

Population

Greater Kings Mountain City Limits 10,320
7,206

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U. S. 29 By-Pass Expected To Open Next Month

Local News Bulletins

ACCEPTS POSITION
Mrs. James Leinster, daughter of Mrs. Rosa Medlin, has accepted a teaching position in the commercial department of Owen high school, Asheville. Mrs. Leinster is the former Miss Mary Medlin.

RALLY DAY
First Presbyterian church Sunday school will hold Rally Day at the regular Sunday morning service at 9:45. A special program has been planned, officials announced.

AT BELK'S
Sam Mitchem has joined the sales staff of Belk's men's department, succeeding Bill Ruth who returned to school at Western Carolina college Monday.

LIONS MEETING
The Kings Mountain Lions Club will hold its regular meeting Tuesday night at 7:00 o'clock at Masonic Hall. The Rev. R. D. Fritz, program chairman, announced that "Training With The Cardinals," a baseball film will be shown.

WOMAN'S CLUB
The International Relations and Public Welfare department of the Woman's club will serve dinner at 12:15 Sunday at the Woman's club, Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch, the chairman, announced. Tickets are available at Stroupe Drug company at \$1.25 for adults, and 75 cents for children.

KIWANIS
J. C. Bridges and B. S. Peeler, Jr. will report on the Kiwanis International convention held at Cleveland, Ohio, at the regular meeting of the Kiwanis club Thursday (tonight) at 7:45 p. m. at Masonic Hall.

GRASS FIRE
City firemen answered one fire alarm Tuesday at 11:05 a. m., to extinguish a grass fire on Carpenter street. No damages were reported.

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

Warlick Gets City Contract

The city board of commissioners met in a called session Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock, and let a contract for 1160 feet of curb and gutter and 366 feet of sidewalks.

A. P. Warlick of Kings Mountain was low bidder on the job with a bid of \$1.10 per foot of sidewalks and \$1.88 per foot of curb and gutter.

Spangler & Sons, the only other bidder, estimated a price of \$1.16 per foot for sidewalks and \$2.25 per foot for curb and gutter.

The board also agreed to rent Warlick the concrete forms owned by the city for \$25, providing that he would clean and oil them both before and after the job is completed.

Mr. Warlick said work would start on the project in about one week. The contract allows 30 days in which to finish the job.

The sidewalks and curbing will be installed on Gaston street, between East Mountain street, and East Gold street.

The board also agreed to extend the paving in Belvedere park, new development, to Waco road, a distance of 189 feet from where the paving had been authorized, Mayor Glee Bridges told the board members that petitions requesting the paving have been signed by residents of the area.

School Board Invites Bids On New North School Plant



PROMOTED — David M. Neill, formerly of Kings Mountain, has been promoted to the position of assistant trust officer of American Trust Company, Charlotte, according to announcement this week.

Charlotte Bank Promotes Neill

David M. Neill was elected assistant trust officer of Charlotte's American Trust Company at a meeting of the board of directors held recently, according to announcement by Chairman Torrence E. Hemby.

Mr. Neill has been with the bank since June 1953, as an operations assistant in the Trust department. He previously was an examiner with the North Carolina Banking Department and for 30 months was in the general insurance field. B. W. Barnard, senior vice-president and senior trust officer of the bank, in commenting on the election, said, "This promotion will give Mr. Neill wider scope for his abilities, particularly in the field of new business development. He is a valuable addition to our officer staff."

A native of Kings Mountain, Mr. Neill is a graduate of Davidson college. He has taken an active part in numerous Charlotte YMCA activities, is a member of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club, is a participant in courses with the American Institute of Banking, and will graduate next summer from the Financial Public Relations Association school which is affiliated with the American Bankers Association at Northwestern University. He is a member of Providence Methodist church.

Mr. Neill is married to the former Miss Jean Webb. They have two young daughters, Kathy and Elizabeth, and reside at 1242 Chandler Place.

Workers Offered Park Yarn Houses

Park Yarn Mills Company wrote 39 employee-tenants Tuesday offering to give them, for removal, the houses in which they reside.

J. C. Smathers, general manager, said Park Yarn Mills is "planning to go out of the house business", in line with a general trend in the textile industry. How the plan will work, he did not guess, remarking that the results depend on availability of real estate to employees.

The company will retain seven houses, as well as the real estate occupied by the 39 other dwellings.

Mr. Smathers said the company action does not portend any plans for expansion of the firm's manufacturing plant.

