

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,256

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Legislatures On Tax Cuts

Investment Course To Be Offered

Mrs. Devere R. Smith, sales representative of the Charlotte office of Reynolds & Company, stock brokers, will conduct an investment course open to interested citizens sometime in January.

The Kings Mountain woman will teach three classes a week on the following subjects: why securities; types of securities; stock exchanges; mutual funds; types of funds; taxes, margins; short selling; types of orders; splits, dividends, rights and warrants.

Persons interested in registering for the classes should contact Mrs. Smith who resides here on Marion drive.

Transco Exhibit Here On Friday

The City of Kings Mountain natural gas system and Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation are inviting Kings Mountain area citizens to visit Transco's traveling exhibit which will be here all day Friday on South Battleground avenue.

The 50-foot trailer unit employs natural gas as its own source of energy for heating, air conditioning and lighting.

The public is invited to visit the free exhibit, when the trailer pays call on South Battleground avenue.

The exhibit area of the trailer, occupying over 252 square feet of space, includes the following sections:

1) Animated panels on the production of natural gas, both on-shore and off-shore, and the way in which natural gas is delivered to a pipeline company.

2) A system map using Technomation showing the company's gas supply and market areas. This map also gives such details as number of compressor stations, amount of horsepower, and miles of pipeline on our system.

3) An exhibit showing the latest methods used by pipelines to get natural gas from the gas-producing areas to the market place.

4) A Technomated shadow box exhibit showing how natural gas can be stored underground and liquefied for use as storage gas, and how a pipeline operates under conditions of warm weather, cold water, and extremely cold weather.

5) Natural gas chemistry, showing how it can be broken down to make many products; with illustrations.

6) End uses of natural gas in the home and in industry.

7) An actual exhibit of natural gas in use, with examples of the most modern heating, cooling, lighting, and infrared equipment—all mounted in the exhibit and actually in operation.

75 Local Citizens

To Attend Concert

Kings Mountain citizens have purchased 75 tickets to Thursday (tonight's) concert in Shelby of the 75-piece Charlotte Symphony Orchestra.

Local people who still want to attend should contact Mrs. Charles Mauney for tickets.

With Dr. Richard Cormier conducting, the first Cleveland choir appearance by the Symphony, will feature Gary Graffman, internationally acclaimed pianist and recording star.

The concert will be held in Shelby Junior High auditorium.

Thieves Enter Five

Montonia Cabins

Five Lake Montonia cabins were broken into two weeks ago, however, Sheriff's deputies said nothing was missing outside of drinks which were taken from refrigerators.

Deputies Paul Barbee and George Allen investigated into "leak-ins" of cabins owned by L. Baker, Carl F. Mauney, Pat Ignor, Billy Gene Neisler and Lawrence Patrick.

Deputy Barbee said nothing other than drinks was missing. Barbee said the thief or thieves tore up a few screen doors while making their entries.

The officers made fingerprints and are still continuing their investigation.

White Opposes, Mauney Favors Some Parings

By MARTIN HARMON

State Senator Jack White tentatively opposes the effort of Governor Dan K. Moore to cut state taxes.

Representative-elect W. K. Mauney, Jr., favors "reducing or eliminating some taxes" — though with reservations.

Governor Moore said last weekend, as the Advisory Budget Commission completed its recommendations to the 1967 General Assembly, that, in view of an indicated surplus for the biennium ending June 30, he would recommend tax reductions.

The Governor declined specifics and said he would give the specific details in his budget message to the General Assembly next February.

Both Kings Mountain men elected to the upcoming General Assembly said they are curious as to what specific recommendations the Governor will make.

Senator White commented, "I certainly was and am against the imposition of new taxes, including 'the proposal in some quarters' of a local option sales tax for the benefit of the counties and cities. However," he added, "in view of the needs of hard-pressed counties and cities who need some revenue aid, the state's vast needs in mental health treatment and care, and the capital needs of the state, I am opposed to cutting taxes at this time."

"I feel that cutting taxes in 1967 might very likely produce a situation in 1969 where the same tax cuts would have to be re-imposed," the Senator continued.

Representative-elect Mauney, reminding that in both his primary and general election campaigns he pledged not to vote for imposition of new taxes and to support reduction or elimination of some taxes.

Mr. Mauney would like to see reduction and/or elimination of both the inventory tax and intangibles tax, which he regards as a bar to attracting new industry and also as discouragement to present business and industry to expand.

At the same time, he acknowledges the fact that the revenues from these schedules accrue largely to cities and counties and he adds he realizes such revenues would have to be replaced from some other source and these revenues should be preferably increased.

Both men will attend the Governor's seminar for legislators this weekend at Chapel Hill and Raleigh. As a freshman, Mr. Mauney will go to Chapel Hill Thursday for the opening sessions. Senator White, a sophomore, will attend the remaining sessions.

Boone Rites

To Be Thursday

Funeral rites for Melvin Graham Boone, 46, of Bessemer City, father of Mrs. Gary Joy of Kings Mountain, will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. from East Chapel of Sisk Funeral Home in Bessemer City.

Rev. Marion Pierce will officiate at the final rites, and interment will be in Bessemer City cemetery.

