

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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Local News Bulletins

TO RALEIGH
Curtis George, son of Mr. and Mrs. John I. George, has moved to Raleigh where he is in training as a salesman for Pritchard Glass and Paint Company.

SUNDAY DINNER
The Senior Woman's club is having Sunday dinner at the Women's club. Those citizens with meal tickets may be served promptly at 12 noon and others who desire to purchase tickets at the clubhouse may do so at 12:30.

BAKE SALE
The Young Adult class of Grace Methodist church will sponsor a bake sale Saturday from 11 until 4 p.m. in front of Bell's Department store on Batteagrove avenue. For delivery service, telephone 739-3733 before 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

METER RECEIPTS
Meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$135.90 from on-street meters, \$54 in overparking fines and \$19.40 from off-street meters. City Clerk Joe McDaniel reported.

VFW MEETING
Regular meeting of Frank B. Glass Post 9811 will be held Monday night at 8 p.m. at the Post hall on Grover road, Commander Harold Pearson has announced.

Rites Friday For Mrs. Gray

Funeral rites for Mrs. Rachel Gray, 53, widow of Pearce Gray, will be held Friday at 4 p.m. from Grace Methodist church.

Mrs. Gray died Wednesday at 1:45 p.m. in the Kings Mountain hospital after an illness of four weeks.

The body will remain at Harris Funeral Home until 30 minutes before the services when it will lie in state at the church. Rev. Norman Pusey, assisted by Rev. W. L. Thornburg and Rev. Earl Oxford, will officiate and interment will be in the Oak View Baptist church cemetery.

Mrs. Gray was the daughter of Mack Connor of Kings Mountain and the late Julia Navy Connor. She is survived by her father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Connor; one son, Marion Gray of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Misses Ruth and Betty Jean Gray of the home; two brothers, Doche Connor of Kings Mountain and Yates Connor of Shelby; and one sister, Mrs. Sam Dover of Gastonia.

Tax Payments To City Heavy

City coffers have been swelled with 1963 tax payments this month, as citizens pay their accounts prior to the February 2 penalty date.

Penalty of one percent applies to all unpaid 1963 bills as of the close of business at noon Saturday, February 1.

Another penalty of one percent applies in March.

Tax payments during January totaled \$24,404 through Wednesday morning, raising the total for the current fiscal year to \$155,473. The total includes both payments of the current levy and for prior years. City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., said, and compares to the anticipated tax income for the full year of \$191,500.

The clerk said he anticipated a continued rush of payments through Saturday.

City To Re-Auction Lot On Saturday

The city will re-auction at 10 a.m. Saturday morning at City Hall a Monroe, avenue lot it acquired in lieu of street improvement assessments.

At the initial sale, high bid for the 298-foot lot was \$50 by Clavon Kelly. The bid was subsequently raised to \$55 by John McBrayer, of Shelby, and the bidding will open at \$55.

The city commission instructed the mayor not to confirm sale on any bid less than \$300 and, in the legal notice of sale, the city retains the right to reject any and all bids.

Pace Of Politics Is Getting Faster



Jack H. White May Contest Pat Spangler

The pace of political activity, in anticipation of the May primaries, is quickening, at county, state and district levels.

Judge Dan K. Moore, Democratic candidate for governor, will speak to Kiwanians here Thursday night in a "non-political" address, but is expected to arrive here at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon for a round of hand-shaking before his formal appearance. The hand-shaking will be frank vote-seeking.

Meantime, another Democratic gubernatorial candidate has scheduled a vote-seeking trip to the county a week hence. Judge Richardson Preyer of Greensboro, formally will open his court-square headquarters office in Shelby on February 6.

On the local level, Spurgeon Hewitt, major domo of Brackett's Cedar Park, has announced he will seek to succeed John D. White as District 4 county commission Democratic nominee. Mr. White is retiring.

A battle is forthcoming for the Democratic nomination for senator of the new 31st senatorial district between R. Patrick Spangler, Shelby-Kings Mountain businessman, and Jack H. White, Kings Mountain lawyer and veteran judge of city recorder's court. Mr. Spangler announced his candidacy several weeks ago. Judge White acknowledged Wednesday he is seriously considering making a race of it.

In another development, W. Hall Young, a Newland, Avery county, lumberman, announced he would be a candidate for the Republican nomination for U. S. representative from the 10th district.

Basil L. Whitener, the Democratic incumbent, has made no announcement for renomination, but is expected to offer for his fifth term.

