

Population

Greater Kings Mountain
City Limits 10,320
7,206

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Local News Bulletins

LIONS DIRECTORS

Directors of the Kings Mountain Lions club will hold their regular monthly dinner meeting Thursday evening at 7 o'clock at Kings Mountain Country Club.

PRESBYTERY

Annual meeting of the Men of the Church of Kings Mountain Presbytery will be held at Belmont First Presbyterian church Sunday. Harry Page, president of the Men's group of First Presbyterian church, invited all men interested in attending to meet at the church here at 8:15 p. m.

OFFICIALS TO MEET

A meeting of all Scouting officials will be held Thursday night at 8 p. m. in the City Hall courtroom. All Scoutmasters and committeemen are asked to attend. Officers for the coming year will be elected at this time.

STOCK DIVIDEND

MINNEAPOLIS — Lithium Corporation of America, Inc., has announced an initial stock dividend of 5 percent payable December 1, 1955, to stockholders of record November 1, 1955. Scrip certificates will be paid in lieu of fractional shares.

ROSS REUNION

Annual Moses Ross reunion will be held at New Prospect Baptist church, Earl, Saturday with dinner to be served picnic-style at the noon hour. All relatives and friends have been invited to attend.

TO TEXAS

W. T. Clary, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Clary, leaves Monday to report to Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas, for basic training in the Air Force. Before entering the service, he attended Kings Mountain high school.

SOCIAL SECURITY

A social security representative will be at City Hall at 9:30 a. m. next Tuesday and again on October 17 to serve area residents with social security information. It has been announced by the Gastonia district manager.

BUILDING PERMITS

Two building permits were issued last Thursday by Building Inspector J. W. Webster. One permit was issued to Pauline Thrift to alter a house on Dilling street, at an estimated cost of \$2,000. The other permit was issued to Ivey R. L. Davis to alter a house on E. Ridge street, at an estimated cost of \$4,000.

LITTLEJOHN BETTER

James Littlejohn, owner of King Street Gulf Service, was reported by his physician to be improving satisfactorily Wednesday. He has been a patient at Kings Mountain hospital since he became ill Saturday.

RECREATION GIFT

Stewart & Everett, Inc., Charlotte theatre firm and operator of Joy and Dixie Theatres here, has made a gift of \$100 to the city recreation commission. It was announced this week.

ROBERTS REUNION

The annual Hugh Karr Roberts Reunion will be held Sunday, October 2, at Antioch Baptist church near Grover. Following a morning worship service at the church, a picnic lunch will be served. In the afternoon a business and fellowship session will be held. It was announced by Miss Annie Roberts, secretary.

Memorial Service Planned At Park

Kings Mountain Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, of York, S. C., will conduct a memorial service at Kings Mountain National Military Park on October 7, commemorating the 175th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain.

DAR chapters from throughout the surrounding area have been invited to attend the observance, and a number of members of the Col. Frederick Hambricht chapter, of Kings Mountain, are expecting to attend.

The memorial service will be held at 11 o'clock, Friday morning, October 7.

Kings Mountain Officials Attend School Meeting

Ten persons from Kings Mountain attended the White House Conference on education which was held in Charlotte Tuesday afternoon.

School board members, A. W. Kincaid, F. W. Plonk, and J. W. Webster; principals Rowell Lane, Mrs. J. H. Thomson, W. R. George, and J. A. Gibson; Superintendent B. N. Barnes, Supervisor Alice C. Averitt, and Robert Byers, Layman representative, were the local persons attending.

The three main topics discussed at the meeting were the acute shortage of school buildings, the need for more trained teachers, and the question of asking for additional federal aid for schools.

Some 500 delegates from the South Piedmont region attended the meet to discuss these needs.

The group emphatically called for sufficient buildings to eliminate double sessions, which are now being held in many cities, further agreeing that a 12 months' attendance plan, with staggered terms, would not be a satisfactory answer to the problem.

The group also agreed that "low cost buildings with high maintenance costs" nor an "expensive building with low maintenance costs" would not be a solution. A middle ground can be reached, it was said.

Dr. William Cartwright of Duke University was spokesman for the group discussing the shortage of qualified teachers in the state. He said, "The state needs 3,200 new teachers each year, one-third of which are needed for new enrollment and two-thirds to replace teachers who are resigning and retiring." He added, "By 1965, there will be five high school students for every two we now have."

