

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 7,206

The figure for Greater Kings Mountain is derived from the 1955 Kings Mountain city directory census. The City Limits figure is from the United States census of 1950.

City Reinstates Sunday Movie Ban By 2-0 Vote

Local News Bulletins

AUXILIARY

Deadline for entries in the American Legion Auxiliary baby contest is Friday and interested persons should contact Mrs. Sam D. Collins, at phone No. 1018-J, for information.

ELECTED

Robert David Falls, son of Mrs. Gillie Falls, has been named vice-president of the Junior class of Lewis Clerk high school, Fairchild, Washington. He entered the school in September.

LITTLE THEATRE

The Little Theatre meets Thursday night at 8 p. m. at the organization's office at the Woman's club, Mrs. P. G. Padgett announced Tuesday. All members are urged to attend. Mrs. Padgett noted, as a number of business matters are to be discussed.

DEADLINE

Friday is the deadline for persons interested in participating in the Council of Church Women's Foreign Student Weekend project scheduled in November. Mrs. J. B. Simpson has announced. Persons interested in entertaining students in their homes are invited to contact any member of the local church women's council.

POSTPONED

West School PT-A has postponed its meeting next Wednesday because of a scheduled meeting of the NCEA, it was announced Tuesday by Mrs. W. J. Fulkerson. The PT-A will hold its regular meeting October 26.

COMPLETES COURSE

Miss Norma Lee Sjpes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grier Sjpes, has completed training at General Hospital School of Medical Technology, Greenville, S. C., and while completing her laboratory work is attending Furman University.

HOFFMAN MOVES

Bob Hoffman, Herald sports editor and reporter, and his family have occupied the residence at 305 N. Cleveland avenue. The residence was formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gamble, who recently moved into their new home.

HAYES BETTER

O. T. Hayes, Sr., was reported improved Wednesday morning by members of his family. Mr. Hayes is receiving treatment at Kings Mountain hospital for a heart condition. He was transferred to Kings Mountain hospital Saturday from Gaston Memorial.

ATTEND PRESBYTERY

Rev. W. L. Pressly and Elder W. E. Blakely represented Boyce Memorial ARP church at the regular meeting of First Presbytery held Tuesday at Crowder's Creek ARP church. Memorials were read for two recently deceased ARP ministers, Dr. T. A. McMill, of Gastonia, and Dr. J. H. Pressly, of Statesville, father of the Kings Mountain pastor.

TRANSFERRED

Airman first class Douglas Falls, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Falls, is visiting his parents preparatory to reporting for duty Saturday at Blytheville AFB, Ark. Airman Falls has been stationed at Hill AFB, Odgen, Utah.

BUILDING PERMIT

Building Inspector J. W. Webster issued a permit Friday to Curtis Gaffney to alter a house on Waco road, at an estimated cost of \$500.

MOOSE MEETING

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

METER RECEIPTS

City parking meter receipts for the week ending noon Wednesday totaled \$216.29, according to Miss Grace Carpenter of city clerk's office. The street parking meters returned \$169.27, while the Cherokee parking lot meters brought in \$47.02, she reported.

52nd Floral Fair Set For Wednesday

Woman's Club Now Ready For Annual Event

Members of the Kings Mountain Woman's club were hard at work this week preparing for next Wednesday's 52nd annual floral fair.

Theme of the fair is "Simplicity In Flowers," and, as is customary, entries in the several competitive divisions are being invited from anyone interested.

Mrs. Wilson Crawford, publicity chairman, said Wednesday that the bazaar division of the show will open Wednesday morning at 10 a. m. with the flower division to be open to the public at 12:30 p. m.

Lunch will be served from 12 noon until 1:30 p. m. with the menu to feature roast turkey and ham dinners with homemade desserts. Dinner will be served from 5:45 until 7 p. m. with the meal to include turkey, ham, and fried oyster plates with homemade pies and cakes.

There will be no admission, but a silver offering will be taken in the flower division. All proceeds go to the Woman's club building fund.

In the flower division, first, second, and third place ribbons and honorable mentions will be awarded to the best entries in each class, while a sweepstake award will be given to the entrant receiving the most blue ribbons in the show. Tri-color seals will also be awarded to the best entries in the horticulture and arrangements divisions. Three cash awards will be given in the Junior division.

Mrs. P. G. Padgett and Mrs. Jacob Cooper are co-chairmen in the flower division, and Mrs. F. E. Finger and Mrs. Harry Page are co-chairmen in the bazaar division.