GRADUATE — Andrew D. Gilliland of Kings Mountain received his bachelor of architecture degree from Clemson college at mid-year commencement exercises Saturday at Clemson, S. C.

Hospital Vote Books To Open

County voting registration books will open Saturday for the first time preliminary to the February 29 hospital construction bond election.

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

In Number 1 township the precincts are:

East Kings Mountain, at City Hall, Mrs. Nell Cranford registrar.

Bethware, at Bethware school, Mrs. J. D. Jones registrar.

Grove, at Grover fire station, Mrs. J. B. Ellis registrar.

West Kings Mountain, at National Guard Armory, Mrs. J. H. Arthur registrar.

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 ancillary 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.

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

The registration books will be open for three consecutive Saturdays, February 1, 8 and 15. February 22 will be challenge day.

HEART FUND BENEFIT

A benefit bridge Saturday, February 15th, at 2 p.m. at the Woman's club will help the 1964 Heart Fund Drive which starts Saturday. Tickets are \$2 and players are asked to make up their own tables and furnish own cards. Prizes and refreshments will be included. Reservations may be made by calling 739-3335.

Home Savings & Loan Association Logged Record Year During 1963

Home Savings & Loan Association enjoyed a record year in 1963, shareholders were told at the annual meeting Tuesday.

Assets grew past the six-million mark for the first time, at \$6,106,927 up \$811,837, saving accounts increased \$809,000 to \$5,489,777, and mortgage loans increased \$721,000 to \$5,176,483. Additionally, the association paid record dividends of \$307,146 and set up a reserve for federal income taxes (applicable for the first time) of \$4,750, according to report of Secretary-Treasurer Thomas A. Tate.

Shareholders re-elected the association's eleven directors and following the shareholder meeting, directors re-elected all officers.

Officers are Dr. J. E. Anthony, president; G. A. Bridges, J. H. Thomson, and A. H. Patterson, vice-presidents; Thomas A. Tate, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Emily A. Herndon and Phyllis S. Dixon, assistant secretary-treasurers; and Jake A. Dixon, manager of the Bessemer City branch. Directors are Dr. Anthony, Mr.



HERE THURSDAY — Dan K. Moore, candidate for governor, will address members of the Shelby and Kings Mountain Kiwanis clubs in a joint meeting here Thursday night.

Moore To Speak To Kiwanians

Dan K. Moore, of Selva, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, will address a joint meeting of the Shelby and Kings Mountain Kiwanis clubs here Thursday night at the Woman's Club at 6:45.

A Superior Court judge for a decade, he left the bench in 1958 to become an officer and general counsel of Champion Paper & Fibre Company. Previously, he had served as solicitor of the 20th judicial district, as a representative in the General Assembly from Jackson county, and as a paratrooper during World War II.

An Asheville native, he was reared in Sylva, and was graduated from both the University of North Carolina and University of North Carolina law school. He won membership in Phi Beta Kappa and was associate editor of the Law Review. He was admitted to the bar in 1928.

Mr. Moore is the father of a Shelby citizen, Mrs. Edgar Hamilton, and of Dan Moore, Jr., now on duty with the army at Fort Jackson, S. C.

Judge Moore is one of five announced candidates for the Democratic nomination for governor.

S & L Assets Top \$6,000,000

Home Savings & Loan Association crossed another million-dollar benchmark during 1963.

At December 31, total assets of the association were \$6,106,927. The association had attained the five-million mark only 18 months previously, listing \$5,017,179 in assets at June 30, 1963.

In contrast, the association, founded in 1923, did not attain the million-dollar assets figure for almost 28 years, logging \$1,000,102 at December 31, 1951. Other progressions up the million-dollar ladder were:

December 1955, \$2,018,292;
December 1958, \$3,029,977;
December 1960, \$4,038,785.

ROTARY CLUB

Kings Mountain National Military Park Superintendent Ben Moomaw will show a film, "Shiloh: Portrait of a Battle," at Thursday's Rotary club meeting at 12:15 at the Country Club.

Bridges, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Tate, John B. Mauney, I. G. Patterson, B. D. Ratterree, Jack H. White, Dr. Paul Hendricks, and R. S. Plonk, of Bessemer City.

Vice-President Patterson presided in the absence of President Anthony.

Other highlights of Mr. Tate's report were: the association has 2,995 savings accounts, 1,275 mortgage loans and 67 share loans; office building, furniture and fixtures are valued at \$118,927; the association owns \$208,540 in U. S. government bonds, had cash at December 31 of \$305,728. Loans in process December 31 totaled \$113,818.

