

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.

Mining Firm Work Continues After Stock Sale Restrained

Local News Bulletins

ARP MEETING

Men of the Church of Boyce Memorial ARP church will hold a supper meeting Monday night at 7 p. m. at the church. Special guests will be members of the adult choir and directors of choirs of the church.

UNDERGOES SURGERY

Coman Falls, Kings Mountain businessman, is reported to be progressing nicely after undergoing a major chest operation in Charlotte Memorial Hospital last Thursday. Falls is operator of Pastime Billiard Parlor here.

ROBERTS RECOVERING

James "Soup" Roberts is reported to be recovering from a surgical operation in Charlotte Memorial Hospital. Roberts' doctors say he is doing fine, but that he will probably spend another week in the hospital.

CITY AUTO TAGS

City Clerk C. G. Mitcham said Wednesday that 584 city auto tags had been sold through January 31. Mr. Mitcham added that residents of the city still have only two weeks in which to buy their tags. February 15 has been set as the deadline for purchasing the tags.

METER RECEIPTS

City parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday noon totaled \$184.51. City Clerk Gene Mitcham reported Wednesday. He said the street meters accounted for \$155.75 of the total, while off-street meters returned \$28.76.

KIWANIS MEETING

Mrs. W. L. Mauney will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club Thursday night at Masonic Dining hall at 6:45. Mrs. Mauney will discuss activities and needs of the Jacob S. Mauney Memorial library.

COMPLETES DUTY

Air Force Lieutenant Garland Still, Jr., has completed a tour of active duty and returned Wednesday to North Carolina State College where he will begin work toward a Master's Degree in agriculture.

LEGION SESSION

Regular monthly meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will be held Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the Legion building. Athletic Officer F. R. McCurdy will discuss plans for 1956 Legion Junior Baseball, it was announced by Millard Prince, assistant adjutant.

STUDENT SPEAKER

Erich Deichgraeber, Danish student at Davidson college, will speak at Sunday evening services at First Presbyterian church at 7:30. The Sunday evening service will launch a series of services on world missions covering the topic "Missions in a Revolutionary World." Mr. Deichgraeber will also speak at Dixon Presbyterian church at 3:45 Sunday afternoon.

Groundhog Day Forecast Cloudy

February 1 always brings one big question to everyone's mind. Will the groundhog see his shadow tomorrow?

If Wednesday's weather was an indication of Thursday's climatic conditions, Spring is just around the corner.

Clouds, a few snow flakes and cold air were on Wednesday's weather menu, and a groundhog would require very keen eyes to see his shadow in those conditions.

It would be strange indeed to forecast Spring's balmy breezes with snow falling, but the little furry prophet will have to bear the responsibilities for making the choice.

Judging by comments by the weatherman, the groundhog would be wise just to turn over and go back to sleep.



NAMED DIRECTOR — H. C. Mayes, of Kings Mountain, veteran executive of Superior Stone Company, with home offices at Raleigh, was elected to membership on the company's board of directors at the annual meeting of stockholders.

Superior Names Mayes Director

H. C. Mayes, well-known Kings Mountain citizen and general superintendent of Western North Carolina area plants of Superior Stone Company, was elected to membership on the company's board of directors at the annual meeting of stockholders held recently in Raleigh.

Mr. Mayes is a veteran Superior executive, having joined the company when it was founded in July 1939 by W. T. Ragland, Sr., now chairman of the board, and others.

Mr. Mayes was busy erecting plants until 1945, when he became superintendent of the Kings Mountain plant. He became Western area superintendent in 1952.

Mr. Mayes is one of 11 Superior directors.

Other officers of the company are W. T. Ragland, Jr., president; Johnny Bratton, Jr., vice-president; Thomas White, secretary; L. B. Shuping, treasurer. Bill Ross, at one time associated with the Kings Mountain operation, was named assistant to the vice-president.