All awards will be made at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday night.

Movies Comply With Board Edict

Kings Mountain motion picture houses complied immediately with the re-ban on Sunday movies here.

All in-city theatres closed their doors Sunday following last Thursday night's re-ban, by 2-0 vote, by the city board of commissioners.

Imperial Theatre posted a newspaper report of the commissioners' action on his lobby door accompanied by the note "No Show Sunday."

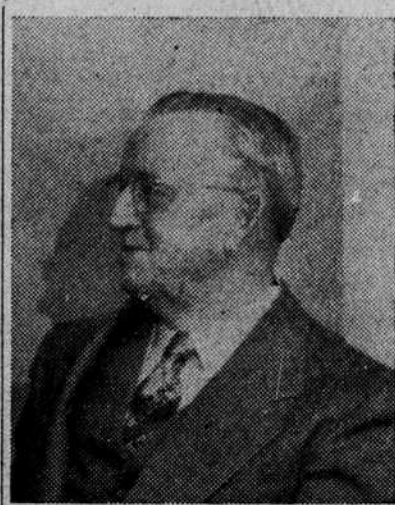
City Income \$242,567 In Quarter; Spending In Period Was \$177,451

The City of Kings Mountain collected 48.6 percent of its estimated revenue for the full fiscal year during the first quarter, a report of City Clerk Gene Mitcham to the board of commissioners revealed last week.

Meantime, the city has spent during the first quarter of its 1955-56 fiscal year a total of \$177,451.95, as compared to a round-figure budget of \$498,000. However, about \$22,000 of the total expenditures were listed to bond accounts, and \$10,644.26 in capital expenditures was noted as charged to the prior year's budget.

Receipts had already reached \$242,576.46, due principally to the fact that heavy advance payments on 1955 taxes had been made and due to the fact that several receipts categories are paid completely, or almost completely, in the early part of each fiscal year. These include privilege license taxes, Powell Bill street money from the state, and taxi franchises.

Tax collections for 1955 and for prior years bulged heavily in both percentage and dollar figures. Through September 30, Mr. Mitcham reported \$88,857 paid on the \$142,000 estimated to be collected, or 62.6 percent, and another \$10,177.31 on prior year's taxes, or 169.6 percent of estimated collections, and another \$314 in penalties on old tax bills, this figure representing 74 percent of estimated tax penalty income for



EL BETHEL PASTOR — Rev. J. M. Barber is assuming the duties of pastor of El Bethel Methodist church. He comes to El Bethel church from Jonesville. Mr. Barber succeeds Rev. Boyce Huffstetler, now continuing his education at Emory University.

Work On By-Pass Nearly Complete

The U. S. 29 by-pass south of Kings Mountain neared completion this week and it appeared that the road would be ready for traffic by the estimated opening date of October 22—or before.

Blythe Brothers & Company, contractors had completed their paving work and were busy Wednesday readying the shoulders along the roadbed and entrances and were otherwise putting the finishing touches to the new stretch of road from Archdale Farms to U. S. 74 east of Kings Mountain.

Division highway officials were not available Wednesday for comment on a definite opening date, as they went to Sylva to attend funeral services for a highway official.

Assessment Scroll Listed

The city is advertising for the first time in today's Herald notice of public hearing on street improvement assessments for First and Blanton streets.

The advertising was ordered by the board of commissioners at the meeting last week, as hearing was set for November 3, 1955.

The assessment scroll totals \$2,069.03.

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Another helpful figure was the total of \$9,342.71 citizens had paid on street assessments, nearly double the \$5,000 the city thought it would receive from this source.

Running at a normal gait was the total of utility receipts. The city had collected \$68,691 or 25.8 percent of an estimated yearly total of \$240,000.

Expenditures Most departments of the city were within their budget timetables, though a few were over the 25 percent mark with the quarter of the year past. The street department had spent \$16,406, or 31.6 percent of its budget allowance, while the sanitary department had cost \$7,416 or 27.7 percent of its \$25,600 budget figure.

Police department was also slightly ahead of its expending, with 28.9 percent of its \$40,185 budget gone. Water and sewer department was ahead of schedule at 34.8 percent spent up having used \$19,794 of \$56,814.

Most ahead of schedule was the general department, with \$19,182 spent of \$51,443. It represented 37.2 percent of the total.