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He was twice married; first, to Mrs. Martha Boone, of Kings Mountain, who survives; and to Mrs. Sudie Belle Barnette Boone of Middletown, Conn., who survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Jerry Boone, Jack Boone and Mike Boone, all of Kings Mountain, and Steve Boone of Middletown, Conn.; two step-sons, James Ledford of Rockville, Conn. and Jerry Barnette of Gastonia; six brothers, Billie, Edward, Boyd, Earl and Yates Boone, all of Bessemer City; and Bobby Boone of Middletown, Conn.; and three grandchildren.



SPEAKER—Congressman Basil L. Whitener of Gastonia will make the principal address at Monday night's annual ladies' night banquet of Men of First Baptist church. Women of the church will be special guests at a 7:30 p.m. dinner at Masonic Hall.

Phenix Fire Damaged Nerves

"The most damage was to my nerves," W. J. Keeter, superintendent of Burlington Industries Phenix plant, commented Wednesday afternoon, after a fire in the basement of the northern wing of the mill had been extinguished by city firemen.

Fire of undetermined origin ignited the lint accumulation of many years.

The blaze was discovered about noon by a twister operator when his machine stopped. Examining the machine, the operator saw fire blazing through a vent around a pipe. R. B. Payne, personnel director, said.

No wiring remains in the unused basement, Mr. Keeter said, which ruled out defective wiring as a cause.

Fighting the fire was made more difficult by the fact of a solid wall mid-way in the basement, and the oil-soaked wooden floors made the possibility of a major catastrophe a particular fear.

All employees were told to leave the section and production was halted for almost two hours. Except for production loss, physical loss was minimal.

Some of the timbers supporting the floor were charred, but support reduction or elimination of some taxes.

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Annexation Petitioners Meet Thursday

Gaston County citizens seeking annexation to the Kings Mountain school district in Cleveland County will meet at City Hall courtroom Thursday night at 7:30.

Citizens and property owners in the following Western areas have indicated to N. F. McGill, Sr., chairman of a sub-committee representing the 16-family petitioners, they wish to be included: George Lewis, who owns property beyond Peaceful Valley; the family of the late Ben H. Bridges on Chestnut Ridge road; industrial properties of James E. Herndon, Jr.; and John Butler Plonk on Cherryville road.

Purpose of the meeting Thursday night is to determine what the geographical boundaries will be and formally petition the Gaston County board of elections for a special election.

Henry Whitesides, Gastonia attorney and attorney for the 16-family group of East Kings Mountain citizens, will meet with the group.

The 16 families who are petitioning for annexation are City of Kings Mountain citizens but not the Kings Mountain school district. Their children have been attending the schools here but they would not be admitted here without written releases from the Gaston Board of Education. The releases were denied, and in late August the 16-family group of citizens obtained admission of their children to Kings Mountain schools via a temporary Superior Court order.

Roy Lynn, chairman of the petitioners, said it is important that East Kings Mountain citizens and other property owners who desire annexation into the Kings Mountain school district should attend tonight's "wrap-up" meeting.

Under a North Carolina statute adopted in 1955, pupils are not permitted to cross district lines without written releases from the boards of the districts they would normally attend and written statements of intent by admitting boards.

A dilemma of the East Kings Mountain residents was that they reside within the city limits of Kings Mountain, but not within the Kings Mountain school district, apparently, though living within walking distance of East school, were going to see their children transported by bus to schools several miles distant.

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Charity Projects Underway To Provide Needy Yule Cheer

Empty Stocking Fund Campaign Starts Thursday

American Legion Post 155 has contributed \$150 to the Kings Mountain area's Empty Stocking Fund for 1966 and is the first donor in this year's appeal for the needy and indigent.

The Legionnaires gave the donation in lieu of an annual Post Christmas party for the underprivileged.

A total of 219 needy families shared in Kings Mountain's Empty Stocking Fund conducted last year during the Christmas season.

For 149 families, their share meant food. Fuel was provided 36 families during the cold winter months.

CONTACT LOCAL PASTOR—Those who wish to submit the names of needy families to share in this year's Empty Stocking charity project should contact your local minister who will give the family's name to the welfare committee of the Ministerial Association.

ter months and medicine was provided 16 families.

In addition the gifts of \$2,323.63 was operation Santa Claus, a brighter Christmas for many needy children.

The Empty Stocking Fund is a year-round charity project of the Greater Kings Mountain Ministerial Association and is beginning its fifth year Thursday (today). The fund-raising is conducted from December 1-24 and the gifts supply staple food items, warm clothing, fuel, and medicine for needy families of No. 4 Township. Of the total helped last year, 65 percent were Negro.

Rev. C. R. Goodson, East Gold Street Wesleyan Methodist church pastor, heads the welfare committee for the fifth year. He said that Empty Stocking booths will again be placed in the business district and various ministers of the community will be "bell ringers" starting today. In addition, coin collection containers will be placed in grocery stores and service stations.

Rev. Howard Jordan, president of the Ministerial Association and pastor of Central Methodist church, expressed appreciation to the public for their continued support of the charity project.