The board voted to install 50 feet of 24-inch pipe near Shockley's Store on Second street to divert drainage water which is undermining the building. This water falls from a field in which the city recently made drainage changes, and the board members took this into consideration when approving the installation of the pipe.

August 15, 1956 Completion Date To Be Required

Final plans for the new proposed North Elementary School were approved by the Kings Mountain Board of Education at its regular meeting Monday night.

However, the board specified that these plans are subject to approval by state school authorities, and to any changes that the board might wish to make prior to the letting of the contract.

Bids will be received until October 10, and the bids will be opened at 3 p. m. on that date.

T. W. Cothran, of Van Wagoning & Cothran, architectural firm of Shelby, reports that 10 contractors already have obtained plans to prepare bids.

The board also voted to insert a penalty clause in the contract. This clause would require that the building be finished by August 15, 1956. For every day required past this date, the general contractor would be penalized \$50. The electrical, plumbing, and heating contractors would be penalized \$25 per day required over the time limit.

Mr. Cothran attended the meeting and told the board that tentative approval of the plans has been received from state school officials.

Legal notice inviting bids on the North plant is published in today's edition of the Herald. It is noted that plans and specifications on the 14-classroom elementary plant, to contain approximately 30,000 square feet, are available from the architects. The bid bonds of five percent and performance bonds of 100 percent must be deposited by all bidders. Separate bids will be taken for the general contract, plumbing contract, heating contract and electrical contract. The school trustees retain the right to reject any or all bids.

B. N. Barnes, superintendent of schools, gave a report on the advisability of constructing a new band-industrial arts building at Central school.

Mr. Barnes reported that state officials do not recommend this action until further study has been given. He added that a committee dealing with these recommendations would come from Raleigh and investigate the situation, if the board desires.

The board voted to offer Consolidated Textiles \$300 for a house now standing on property which the board seeks for expanding East school playground. This offer for the house is tentative, pending Consolidated's accepting an offer of \$500 per acre for the land, which measures approximately five acres.

The board had taken steps to start condemnation action against the company, but halted this action until the new offer has been considered.

The board authorized Mr. Barnes to contact C. E. Warlick Insurance Agency to see if Mr. Warlick would have an adjustor from his company inspect and set a value on the contents of all city schools.

At their last meeting, the board

Ministers Circulating Petition Asking Blue Law Reconsideration

Kings Mountain Ministerial association began Sunday the circulation of petitions in the majority of Kings Mountain churches asking the city board of commissioners to reconsider its action of July 7 amending the blue laws to permit showing of motion pictures during specified hours on Sundays.

The petitions will be presented to the city board at an early meeting, Rev. P. L. Shore, association president and pastor of Central Methodist church, said. Likely date for the presentation is October 6, next regularly scheduled meeting of the board.

W. F. Thomson Rites Conducted Here Wednesday

Funeral services for William Francis Thomson, 63, former Kings Mountain citizen, were held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Boyce Memorial ARP church.

Mr. Thomson died suddenly of a heart attack Monday at 12:05 p. m. following a minor operation at a Hendersonville hospital. He had been in outward good health and his sudden death came as a shock to his family and to friends in this community.

Mr. Thomson, husband of the former Miss Nina Hunter, resided here in the early thirties. A lawyer, he joined Certainteed Products Company, Inc., as a salesman and subsequently was advanced to sales manager of the company. He spent approximately 20 years with Certainteed before establishing a new firm, Laminate Walls, Inc., in 1950 with headquarters in Tampa, Fla., where he had resided for many years. Last year Mr. Thomson went into semi-retirement. He and Mrs. Thomson only last year completed a summer residence at Bon Clarcken, near Hendersonville.

A native of Abbeville, S. C., he was the son of the late Thomas P. and Sarah Bradley Thomson. He attended Erskine college and was graduated from the University of South Carolina law school. While in Kings Mountain he was an active member of Boyce Memorial ARP church. In Tampa, he was an elder of First Presbyterian church. He was a navy veteran of World War I, past commander of Otis D. Green Post 153, Kings Mountain American Legion post, and an Elk.

Surviving are his wife and a daughter, Mrs. George E. Sheppard, of Laurens, S. C.

Funeral rites were conducted by Dr. W. L. Pressly, pastor of Boyce Memorial ARP church, and Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of First Presbyterian church. Interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery here.

Mauney Wins \$250 Scholarship

Charles F. Mauney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Mauney of Kings Mountain, has been awarded a \$250 scholarship at N. C. State college. He is the first recipient of a scholarship given by the Greater Charlotte Textile Club.