Below the 25 percent mark as the quarter ended were the cemetery department (23.4), administrative department (24), and fire department (22.4).

Just slightly ahead were light and power department (25.1) and the city recorder's court (25.4).

Atkins Reviews Celebrations At Battleground

The 175th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain was celebrated Friday at a program at the amphitheater at Kings Mountain National Military Park. Kings Mountain Chapter, DAR, of York, S. C., sponsored the program and James W. Atkins, publisher of the Gastonia Gazette, was the principal speaker.

Mr. Atkins talked of previous Kings Mountain celebrations describing the four important events during the past 175 years.

The first celebration, Mr. Atkins told the large audience, was on July 4, 1815, when the first monument on the battleground was dedicated. It was to the memory of Major William Chronicle, Capt. John Mattocks, William Rabb, and John Boyd, who fell near each other at the northern end of the mountain on which the British forces were entrenched.

This monument was a personal gift of Dr. William McLean, the only physician and surgeon with the American forces at the battle. He and a group of friends went to the battleground in 1814 and re-interred the bones of both American and British soldiers. Many of the bones, had been dug from shallow graves by wild animals, and most of them were scattered around over the mountain.

The 75th anniversary celebration was held October 7, 1855, and was the second event to be described by Mr. Atkins.

He reported that some 15,000 persons attended this event, having come from Virginia, Tennessee, and Western North Carolina and camped on the battleground for several days prior to the celebration.

William Campbell Preston and General John S. Preston, grandsons of the famous Col. William Campbell, were the distinguished visitors for this event. George Bancroft, well known author and statesman, was the principal speaker, however.

The 100th anniversary found much improved roads and transportation methods, and some 50,000 were reported to have made the trip to remember the gallant battle that American forces won in spite of overwhelming odds.

Highlight of the celebration was the dedication of the "old monument" on the highest spot of the battleground. It was given by the North and South Carolina state governments and individuals of the two states. Principal address at this time was made by John W. Daniel, Confederate Veteran, governor and senator from Virginia.

A big parade was held and the Richmond Howitzers and a company of U. S. soldiers took part. Thousands of persons camped out on the battleground during the days preceding the event.

The fourth, and largest celebration, was held October 7, 1930, when President Herbert Hoover made the principal address.

It is estimated that between 75,000 and a 100,000 people jammed into the park to see and hear their president. Bands, companies of militia and U. S. soldiers were also in attendance.

This marked the first time that the exercises were broadcast throughout the country by radio. Mrs. C. D. Blanton, Mrs. J. E. Herndon, and Mrs. P. M. Neisler, members of Col. Fredrick Hambrick, chapter, DAR were among those attending from Kings Mountain.

Plonk's Victimized By Shoplifters

Kings Mountain merchants were warned by Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan, Jr., to be on the lookout for shoplifters this week.

Chief Logan said Plonk Brothers & Company reported Monday they had been victimized of two women's suits of retail value totaling \$139. The theft had evidently occurred on Saturday and discovery of the theft occurred Monday when a member of the store personnel started to show the particular garments to customers.

Chief Logan noted that the busy fall selling season is now underway and that conditions are ideal for shoplifters to ply their illegal trade.

KIWANIS BULLETIN

Members of Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will hold their regular meeting Thursday at Masonic Hall Dining room at 6:45 p. m. W. E. Blakely, past president of the club, will be guest speaker of the evening.



MOVIE MATTER ATTRACTS THROUGH—City Hall courtroom was filled with overflowing last Thursday night when the ministerial association presented petitions asking reconsideration of the action permitting Sunday motion pictures. As the picture was snapped, Rev. P. L. Shore, Ministerial

association president, was setting forth objections to the July 7th board action. At right, with back to camera, is Mayor Glee A. Bridges, and the petitions asking reconsideration of the action are piled on the table in front of the Mayor. (Photo by Pennington Studio.)

Scholastics Fell Mearl Valentine, Chastian, Davis

School books have accomplished a feat that no football team in the Southeastern AA Conference had been able to do this year—they stopped Mearl Valentine.

Valentine, hard-plunging full-back for the Mountaineers, stubbed his toe on a couple of his senior high school courses and is no longer eligible to compete on the gridiron.

Announcement was made Wednesday by Principal Rowell Lane when the first six-week report was given to students.

Valentine was reported to have fallen down in English and Algebra.

