

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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PRICE TEN CENTS

Corridor For US 74 By-Pass To North Approved

Mayor Would Secede From Cleveland

First Wesleyan Buys Large Tract

\$35,500 Paid For Piedmont Building Site

First Wesleyan Methodist church Friday purchased a large tract fronting on North Piedmont avenue, bounded by Waco Road and Walker street, as the eventual site of a new church plant.



TO ACADEMY — Donald Patterson, Kings Mountain native, has been named superintendent and dean of academic affairs at Junior Military Academy of Chicago, Illinois.

Schools Enroll 4282 Fifth Day

Kings Mountain district schools enrollment at the fifth day of school totaled 4282, a gain of 57 over the 4224 who attended opening day, and a gain of 32 over fifth-day enrollment the previous year.

Comparable totals in prior years were 4231 in 1962 and 4203 in 1961.

Kings Mountain high school enrollment reached 989, up 11 over opening day, and Compact high school enrollment was 242, also up 11 over opening day.

Superintendent B. N. Barnes Wednesday reported the school system operating smoothly and declared its operations "in best shape since the area consolidation."

He said efforts were being made by Davidson and Compact principals Wednesday to lighten Compact's teaching loads in grades 1 and 2 and said success is anticipated.

Faculty-wise, Supt. Barnes reported election of Mrs. Carolyn McWhirter, former faculty member at East school, as a high school teacher of history.

He also said that David Alexander, former high school English teacher at Gastonia, is substituting for Mrs. Joan Starrett, who is ill. He said he had been informed Mrs. Starrett's health might require her resignation.

Frederick Rites Held Tuesday

Funeral rites for Miss Sheila Cloninger Frederick, 23, were held Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. from Kings Mountain Church of God, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

An invalid since birth, Miss Frederick died Sunday afternoon at her home. She was daughter of Mrs. Annie Cloninger Frederick of Kings Mountain and Martin Frederick of Greensboro.

Besides her parents, she is survived by one brother, Martin Frederick, Jr., and one sister, June Frederick, both of Kings Mountain; her maternal grandmother, Mrs. L. June Cloninger, of Kings Mountain; and her paternal grandfather, Rev. J. V. Frederick of Greensboro.

Rev. Francis Wayne was assisted by Rev. Wayne Ashe, pastor of Macedonia Baptist church, in officiating at the final rites.

ROTARY CLUB Kings Mountain Rotarians will hold regular meeting Thursday at 12:15 at Kings Mountain Country Club. Program for the meeting was not announced.

Bridges To Lead Effort If Welfare Branch Closes

By MARTIN HARMON Mayor Glee A. Bridges said Wednesday he will launch a movement to have the Kings Mountain area secede from Cleveland County, if the Kings Mountain branch of the county welfare office is closed, as has been ordered by the welfare board.

"Unless the county welfare branch is left in Kings Mountain, I am going to start a movement to secede from Cleveland County, either by joining Gaston County, or by forming a separate county. The high county tax rate is not appreciated by Kings Mountain citizens nor by surrounding area citizens in view of the services provided in this area."

Mayor Bridges did not elaborate.

Meantime, the effort by citizens to prevent the closing of the welfare branch apparently continued to be abortive.

Representatives of civic clubs, the Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, member of the welfare board, addressed a petition to the county commission asking a ruling from the attorney general on whether the county commission had the right to overrule the welfare board.

Bob Maner, Chamber of Commerce president, said Wednesday he had been informed by J. B. Ellis, commission chairman, that Ben Carpenter, welfare superintendent, had already obtained an opinion from the attorney general, stating that the county commission could not overrule decisions of the welfare board.

Mr. Patterson was a psychotherapist at Henderson Clinic in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. last year. He has completed work on his doctorate degree in guidance and psychology at the University of Florida, having only his dissertation to complete.

Patterson has served as director of Camp Homestead, Wall Lake, Orland, Indiana for the past two seasons.

Junior Military is Chicago's only military academy.

Optimists Set Chicken Dinner The Kings Mountain Optimist club will sponsor a Southern fried chicken dinner Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. at the Optimist Clubhouse at 311 N. Carpenter street.

Proceeds will be \$1.50 and the menu will include one-half fried chicken with green beans, slaw and rolls. Delivery service will be provided.

Major Power Users May Get Cut; City To Adopt New Gas Schedules The city board of commissioners is expected to adopt a new industrial power rate schedule Thursday night which will mean savings to a few customers using large monthly amounts of electricity.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges said he will recommend adoption of Duke Power Company's industrial rate schedule, which scales to 1.1 cents per kilowatt hour for monthly usage in excess of 80,000.