Mr. Mauney was recently notified of the award by Charles H. Connor, Jr., president of the Textile club. Selection was made by the Scholarship committee of the State college School of Textiles.

A junior, Mr. Mauney expects to complete by June 1957 requirements for two degrees at N. C. State, one in textile chemistry and dyeing and another in textiles.

Since entering N. C. State college, Mr. Mauney has maintained an "A" average in his academic work. His father is secretary-treasurer of Mauney Hosiery Mills, Inc.

The scholarship was established by the Textile club to be given annually to a student residing within a 30-mile radius of Charlotte.

Book Fair Here Ends Thursday

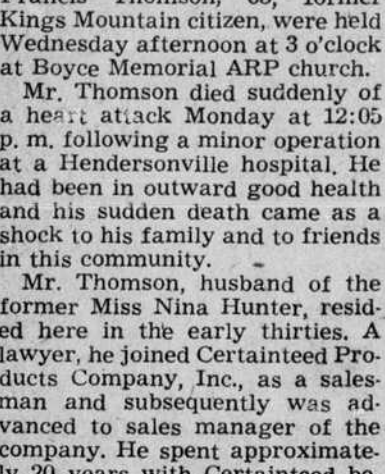
Kings Mountain Woman's club began a two-day book fair yesterday, the book sale being held in conjunction with the annual fund campaign for books for Jacob S. Mauney Memorial library.

It is being held at the Woman's club Thursday from 10 a. m. until 9 p. m.

All types of books are on display, including best-selling fiction, children's books, biography, religious and historical works. Officials have suggested that books be purchased as gifts for the library, for Christmas gifts, or for home libraries.

No admission will be charged, and Mrs. W. L. Mauney and Mrs. J. N. McClure are co-chairmen of the project.

Shriners Greet High Officials



SHRINERS GREET HIGH OFFICIALS — Kings Mountain Shriners turned out in force last Saturday morning to greet two visiting Shrine delegations, the uniformed Divan and the Oasis Temple band. Standing, left to right, are T. W. Grayson, Denver King, Fred Wright, Jr., N. F. McGill, E. W. Griffin, Paul A. Jones, of Winston-Salem, Potentate of the North Carolina Shrine, Sam Collins, D. L. Saunders, Mayor Glee A. Bridges, George W. Mauney and J. Lee Roberts. Kneeling at front are J. H. Thomson, S. Casper Chandler, of Charlotte, Shrine Recorder, and John Smathers. (Herald photo by Faye Meacham.)

Reporter Agrees Fair "Greatest"

Record crowds Are Expected At Fairgrounds

By Bob Hoffman

Approximately 100 newspaper, radio and television representatives were guests of the Cleveland County Fair and the Southern States Fair at a press party Tuesday.

A royal welcome and grand tour of the fair grounds and their facilities were given to the visiting newsmen.

The tour started with the rodeo, where the visitors were special guests of Bur Andrews. This world's championship event presented many thrills with its riding and roping contests.

Following the rodeo, the newsmen were loaded on a "tram bus" and taken around the entire midway, with points of interest being pointed out.

After taking a one-hour break to inspect the midway and its many stands and shows, the visitors were taken to "Red" Bridges Barbecue stand on the midway for supper. A delicious supper of the famous Bridges' barbecue was enjoyed by about 60 press and radio people present at that time.

At 8 o'clock, the group filed into special seats on the infield of the grandstand to see the Variety Ice-ettes, a George A. Hamid production.

Featuring a cast of 21 skaters, the show offered two hours of top-notch entertainment to a packed grandstand.

The ensemble consisted of girls Continued On Page Eight

Opening Likely By October 22, Kemper Thinks



The new U. S. 29 Highway by-pass south of Kings Mountain is expected to be opened for traffic about October 22. District Highway Engineer Ed Kemper, of Shelby, said this week that the paving contractor, Blythe Brothers, of Charlotte, is currently applying the "matting" to the roadbed and will likely finish this job ahead of the October 1 deadline. Two weeks are subsequently allowed for applying the "seal coat". After a week's curing, Mr. Kemper continued, the strip should be ready to accommodate traffic.

Barring an unusual course of bad weather, he foresees that the schedule will be met.

The strip to be opened will leave present U. S. 29 at Archdale Farms and link with U. S. 74 east of Kings Mountain. The by-pass is of modern engineering design with cloverleaf entrances and exits. It is a limited access highway.

Large portion of the new by-pass is four-lane, from the intersection with U. S. 74 to a point south of Highway 161. From that point the road is two-lane for a distance of 4.7 miles.