Darvin Chastain and Bill Davis were other Mountaineers that were reported to have failed to maintain grades high enough to play.

Tax Payments Continue High

Tax payments on prior year's accounts continued to flow into city coffers during the past week as the city tax office continued its efforts to clean the old books.

Tax Supervisor C. E. Carpenter said more than \$3,000 in old tax bills and penalties had been paid since October 1.

The city recently took garnishee action against 50 delinquents to collect old tax bills on personal property and mailed its first group of letters a few days ago to persons against which the city holds tax sale certificates. These letters notified the property owners that judgement would be taken in Superior Court unless tax accounts were paid within two weeks.

"Tax collections are coming in very nicely," Mr. Carpenter said, "but there are still many balances for prior years. It would be much better and less costly for all persons owing prior year's taxes to make arrangements at once to pay the accounts."

Fire Chief Warns Truck Followers

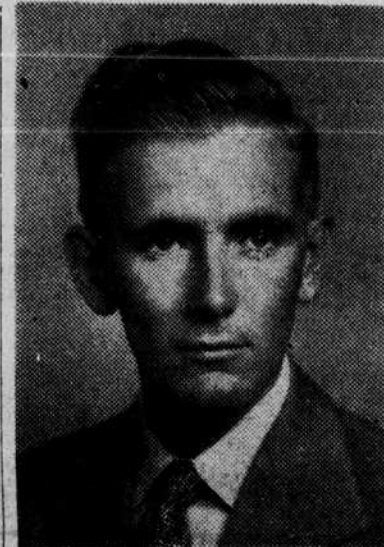
Kings Mountain motorists who persist in following fire trucks on route to answer alarms are flirting with arrest and fines. Fire Chief Pat Tignor warned this week.

Chief Tignor noted that North Carolina law declares following of fire trucks illegal and said if the practice continues here he is going to prosecute the violators.

The fire chief noted that the law is a safety precaution for both motorist and fireman.

COURT OF HONOR

The regular court of honor for scouts in and around Kings Mountain will be held at City Hall Thursday night at 7:45 o'clock. Scout Masters will have a Roundtable meeting while the court is in session. There will also be a Cub leader's training course at First Baptist church scout hut at 7:45.



TAKES JOB — Wayne L. Ware, Jr., of Kings Mountain has taken a position as an assistant in the Cleveland County office of the Farmer's Home Administration. Ware is the son of Wayne L. Ware, Sr., of Boiling Springs and formerly of Kings Mountain. Mr. Ware is a graduate of North Carolina State College.

Mrs. Hamrick's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Stella Blanton Hamrick, 57, were conducted Tuesday at 4 p. m. from Central Methodist church.

Mrs. Hamrick succumbed Sunday morning at 9:50 a. m. at Kings Mountain hospital after an illness of three years. A native of Cleveland county, she was the daughter of the late D. G. and Effie Pearson Blanton. She was a member of Central Methodist church.

She was married in 1917 to Arthur Hamrick, who survives, in addition to one brother Lawrence Blanton, and five sisters, Mrs. Arthur Falls, Mrs. Carl Herndon, Mrs. Goldman Spears, Miss Grace Blanton, and Miss Bertha Blanton, all of Kings Mountain.

Final rites were conducted by Rev. P. L. Shore, Jr., Central Methodist pastor, Rev. P. D. Patreter, Rev. T. A. Lineberger, and Rev. A. B. Falls, Jr. Interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery. Active pallbearers were Lawrence Blanton, Harold Dover, Paul Owens, Lester Biddix, Charles Elack and Harold Cloninger.

Farmers To Cast Ballots Tuesday For Township Committee Members

Kings Mountain area farmers will join other farmers of the county next Tuesday in electing ASC community committee members.

Farmers of each community (or township) will elect a community chairman, vice-chairman, regular member, first alternate and second alternate, from lists of ten nominees recently made by elections boards of the particular communities.

The local area voting will be conducted at Bethware school for Number 4 township farmers and at Waco school for Number 5 township farmers. Hours of voting will be 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. The ten nominees from Number 4 Township are: J. N. Hughes, Stowe Wright, Willis Harmon, Clyde Randle, Ot-

Gardner-Webb Fund Campaign Underway Here

A campaign to raise funds for the Gardner-Webb college building program is underway here, it was announced Wednesday by Rowell Lane, chairman of the fund-raising committee.