The association approved recommendation of the directors in transferring more than \$33,000 to general reserve accounts, this total now \$490,626.

Jake Dixon, Bessemer City branch manager, said the branch had savings at year end of \$758,000, mortgage loans of \$1,224,930, and showed a net profit of the year in excess of \$12,000.

Natural Gas Billings Record; New Consumption Peak Is Set

School Plans Will Require "Few Extra Days"

Final plans for the Kings Mountain district high school building will require "a few extra days" after the previously scheduled February 1 dedication, Architect Thomas H. Cottrhan said Wednesday.

"We are literally working night and day to complete the many details required in building plans and specifications for this size plant," he added.

Principal delay, he noted, is a matter of coordination with the engineers.

He said Electrical Engineer Claude Heffner, of Hickory, already had said he wouldn't be able to meet the February 1 date, but that virtually complete plans from Mervin Durlach and Associates, the mechanical engineers of Columbia, S. C., were received Wednesday morning. The Durlach firm is planning the heating, plumbing and air-conditioning for the building.

Mr. Cottrhan in an effort to speed the work toward bid-opening day has addressed letters to several state school planning officials and to the State Board of Health and Fire Insurance Rating Bureau requesting comments on plans to date.

When plans are complete, they will be submitted to the Kings Mountain district board of education for approval. This approval must then be endorsed by state school planning officials. Subsequently, it will require 30 days for advertising of bids.

Mrs. Herndon's Rites Thursday

Funeral rites for Mrs. Lenor Blacklock Herndon, 85, widow of John Maxie Herndon, will be held Thursday at 4 p.m. from Bethlehem Baptist church of which she was a member.

The body will remain at Harris Funeral Home until 30 minutes before the services when it will lie in state at the church. Rev. James Wilder and Rev. Wayne Ashe will officiate at the final rites and interment will be in Bethlehem cemetery.

Mrs. Herndon, succumbed Wednesday morning at 3:30 in the Kings Mountain hospital after suffering a heart attack Tuesday. She was a native of Cleveland County, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Blacklock. Her husband died April 14, 1960.

Surviving are four sons, Fred Herndon, Hord Herndon, Henderson Herndon, all of Kings Mountain, and Bratton Herndon of Greensboro; one daughter, Mrs. Hunter Wells of Kings Mountain; two brothers, Clyde Blacklock and D. B. Blacklock, both of Kings Mountain; and three sisters, Mrs. Whitney Wells, Kings Mountain, and Mrs. J. B. Royster and Mrs. Marion Beam, both of Grover. Also surviving are 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Grandsons of Mrs. Herndon will serve as active pallbearers.

Smoke Damage From School Fire

Fire in the coal bin of Grover school Monday night caused minor smoke damage to the building but negligible damage by fire, Grover Fire Chief Fain Hambricht reported.

Mr. Hambricht said firemen were called about 9:15 p.m. by Principal James Scroggs who noticed smoke in the building. "If the fire had continued 16 more minutes it would have been hard to control," Hambricht said.

A tube door on the furnace had been left ajar and Hambricht said the flames from the furnace ignited the wooden walls of the coal bin. A hole about two feet in diameter in the wall of the bin was the extent of the fire damage, Mr. Hambricht said.

SMOKER

The Waco Community Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor an oyster supper at the Waco school lunchroom Saturday from 5 until 8:30 p.m. The supper will include oyster stew, pie or cake and coffee for \$1.25. Hot dogs and drinks will also be available. The new fire department has a fire truck on call, a new fire station and is now building a tanker truck.

Rev. Tommy Brown, missionary to Korea, will speak to the combined adult classes at 10 a.m. and will fill the pulpit at the 11 a.m. services at World Mission Sunday February 9th at First Presbyterian church.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER PLANNED — The photograph above appears in over 100 placards which have been displayed in store windows and other establishments in the Kings Mountain area pointing to the February 14th community-wide and nation-wide observance of World Day of Prayer. Special services are planned at most Kings Mountain and No. 4 Township churches.

Day Of Prayer Observance Plans Underway

Plans for a community-wide observance of World Day of Prayer were announced this week by Mrs. John C. McGill, general chairman of the 1964 program committee of United Churchwomen.

Kings Mountain citizens will join with citizens around the globe in the February 14th observance of World Day of Prayer.

