardware store was located in the building now occupied by Belk's Department Store until 1932



JOHN H. GAMBLE



JOHN H. RUDISILL



PRIDE G. RATTERREE



CARL B. MOSS

Four Receive College Degrees

Three Kings Mountain men were awarded master of arts degrees and another received the bachelor of science degree in recent college commencement exercises.

Awarded master of arts degrees from Appalachian State Teacher's college, at Boone, were John Rudisill and John H. Gamble, both of Kings Mountain, and Pride Graham Ratterree, of Davidsboro, former resident, Carl B. Moss, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Moss, received the bachelor of science degree from Bowling Green College of Commerce, Bowling Green, Ky.

Mr. Rudisill, Bethware school principal for eight years, previously attended Davidson college for two years and was graduated from Lenoir Rhyne college at Hickory.

Mr. Gamble, eighth grade teacher at East Elementary school and assistant football coach at Gardner-Webb college and received his degree from ASTC, at Boone.

Mr. Ratterree, son of Mrs. Pride G. Ratterree, of Kings Mountain, is line coach at Davidson college. He is a graduate of Wake Forest college.

Mr. Moss, a graduate of Kings Mountain high school and Kings Business college, received the B. S. degree in business administration and higher accounting. He will join the faculty of King's Business college, in September.

Retailers To Take Labor Day Holiday

While Labor Day will be mostly that for majority of Kings Mountain citizens, it will be a holiday for many retail firms.

Majority of the city's retailers, and Kings Mountain financial institutions will observe the traditional Labor Day holiday, however, next Wednesday's half-holiday, remaining open for the full day.

Drug stores will operate on regular schedule Monday, as will motion picture houses, service stations, industry and the Kings Mountain Herald.

Tax Payments Reported Heavy

City Tax Collector J. W. Webster reported Wednesday that his office has received \$52,752.18 in pre-paid 1956 tax payments.

Mr. Webster added that he expects to receive \$60,000 of the total tax valuation before the end of the month. This year's tax levy approximates \$165,000, Mr. Webster said.

Pre-payment of taxes in August gets the taxpayer a two percent discount. This discount drops to one percent in September, one-half of one percent in October, and taxes are payable at net during the months of November, December and January. Penalties of one percent will be collected starting in February, and the penalty will increase one-half of one percent for each month following February.

Robert Gidney, Cleveland County tax collector, estimated that his office has collected \$400,000 in pre-paid taxes. Mr. Gidney anticipates 50 percent of the total county valuation of \$1,248,000 being paid before the end of August.

"Pre-payments are coming in faster than we can process them," he said. "Therefore there will be a slight delay in getting receipts out to taxpayers that have mailed in their pre-payments."

The county's scale of tax discounts is the same as that used by the City of Kings Mountain.

Young Elected B & L Director

William F. Young, assistant treasurer of Home Building & Loan association, has been elected to the board of directors of the organization.

Mr. Young was named by the board of directors at a recent meeting to fill the vacancy created by the death of B. S. Peeler, Sr. Mr. Young joined the association office staff last February.

Pupils To Start 1956-57 Term At Six Schools

Kings Mountain city schools and Park Grace school in the county system will open for 1956-57 terms Tuesday morning at 8:30.

It is the first year in several that Kings Mountain area schools don't anticipate large gains in school population. Clinics conducted last spring indicate a cessation (for one year, at least) in the trend toward much larger annual first-grade enrollments.

Both city and Park Grace schools will operate only a half-day on Tuesday, but will be on full all-day schedules next Wednesday. First grades are an exception. For the first two weeks of school, first graders will attend only a half-day.

City schools were still short three faculty members, including two white grammar grade teachers and one Negro grammar grade teacher.

Mrs. J. C. Nickels, Park Grace principal, reported her faculty complete and including, in addition to herself, Mrs. Clay Poston.

SCHOOL CAFETERIAS

All city schools elementary pupils will be expected to eat lunch at the respective school cafeterias beginning with next Wednesday, Sept. 6. B. N. Barnes announced yesterday. He added that high school patronage of Central cafeteria is optional, pending obtaining of additional kitchen equipment.

Miss Fannie Carpenter, Mrs. Pauline Weaver, Mrs. Nevette Hughes and Mrs. James H. Page, all of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Mable C. Roberts, of Blacksburg, S. C.

Monday will feature annual pre-term opening teacher's meetings.

Park Grace teachers will meet at the school at 2 p. m.

Davidson schools faculty will convene at Davidson school at 1:30 p. m.

All white city schools faculty members will convene at Central school auditorium at 10:30 a. m. Meetings at individual schools will be held at 2 o'clock.

At 12:30, the Kings Mountain unit of the North Carolina Education association will hold its traditional dinner at Central cafeteria honoring new members of the faculty.

City school buildings were virtually ready for the opening. Members of the state department of public instruction were inspecting the new North plant Wednesday afternoon.

Logan Bid High On Blakely Lot

Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan, Jr., was high bidder for the residence of the late W. E. Blakely at the public auction conducted last Saturday.

Mr. Logan's bid of \$13,300 was the final, topping the previous high bid of \$13,200, posted by Franklin L. Ware, Jr.

J. R. Davis, attorney for the trustee, said Wednesday Mr. Logan's bid had not been raised. Under the legal procedure governing the sale, the bidding is open for ten days from date of sale. Any person may force resale by increasing the bid five percent during the ten-day period.

The seven-room residence occupies a large lot on W. Mountain street.

August Jobless Pay Claims Drop To 1464

Unemployment compensation claims requests in Kings Mountain in four months during August, Franklin L. Ware, manager of the employment service here, said Wednesday.

Mr. Ware said his report for the four weeks ending August 25 showed total weeks of compensation claimed at 1464, down some 250 from the July figure.

Though final totals on the August report were incomplete, Mr. Ware also noted there was a fall-off in number of job applications.

Both figures are indicative of the community's employment trends.