Rev. A. T. Quakenbush, First Baptist church pastor, is co-chairman.

Mr. Lane said the work will be part of the area-wide effort of Kings Mountain and Bessemer City citizens to raise \$50,000 for the Gardner-Webb college during a three-year period. Aim is to obtain a minimum of \$25,000 this year, leaving a balance of not more than \$25,000 to be obtained during the final two years.

The funds derived in the Kings Mountain-Bessemer City campaign will be used to build a faculty-apartment building.

Citizens from the Kings Mountain-Bessemer City area accepted the \$50,000 goal originally last spring at a breakfast meeting here.

Mr. Lane announced that Fred Weaver and Mrs. J. M. Rhea would serve as co-chairmen of a committee to handle solicitations from individuals and that Yates Harbison would serve as chairman of a group handling solicitations from business firms. Announcement had not yet been made Wednesday on identity of the industrial committee chairman.

Gardner-Webb college at Boiling Springs has underway a large expansion program designed to equip it as one of the state's best junior colleges. Mr. Lane noted, adding "That is the purpose of the fund campaign."

Gas Department Logs Customer 300

The city natural gas department accepted its 300th gas deposit Thursday morning.

The deposit for gas service was made by John Keller, 218 Waco Road, Assistant City Clerk J. H. McDaniel, Jr. reported.

Shortly thereafter City Policeman Paul Sanders, who lives at 103 Falls street, made his deposit for gas service.

City Lake To Get 20,000 Blue Gill

The city has been notified it will be given 20,000 blue gill fish from the federal government hatchery at Hoffman, near Rockingham.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges said he was notified Wednesday that the fish would be delivered on October 20. They will be used to stock the city lake on York Road.

Mayor Bridges said it is anticipated that the city will receive a quantity of bass from the hatchery in the near future. The fish cost the city nothing.

Sunday Movies In City Limits Banned Again

By ELIZABETH STEWART

The city board of commissioners voted Thursday night to shut down Kings Mountain motion picture houses on the Sabbath.

An odd 2-0 vote by the commissioners rescinded a July 7 ordinance passed by the council allowing the showing of motion pictures on Sunday.

The board took action after hearing over an hour and a half's discussion led by citizens and ministers of the city who petitioned the board to change its ruling on the ordinance.

However, the minister's victory was not an easy one.

Two commissioners, O. T. Hayes, Sr., and W. G. Grantham were absent because of illness, and the night's business was left to a bare quorum.

The large group which overflowed city hall courtroom asked the board to take final action on the matter Thursday night, expressing the opinions that the "movie issue should be settled once and for all."

Commissioner T. J. Ellison's motion to rescind the ordinance was seconded by Commissioner J. H. Patterson. Commissioner Sam Collins abstained.

NAMES PUBLISHED The names appearing on petitions asking reconsideration of the lifting of Sunday blue laws to permit showing of commercial films on Sundays are published in today's Herald, Section II, pages 4 and 5.

Rev. P. L. Shore, Jr., president of the ministerial association, presented the petition to the board. He told the board it contained the signatures of 1,650 persons.

The petition stated that the ministers requested a reconsideration by the city council of the ordinance of three months ago in which the board voted to allow the showing of movies in the city on Sunday.

Mr. Shore noted that the ministers felt the matter was of paramount importance to the community and therefore warranted a public hearing where both sides could be represented before final action on the ordinance.

Virtually every minister in the city and representatives of nearly every church congregation voiced the opinion that "the people concerned should have something to say in the matter."

A motion was made by Commissioner Patterson asking for the calling of an election to determine public opinion and Mr. Ellison seconded, but strong objections from the audience resulted in withdrawing of the motion.

Spokesmen in the audience, questioning City Attorney J. R. Davis about election procedures, asked if a clause could be inserted in the motion made by Patterson whereby the group could be "guaranteed and assured" that the officials present would vote with the majority when and if an election was completed.

Mr. Davis said he "had faith that the board would act according to the vote of the people."

Mayor Bridges pointed to the cost of the election, and he suggested tabling of the movie matter until all commissioners could attend. Mr. Bridges adding that he would notify all the ministers before the meeting date.

The mayor said he felt "it an embarrassing situation to ask three men to vote on something that five had already acted upon." Mr. Patterson had expressed the opinion that "he'd go along with the majority should an election be called but didn't want to vote without the entire council."

A spokesman for the minister's group rejoined with the statement that "the minister's group

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