

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 7,206

The figures for Greater Kings Mountain is derived from the 1935 Kings Mountain city directory census. The City Limits figure is from the United States census of 1930.

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Sadie Will Deed City Utility Lines

Local News Bulletins

ONE FIRE
Fireman C. D. Ware reported that city firemen extinguished a grass fire Tuesday around 7 p. m. at the corner of King street and Battleground ave.

MOOSE MEETING
Regular meeting of Kings Mountain Moose lodge 1748 will be held at the lodge Thursday night at 8:15 p. m., according to announcement by Curtis Gaffney, secretary.

JAYCEES VOTE
Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce joined other civic clubs Tuesday night in voting to contract with the Woman's Club for meeting-place quarters, it was reported by George Thomason.

KIWANIS MEETING
Harry Golden, of Charlotte, editor and publisher of Carolina Israelite News, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club Thursday evening. The club meets at Masonic dining hall at 6:45.

SENIOR PLAY
Central high school seniors will present their annual play March 22 and 23 at 8:15 p. m., in the school auditorium. D. W. Swink is directing the play, "Varsity Varieties." Admission is 50 and 75 cents.

TO HEAR HENDRICKS
Dr. Paul E. Hendricks, Kings Mountain physician, will address members of the Kings Mountain Lions club at their Tuesday night meeting at Masonic Dining hall. Dr. Hendricks will discuss "Heart Diseases." The club convenes at 7 o'clock.

HOSPITAL GIFT
Grady Howard, business manager of Kings Mountain hospital, has acknowledged a \$50 gift of Margrace Woman's club to the hospital which is to be added to the hospital's equipment fund.

MASONIC MEETING
Fairview Lodge No. 339, A. F. & A. M. will hold a stated communication Monday night at 7:30 o'clock at Masonic Hall.

COURT OF HONOR
Regular monthly Court of Honor for Kings Mountain district Boy Scouts will be held at 7:45 Thursday night at City Hall courtroom. At the same hour a cub leader's training course will be conducted at Central Methodist church.

METER RECEIPTS
City parking meter receipts for the week ending noon, Wednesday, totaled \$207.77, according to a report by City Clerk Gene Mitchem. He said that the off-street meters returned \$38.86, while the street meters accounted for \$168.91.

PRESBYTERIAN
George E. Nickels, of Bristol, Tenn., student at Columbia Seminary, Decatur, Ga., will speak at 11 o'clock morning services Sunday at First Presbyterian church and at 3 o'clock services at Dixon Presbyterian church.

Hord Wins Top Photo Awards

Timm Hord, former Kings Mountain citizen and now a Charlotte photographer, captured two first place awards and five honorable mentions in annual competition at the Southeastern Photographer's association in Atlanta, Ga., last weekend.

The awards were made during the association's annual convention. Mr. Hord won the Reeves trophy for best portrait of a child on submission of a portrait of John Irvin, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. John Irvin, of Charlotte, and the Warlick trophy for best portrait of a man, for submission of a portrait of Rev. Loy Witherspoon, Charlotte minister.

The Southeastern association includes members from eleven southern states.

City To Assume Sadie Village Service Soon

The City of Kings Mountain is taking over water and power distribution lines in the Sadie Mill village and expects to begin giving service about March 18.

The city is taking over the services at the request of the textile firm, which is giving its lines to the city. After discussing the proposal at last Thursday's March board session, the city commissioners held a short session Friday morning and voted to accept the lines.

Work is already underway by the city electrical department on setting necessary poles and installing proper lines for the electrical take-over to serve the 28 residences effected. City Clerk Gene Mitcham said it would be a "simple job" for the city, requiring setting of eight poles and stringing of wire to provide 220-volt service, kind of power service required for electrical stoves and other heavy appliances. Only three of the residences are now served with 220-volts, the remainder being on 110-volt lines.

