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Kings Mountain, N. C., Thursday, September 1, 1955

Sixty-Fifth Year

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Population Of Greater Kings Mountain 10,320

Bulletins | Record Is Set;

METER RECEIPTS City parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednes-day, August 24, totaled \$165. 63, Miss Grace Carpenter, of city clerk's office, reported.

MOOSE MEETING

The regular meeting of Moose Lodge No.-1748 will be held Thursday night at the lodge on Bessemer City road.

HEARING FRIDAY

Preliminary hearing for Palmer Huffstetler, charged with

involuntary manslaughter, is scheduled for county recorder's court Friday. SQUARE DANCE All adults interested in form-

ing a square dance team are invited to meet with Recreation Director Doug Salley at the Woman's Club Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

THOMSON BETTER

Joe Thomson, well - known Kings Mountain citizen, has been confined to his home this week due to illness. He was much better Wednesday and expected to be able to return to his regular duties within a few days.

ASSESSMENTS

Payments since July 1 on public improvements assessments, principally for streetpaving, reached \$8,323.67 through Tuesday, City Clerk Gene Mitcham said yesterday.

TO FRANCE

Major and Mrs. L. J. Morris are visiting here pending receipt of transportation orders to La Rochelle, France, where Major Morris has been ordered for duty with the army. Mrs. Morris is the former Virginia

COURT TUESDAY

City recorder's court will not convene Monday afternoon due to the Labor Day holiday, but will convene Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

METER RECEIPTS

City parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$176.01, according to a report from Miss Grace Carpenter, of the city clerk's office.

JAYCEE MEETING Members of Kings Mountain

Junior Chamber of Commerce will hold their regular meeting Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at Masonic Dining hall. A special program has been planned for the evening. Bill Jonas, President of the club, urges all members to attend the meet-

GOSPEL SING

A Gospel Sing, featuring the Harvesters, of Charlotte, and the Pantomimers, of Kings Mountain, will be held at Kings Mountain high school auditorium at 8 o'clock Friday night. The event is being sponsored by the Kings Mountain Credit Women's Breakfast Club.

LEGION NOTICE

Regular September meeting of American Legion Post 155, will be held at the Legion Hall Friday at 8 p. m. Change of dates of regular October and November meetings, to avoid conflict with scheduled football games, was also announced by Millard Prince, assistant adjutant. The October session will be held on October 5, with November 2 the date of the following meet-

City Notes Record Tap Fee Payment

The city totaled up a new record this week on a one-transaction payment of water and sewer tap fees, Mayor Glee A. Bridges reported.
Gantt & Crawford, Inc.,

home - building firm, purchased 33 water and sewer taps at a total cost of \$1,980. Mayor Bridges said it was a cash

The tap fees were paid for homes in the residential development the firm has announced it will construct in the Watterson street area. City sewer tap fees are \$35 while water tap fees are \$25.

First-Day Gain 84 Above 1954

A record first-day enrollment was reported Tuesday as seven Kings Mountain area school units opened the 1955-56 school term with 2,337 pupils.

The total represented a gain of 84 over the opening day figure last September when 2,253 pupils enrolled. The gain, however, was 30 short of the 114 additional students reported last September over the 1953-54 opening day to-

In the six city units, a total of 2,132 pupils registered on Tuesday, a gain of 80 over last year. Of the total, 1,626 represented students in grades one through eight, a gain of 56 elementary students. The remainder, 506, represented high school students son high.

Superintendent B. N. Barnes have to be made to balance some of the grades," he said.

to take overflow pupils at other units. Mr. Beaver's acceptance completed the 79-teacher city schools faculty, he said. The number of teachers last year was 77, with two additional elementary

Carpenter Post teachers allotted this year com-pared to the gain of 90 pupils, Mrs. J. C. Nickels, principal at

Park Grace Elementary school, a county unit which operates on the same schedule as the city schools, reported an enrollment of 205 pupils on opening day, a had reported, she added.)

building project at Park Grace is 12. not yet completed and that firstday registration was accomplishhad anticipated. The school is without a lunchroom at present, she said, but it will be opened as soon as the building project is completed. Two new primary rooms are being constructed at the plant and two old rooms are room sapce. The school auditorium has been used as a lunchroom for the past several years.