The city since 1952 has employed only two rate schedules, residential and commercial. The commercial rate schedule scales to a base rate of 1.2 cents per kilowatt hour for monthly usage in excess of 2500 kilowatt hours.

The industrial rate schedule will mean power bill savings to Shannon-Duplex, Ltd., K. Mills, Inc., when it gets in operation, and possibly to Kings Mountain Hospital, Mayor Bridges said.

It is also anticipated the city will adopt the new natural gas rate schedules, embodying rate cuts up to 12 percent for residential users, and smaller savings for commercial establishments, industrial firms and others.

Bethware Fair Opens Wednesday



PROMOTED — Mrs. Clavon Kelly has been named Gastonia Group chief operator for Southern Bell Telephone Company.

Bell Promotes Mrs. Kelly

Mrs. Betty Lynn (Jo) Kelly has been named Gastonia Group Chief Operator. The announcement was made today by B. A. Williams, District Traffic Manager. Mrs. Kelly replaces Mrs. Reba Yarbrough, who has transferred to Florida.

Mrs. Kelly began her telephone career in Kings Mountain as an operator. In 1954, she was made Evening Chief Operator in Kings Mountain. She transferred to Gastonia in 1956 and served in the Traffic Department until 1962, when she was made Chief Operator in the Shelby Group.

Mrs. Kelly attended the Kings Mountain public schools. A member of the Kings Mountain Baptist Church, she is a teacher of the Ruth Sunday School class. She was Vice-President of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Shelby; District Deputy Grand Matron of 17th District, Order of Eastern Star; Member and Past Matron of Kings Mountain Chapter No. 123, Order of Eastern Star; Chairman of Advisory Board, Kings Mountain Assembly No. 50, Order of Rainbow for Girls.

Mrs. Kelly is married to William Clavon Kelly, and they have one son, William Scott Kelly.

Up To 9,000 Cars Daily On US 74 In 1962, traffic volume on US 74 (King street) in Kings Mountain was at a high of 9,000 vehicles per day, and a low of 6,000 vehicles per day, with truck traffic 300, highway department counts showed.

The same count showed that 5,350 of these vehicles on the big traffic days, and 4,200 on the low traffic days would have been using a by-pass, had one existed.

It is estimated that by 1982 King street and the proposed by-pass would be accommodating a high total of 9,000 per day and a low volume of 4,500 per day.

Four Building Permits Issued Four building permits have been issued recently by the city. They include: Walter Stroupe, for erection of a five-room residence on Katherine avenue, \$8,000.

Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company, for erection of a two-room office building at 410 N. Piedmont avenue, \$3,000.

J. E. Herndon Company, for construction of a warehouse at the corner of City and Ridge streets, \$4,000.

Dr. George W. Plonk, for erection of a clinic at the corner of W. King and Country Club road, \$15,000.

Four-Day Event Will Attract Record Entries

Bethware Community Fair opens Wednesday for its 17th year on the grounds of Bethware school on Shelby highway. Exhibitors in this year's fair were busy readying their entries this week, vying for a long list of prizes and ribbons in numerous categories of the community event.

Agricultural and commercial exhibits are expected to attract record entries. Bethware Progressive club president Harold Hord said, "The fair is offering cash prizes to top winners for the eighth annual year."

Mr. Hord predicted the 1964 Bethware Fair will be "bigger and better".

Miss Jean Hamrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hamrick will reign as Queen of the Fair Wednesday, opening day, the fair will open at 4 p.m. Thursday, September 17th, is Children's Day with special events from until 6 p.m. Judging will be completed in all exhibits and departments. There will be nightly drawings for prizes and fire works displays following. The fair opens at 3 p.m. Friday, September 18th and at 1 p.m. Saturday, September 19th, closing a midnight.

There will be the traditional midway rides, shows, concession stands and entertainment.

Officers of the Bethware Progressive club, the fair's sponsor organization, include: Harold Hord, president; Grady Seism, vice-president; Bobby Ware, secretary; John O. Patterson, treasurer; Russell Putnam, assistant treasurer; Willard Boyles, past president; Cameron Ware, manager; Frank Hamrick, assistant manager; Johnny W. Patterson, ground superintendent; Paul Bell, assistant ground superintendent; Stokes Wright, parkin superintendent; Grady Seism, assistant parking superintendent; Bill Babb, parking admission superintendent; Joe Harmon and Gilbert Patterson, assistant parking admissions superintendent; Melvin Nantz, Russell Putnam and Joel Whisnant, assistant superintendent of tickets; Hal Morris, superintendent of fireworks; Mearl Seism, building superintendent; H111 Lowery, assistant building superintendent; Willard Boyles, superintendent of commercial booths; and Frank Hamrick, assistant superintendent of commercial booths.