Mr. Mitcham noted that the cost of providing the Sadie community service is minor, whereas the city faces rather large outlays on its scheduled take-over of services in the Consolidated Textiles community. The board, last Thursday night, voted employment of an engineer to draw plans for serving Consolidated community homes. This take-over probably won't be made before July 1, board discussion indicated.

Sadie Mill community water customers will be billed at the monthly minimum of \$1 until the city public works department installs meters for the residences, Assistant Clerk Joe McDaniel said.

Heart Fund Gifts Reach \$682.93

Heart fund campaign donations reached \$682.93 Wednesday morning, according to announcement by Dr. Paul E. Hendricks, Kings Mountain physician and treasurer of the heart fund drive. Dr. Hendricks said he expected several more donations during the remainder of the week.

The Woman's Club has conducted a mail campaign in behalf of the heart fund.

Dr. Hendricks said he was well-pleased with the response to the appeal for funds, which will be used in research to improve techniques in discovering and treating heart conditions.

O'Shields Named Personnel Chief At Neisler Firm

Joe O'Shields, recently with Elceisor Finishing Plant, Pendleton, S. C., joined Neisler division of Massachusetts Mohair and Plush Company Monday.

Mr. O'Shields will serve as personnel manager of Kings Mountain plants, according to statement by William (Bill) Ford, Neisler division general manager.

A Spartanburg, S. C., native, Mr. O'Shields was formerly associated with Judson Mills, Greenville, S. C. He is a graduate of Furman university and attended graduate school at the University of North Carolina. He is a former semi-pro baseball pitcher.

He is married and has one child. He and his family expect to move here as quickly as housing accommodations can be obtained.

Religious Count Clean-Up Sunday

Ollie Harris, religious census committee chairman, reported Tuesday that approximately 1500 homes in the Kings Mountain area were contacted by 310 persons Sunday in an effort to get a complete religious census of the city.

Mr. Harris added that some 380 homes were missed in Sunday's campaign due to the fact that none was home. He said that 50 workers will conduct a "clean-up" campaign Sunday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock in another effort to interview the residents of the homes missed. Complete figures for the census should be available next week, the chairman said.

This census is sponsored by the inter-denominational Kings Mountain Ministerial Association. Workers from all churches in the city took part in the campaign.

The drive is designed to record the denominational preference of every citizen of the area.

Mr. Harris is urging persons missed during the first census-taking to remain at home until someone can call Sunday afternoon.

Dixon Named GOP Precinct Chief

Kelly Dixon, Kings Mountain builder, was elected chairman of the West Kings Mountain Republican precinct committee at a meeting last Thursday night.

Other officers named were Mrs. E. O. Weaver, vice-chairman, and W. A. Williams, township committeeman.

Reports were not available from other township precincts.

Several area Republicans are planning to attend district and state conventions this weekend. Mr. Williams said. The congressional district convention is scheduled for Friday in Gastonia, with the state session to follow in Durham on Saturday.



JOINS LITHIUM — Bruce Thorburn, former Kings Mountain citizen, has joined the Bessemer City plant of America as personnel manager.

Bruce Thorburn Joins Lithium

Bruce Thorburn, former personnel manager of Burlington Industries Phenix plant, assumed the duties Monday of personnel manager of Lithium Corporation's Bessemer City plant.

Announcement was made by R. L. Nielson, plant manager.

Mr. Thorburn, a native of Greensboro, came to Kings Mountain with BurMill in February 1951. Three years later he was transferred to Burlington as a group personnel manager, and subsequently was transferred to Green Cove Springs, Florida, as BurMill's industrial engineer and training engineer.

Mr. Thorburn said Wednesday he and his family are most happy to be returning to Kings Mountain. The Thorburns, who have three children, expect to move to Kings Mountain about mid-month.

While in Kings Mountain, Mr. and Mrs. Thorburn were active in civic, social, and religious activities of the community.