Mr. Mayes is a native of Durham, but was reared at Ellfield, in Orange county. Mrs. Mayes is the former Miss Elizabeth Clark.

Library Board Members Named

Four new members have been elected recently to the Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library committee.

Named to three-year terms on the committee were Mrs. J. N. McClure, Mrs. Tolly Shuford and Mrs. John Cheshire. They succeed Mrs. W. T. Weir, Mrs. W. R. Craig and Dr. D. F. Ford. Grady Howard was named to a two-year term, filling the vacancy created when Mrs. J. E. Castle removed residence to Illinois.

Dr. W. L. Pressly is chairman and Mrs. W. L. Mauney secretary of the committee, which has responsibility for actual operations of the library.

Knitting Firm Is Opening Here; Machinery Now Being Installed

A new industry is busy getting ready to start operations in Kings Mountain.

The new organization, Kings Mountain Knitting Company, Inc., will be in operation within 10 days, a company official reported this week. The firm will manufacture underwear and polo shirt knit materials.

Paul Opinsky, who will head the operation, said that approximately 20-24 employees will be employed when operations start.

He added that local labor would be used where possible, but that experienced knitters would have to be employed to operate the chimes. Mr. Opinsky said these knitters would come from Gastonia.

Some 3035 machines will be installed for the company's primary operations, but Opinsky said that it was possible that others would be added in the near future.

The company maintains its sales offices in New York City. The organization was recently incorporated in North Carolina,

President, Firm Are At Variance On Stock Issue

Carolina Mines, Inc., expects to complete its plant and launch Kyantite mining operations in the near future, in spite of federal court and Securities & Exchange commission rulings restraining further sale of its stock.

J. E. Herndon, vice-president of the company, made the statement Wednesday.

Mr. Herndon said primary cause of the difficulty is disagreement between company officials over the amount of stock to be issued. President A. S. MacCulloch, of Vancouver, Canada.

Local officials of the company contend Mr. MacCulloch's agreement called for issuance to him of 35 percent of "stock issued and sold." Of the original issue sold, company officials here contend the president is entitled to receive about 70,000 shares.

Mr. MacCulloch uses a different formula, contending he should receive in the neighborhood of 120,000 shares.

In federal court last week in Charlotte, Judge Wilson Warlick granted MacCulloch an order against the company restraining further sale of stock and ordering a "status quo" continuance of the company. The order postpones indefinitely the scheduled February annual meeting of stockholders.

The SEC ruling has the same effect as the court order, that is, to restrain the issuance of further stock, J. R. Davis, attorney for the firm said.

Officially, Carolina Mines is suspended from SEC Regulation A exemptions from registration of stock offerings. Mr. Herndon and Mr. Davis described errors in the prospectus, or stock sale circular, as largely technical. Mr. Davis said that the errors occurred in spite of close consultation with SEC officials prior to the preparation of the prospectus.

The announcement of the SEC, released last Friday, follows:

"With respect to Carolina Mines, its Regulation A notification was filed August 8, 1955, and proposed the public offering of 217,395 shares of its common stock at the \$1 par value thereof. In its order, the Commission asserts that it has 'reasonable cause to believe' (a) that the terms and conditions of Regulation A have not been complied with by Carolina Mines in that the notification and offering circular contain false and misleading statements of material fact, and (b) that the use of such offering circular in connection with the stock offering would and did operate as a fraud and deceit upon the purchasers." Among other things, the order asserts that the offering circular (1) fails to disclose the pendency of litigation with respect to the title of Carolina Mines to a major portion of its mining properties; (2) states that there are no "pending suits of any type, civil or criminal against the corporation," whereas it appears that Carolina Mines is defendant in a suit which seeks to nullify and set aside the mineral deed to such properties on which issuer's title is based, in part, and which contains an allegation that said mineral deed

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ELECTED — Hal D. Ward, above, feed dealer, and Jack H. White, attorney were elected directors of Home Building & Loan association by stockholders at the recent annual meeting.