The Park Grace breakdown of opening day enrollment by grades showing the changes over last

First grade Minus Second grade plus 1 Third grade plus 10 Fourth grade plus 13 Fifth grade minus 7 Sixth grade minus Seventh grade

205 plus 4 Enrollment at city units Tueslay was: Central Elementary East Elementary West Elementary Davidson Elementary

Central High

Davidson High

Total Enrollment Biggest gain in pupils over last Continued On Page Eight

Stores To Close On Labor Day

Majority of Kings Mountain re tail businesses will be closed Monday in observance of the annual Labor Day holiday

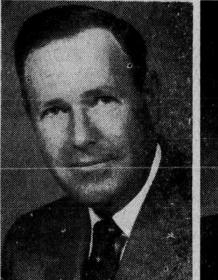
Majority of the firms will also be closed Wednesday afternoon for the customary mid-week halfholiday. Directors of the Merchants Association met Tuesday and voted to close both Monday es Wednesday, last day to obtain the estimated levy. and Wednesday afternoons. The decision followed a survey of ment discount on 1955 tax bills, day to one percent and the dis- mittees include: Exhibits, Mrs. T. entered thetrailer pulled at the mercantile opinion by the asso-ciation secretary, Mrs. Elaine \$67,283.71. count will be available through-out the month of September.

otherwise, Labor Day will be a regular working day for the vast majority of Kings Mountain citi-penter guessed more payments.

This is the first year the full discount has been obtainable through August. Under former payments and the covers the period of the period discount has been obtainable through August. zens. Schools are in session and will operate on regular schedule.

Drug stores and service staions will be open as will the turn from the \$1.70 tax rate and dule. Kings Mountain Herald and mo- \$2 poll tax are that the total levy vie establishments.

Local News School Enrollment Is 2,337





CRAIG PROMOTED, CARPENTER SUCCESSOR — W. R. (Bill) Craig, Kings Mountain Building and of Kings Mountain. left, veteran salesman for International Correspondence Schools, Loan Association and also a for-Inc., has been promoted to Atlanta district manager. Charles T. Car- mer chairman of the Cleveland penter, Jr., right, Herald sports editor and circulation manager for 450 at Central and 56 at David the past nine years, has been named to succeed Mr. Craig. The changes are effective September 12.

the six city units and reported the school year off to a good start. "Some transferring of students to different buildings will have to be made to below." Mr. Barnes announced that Gordon Beaver had been elected to teach piano at East school and to take ever low purils at other

Hoffman To Take Stores Will Close At Newspaper

William R. Craig, for the past 13 years area salesman here for International Correspondence gain of four over last year. (On Schools, Inc., has been promoted Wednesday, five additional pupils to the district managership of the Atlanta, Ga., area and will Mrs. Nickels said that the assume his new duties September stores, principally furniture

Charles T. Carpenter, Jr., for the past nine years sports editor ed much more smoothly than she and circulation manager of the Kings Mountain Herald, will succeed Mr. Craig as area salesman. Robert L. (Bob) Hoffman, of Gastonia, will succeed Mr. Carpenter as sports editor and reporter for the Herald, Miss Elizabeth Stewart will assume the dubeing remodeled to provide lunch- ties of Herald circulation mana-

Mr. Craig handled sales for International Correspondence Schools in Cleveland, Gaston, and Rutherford counties. He and his family expect to move to Atlanta Board To Meet as quickly as suitable living accommodations can be obtained. Mrs. Craig recently resigned as teacher of French and English at Bethware high school. She is a former member of the city ers will meet Thursday night at schools faculty. They have two 8 o'clock in City Hall courtroom children, Peggy Craig and Nancy Craig.

Carpenter joined the Mr. Herald after completing more ed the agenda for the session as than three years service as an brief and routine. infantry lieutenant in World War merce. Mr. Carpenter will con- running behind the North Piedtinue to live in Kings Mountain. | mont avenue business district.

Mr. Hoffman, who will assume his duties here on September 12,

Earlier Saturdays Directors of the Kings Moun-

tain Merchants association voted Tuesday to set 6:30 p. m. as the regular Saturday closing

The action primarily effects department, jewelry and variety stores, which have been observing a 7 p. m. Saturday closing. Other types of retail and hardware stores, have been closing in advance of 7 p. m. Grocers will probably

tinue to remain open 15 to 30 minutes later than other types of retail firms. Regular weekday schedule remains unchanged.

The directors also passed a resolution asking business firms to use their window lights until 11:30 p. m. nightly. The board indicated it felt the use of window lights would give the business district a better appearance at night.