North Piedmont Plans Received

Engineering specifications for improving of North Piedmont avenue were received by the city Wednesday, City Clerk Gene Mitcham reported.

The plans, which call for widening of the street from Linwood Drive to Stowe's Store, also provide for curb-and-gutter installations and sidewalks on both sides of the street.

With the exception of the sidewalk installations, the expense of the work will be borne by the State Highway department. However, contracts will be let by the city, with the state agency to reimburse the city on completion of the work.

The engineering work was done by W. K. Dickson, Charlotte engineer, Mr. Mitcham said, and plans are available for inspection at City Hall.

N. Piedmont is a part of N. C. Highway 216.

Truant Boy Threatens Mother And Officers With Loaded Gun

Crypt-Building Gets Attention Of City Board

The city board of commissioners conducted a variety of routine business at the regular March meeting last Thursday night.

The commissioners deferred for investigation by the mayor and cemetery superintendent, request by a Charlotte crypt salesman, for an option on a tract in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Walter Schyte, who described himself as a representative of an Illinois firm, said he wanted an option on property for the building of an 84-place crypt, which he would try to sell in advance to local citizens at \$300 per crypt. He said the crypt would be of concrete and marble construction and would be approximately 25 x 50 feet.

Mayor Bridges and Cemetery Superintendent Sam Suber plan a trip to Pineville Thursday to inspect a crypt of comparable type.

Mr. Schyte told the Herald he was a salesman for R. H. Harrill & Company, Louisville, Ill., whom he said are architectural specialists in the building of burial crypts and mausoleums.

In another action, the commissioners authorized Mayor Bridges and Electrical Superintendent Hunter Allen to retain an electrical engineer to survey and map necessary installations for the city's scheduled take-over of power facilities in the Consolidated Textiles community. Mayor Bridges said the lines are now being deeded to the city, without cost.

In other actions the board:

- 1) Voted that bond for the treasurer of the fireman's relief fund be paid from the fund, if such payment is legal.
- 2) Took no action on a request of volunteer city firemen to allow them to buy an auto tag reading "fire department," in lieu of purchasing city auto licenses.
- 3) Voted transfer of \$400 from the cemetery operating fund to capital outlay fund for purchase of a power lawn mower for the cemetery department, as requested by Supt. Suber.
- 4) Approved charge-off of accounts erroneously charged to A. P. Warlick (\$25) and to Mrs. W. S. Dilling and a \$25 account to Robert Ruff, the latter deeded uncollectible since Ruff had sold his residence.
- 5) Authorized tax refunds of \$15.68 and \$2.98 by Byron Keeter, both due to double charging on property previously sold, and \$4.50 to the H. J. Plonk Estate, due to error in figuring.
- 6) Heard a report from Chief of Police H. A. Logan, Jr., who said state highway department officials had informed him a stop sign at the entrance of Kings Mountain hospital would be inadvisable.
- 7) Took no action on a previous request by John Chesire for partial relief from a paving assessment on Country Club Road.

Mayor Bridges told the board he had sent a copy of the city's privilege license schedule to the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill, with request that the schedule be studied for illegalities and omissions. He also told the commissioners they should be considering letting of contract for the annual city audit, in order that book-closing work could be facilitated at June 30.

Commissioner Paul Ledford mentioned a water service complaint on Benfield street. He said the customers complained the water tasted bad and could not be used for washing clothes. The Mayor said it appeared the trouble was caused by insufficient water usage from the six-inch main and that tests of the water for sanitation showed it fit to drink—if not to taste. He promised to check the situation.

Lions Schedule Annual Broom Sale

The Kings Mountain Lions club will conduct its annual broom sale for the benefit of the blind the weekend of April 5, according to announcement by J. W. Webster, chairman.

The club has ordered 600 brooms which it will offer for sale at \$1.50 each.

Proceeds benefit the blind, both in the state and the Kings Mountain area. The brooms are manufactured by North Carolina Industries for the Blind at Greensboro.