White And Ward B & L Directors

Stockholders of Home Building & Loan association upped their directorate to eleven members and named Hal D. Ward and Jack H. White to fill the two added positions, as they heard reports on prosperous 1955 activities and re-elected the other nine members of the board.

Following the stockholder session, the directors convened, received the resignation of Mrs. Fairy L. Patterson, assistant secretary-treasurer, "with regret," elected William F. Young, of Bessemer City as assistant treasurer, and Mrs. Emily A. Herndon, former clerk, assistant secretary. All other officers were re-elected including Dr. J. E. Anthony, president, G. A. Bridges and J. H. Thomson, vice-presidents, and A. H. Patterson, executive vice-president and secretary-treasurer.

The directors include Dr. Anthony, Mr. Bridges, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Patterson, I. G. Patterson, L. Alexander, J. B. Mauney, B. S. Peeler and B. D. Ratterree, in addition to the new men named to the board.

Annual report of officials of the association showed the building & loan firm topped \$2 million in assets for the first time, closing the year with assets of \$2,022,776.76 a gain of \$259,294 over the previous year.

During 1955, the association made 263 loans totaling \$667,126.92, up \$290,095 over the previous year. At year end the association held 784 loans, including 761 on real estate, and 23 stock loans aggregating \$1,822,116.22.

Total of savings accounts increased during 1955 to \$1,789,861.00, a gain of \$203,866.09, while dividend payments to savers totaled \$49,208.21.

During 1955, the association added to its reserves \$30,841.48, bringing this total to \$171,137.33.

At year end, stockholders (both savers and borrowers) numbered 2,021.

Mr. Young, the newly-employed assistant treasurer, joined the management staff Wednesday. Formerly a Bessemer City high school teacher of English, he is a graduate of Catawba College, class of 1954. For a year, he worked as a student pastor of the Methodist church. He is a navy veteran of World War II and is a native of Linwood in Davidson county. Mrs. Young is the former Glissta Kiser, of Bessemer City. They have a son, age four months.

Ruth Is Honored By Sales Club

H. L. (Jack) Ruth, Jr., of American Trust Company, Charlotte, was one of 53 Charlotte salesman honored last Friday night by the Charlotte Sales Executive club as outstanding salesman.

Mr. Ruth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hilton L. Ruth of Kings Mountain was sponsored by Arthur Jones, a vice-president of American Trust Company.

The Charlotte club honored the 53 men tapped at a banquet and presented to each "Victor" trophies, described as the "Oscar" of the selling profession, and also gold embossed certificates emblematic of the award.

Police Round Up Skull Gang Members, Others For Lecture

Mayor Promised Improvements To N. Piedmont

Mayor Glee A. Bridges said this week he has assurance from district State Highway & Public Works commission officials that highway department will proceed within the next few months with improvements to North Piedmont avenue.

The planned improvements will include curb-and-gutter installations from Linwood avenue to Stowe's Store, widening of the road, and slight change of roadbed to straighten some of its curves.

Mayor Bridges said he had discussed the project recently with both June Scarborough, of Statesville, district commissioner, and with E. L. Kemper, of Shelby, district engineer.

The improvement project was promised several months ago and was held up.

Engineering estimates indicate the project will cost about \$30,000. Sidewalk installations are also planned, but will be at the expense of the city and abutting property owners, the Mayor said.

Scout Fund Drive Underway Here

February 7-12 has been designated as Boy Scout Week throughout the nation.

During this week the eyes of the entire county will be turned towards the Boy Scouts of America and the works they are doing.

Locally, plans are still under way for projects dealing with Scout Week within the city. A Father-Scout Banquet is being planned for February 13 at the Woman's club at 7:30 p. m. This banquet is an effort to get more fathers and men interested in the local Scouting program.

The annual Scout fund drive will also get underway next week. Drace Peeler chairman of the campaign, is preparing letters to be mailed out to various business and industrial firms as well as to many private citizens. These letters will be the only form of solicitation, Peeler said. This year's quota for the drive has been set at \$2,000.