Thursday Night

The city board of commissionfor the regular September meet-

Mayor Glee A. Bridges describ-

Among items to be considered II. He is a graduate of Clemson is a request by E. A. Harrill for college and has performed a va- cancellation of a grading charge. riety of duties with the Herald, Mr. Harrill contends, the Mayor including general reporting and said, that he deeded the city advertising. He has been active right-of-way in lieu of the charge. in the work of the American Le- . Another item for commissiongion, which he serves as adjutant, er decision is request of Casey and the Juntor Chamber of Com- Jones for widening of the alley

Otherwise, the Mayor said, the board would receive regular monis a reporter for the Gaston Citi- thly reports and consider other zen and previously served as a re-Continued On Page Eight business that neight come before it.

Heavy Payments On 1955 City Taxes

Bring Total To \$67,283 Wednesday

Final Rites Held For A. E. Cline, Former Mayor

were conducted by Dr. W. P. Ger-Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of First was held at Cleveland County Presbyterian church. Burial was Courthouse Shelby. in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Cline, who had been in ill nome last Thursday.

County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Cline was onetime presi-dent of the Cleveland County Fair association, and held a direc-

torship at the time of his death. orship at the time of his death.
Mr. Cline, a native of Iredell Rites Conducted County, and son of the late Mr. who died in 1949. His second wife, Mrs. Edith Queen Cline, survives. Other survivors are two brothers, Tate Cline, Shawnee, Okla., Eve-

Pallbearers were W. K. Mauney, Sr., Carl Mauney, Arnold Kiser, J. E. Herndon, John Lackey, of Kings Mountain, and Dr. J. S.

Two young boys playing foot. Dorton, of Shelby.

Mayor Flays SHPWC Policy

Wednesday.

The new policy requires: 1) city post a \$500 bond for each crossing and a \$1500 bond for

Mayor Bridges termed the new policy "troublesome and expensive on gas installations and virtually impossible on sewer installations". He said the city currently has a bond posted on gas ines paralleling highway rightof-way but none for other installations.

"The new policy will be difficult for all cities as well as Kings Mountain," he added.

Woman's Club Sets Book Fair

The Kings Mountain Woman's of the project.

Greensboro. Citizens will be invited to brow-trailer in West Cramerton.

ze through the books and to buy any they wish, either for their was found by officers hidden in personal libraries or for gifts to a fuel saver of an oil heater in the Jacob S. Mauney Memorial the trailer. Officers had made a Library. She said the fair will thorough but fruitless search of coincide with the beginning of the the trailer and were outside annual fund campaign to provide ready to leave when Officer Paul books for the library.

Mrs. Luther Cansler; hospitality, er's oil heater was immediately Mrs. W. L. Ramseur, Mrs. W. T. flooded with bills falling from Weir, Mrs. P. G. Padgett and the heat saver. Mrs. Paul Mauney; finance, Mrs. Sam Davis and Mrs. Jacob Mau-

NO FIRES

There were no reported fires this week according to a report from C. D. Ware, city fire-

A six-man coroner's jury rul-ed after an inquest Tuesday night that Arnold Wayne Moore, 11, did as result of a fall from a truck of Walter B. McLean and recommended no criminal action

The youth, son of Mrs. Leroy Bailey, of Gaston street, was ri-Funeral services for A. E. ding on a truck driven by Mc-Cline, 80, retired textile executive Lean who lives in Ranlo Station, and former mayor of Kings Gaston County, when the acci-Mountain, were held Saturday af- dent occurred just east of the ternoon at 3:30 o'clock from St. Cleveland County Fairgrounds Matthews Lutheran church, of which he was a member. Rites without regaining consciousness. The inquest, called by Cleveberding, pastor of the church, and land County Coroner Ollie Harris,

Serving on the coroner's jury were Gene Blanton, Robert Rudhealth for many years, died at his asill, Mrs. Nina Rudasill, Joe Hendrick, all of Shelby, E. E. Marlowe and Theodore Gamble

> Mrs. Rudasill, Coroner Harris stated, is the first lady ever to serve on a coroner's jury in Cleveland County.

and Mrs. Reuben Cline, was first For Wreck Victim

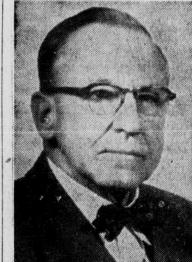
Funeral service for Miss Helen Saphronia Meacham, 52, who was instantly killed when hit by a rett Cline, Brevard; and two sisters, Miss Bertha Cline, Miami, Fla., and Mrs. L. A. Ervin, States-Friday at 4 o'clock.