Superintendent B. N. Barnes commenting on the last statement said, "If these figures hold true, we will not have adequate space in Central School to take care of high school students."

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Lions Club Sets White Cane Sale

The Kings Mountain Lions Club will hold its annual White Cane Drive October 2-12.

This drive is put on each year by the Lions Clubs of North Carolina in cooperation with the North Carolina State Association for the Blind.

Funds raised during this campaign are used in various ways to help the 11,600 blind persons in the state. Over 300 clubs in the state participate in this annual event.

The local club will hold a street sale of White Cane badges on October 7 and 8.

Dr. Blake McWhirter is chairman of the drive in Kings Mountain.

Some of the many services furnished to blind persons are: radios for shut-in blind persons; glasses for indigent persons; eye care, such as examinations, treatment and surgery where other funds are not available; White Cane walking sticks to all the blind in North Carolina; clothes; hearing aids; dental, medical and hospitalization services; pre-school institutes for mothers of blind children and follow-up clinics and materials for educational programs on prevention of blindness.

Rites Conducted Sunday Afternoon For Samuel Sylvester Weir, Age 88

Funeral services for Samuel Sylvester Weir, 88, retired businessman and former Kings Mountain postmaster, were held Sunday afternoon at First Baptist church.

Mr. Weir, who had been in declining health for the past three years, died at his home Friday night at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Weir was a native of this county, a son of the late Alexander Franklin and Martha Falls Weir. He was born on April 27, 1867. He was onetime bookkeeper at the Klotho Mill (now Mauney Mills, Inc.) and subsequently managed the Klotho Mill company store. He maintained a lifelong interest and activity in farming and for many years was a well-known Kings Mountain dairyman. He served as Kings Mountain postmaster for more than nine years in the period 1923-31. Years prior to his service as postmaster, he had been an employee of the Kings Mountain postoffice.

An active member of First Baptist church, Mr. Weir was an honorary deacon at the time of



ARP PREACHER — Rev. J. F. Heinsohn, onetime circus worker and performer now an ARP minister, will conduct a week's series of services beginning Monday evening at Boyce Memorial ARP church.

ARP Services To Begin Monday

A former circus worker, now an ordained minister, will conduct a week's series of services at Boyce Memorial ARP church beginning Monday.

Rev. Jack Heinsohn, Associate Reformed Presbyterian minister appointed last summer the church's New Life movement preacher by the General Synod, will preach the series of services here, which will be held each evening at 7:30.

Rev. Mr. Heinsohn was born in Long Beach, Calif., in 1927. His parents were vaudeville performers and he made his first stage appearance when he was six weeks old. His parents carried him out for a bow. In his early youth he worked as an acrobat, trapeze performer and clown, and subsequently worked for numerous circuses, including Wallace Brothers, Hamid & Morton Shrine, Clyde Beatty, Barnes Brothers and Sello. In his last year in high school he declined a job with Ringling Brothers in order to get his diploma.

He went to Erskine college through the influence of a friend, found himself financially unable to continue his final two years, but was aided financially by a man he has never met, nor whom he does not yet know, to complete college and three years of work at Erskine seminary. For years he served as pastor of the Hickory Grove and Symrna, S. C., ARP churches.

His wife is the former Miss Martha Lauderdale. They have three children.

The services will continue through Sunday, October 9.

Shore's Father To Fill Pulpit

Rev. P. L. Shore, Sr., of Greensboro, will preach at the 11 o'clock service of Central Methodist church Sunday morning.

Mr. Shore, father of the present pastor of Central church, retired last year after a ministry of 45 years. In that time he served a number of churches in the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist church, including pastorates in Charlotte, Salisbury, Greensboro, and Asheville.

He has served on various boards and commissions of the Conference and was a delegate to the last General Conference of the Methodist church held in San Francisco.

Police Investigated Two Auto Accidents

Kings Mountain City police reported investigating two traffic mishaps this week. Both accidents were reported to have occurred Sunday.

Around 2:42 p. m., a car driven by George McWhirter, of 205 McClure street, Shelby, was involved in an accident with a car driven by James Will Hullebaker, of route 2. The cars collided at a traffic signal at the intersection of King street and Railroad ave., police reported. Property damage was estimated to total \$450.