The Women's department of the fair is headed by Mrs. Bobby Ware, director, and Mrs. Claud Harmon, assistant with numerous chairmen and committee members in various divisions.

Teague Gridiron Banquet Speaker Eddie Teague, head football coach at The Citadel, will be the chief speaker at the 1964 annual football banquet of the Kings Mountain Lions club on December 8. Dr. George Plonk, banquet chairman announced Tuesday night.

It will be the first time in the history of the event, begun following the 1939 football season and honoring the Kings Mountain high school football team, that a Citadel coach has been the banquet speaker.

Chief assistant to Coach Teague is Pride Ratterree, Kings Mountain native, and among the 1964 outstanding linebackers for the Citadel is Jim (Punch) Parker, former Kings Mountain high school star and son of Coach Don Parker.

The Citadel opens its '64 schedule against Army at West Point.



APPOINTED — W. Donald Crawford has received notification of his appointment to the investigative branch of the U. S. Postal Service. He has been a postal clerk at Kings Mountain post office since 1950.

Don Crawford Wins Promotion

William Donald Crawford, postal clerk at Kings Mountain Post office since 1950, will enter the postal inspection service September 19. Postmaster Charles L. Alexander has announced.

The postmaster, who said Crawford was informed of his appointment to the investigative branch by telegram, noted the new position carries the prestige of being a special representative of the Postmaster General.

A Kings Mountain native, Mr. Crawford entered the postal service on May 12, 1950 as a temporary appointee and on December 1, 1952 received competitive or career status. On May 5, 1961 he was recipient of a certificate of recognition from the Atlanta Postal Region as a result of a suggestion he had submitted to the post office department. During 1962 he received a cash award from the postoffice department as the result of adoption of a suggestion he had submitted.

Postmaster Alexander added, "Mr. Crawford has made many friends of the postal service as a result of his courteous treatment of patrons at the local post office."

Active in church and community affairs, Mr. Crawford was 1962 Young Man of the Year, at award given by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is serving a second term as deacon at Boyce Memorial A.P.C. church, has taught a Sunday School class since 1956 at Boyce Memorial and has served as Sunday School superintendent.

Long active in the Kings Mountain Red Cross program, he has served as both first aid and water safety instructor and is 1964 chairman of water safety. He was treasurer of North school P.T.A. in 1961-62.

Mr. Crawford holds a record of scouting accomplishments. He became an Eagle Scout in 1948, was an assistant scoutmaster in 1949-50; an assistant cubmaster from 1951-52; a cubmaster from 1952-56; Jamboree Scoutmaster during 1964; recipient of the Scouter's Award in 1961 and the Scouter's Key (Commissioner) in 1962.

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3.3 Mile By-Pass Cost \$2,942,000

By MARTIN HARMON Kings Mountain's U. S. 74 by-pass north of King street, present U. S. 74, has moved a step nearer reality with approval of the general by-pass corridor by the state highway commission's planning board.

Highway Commission Director W. B. Babcock, of Raleigh, said Wednesday by telephone that approval of the corridor merely means the new by-pass could be actually located within 1000 feet, either north or south of the corridor projection.

Next step, he said, will be preparation of detailed engineering plans and right-of-way acquisition. He did not know whether a public hearing on the corridor choice will be held, or whether public hearing will be deferred until after engineering design is completed.

The Kings Mountain US 74 by-pass project has been budgeted only to the extent of engineering design and right-of-way acquisition, he added.

"Please emphasize," Director Babcock continued, "that no final decisions (on exact location) have been made."

The general corridor report of the commission's advance planning board envisions a 3.3 mile by-pass, with access fully controlled and suitable to motorist speeds of 70 miles-per-hour desirable and 60 miles per hour minimum. Estimated cost of the project, a federal-state one, is \$2,742,000, with grading and drainage expected to cost \$546,000, pavement \$645,000, structures \$916,000, and right-of-way \$635,000.

According to the corridor map, the by-pass would move northward just west of Maple Leaf Steel Company, proceed northwesterly through Fulton property and continue in the vicinity of Branch street, crossing under the Southern Railway between the plants of Burlington Industries, Inc. and Craftsman Yarns, Inc. Slightly south of the intersection of North Piedmont avenue and Linwood avenue, the corridor curves westerly, then slightly southwesterly to Waco Road, thence north of the Country Club golf course and Edgemont drive dwellings, and finally curving southwestward until it intersects with present US 74 west near the Marvin Goforth residence.