Mr. Peeler said Wednesday that donations may be mailed to Post-office Box 388, Kings Mountain. Checks should be drawn to Kings Mountain District, Boy Scouts of America.

Rev. James B. McLarty said that Sunday, February 12, would probably be designated as Scout Sunday, with Boy Scout and Cub Scout Troops of the various churches attending in a body.

Kiwanis Plans Polio Benefit

Mother's March on Polio, a Junior Woman's Club sponsored event, raised approximately \$250 for the March of Dimes in Kings Mountain Tuesday night.

Charles Dixon, co-chairman of the March of Dimes campaign, reported that about \$2,000 of the \$5,000 quota for Kings Mountain has been banked to date.

The Kings Mountain Moose Lodge raised over \$100 for the campaign at a special dance at the lodge last Saturday night.

A radio auction, with all proceeds going to the drive, will be held next Wednesday afternoon at Radio Station WKMT. The Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club will be in charge of the auction, which is scheduled to start about 2:30 p. m. The Kiwanians have conducted this project for the March of Dimes for the past three years.

Mr. Dixon reported Wednesday that a quantity of goods has been received to be used in the auction. He also said that anyone having donations for the drive, and who might have been missed in Tuesday's Mother's March may call any member of the Junior Woman's Club. The donation will be picked up.

Dixon also expressed the hope that the amounts raised would go upward as other organizations turned in reports of monies received in various projects for the drive.

Ralph W. Gardner In Congress Race

Announcement Lifts Candidate List To Three

Cleveland county had a second entry in the race for the 11th district Congressional nomination Tuesday, as Ralph Webb Gardner, son of the late North Carolina Governor O. Max Gardner, formally announced his candidacy.

Already announced were Shelby Attorney Hugh Wells, and Gastonia Attorney Basil L. Whitener.

Entrance of Gardner into the race brought an immediate blast from Candidate Wells charging Gardner with 1) being an absentee Shelby citizen who really lives in Washington, D. C., and 2) that Gardner encouraged Wells, as early as last autumn, to seek to unseat incumbent Woodrow W. Jones.

Congressman Jones announced last week he wouldn't seek reelection.

Meantime, speculation was continuing on what other citizens would seek the nomination for the seven - county district. Charles E. Hamilton, another Gastonia lawyer, who opposed Jones in 1950, was still weighing his decision and observers said it was an even bet he'd run again. Also mentioned as a possible candidate was Superior Court Judge J. Will Pless, of Marlon.

Candidate Whitener is a Superior Court solicitor.

Mr. Gardner said he was basing his candidacy on his experience. "I have had enough experience with Government to know that each of us has his duty and I feel I could serve my district, my state, and my country as your Congressman in Washington.

"The only promise I will make is that I will use whatever common sense and experience I have to do my level best," he continued.

Mr. Gardner is a practicing lawyer in Washington, member of the law firm of Gardner, Morrison and Rogers. He is 43. His wife, to whom he was married in 1950, was Carrie Derby, of York, Ala. He enlisted as a private in World War II, and emerged a major in 1946, after serving in this country and the China-India-Burma theater as a field artillery officer. He was educated at the University of North Carolina and Yale Law school. He is a former North Carolina state senator and past president of North Carolina Young Democrats. He owns and operates Aberdeen-Angus Farms, near Shelby, and is a director of the state Aberdeen-Angus Breeders association.

Whorley was given 12-18 months, suspended, and was put on probation. Lynch was given an active road sentence of 12-18 months.

A drunk-driving charge against June Adams was not pressed by the state.

Henry Lee Grier, 16-year-old Negro of Kings Mountain, pleaded guilty to charges of second degree burglary in connection with break-ins at the Paul Neisler, Jr., home here. He was given 3-5 years by Judge Clarkson.