A 1952 Ford and a 1953 Chevrolet were involved in an accident around 4:05 p. m. on Battleground ave. Drivers were listed by police as Bobby D. Byers, of Blacksburg, S. C., and John B. Smith, of 505 Woodlawn street, Belmont. Both cars were traveling north. Property damages were estimated to total \$110.

City Budget Overspent By \$91,486

Castle Will Join Chicago Company

Kings Mountain Foote Manager Resigns Post

James E. Castle, general manager of Foote Mineral Company's Kings Mountain works, has resigned to accept the management of the minerals division of International Mineral & Chemical Corporation, of Chicago, Ill.

Mr. Castle expects to complete his duties here about November 1.

His family will live in Evanston, Ill., near Chicago.

Mr. Castle joined Foote Mineral Company as Kings Mountain plant manager about 30 months ago, after holding a position with St. Joseph Lead Company.

A native of Beverly, Mass., he received the degree of Bachelor of Science from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1935, then spent three years in Korea with Oriental Consolidated Mining Corporation. In 1942, he received the degree of Master of Science from Colorado School of Mines.

Announcement has not yet been made by Foote Mineral Company as to the identity of Mr. Castle's successor here. During Mr. Castle's management, the Kings Mountain plant has vastly expanded its production facilities for the extraction of lithium ore.

Foreign Student Weekend Planned

The Kings Mountain Council of Churchwomen is inviting Kings Mountain citizens to participate November 5-6 in a project designated "Foreign Student Weekend."

Mrs. J. B. Simpson, the president, made the announcement Tuesday, noting that the church women's group is sponsoring the weekend event as "a better means of introducing foreign students to Christian homes and families."

Statistics show, Mrs. Simpson pointed out, that some 45,000 foreign students have entered the United States since 1945, many of these students at nearby colleges and universities, she added.

Kings Mountain families interested in entertaining one or more students in their homes are asked to contact Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Paul Hendricks, or Miss Elizabeth Anthony not later than October 15. Other citizens who may be interested in contributing in any way to the event are urged to contact any committee member, she added.

Weekend plans for the group include a tour of the city, including visits to city industrial plants, the military park, and other places of interest, Mrs. Simpson noted.

Committees for the event include Mrs. Martin Harmon and Mrs. O. W. Myers, co-chairmen of the publicity committee; Mrs. Paul Mauney, Mrs. Tommy Owens, and Mrs. B. N. Barnes, who head the committee on transportation; Mrs. Aubrey Mauney who is chairman of the recreation committee; and Mrs. Douglas Fritz, Mrs. J. C. Bridges, Mrs. Clarence Plonk, Jr., and Mrs. Tommy Owens who make up the committee on correspondence.

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RECEIVES DEGREE — Charles H. Gantt, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Gantt of 13 Waco road, Kings Mountain, was one of 113 students to receive degrees Monday at the University of Tennessee Medical Units in Memphis. Gantt, who received a doctor of medicine degree, is a graduate of Bethware High School.

Communion Day To Be Observed

Majority of Kings Mountain churches will join Sunday in the international observance of World Communion day.

The observance, sponsored by the National Council of Churches, will find the rite of Holy Communion being administered in virtually every nation of the world, Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of First Presbyterian church said.

Mr. Patrick urged all persons to attend the church of their choice on Sunday to participate in the worldwide observance.

It was noted that Communion services will be underway at almost every hour of the day, as World Communion Sunday dawned 18 hours earlier in the Pacific areas than in America.

Meter Receipts \$195.02, Up \$1

City parking meter receipts for the week ending noon Wednesday totaled \$195.02, a dollar more than reported the previous week.

The report was the second for parking meter receipts since the city installed meters in the off-street parking lot on Cherokee street.

The street parking meters returned \$159.75. The Cherokee street parking meters returned \$35.27, Miss Grace Carpenter, of city clerk's office, reported.

Wesleyan Church Sets Rally Day

Rally Day will be held Sunday at First Wesleyan Methodist church.

Rev. A. J. Argo, the pastor, said a male quartet from the Wesleyan college at Central, S. C., will render special music at both the Sunday school service at 9:45 a. m. (and at the youth service at 6 p. m., and at the evening service at 7 p. m.)

On Sunday morning, J. Milton Panett, Charlotte organist, will play an organ recital at the 11 o'clock service.