Local churches will hold services beginning at 11:15 a.m. that Friday morning and ending at 11:45 a.m. Business houses will close from 11 a.m. until 12 noon to allow their employees to worship. Mill whistles and fire sirens will signal the hour of services at 11 a.m. In all establishments where there is a public address system, various ministers of the community churches will lead a prayer. Where there are no public address systems managers of various firms have said they will ring a bell at 11 o'clock and invite their employees to stop work for a two-minute prayer, Mrs. McGill said.

More than 100 placards have been distributed throughout the Kings Mountain area calling attention to the local observance. St. Matthew's Lutheran church will play its chimes every hour February 14th as a reminder, Mrs. McGill noted, "not only to pray during this day but every day."



HEADS AFS — Rev. Marion DuBose, pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist church, has been elected chairman of the Kings Mountain American Field Service Exchange committee for 1964. Mr. DuBose, who succeeds Garry Howard, was named at a meeting of the Kings Mountain committee Wednesday afternoon.

City Auto Tag Sales At 900

The annual sale of city auto license tags is estimated at half-complete.

City officials said Wednesday 900 tags had been sold. Estimated sale for 1964 is 1800 auto tags, which sell for one dollar.

Deadline for purchase and display of tags by city car owners is February 15.

Rotary Club Gathering Products To Exchange With Argentine Club

By GERALD A. MUNSON

The Kings Mountain Rotary Club is starting its second round of good will development in March with an exchange of gifts to a foreign club. The local men are collecting specimens of "bar" products as favors for the members of their sister group.

A richly rewarding experience in fellowship began for the tiny Rotary Club of historic Kings Mountain on Columbus Day 1963. A fortunate coincidence led to an exchange of greetings with the Rotary Club of Zarate, Argentina. It revealed a parallel interest that extended beyond Rotary to the character and the history of the cities themselves. The exchange is growing into personal contacts among individuals of several interests as well as between the clubs.

It all began when Rotarian Ricardo Bach joined the Kings

December 18th Consumption 1,808 MCF

Vast majority of the city's natural gas customers will find Saturday morning's mail unpleasant, or at least a pace of it, for the month's gas billings will set a new high record.

City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., said final total of the December-January gas bills hadn't been derived, but added, "There's no question but that the total will set a new record." He also guessed that the month's gas billings will out-strip electrical power billings for the first time since the city began serving gas customers nine years ago in January 1955.

He listed three reasons: 1. The very cold weather, accompanied by ice and snow, during the billing period, which escalated home heating consumption.

2. All gas customers will be paying for not less than one extra day of service and many will be paying for three extra days of service. Again, the ice and snow was the factor. The meter readers were delayed a day in beginning the monthly reading chore, a weekend then interposed, meaning that some folk's meters were read three days late.

The city's bill from its gas supplier, Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation, for the calendar month of December also set a new record, totaling \$17,264.37.

And the city recorded a new consumption peak on December 18 of 1,808,000 cubic feet.

The new peak would have been much higher had not service been temporarily discontinued to the four industrial firms buying gas on interruptible contracts. As it was, the peak of December 18 was within 232,000 cubic feet of the city's currently authorized daily allotment of 2,100,000 cubic feet.

The city has a considerable financial stake in avoiding the setting of new consumption peaks, as it must subsequently pay a monthly demand charge of 80 percent of the peak usage—regardless of how much gas it sells.

The city is currently serving 1,053 customers with natural gas, including 884 residential customers, 129 small commercial users, five firm contract industrial customers, four industrial users on interruptible contract, and 31 public buildings.

Tax Listing To End Friday

City and county tax listing, the annual January requirement for all citizens owning property of any kind, will end Friday.

Asked if the listing period would be extended, Conrad Hughes, county tax lister, commented, "It never has been extended for 16 years I've been here, and I see no reason for it this year."

Mr. Hughes said the listing had been brisk throughout the month and he feels the vast majority of citizens have already attended to the listing chore.

He has been assisted this year by Mrs. Tommy Alexander, while Mrs. Steve Harmon, city listing official, has been aided by Mayor Glee A. Bridges.

State law requires that citizens list property for taxes during January and provides penalties both for failure to list and for late listing.

Men between the ages of 21 and 50 are required to list for poll taxes.

The listing officials will be on duty at City Hall courtroom until Friday afternoon at 4:30.

"Hootenany" Set For Legion Post

Tommy Black and his band will furnish music Saturday night for a "Hootenany" at Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, it was announced by Carl Weisener.

The party for Legion members and guests will be held from 9 p.m. to midnight and will feature both round and square dancing. Harold (Big Boy) Richardson will call the square dances.