RED CROSS DISPLAY — Officials of the Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter are inviting citizens of the community to note a Red Cross display in the windows of Local Loan and Finance company on Mountain street. Mrs. J. A. Neisler and Mrs. John L. McGill prepared the two exhibits which show progress of the fund drive now underway. Annual appeal for funds for the Red Cross began last week. (Photo by Carlisle Studio.)

Red Cross Drive Progressing Well

Jaycees To Collect Waste Paper Sunday

Kings Mountain Jaycees will conduct a waste paper pick-up Sunday afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock.

Delbert Dixon and Clinton Jolly, co-chairmen of the project, are requesting that citizens have their waste paper on the curbs in front of their homes by the 2 p. m. start of the pick-up. Revenue from sale of the paper aids Jaycee civic projects.

Persons not planning to be at home Sunday may make arrangements to have their waste paper collected in advance by telephoning either of these numbers: 756-J, 113, or 896.

Honor Society Inducts Seven

Seven Central high school juniors were inducted by the National Honor Society of Kings Mountain high school in exercises Wednesday afternoon.

Inducted were Sybil Blanton, Jane Osborne, Doris Sellers, Peggy Joyce Reynolds, Pat Owens, Mary Ann Beam, and Curtis George.

The program featured a pageant by members of the society who outlined the four qualifications of membership which include character, scholarship, service, and leadership.

Campaign Off To Good Start Officials Say

Red Cross fund drive officials said Wednesday that Kings Mountain's campaign to raise \$5,545 was off to a good start during the past week.

Actual figures on the amount of money raised have not been tabulated and returned to James E. Herndon, chairman of the campaign. But indications were that the amount raised was encouraging for the first few days of the drive.

Mr. Herndon was out-of-town Wednesday and could not be reached for a comment on the drive's progress, Mrs. J. N. Gamble executive secretary pointed out that the city's citizens can keep tab on the amount raised by watching the window of Local Loan & Finance Company on West Mountain street.

A display has been placed in this window, and the drive's progress will be noted there week by week.

Workers, participating in the drive, were scheduled to begin the canvassing of business firms and individuals in the city in the past week.

Mr. Herndon remarked earlier that the quota for Kings Mountain is set as the minimum required for operations and anything short of the goal will restrict some of the work that the Red Cross is doing in the city and surrounding area.

German Student Speaks No English But Teacher And Students Having Fun

By BOB HOFFMAN

You would never think that the slim, brown-haired girl could cause anyone any difficulty, but Miss Louise Kiser, fifth-grade teacher at West School, finds differently.

Elizabeth Boess created quite an uproar in the class two weeks ago when she first came in as a student.

Elizabeth is a German girl who recently moved to Kings Mountain and most of her teacher's problems arose from the fact that the child could speak no English when she first entered the classroom.

With the aid of two students and a thick pile of first-grade readers, the teacher's situation is a little better today. Elizabeth has read eight of the books and now can recognize the words in a mild sort of way.

The students in the class welcomed the German girl from the beginning, and have done a great deal to remove any fears that accompanied Elizabeth on her first day of school.

Physical activities come easy to the little German fraulein. She can square-dance with the best of the fifth grade students, and has picked up the game of basketball nicely, Miss Kiser reports.

The real problem comes in academics. Reading, being the basis of all education, is the first subject to be developed. Miss Kiser



STUDENTS FROM ABROAD — The three students above represent the German-student population of West Elementary School here. From left to right, the students are Gerhard Piel, who is pointing at their native land of Germany on a globe, Klaus Kopruch, second-grade student; and Elizabeth Boess, fifth-grade pupil and newest of the foreign-born students. Elizabeth has been in Kings Mountain for about two weeks and can speak little English. The two boys have been here nearly two years and are making fine progress in their studies.