Reports Unavailable On Movie Petitions

Concrete reports on progress of a petition asking the city board of commissioners to reconsider its action in permitting Sunday movies here, were not obtainable this week.

Several ministers said the petitions are being circulated in their churches but that they did not have a report on the number of signatures inscribed.

Rev. P. L. Shore, Ministerial association president, said he anticipates presentation of the petition to the board of commissioners at the next regular meeting October 6.

MOOSE MEETING

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

Receipts Topped Budget Estimate By \$48,656.49

The City of Kings Mountain underestimated both its income and outgo during the fiscal year ended last June 30, the report of examination by A. M. Pullen & Company, certified public accountants shows.

The report was received by the mayor and city commissioners Wednesday morning.

The figures show that the city over-expended its actual revenue during the year by \$42,829.82, and its budget by \$91,486.31.

It received during the year from all sources \$521,387.49, while spending \$564,217.31. The budget had called for balanced income and outgo of \$472,731.

Recommendations made by the auditor concerned almost solely change of bookkeeping details of funds handled by the clerk of recorder's court and the police department. Specifically, Pullen & Company recommended 1) installation of more detailed bookkeeping on funds handled by the two offices; 2) establishment of a separate bank account for funds handled by the clerk of recorder's court; and 3) payment of all disbursements from this office by checks. It was suggested also that \$5,623 in cemetery fund balances be invested at interest.

The auditing firm stated that the city's net worth, based on book or estimated values of capital assets with no depreciation provisions, \$1,115,763.67. Total assets approximate two million dollars at \$1,959,473.63, less bonded indebtedness, accounts payable and other liabilities of \$843,710.06. The liabilities included: Bonds payable of \$763,000, accounts payable of \$38,857.94, and consumer deposits (held as reserves to assure payment of utility accounts) of \$21,852.12. The auditor noted that majority of the accounts payable were unpaid invoices which were subsequently paid in July and August 1955.

Income

General fund revenues returned the city \$409,610.82, with the major two categories being sale of utilities at \$270,490.54, over \$30,000 more than anticipated in the budget, and taxes, which returned \$69,628.66, just \$371.34 shy of the expected receipts. Other receipts items showing a surplus over budget anticipations were privilege licenses, sale of auto tags (1,113 sold), sale of supplies, water and sewer connections, intangible taxes, parking meters, franchise taxes, parking space rent, fire protection, grave digging, and street assessments. Street assessment payments totaled \$20,931.89. The budget anticipated only \$2,500.

Other departments, smaller in total figures, were more nearly in balance in the receipts category, including debt service, capital outlay and cemetery perpetual care.

Spending

Accounting for the major portion of over-budget expenditures

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City Garnisheeing For Old Tax Bills



KIWANIS SPEAKER—A. L. Bechtold, of Charlotte, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club Thursday night.

Kiwanis To Hear A. L. Bechtold

A. L. Bechtold, personnel and public relations director of Charlotte's House of Lanes, Inc., will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club Tuesday night.

Mr. Bechtold will speak on "Sound Human Relations."

The club meets at Masonic Dining hall at 6:45.

A former secretary of the Charlotte Merchants association and Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Bechtold has been active in Charlotte civic affairs for many years. He is a onetime staff member of the Charlotte News and prior to that time taught school in Charlotte and Florida. He is a native of Columbus, Wis., and is a graduate of Stout Institute, Menomonie, Wis.

Associated with Lanes for the past 12 years, he is a member of the firm's board of directors. He is known for his development of the "Multiple Management Plan," which Lanes employs.

Moomaw At Meeting Of Park Officials

Ben Moomaw, superintendent of Kings Mountain National Military Park, has returned from a conference of National Park service officers held at Fontana Dam and Gatlinburg, Tenn.

While at the conference, Mr. Moomaw said he was demonstrated automatic slide projector and recording equipment soon to be installed at the Kings Mountain Park museum. The slide projector will be used particularly as an aid to school groups visiting the national military shrine.

Wave Of Thefts, Attempted Thefts, Plagued Police During Past Week

By Faye Meacham

Kings Mountain police were plagued with a wave of breaking, enterings, and petty thefts during the past week. Targets of the intruders were churches, cars, a school and an attempted break-in of a Kings Mountain firm.