dent told Coroner Harris they were also near the crossing when evening at 7:30. the accident occurred, Mrs. Lafaye Meacham, Herald staffer, Rites Thursday was at the Piedmont avenue For Mrs. Reynolds A new policy of the State High- crossing when the train stopped. way and Public Works commis-sion, concerning installation of the conductor that the train had lie Mode Reynolds, 55 will be

That pipe installed across rights | killed about 6:55 p. m. August 25 | be in Mountain Rest Cemetery. of-way be jacked under the when hit by a freight train at the Mrs. Reynolds died Tuesday street; 2) that all pipe installa- Baker street crossing near Phe- night at 11:30 at a Lumberton

invalid mother, Mrs. Ardie Mea- Clarence Reynolds. She was a each mile its utility lines parallel cham, at 320 Chestnut street, had daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. the highway inside the right-of- apparently attempted to run a Samuel Mode. cross the tracks after witnesses told seeing the oncoming train, Reynolds, Jake Reynolds, of Ra-Coroner J. Ollie Harris and other leigh, Dan Reynolds, of Charnvestigating officers.

No Criminal Action Suggested In Moore Death A six-man coroner's jury ruled after an investigation of the coroner's jury ruled after a coroner's jury rule



TO HOLD REVIVAL-Dr. J. C. Canipe, of Hendersonville, secretary of the department of evangelism of the Baptist State convention, will conduct a revival at Second Baptist church. The revival will begin Sunday and will continue through September 11.

Canipa To Hold **Baptist Revival**

Dr. J. C. Canipe, of Hendersonville, secretary of the department of evangelism of the Baptist State convention, will conduct a series of revival services at Rev. W. C. Sides, Rev. A. J. Argent Second Baptist church, Rev. Ho. ed in the directory census. Mr. go and Rev. Flay Payne officiate ward Cook, pastor of the church, Miller said effort was made to

The revival is scheduled to be-Two young boys playing foot gin Sunday and will continue Kings Mountain and the immeball near the scene of the acci- through September 11, he said. Mr. Cook said services will be saw the woman run in front of conducted twice daily, in the morthe train, Several other persons ning at 10 o'clock and in the laden with advertisements of

utilities across and alongside hit someone and notified police. held Thursday afternoon at four wish them at \$25 each. In addistate highway rights-of-way, is Winslow Spurling, of 212 Parker o'clock from St. Matthew's Luexpected to prove costly to the street, was one of the first to ar- theran church of which she was braries and Chambers of Comcity, Mayor Glee A. Bridges said rive upon the scene but reports a member. Rites will be conductories throughout the United he did not witness the tragedy. | ted by Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pas- | States will receive copies of the Miss Meacham was instantly for of the church. Interment will directory, Mr. Miller said.

tions be encased; and 3) that the nix Plant, Burlington Mills, Inc. hospital after an extended ill-The victim, who lived with her ness. Her husband was the late

Surviving are three sons, Jack lotte; two daughters, Mrs. Nell The impact knocked the victim Short, and Mrs. Ray Conrad, of ome 42 steps down the track, Columbia, S. C.; and one brother, Continued On Page Eight H. O. Mode, of Carolina Beach.

Community's First Directory Distributed

The population of Greater Kings Mountain is 10,320.

Source for the figure is Kings Mountain's first city directory, delivered to directory advertisers and subscribers this week by Miller Directory Company, of Asheville.

Charles W. Miller, of Asheville, head of the directory publishing firm, defined Greater Kings Mountain as including the Margrace and Park Yarn Mill communities and an area adjacent

Directories Available

Copies of the new Kings Mountain city directory are available at \$25 to persons and business firms requiring them. A limited supply is on hand at P. & N. Appliance Company, E. C. Nicholson, a member of the Kings Mountain Optimist Club said. The Optimist club sponsored the city directory project.

to the city of approximately the same distance as these two communities from all points of the city limits.

The 10.320 names were obtainlist in the directory all persons, age 16 and over, who live in diately adjacent areas.

The directory is bookbound, with heavy cover, and is well-Kings Mountain business firms, which, in turn, made publication of the directory possible.

The directory was published under sponsorship of the Kings Mountain Optimist club and copies are available for any

Other sections in the directory include 1 a numerical telephone directory, 2) a classified business directory, 3) a street directory, and 4) a general preface.