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Mike Dover, 14 Held By Sheriff After Incident

Mike Dover, 14-year-old boy who lives near Park Yarn Mill, is being held by Cleveland County Sheriff's department on charges of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

These charges were placed against the local youth Wednesday morning after he held two deputies at bay and threatened his mother with a 20-gauge shotgun at his home.

The trouble started when Mike did not attend school this week. His previous attendance record had not been good and the local truant officer, M. C. Poston, called at his home Tuesday.

Mike's mother was reported to have talked to the boy about not attending school and he became angry.

Sheriff Haywood Allen said the boy took the shotgun and went to Margrace Store to buy shells for it. His mother called the store, instructed the store not to sell the boy shells. The boy was refused when he tried to purchase them.

Leaving this store, he went to another where he purchased three shells for the 20-gauge bolt action gun.

He returned home and threatened to kill his mother and "anyone else who gets in my way," Sheriff Allen reported.

Mrs. Dover got the gun away from the enraged boy, and he attempted to attack her with a pair of scissors.

Meanwhile, Sheriff's Department officers had been summoned and Deputy L. L. Hamrick arrived. The boy was said to have pointed the gun at the officer and told Hamrick to stay out of the yard. The officer radioed back for additional help and several cars were dispatched.

Deputy George Allen arrived on the scene shortly after the radio call, and he also was confronted by the threatening shotgun in the youth's hands. The boy suddenly ran into the house, and the officers were preparing to use tear gas to smoke him out, when he surrendered.

Sheriff Allen said Wednesday that Mike is being held on the assault charges and for observation by doctors in regard to his sanity.

He added that no bond had been set for the youth.

Young Dover is enrolled in the eighth grade at Central School.

The boy has no previous police record, and has been in no trouble here according to police department records.

The boy had been absent from home the night before, to the alarm of his mother, Mrs. Emmett Dover. Mr. Poston reported, and had considered asking police to put out an alarm for him. She decided to wait and the lad returned home Wednesday morning, saying he had been to his grandmother's.

Whitener Hits Japanese Imports

Solicitor Basil L. Whitener, of Gastonia, candidate for the Democratic nomination to Congress from the Eleventh Congressional District, called upon the Jaycees of Kings Mountain to take the lead in staving off the Japanese threat now being experienced by the textile industry.

Speaking Tuesday night at the regular meeting of the organization in Kings Mountain, Whitener stated that the problem is area and calls for concerted effort if it is to be successfully met.

"Every citizen of our area should be disturbed about the present threat to the economy of our section which the importation of Japanese textile products presents," he stated.

"Unless immediate protective measures are taken by our government, many of our people will find their employment curtailed or destroyed and the textile industry of the Carolinas shattered," Whitener continued.

"This is a matter of vital importance to each of us. We are entitled to have immediate restrictions placed upon these Japanese imports as a matter of self-preservation."

Whitener's address followed a day of intensive campaigning in Cleveland county.

Edwin Moore Seeks Renomination; Candidate Whitener Visits City

Political activity continued, though at a seemingly quiet pace, here this week.

Basil Whitener, who has a district-wide campaign manager here in the person of Jack White, brought his campaign to Kings Mountain for personal hand-shaking and a "non-political" address at the Jaycee meeting.

Edwin Moore, of Kings Mountain, and the four other members of the county school board, announced they would seek Democratic re-nomination.

Three county commissioners—leaving only Chairman Zeb Cline of District 1—announced they would seek re-nomination and re-election.

Other members of the county school board are Walter Davis, Shelby, Charles D. Forney, Jr., of Lawndale, B. Austell, of Earl, and W. H. Coot Lutz, of Waco.

The three commissioners who announced Monday are Fitzhugh L. Rollins, of Lawndale, John D. White, of Casar, and Knox Surratt, of Earl. Hazel Bumgardner



CANDIDATE — Edwin Moore, Kings Mountain farmer and veteran member of the county board of school trustees, announced this week he would seek Democratic renomination at the May 26 Democratic primary. Continued On Page Ten