No arrests had been made Wednesday at noon. Two of the bigger "jobs" pulled off by the intruders were the attempted cracking of the St. Matthew's Lutheran church safe last Friday night, and the theft during the night of September 21, of an electric guitar, tan leather case and amplifier from the Parker Street Church of God. The thief or thieves, who entered the Lutheran church by an unknown means, police reported, attempted to open the safe by removing the hinges from the door of the safe, by removing the back plate of the safe, and by punching a hole through the insulation surrounding the safe. Police presume the thief or thieves entered the Parker Street Church of God either through the front door or basement door which are left unlocked. The amplifier was reported valued at \$150.

A third church, Faith Baptist, was also entered this week by intruders, Rev. Flay Payne, pastor of the church, reported to police last Thursday. The burglars swiped \$280 from a purse left at the church, and removed the door from the pulpit. Entry to the church was gained through a rear window and exit was made through a side door.

Mr. Joe Thomson, principal of East Elementary school, reported to police Saturday the school had been entered by intruders. Entry was gained through a window on the east side of the building. Police reported nothing was taken by the culprits, but they had rumaged through every room of the building.

Police reported a hub cap was swiped sometime during Saturday night from a 1955 Buick owned by Miss Margaret Ratterree. Mrs. Henry Neisler, of Phifer road, reported to police Tuesday that Monday night between 7 p. m. and 6 p. m. two pairs of dark glasses and a pair of optical glasses were stolen from the glove compartment of her 1955 Ford station wagon. The station wagon was parked near the Joy Theatre at the time the theft occurred, she reported.

Culprits also attempted without success to enter the Kings Mountain Herald last Friday night. Entry to the building was attempted by cutting a screen of a window on the North side of the building.

Papers Served On 22 Tuesday; More In Process

The city tax collector began garnishee action to collect old tax accounts Tuesday.

City Tax Collector Clarence E. Carpenter said garnishee notice was served Tuesday on 22 persons delinquent in payment of personal property taxes and he had another sheaf of garnishee papers ready for serving Wednesday.

Garnishee action requires that the delinquent accounts be deducted from an employee's wages by his employer.

Mr. Carpenter said he had been instructed by the board of commissioners to collect all over-due tax bills and would proceed by all legal means, including garnishment and attachment of personal property.

The city audit report for the year ending last June 30 showed tax accounts outstanding from \$37,581.28. While this figure has been materially reduced since June 30, Mr. Carpenter said a large amount is still outstanding.

Battle History Going To Press

A new historical handbook, published by the Government Printing office on the Battle of Kings Mountain, will be off the press on September 30, Ben Moomaw, superintendent of Kings Mountain National Military park has been notified.

Mr. Moomaw said he hoped the initial order for the booklets will be received here by October 7, the 175th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain, at which the colonists defeated the British forces.

The booklet was written by George McKenzie, Kings Mountain park historian, who had previously co-authored an historical booklet on Fort McHenry. The booklet is also profusely illustrated. It will sell for a quarter.

Eventually, the booklets will be distributed by vending machines located at the park, Mr. Moomaw said.

Former Club Pro Dies Suddenly

J. H. "Buck" Pressley, former manager of the Kings Mountain Country Club, died of a heart attack at his home in Clerksville, Tenn., on September 22.

Mr. Pressley was serving as golf pro of the Clarksville Country Club.

Survivors include his wife, the former Miss Doris Williams, of Ft. Valley, Ga.; and a daughter, Mrs. Dick Williams of Eufaula, Ala.

Burial was in Eufaula, Ala., on September 24.

Lions Spelling Test Said Tie

A two-team spelling contest ended in an official tie at the Tuesday night meeting of the Lions club, though both teams claimed victory.

The contest was conducted by Rev. Douglas Fritz, as a substitute for a scheduled film on baseball failed to arrive.

Prior to the program, Dr. N. H. Reed welcomed Ed Tutor as a new member of the organization, and Dr. Blake McWhirter outlined plans for the clubs' annual White Cane sale.

BULLETIN

The New York Yankees took a thrilling 6-5 victory from the Brooklyn Dodgers Wednesday to open the 1956 World Series.

Outbit, by the Dodgers 10 to 9, the Yankees got three home runs to take a close decision. Joe Collins had two homers and Elston Howard had one for the Yanks. Duke Snider and Carl Furillo had four-baggers for the losers.