All monies from the Empty Stocking Fund go to deserving families, both white and Negro, in the Kings Mountain area.

Mr. Goodson said local ministers receive their rewards from the project work from smiles of children's faces when they visit their homes on Christmas Eve and from families who tell them, "Without the help of the Empty Stocking Fund, Santa wouldn't have come to our house this year."

He said ministers who conduct the "bell-ringing" duties on downtown streets report that many families who are helped one year are able to give money themselves another year when they are able to return to work.

Ministers, both white and Negro, conduct the project, and man the Empty Stocking booths. The association welfare committee assembles the lists of families from suggestions of local people to their own local ministers.

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Merchants Set Holiday Hours

Retail merchants have set their Christmas shopping season schedules, Mrs. Ida Joy, secretary of the merchants association announced this week.

All merchants are now open six full days weekly, having suspended the mid-week Wednesday afternoon closings until after Christmas.

Virtually all retail stores in the uptown business district will remain open until 9 p.m. on Friday nights through December 23.

It had been previously announced that the merchants will observe Monday December 26, as a holiday.

Over 2500 At Festival

A crowd estimated by police at between 2500-3000 persons jammed Kings Mountain Friday evening for the Kings Mountain Merchant's Association's first annual Christmas opening program.

The program opened with an outdoor Choral Festival of 400 voices featuring choirs of area churches, under the direction of Allen Jolley, minister of music at First Baptist church.

Santa Claus, from the shouts of glee by the young folk, was star of the program, which was culminated by his appearance via a city fire truck about 7:30.

Mayor John Henry Moss read a Christmas proclamation and the 90-minute program of religious music included singing of familiar carols, special numbers by the KMHS Mixed Chorus and various church choirs; and solos by B. S. Peeler, Jr., baritone, and Reta Vollbracht, the reigning Miss Kings Mountain.

Miss Vollbracht, dressed in a Christmas-red dress and wearing her jeweled crown, spoke briefly on, "What Christmas Means To Me." She also sang "Star of the East."

Turning on of the city's Christmas lights, some of which were purchased this season by the Merchants Association, was superintended by President Dixon. Jonas Bridges was master of ceremonies.

Three ministers of the community participated on the program. Rev. Charles Easley, pastor of St. Matthews Lutheran church, gave the invocation; Rev. Robert Mann, pastor of First Baptist church, presided.

The auction will be held at 7 p.m. December 10th at the Bethlehem Fire Department in the Bethlehem community.

A spokesman for volunteer firemen said fires in the Bethlehem community may be reported by dialing one number: 482-4422.

Big Happenings Ahead In Market, Banking, Seminar Speakers Say

Predicting "big things ahead" in banking and the stock market, Mrs. Devere Smith and Elmore Alexander led a banking-stock seminar attended by 50 men and women Tuesday night.

Mrs. Smith, sales representative of the Charlotte office of Reynolds & Company, outlined a nine-fold plan "to make money in the stock market," including: stick with quality; concentrate on capital gains; cut your losses; let your profits run; average up, never down; don't over diversify; don't over concentrate; always have a reserve; and keep your sense of humor.

"You must first decide what your financial goals are," said Mrs. Smith.

What is required to be one of the richest persons in Wall Street?

Mrs. Smith answered her own question by saying that a man must be born with an exceptional brain, have the courage to accept risk, be willing to borrow up to the hilt, be devoted to minimizing taxes, and want to be wealthy more than happy and healthy.

The Dow-Jones Industrial Average, she explained, is the most

Jaycees Man Collection Depot For Toys

A collection depot for toys in Operation Santa Claus, the Kings Mountain effort to provide Christmas joy to children of the needy, has been set up on East Mountain street, across from the Woman's club.

Kings Mountain Jaycees are conducting this project, a local phase of the Greater Kings Mountain Ministerial Association's 1966 Empty Stocking campaign.

"We want used toys and we will repair them," said Jaycee President Herman Greene, who continued, "We don't want a single Kings Mountain area child to be disappointed on Christmas morning. We urge all who can to cooperate in making this Christmas a merry one for all."

Area citizens with toys to donate should deposit them at the depot building on the vacant lot across from the Woman's club or should call Jaycee Greene or any Jaycee for pick-up service.

The toys will be distributed on Christmas Eve by the Ministerial Association Empty Stocking committee headed for the fifth year by Rev. C. R. Goodson, pastor of East Gold Street Wesleyan Methodist church. Mr. Goodson is chairman of the association's year-round welfare committee which also includes Dr. Paul Ausley, pastor of First Presbyterian church, and Rev. Curtis Bundy, pastor of Oak View Baptist church.

The Greater Kings Mountain Ministerial Association is composed of ministers representing virtually all white and Negro churches in No. 4 Township.

Fire Department To Hold Auction

Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor an auction sale Saturday, December 10th, and items to be auctioned are invited from the public.

Proceeds will go toward the purchase of an alarm system, radio equipment, nozzles and hose for the department.

Any item may be donated and will be accepted by volunteer firemen at the following locations: Cash Service Station on Shelby road; Leonhardt Grocery on Barrett road; Lall Grocery on Bethlehem road; and Blalock Grocery on Grover Road.

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