Alfred Hugh Cloninger of Gastonia, charged with highway robbery in connection with the robbery of Uncle Henry's Store on Cherryville road, pleaded guilty to the charges, but prayer for judgment was continued until the April term of Superior Court.

Cloninger admitted assaulting Jack Moss, operator of the store, with a drink bottle and removing some \$75 from the store's cash box.

Jones Draws Nine-Ten Year Term For Robbery Of Yates Gordon

Johnny Jones, Kings Mountain Negro, was given 9 to 10 years in prison on charges of felonious assault and second degree burglary in Cleveland County Superior Court Tuesday.

Jones was found guilty of second degree burglary in connection with the robbery of Yates Gordon, Kings Mountain postoffice employee, at Gordon's home some two months ago.

The assault charge arose out of a shooting scrape with another Kings Mountain Negro last fall. The two charges were consolidated for judgment.

Judge Francis O. Clarkson of Charlotte, presiding jurist, also passed sentence on several other residents of this area during the short Superior Court session, which ended Tuesday.

Ken Whorley and John Lynch pleaded guilty to charges of breaking and entering and larceny in connection with the theft of a guitar and amplifier from a Kings Mountain church.

Prosecution Warning Given To Group Of 20

BY BOB HOFFMAN

Skull Gang activity in the Kings Mountain area took a setback during the past week.

Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr., called a conference of approximately 20 boys at police headquarters Saturday afternoon in an effort to disband the gang.

Several of the youths were involved in the gang's activities, while other youths had been involved in opposing the Skull Gang's reported strong-arm tactics.

Some admitted belonging to the gang, but would give very few details on the activities of the group or its purpose.

Chief Logan talked to each individually, then called the entire group into the city courtroom for another talk.

Logan warned that the gang fighting in Kings Mountain was going to be stopped, one way or another. He said, "I wanted to tell you boys that the police department is going to stop the fighting. And after this warning, indictments will be brought against any further violators. We do not want to send anyone away, but if this talk does not stop the feuding, then more drastic actions will have to be taken."

Both groups indicated that most of the trouble was coming from "Skull Gang" members from Bessemer City.

One of the youths admitted having a pair of brass knucks taken from him in a fight at a Kings Mountain movie house some 10 or 12 days ago.

Chief Logan called for the boys to end their hostilities, and warned, "fighting, either on a gang or individual basis, is not going to be tolerated here."

Neither members of the gang or the other group of boys could give any reason for the recent out-break of gang fighting in the city. Both factions admitted that they could see the seriousness of the situation and agreed to call a stop to the violence.

Chief Logan called the recent flurry of gang activity a most serious offense, and compared it with an act to overthrow the government.

Two of the "Skull Gang" members said their parents had either burned or otherwise destroyed their gang uniforms, which bore the skull and crossbones insignia of the group.

Gang members reported that the skulls were painted on the jackets by a member of the gang living in Bessemer City. These same boys said the gang started as a skating club in the neighboring city. Many new members had been taken into the organization recently, they added.

Chief Logan said this week he felt the gang had ceased its operation in the city. However, West school pupils and teachers found a crude skull-and-crossbones, painted in orange, on the school terrace Monday morning. Whether the work was that of the Skull Gang, or a prank, was a matter of speculation.

Refund Checks Being Mailed

The city board of commissioners held a brief special session Monday and authorized the city clerk to draw checks refunding \$436.88 in street paving assessments paid by certain property owners on East Gold and Deal streets.

The commissioners also voted unanimously to release to Duke Power Company for electrical service Kings Mountain Knitting Company, a new firm planning to begin operations here in the near future.

Hunter Allen, electrical superintendent, had reported to the board that cost of the city in providing the service would amount to about \$1,000 and that city's commercial rate schedule hardly justified the investment.

The commissioners had previously voted the refunds on the Gold and Deal street assessment matter. Some taxpayers had paid assessments, while others, on the ground that the paving had been done by the State Highway & Public Works commission, won favorable court rulings to prevent the city's collecting the assessments.

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