Already under construction is a second two-lane strip from Archdale Farms to the north city limits of Grover, and Mr. Kemper said he had hopes that the state highway commission will allot sufficient funds to provide for an additional two-lane strip on the 4.7 miles between Archdale Farms and the Richard Owens farm.

The problem of continuing the four-lane road through Grover remains, Mr. Kemper said, the Town of Grover declining to accept responsibility for furnishing one-third of the right-of-way cost, which Mayor C. F. Harry has said that Grover cannot afford. Grover could unincorporate the portion of the town effected, but the action would require legislation by the General Assembly, next scheduled to convene in 1957.

Youth Struck By Car Sunday

Billy Melton, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Melton, of 209 E. King street, was painfully injured Sunday afternoon when struck by a car on E. King street. He was admitted to Kings Mountain hospital for treatment.

Charged with speeding and free under a \$200 bond as a result of the accident is James Monroe Freeman, of 613 Floyd street. Trial for Freeman has been scheduled for City Recorder's court next Monday afternoon.

Police stated the Melton youth, while attempting to cross from the north to the south side of E. King street, ran from behind a tractor trailer truck into the path of the Melton vehicle, Melton was traveling east on King street operating a 1955 Ford, while the tractor trailer was traveling west on King street, police reported.

Dr. John C. McGill, attending physician, stated Wednesday the youth's condition is not serious at the present time and he would recover barring complications. The youth sustained four broken ribs, head injuries, multiple contusions and painful bruises, the physician stated.

Off-To-School List Now Totals 156

Addition of seven to the area's off-to-school list brings to a total of 155 the number of students attending colleges, universities, preparatory and specialized institutions.

Omitted last week in the off-to-school listings were the names of Jim Caveny, John A. Scism, and Fred Kiser, who have enrolled at North Carolina State college, Raleigh, W. P. Fulton, who is a student at Lenoir-Rhyne college, Hickory, Rev. Boyce Huffstetler, who is a student in the divinity school of Emory University, and Kenneth Hamrick, who is attending Gaston Technical Institute.

Gerald Lovelace left Monday to enroll in the freshman class of King's Business college, Charlotte.

ELECTED

Carl B. Moss, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Moss, has been named treasurer of the senior class of Bowling Green College of Commerce, Bowling Green, Ky. Mr. Moss is majoring in accounting.

Record Crowds Are Expected At Fairgrounds

Off-Street Meters Swell Parking Take

City parking meter receipts swelled to \$194.02 for the week ending Wednesday.

It was the first weekly counting for the parking meter receipts since the city initiated use of the off-street Cherokee street lot last Thursday.

The old meters returned \$155.78.

The Cherokee street parking lot returned \$38.24, City Clerk Gene Mitcham reported.

Kiwanis To Sell Soap Packages

The Kings Mountain Kiwanis club is launching this weekend a soap-selling project for its youth service work.

Particularly, President J. C. Bridges said, the proceeds from the soap sale will be used to augment fun is already in hand for building tennis courts at the city's Deal street recreation plant.

The Kiwanians are vending a four-bar package of soap called "Packer's Charm," which sells for one dollar. The soap is a deodorant type, containing hexachlorophene, and the label contends it is "fragrant, safe, economical, protects clothing."

NEW MANAGER

James T. Tart, of Dunn, assumed the duties Friday of Roses Five and Ten Store manager, succeeding R. E. Vickers, who has opened a similar business in Newton.

AFL Unions Seeking To Represent Lithium Corporation Employees

The National Labor Relations district board was holding a hearing in Charlotte Wednesday to determine whether a union representation election will be held at Lithium Corporation of America's Bessemer City plant.

The hearing was called after two American Federation of Labor unions, the International Union of Operating Engineers and the Teamsters, Chauffeurs and Warehousemen union, filed a petition asking that they be designated employee representatives for all production and maintenance men at the Bessemer City plant.

Lithium Corporation denied the union allegations that it, in fact, has sufficient memberships to be designated employee representatives.

Actually, Lithium Attorney Jack White said, the NLRB will rule on the question of calling an election at the Bessemer City

Gentle Receives Two-Year Term

Clyde Gentle, Statesville fair worker, received a two-year road sentence in Cleveland Recorder's Court Friday when he was convicted of molesting a child.

The defendant was arrested last week by Sheriff Haywood Allen, and admitted that he enticed an eight-year-old Bethware girl into his house trailer at the Bethware Fair.

Sheriff Allen was the only witness to appear against Gentle.