The planning board anticipates the use of flyover type interchange installations at US 74 east and US 74 west, and diamond-type interchange structures at Cleveland avenue (south of East school), Piedmont avenue, and on Waco road. It also recommends that a new interchange be constructed to provide ingress and egress to Linwood road, in order to eliminate SR 1900 and SR 1301 and thereby assure controlled access. This piece of construction is estimated to cost an additional \$300,000. Non-contract separations at Phenix and Candler streets are envisioned.

Mr. Babcock said he could not yet give even a "educated guess" on when the project might be ready for inviting bids.

The planning board thinks construction of the by-pass will provide adequately for US 74

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JOINS FIRM — William R. White, Laurinburg native, has joined the Kings Mountain law firm of Davis & White.

William White Joins Law Firm

William R. White, native of Laurinburg, has joined the Kings Mountain law firm of Davis and White, Attorneys, J. R. Davis, senior partner in the firm has announced.

Mr. White, brother of Recorder's Court Judge Jack H. White and a member of the Davis and White firm, assumed his new duties Thursday and he and his family are residing at 908 Sharon Drive.

A graduate of Laurinburg high school, Class of 1953, Mr. White holds a B.S. from Wake Forest college and received his law degree in June of this year, passing the North Carolina State Bar examination in August. He served in the United States Army for two years, from 1958-60, stationed with Seventh Army Headquarters in Stuttgart, Germany. He was associated in business in Gastonia until he entered law school in January of 1961.

Mr. White is married to the former Barbara Allen of Shelby. Upon receipt of his law license, Mr. White plans to enter the general practice of law with J. R. Davis and Jack H. White in Kings Mountain.

Ratterree, 99, Has Operation

Sumter C. Ratterree, Kings Mountain citizen, observed his 99th birthday Friday — in bed at Kings Mountain hospital following a major operation.

Mr. Ratterree's gall bladder burst early Wednesday morning. His son, Bright D. Ratterree, said Dr. George W. Plonk, "operated and picked out the pieces."

His son said Wednesday morning his father had suffered a relapse Monday but ate breakfast of scrambled eggs and cantaloupe Tuesday morning.

Dr. Gerberding was stricken returning to St. Petersburg, Fla., after a short trip here. He suffered paralysis of the left arm and leg, but has been informed by his physicians he should have no permanent paralysis. He is assistant pastor of a St. Petersburg, Fla., church.

Gerberding Improves Following Stroke

Western Carolina Favorite School Among 158 Now Entering College

BY ELIZABETH BUNCH The Kings Mountain area will send 158 students to 59 colleges, universities, prep schools and schools for specialized training this fall.

Western Carolina college at Cullowhee heads the list with 26 area students enrolled. Appalachian State Teacher's college at Boone is second favorite of area students where 16 are enrolled.

Nine students from this area will attend the University at Chapel Hill and eight are enrolled at North Carolina State University of the University of North Carolina.

Numerous students seek careers in nursing, business, teaching and other professions. The complete list follows: WESTERN CAROLINA COLLEGE — Judy Early, Dwight Swan, Glenn Werner, Ricky Goforth, Jane Houser, Buddy Kirking, Jewel Robbs, Hans Borav, Doug Burton, Mary Jane Matthews, Jerry Beam, Jean Harlowe, Jerry Adams, Dale Holli-

field, Janie Trammell, Mary Jane Hollifield, Connie Shaw, Mike McSwain, Ernie Payne, Gary Wilson, Steve Marlowe, Jim Medlin, Mike Arrowood, Willie Anthony, Jack Howard, and Judy Watterson.

APPALACHIAN STATE TEACHER'S COLLEGE — Linda Goforth, Franklin Dean, Warren Goforth, Jr., Gay Jolley, Diane Roberts, Mike Ware, Sandra Spangler, Harold Ellis, Cynthia Wright, Oland Huffman, Beverly Herndon, Jimmy Owens, Jim Leigh, Norma Spearman, Annie Vera Dilling, and Sammy Houston.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA — Beattie Leonard, Terry Leonard, Henry Raines, Eileen



GRADUATE — Miss Solly Logan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Lawrence Logan of Kings Mountain, was graduated August 30 from Gaston Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. Miss Logan took psychiatric training at Dorothea Dix hospital, Raleigh, and pediatrics training at Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem.