

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 7,206

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SCENE FROM "UTTER RELAXATION" — Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Goforth, Jr., are pictured in one of the scenes from the farce comedy "Utter Relaxation", which won fifth place in dramatic competition at Chapel Hill last Saturday.

Local News Bulletins

REVIVAL
Rev. E. B. Hicks, pastor of Eastside Baptist church, Shelby, will begin a revival April 29 at Second Baptist church...

CHOIR MEMBER
Bobbie Barrett of Kings Mountain is a member of a 41-member High Point College cappella choir which will make a four-day tour of the state starting Sunday.

MASONIC LADIES BANQUET
Fairview Lodge No. 339 A. F. & A. M. has completed plans for the ladies annual banquet to be held April 28 at 7 p. m. in the Masonic Hall.

MAKES HONOR ROLL
Earl Marlowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Marlowe of Kings Mountain, was listed on the quarter honor roll at Appalachian State Teachers' College when grades were announced last week.

METER RECEIPTS
City parking meters returned \$195.81 for the week ending noon, Wednesday, according to a report by Miss Grace Carpenter of City Clerk's office.

ATTEND SYNOD
E. K. Whitener, Paul McGinnis, Dorus Bennett, Fred Plonk, C. S. Plonk, Jr., and Rev. Douglas Fritz are representing Resurrection Lutheran church at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod at Salisbury.

Sunday Afternoon Water Cut-Off Set

Certain residents of the eastern portion of Kings Mountain will be without water service for a five-hour period Sunday afternoon, from 1 to 6 o'clock. Mayor Glee A. Bridges said the cut-off will be made in order to repair a large water valve at the Deal street filter plant.

Woman's Club Will Present Three Dramas

Kings Mountain Woman's club will present three one-act plays Thursday and Saturday evenings at 8:15 p. m. in the club auditorium.

Mrs. Vernon Crosby, publicity chairman, invited the public to attend the program which she termed an entertainment "must."

Kings Mountain Little Theatre is presenting Bert Grison's farce "Utter Relaxation" which won for the local group a rating of highest in state competition with other little theatre groups last week.

Mrs. J. N. McClure is directing "Top Billing," a serious play by Mrs. T. E. Summerrow, Jr., of Gastonia, formerly entitled, "Country Ham." The play has been published in "Country Gentleman" and includes a cast of Mrs. Bruce Thornburn, who has the role of the farmer's wife; Jimmy Plonk and Pat Owens portray the son and daughter; Mrs. R. S. Lennon has the role of a wealthy socialite.

Mrs. Aubrey Mauney is directing the melodrama "Where Is My Wandering Boy Tonight?" Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stallings portray Maw and Harlow Hassenpfeffer while Mrs. Gordon Beaver has the role of the heroine, Angela Angleworm.

Mrs. P. G. Padgett is general chairman of the show while Mrs. Crosby, Mrs. J. A. Cheshire, and Mrs. Gordon Beaver are serving on the publicity committee.

Hospital Auxiliary Organization Names Mrs. Padgett As Chairman

Kings Mountain women organized a hospital auxiliary Tuesday night and agreed to furnish 25 volunteers for duty at Kings Mountain hospital May 13, date of formal opening of the new wing.

Mrs. P. G. Padgett was named chairman of the organization, and other officers elected at the meeting at City Hall include Mrs. Carl Mayes, vice-chairman, Mrs. L. Arnold Kiser, recording secretary and treasurer, and Miss Naomi Edens, corresponding secretary.

Membership in the auxiliary is open to all women 18 years and older who are interested in Kings Mountain hospital and its work in the community. Dues are one dollar for active members and minimum of \$2 for inactive members.

Footo Claims 50-Year Lithium Reserves

Prizes, Bargains Await Shoppers

Retail Firms Are Staging Weekend Event

Kings Mountain retail establishments will collaborate this weekend in a three-day trade promotion to be known as Kings Mountain Bonus Days.

In addition to special purchase goods and bargain offerings, the merchants are offering to lucky number holders valuable merchandise awards at two drawings, one to be conducted at 5 p. m. Friday and another at 5 p. m. Saturday.

All firms participating in the sales event will be registration points for the prize drawings. There is no obligation involved. Registrants will be eligible merely by signing their names to the registration cards available at all participating retail establishments.

Charles Blanton, chairman of the trade promotion event, said he anticipated it will be a successful one. "The merchants have been planning Bonus Days for the past six weeks and have made special effort to secure quality goods at most favorable prices. The timing was arranged to give Kings Mountain area shoppers a chance to get new season goods at real bonus-to-customer prices."

Other members of the Bonus Days committee are Menzell Pifer, Richard Barnette, and Jonas Bridges. Participating firms include Baird Furniture, Belk's Department Store, Bridges Hardware, City Auto & Home Supply, Cooper's, Inc., Dellinger's Jewel Shop, Dixie-Home Stores, Eagle's 5 & 10 Store, First National Bank, Joy Theatre, Keeter's Department Store, Kings Mountain Drug Company, McGinnis Department Store, McGinnis Furniture Company, Myers' Department Store, Phifer Hardware, Plonk Brothers, Reba's Fashions, and Sterchi's. Associated sponsors are Kings Mountain Herald and Radio Station WKMT.

Bridges Tops Loop Declaimers

Dean Bridges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Bridges, Waco Road, won in the Western conference high school forensic contest in a contest held at Lincoln on Monday.

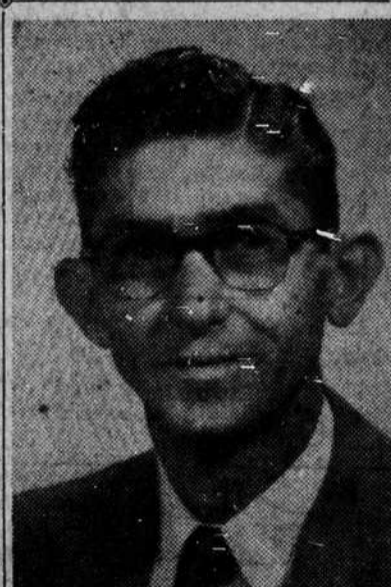
The Kings Mountain high school student competed against declaimers representing three other schools in this division of the Western North Carolina High School Activities association.

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TOWNSHIP MANAGER — J. W. Webster, city building inspector, has been named to head Basil Whitener's Eleventh District Congressional campaign in No. 4 Township.

Webster Named Whitener Leader

J. W. Webster, city building inspector and acting city tax collector, has been named as No. 4 Township chairman of Basil Whitener's 11th district congressional campaign.

The appointment of Webster to this post was announced by District Campaign Manager Jack White Monday.

Mr. Webster made the following statement concerning his appointment: "I am happy to be associated actively in the campaign of Basil Whitener for the Democratic Congressional nomination. Mr. Whitener is a self-made man. He is familiar with problems of the textile worker and the farmer, and he has exhibited already his knowledge of their problems in formal statements during the present campaign. Mr. Whitener is an able lawyer and has been a capable public servant in his present position as solicitor. I feel he is the man best qualified to represent the district in Congress."

Mr. Webster, 40, is active in the church and civic affairs of the city. He is a member of the city school board and a deacon of First Presbyterian church. He is also a member of the Kings Mountain Lions club and a Mason.

He has served as city building inspector for about two years. Mr. Webster was named to the post of acting tax collector last week, when the board of commissioners granted Clarence Carpenter, tax collector, a six-months leave of absence.

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Annual Report Estimate Said "Conservative"

Footo Mineral Company believes it can support its lithium refining operations at foreseeable rates for at least 50 years. This information was contained in the company's 1955 annual report, recently distributed to stockholders.

The Footo report states that, at December 31, its measured ore was computed at 10,739,199 spodumene pegmatite averaging 1.52 percent lithium oxide, with additional reserves indicated at 13,264,307 tons of economic grade. The report notes that the proved reserves, result of continuous core-drilling operations, have increased seven-fold since 1953.

Footo has extensive mining operations and ore concentration operations here and other mining and refining operations at Sunbright, Va. Its home offices are at Philadelphia, Pa. Salient points from the annual report show that Footo had record gross sales of \$15,309,078 in 1955, up more than \$2,000,000 over the previous record year. Net earnings were \$902,841 or 92 cents per share of common stock. Footo's 1955 payroll totaled \$3,474,999. Total assets reached \$12,456,428 of which stockholder equity was \$7,583,428.

Footo Chairman Gordon H. Chambers wrote in the annual report:

"A year ago our forecasts indicated that 1955 would show an upturn in sales and profits. In some areas the predictions were correct. In other areas we fell far short of our goals. Fortunately, our major decisions on expanding the Company still appear sound and profitable. The minor errors have been or are being corrected to the best of our ability."

"What went wrong in 1955? For example, we underestimated the cost and time required to complete one major construction program, and failed to identify a number of processing problems early enough. Once these problems became clear, satisfactory answers were found rather promptly. Also, some market prices declined, resulting in low."

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Gardner Plans Thursday Visits

Ralph W. Gardner, candidate for the Democratic nomination for U. S. Congress from the 11th District, will come to Kings Mountain today where he will address members of the Kiwanis Club at 6:45.

The Shelby candidate will be accompanied by his wife, Carrie, and following the Kiwanis session they will attend the drama to be presented at 8:15 at the Woman's club.

Gardner will come to Kings Mountain Thursday after appearing before the Rotary club of Gastonia at noon. Other speaking engagements this week at Grover Monday night before the Lions club and at Rutherford Tuesday evening where he addressed the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Last week Gardner named James Padgett of Forest City, brother of Dr. P. G. Padgett of Kings Mountain as his campaign chairman in Rutherford county. Padgett, who is active in the civic and religious life of his community, is manager of Padgett & King Furniture Store and Padgett & King Funeral Home in Forest City.

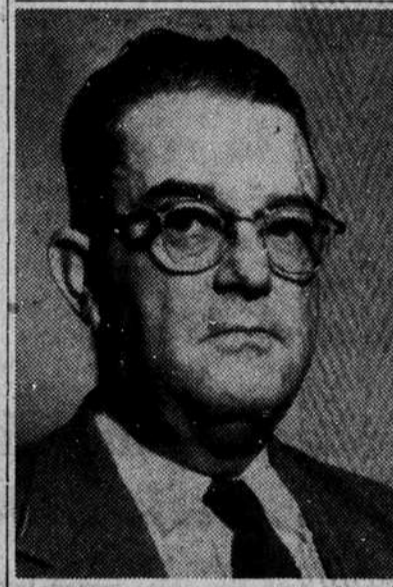
Kiwanians To Fete Farmers April 26

The annual Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club's Farmer's Night banquet will be held Thursday, April 26, according to an announcement by President B. S. Peeler, Jr.

Guest speaker for this event will be Dr. John William Pou, head of the Animal Industry department at North Carolina State college, Raleigh. Dr. Pou, a native of Iredell County, is a cousin of Mrs. W. L. Pressly of Kings Mountain. He is recognized as an expert in the field of dairy cattle breeding, and has been active in agriculture since his graduation from State College in 1938, except for three years he spent as a major in the United States Army.

Representing Footo at the hearing were Neil O. Johnson, Ed Geter, Ben H. Goforth, Jr., and Attorney W. S. Blakeney. Union Representative Dixon

Harmon Seeking District 2 Post, Opposing Bumgardner



AMONG THE CANDIDATES — Last-minute entry of many candidates added several contests to the May 26 Democratic primary list. At top left is J. D. Harmon, who is opposing Hazel Bumgardner, right, for the District 2 county commissioner nomination. At center, left is B. F. Jenkins, who seeks to regain the District four county commissioner post he lost to John White, right, two years ago. Below, left is Haskel Bumgardner, one of seven candidates for Number 4 township constable, and at right is Wilbur W. (Ebb) Wright, who is challenging Incumbent Dan Moore for the register of deeds nomination.

Personnel Additions, Equipment Improvements At Neisler Listed

Neisler Mills division of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company is planning machinery improvements and other steps to improve the division's competitive position and to take advantage of anticipated improved market conditions, General Manager W. M. Ford, said this week. Mr. Ford also announced several personnel additions and changes which, he said, are designed to improve operational efficiency and quality of products.

Among them are: employment of Archie T. Wilbanks, Laurens, S. C., in charge of production control, planning and quality; W. K. Lee, Greenville, S. C., as division mechanical engineer; Fred Cauble, Spartanburg, S. C., as assistant to Clarence Jolly in yarn manufacturing; and promotion of W. J. Fulkerson to the

Jaycees To Sell Kleenex Friday For Little League Team Benefit

Kings Mountain Jaycees will conduct a Kleenex sale, for the benefit of their Little League baseball team project, Friday night. The two-hour house-to-house sale will begin at 7 o'clock and prospective purchasers are requested to turn on porch lights. The Jaycees are offering three 400-count boxes of Kleenex for \$1, which Wilson Griffin, a member of the sale committee, said is a bargain. The three-box package includes three colors, white, pink and yellow.

Jenkins Opposes White; Constable Total Now Seven

J. D. Harmon, who lives near Buffalo Creek in Number 4 township, filed for county commissioner from District 2 last Saturday as a late-entering candidate opposing Hazel B. Bumgardner, Kings Mountain farmer and veteran incumbent.

Also entering the county commissioner race was B. F. Jenkins, former commissioner. He will oppose incumbent John D. White, in a re-match of the Democratic primary race of two years ago, when White defeated Jenkins.

In the other county commissioner contest, incumbent Zeb V. Cline, from District 1, is opposed by George Leukhardt.

Other last-minute candidates included a whole host of constable candidates in many of the county's 11 townships. In No. 4 township, seven citizens, including incumbent Gus Huffstetler, seek the position. Filing shortly before the deadline were J. U. Wilson and Haskel Bumgardner, both city employees. Previously filed for the post were Ben Sessoms, William W. Huffstetler, Elmer Ross and Robert Ruff, along with Constable Huffstetler.

County-wide races, in addition to the three county commissioner jousts which area citizens will help settle, include the race for Democratic nomination for register of deeds which finds Wilbur W. (Ebb) Wright, former Kings Mountain citizen, challenging incumbent Dan Moore.

Citizens here will also help five of the six county school board candidates win nomination. Dr. Richard Maybin seeks one of the five nominations, as do the five incumbents, Edwin Moore, Kings Mountain, and B. Austell, Walter Davis, C. D. Forney, Jr., and W. H. Lutz.

In Number 5 Township, three men seek the constable spot, including Jack Page, Lemuel Beattil, and Joe R. Barrett.

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Intruder Feigns Wound, Escapes

An after-midnight intruder at Kings Mountain Moose Lodge on Bessemer City road was welcomed by gun-fire early Wednesday morning.

S. J. Smith, who sleeps in the lodge, awakened about 1 a. m. Wednesday to discover a man in the building. Smith fired at the intruder with a pistol, but the man turned and advanced on Smith. At this point, Smith fired point-blank again and the intruder fell to the floor.

Mr. Smith, thinking he had wounded the break-in man, rushed to the telephone to call Gaston County Sheriff's department.

As Smith was using the phone, the "wounded" intruder leaped to his feet and dived through a front window, taking glass, blinds, and sash with him.

Gaston County officers used bloodhounds to trail the escaped man to a point near the Bessemer City - Kings Mountain Drive-In, but lost his trail there.

Smith told the officers that his uninvited guest was a white man, about 40 years old, about five feet-seven inches tall and weighing about 140 pounds. Smith added that he could make positive identification of the man.

Sheriff Dwight Beam and Detective Jim Harris of Gaston County are investigating the break-in. The would-be thief lost his hat in the excitement, and it was being tracked Wednesday.

Mr. Smith also told officers that he felt sure he had wounded the man, but no blood was found. Sheriff Beam said he did not feel that the fugitive was injured.

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