The street directory is an alphabetical listing of streets, with names of residents listed by house numbers and with number of residents of the house shown in parenthesis.

The preface contains specific information concerning Kings Mountain, its city government, climate, location, and brief summations of its service, business, and industrial facilities. also included are summations of school, church, recreational, hospital, and other facilities.

Cherokee Meters In confessing, Chief Logan Due In Fortnight

Parking meters for the Cherokee street off-street parking lot station, cashed the check with are expected to be received in money kept in the desk drawer. two weeks, Mayor Glee A. Brid-

The city is purchasing 55 metween Bridges Hardware and Bonnie Cotton Mills, who own the property, and the city.

Citizens Contribute \$130 For Flood Aid

Donations totaling \$130 were made at Sunday night's union service held at Central Methodist church to the Red Cross chapter's current disaster fund drive, Ben H. Goforth, Jr., fund chairman, has announced,

Goal of the campaign in Kings Mountain is \$450.

Funds have been used, Mr. Goforth said, in emergency housing and feeding of thousands in flood - devasted areas of the Northeast.

Contributions may be mailed to Mr. Goforth or to the Red Cross office here.

Industry, too, will operate on reg-ular schedules.

Kings Mountain citizens and businesses rushed to pay city tax- slightly more than 40 percent of the full two percent early-pay-

The total covers the period would be received before the 4:30 paid in June to obtain a two perp. m. close of business.

will approximate \$165,000.

The pre - payments represent

The discount rate drops Thurs

cent discount. The schedule was While figures on the total pro- changed by act of the General perty valuation and tax levy are Assembly to conform with the yet incomplete, estimates of re-Cleveland County discount sche-

Wednesday morning payments

Foster Under Bond For Larceny In Oates Theft; Loot Recovered

A 26-year-old textile worker station. waived preliminary hearing be-fore Judge Jack White in City Recorder's court Monday afternoon on a charge of larceny of \$2,904.

Jerrial Grady Foster, of E. King Club will sponsor a two-day Book street, was charged last Thurs-Fair here on September 22 and day afternoon with Thursday 23, it was announced yesterday morning's robbery of \$2,904 from by Mrs. W. L. Mauney, chairman Blackie Oates Shell Service. Foster was arrested by Kings Moun-Mrs. Mauney said 3,500 books, tain and Gaston authorities in including fiction and non-fiction, Belmont at a Belmont textile will be shown at the fair by plant, but did not confess to the Straughan's Book Sellers, Inc., theft until the money was found

All but \$9 of the stolen money Sanders glanced back inside the No admission will be charged. trailer looked into the fuel saver Mrs. J. N. McClure is serving as and spotted the edges of several co-chairman of the project, Com- dollar bills. Officer Sanders re-Kesler, Mrs. Harry Page, and wading, and the top of the trail-

> The young man was traced to Belmont by Kings Mountain Police department through a payin the day at the Oates establishment.

fold containing the money from again, Mr. Oates stated "it feels a drawer of a desk inside the pretty good".

said, Foster stated he went to the station to cash a payroll check and Rufus Oates, operator of the After the check was cashed, Chief ges said Wednesday. Logan said, Foster related, he was left alone in the station, ters at \$56 each for the off-street opened the desk drawer, took the area and will pay for the meters billfold with the money and left from receipts, with 40 percent of the station with the billfold in the meter take to go to the Parkhis hand. Officer Logan reported O-Meter Company, Oklahoma Foster said he left Kings Moun- City, Okla., until the total is paid. tain to return to Cramerton via Half of the receipts will go to some two hours later in a house Bessemer City shortly after the the property owners, per lease robbery. Near Bessemer City contract recently concluded be-Foster said he removed the money from the billfold, throwing the billfold in bushes alongside the road. Foster also confessed he made a \$134 purchase of jewelry and invested several dollars in groceries, the officer added.

Chief Logan reported that the jewelry had been returned to the store for credit and that the billfold had been recovered.

Foster, who was represented by Attorney B. T. Falls, Jr., of Shelby, made bond of \$750 Monday. He will be tried in Cleveland County Superior court.

The money was locked inside the desk drawer while no attenroll check he had cashed earlier dant was in the station, Mr. Oates reports, and he also said that the keys to the desk drawer have Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr., said not been found. When asked how Foster, admitted taking the bill- it felt to have the money in hand