

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.

Candidates Head For Home Stretch

Local News Bulletins

Registration Ends; Primary Nine Days Off

Area Democratic candidates for nominations were nearing the political short rows this week, after a long season of plowing, prior to the May 26 primary.

Registration activity was completed last Saturday with busiest day of three registration Saturdays. This Saturday will be Challenge Day. The registrars will be at their posts for any interested Democrat to check the books. Challenge Day, customarily, is a thumb-twiddling day for the registrars.

Chief interest in this area remained the three-way race for the 11th District Congressman nomination between two Cleveland County entries, Ralph Gardner and Hugh Wells, both of Shelby, and one Gaston County entry, Basil Whitener, of Gastonia.

Each of the three were working 15 to 18-hour days at the business of corraling votes, and each seemed to be thriving on the arduous duties.

The publicity staffs of each were grinding out statements and advertising material designed to woo the voters to the particular candidates.

The county-wide races remained rather quiet, in spite of three contests for county commissioner nominations, another for register of deeds, and a sweepstakes affair for the five county board of education spots in which one of six candidates can't make the grade.

One of the county commissioner races is in District 2, which includes Number 4 (Kings Mountain) and No. 5 (Waco) townships. J. D. Harmon, Shelby feed salesman who lives near Buffalo creek, is challenging Hazel E. Bumgardner, who is completing his second full term. George Leukhardt is challenging Zeb V. Cline for county commissioner in District 1, and Ben P. Jenkins, Sr., onetime commissioner, is challenging John P. White in District 4. White edged Jenkins two years ago.

A former Kings Mountain citizen, Wilbur Wright, is challenging Register of Deeds Dan Moore. The six school board entrants include Edwin Moore, Kings Mountain, Walter Davis, B. Austell, W. H. (Coot) Lutz, C. D. Forney, Jr., and Dr. Richard Maybin. Both Forney and Maybin are from Lawndale.

In Number 4 Township a big field seeks the constable nomination to which incumbent Gus Huffstetler seeks re-nomination. The six challengers are Ben Sessoms, William Huffstetler, Robert Ruff, Elmer G. Ross, Haskell Bumgardner and J. W. Wilson. Three of the six (Sessoms, Bumgardner and Wilson) are City of Kings Mountain employees.

Voting day is nine days hence, on Saturday, May 26.

Kings Mountain area citizens will help to determine a four-man race for governor, and other races of lieutenant-governor, secretary of labor, and commissioner of insurance.

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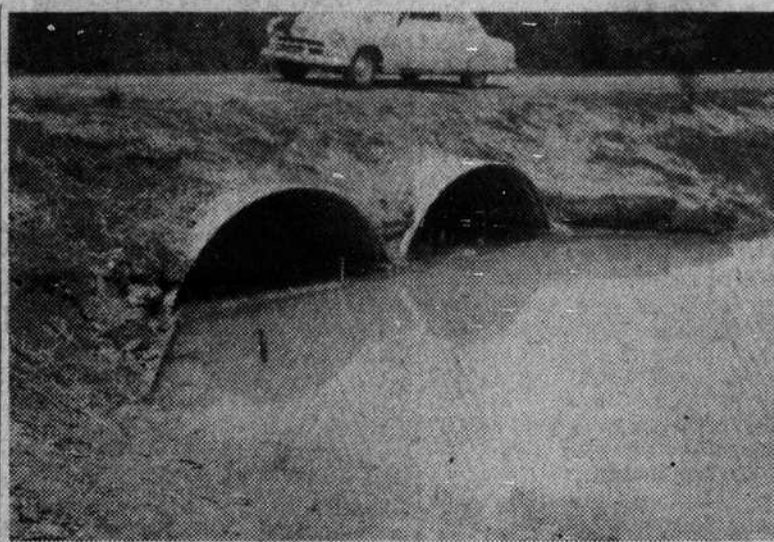
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DAVIDSON DAM OVERFLOWING — Pictured is the edge of the spillway at the 65-foot Davidson Creek dam, the city's auxiliary water reservoir, which recently overflowed for the first time since it was constructed. The dam impounds an overflow 175,000,000 gallons of water. Engineer W. K. Dickson estimates. Built after two successive years of water shortages here, the reservoir has yet to be topped by the city water system, will be used when shortages occur at the York Road reservoir.

Korean Accident Fatal To Arnette

Kings Mountain Airman Killed In Truck Crash

Airman Second Class Julian Ranny Arnette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack C. Arnette, of Kings Mountain, was killed in a truck crash in Korea, his parents were notified Saturday.

Information has been received that the body will be flown to the United States for burial, but date of arrival had not been confirmed Wednesday. Funeral rites will be held here.

Airman Arnette would have been 20 years old Monday.

The Kings Mountain youth, former high school football star, was almost instantly killed, Col. Elliott H. Reed, Washington, D. C., wrote, when a quarter-ton truck he was driving on official business was struck by a large dump truck. The dump truck had been attempting to pass another vehicle. Arnette's truck was forced off the road and over an embankment. It carried two passengers, a civilian employee of the air force, who was critically injured, and A2/c Ben P. Vlasek, a close friend of the Kings Mountain youth, who was not badly hurt. Airman Vlasek is accompanying the body here.

Young Arnette was among nine high school graduates, Class of '54, who enlisted together in the Air Force in June of that year. He took basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas, was transferred to Denver, Colo., then ordered to duty in Korea in August 1955.

An outstanding high school football tackle, he was also an adept golfer. Last April, Airman Arnette was among a group of

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Junior Chamber of Commerce, and president and president elect of the high school Key Club.

BANQUET SPEAKER — Dr. J. S. Hiatt, of Elkin, will be the featured speaker at Thursday night's annual ladies' night banquet of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club.

Herald To Begin Moving Chore On Thursday

The Kings Mountain Herald expects to begin moving into its new building on South Piedmont avenue Thursday morning.

Mann Transfer Company of Gastonia, will handle the moving job under the superintendence of J. Dean Styers, veteran machinist of the Gastonia Gazette.

The Herald, Editor Martin Harmon said, will publish on regular schedule next week, though the moving job may require ten days. The plan is to move typesetting machinery and job printing equipment first, then follow with the large and heavy newspaper press and its allied equipment.

All equipment, with the exception of the newspaper press and newspaper folding machine, will be housed on the main floor, with the newspaper press to be housed in the basement.

The building virtually was ready for occupancy on Wednesday, with one machine—a new Hammond gas-fired casting box for mats—already in use in the new building. City Electrical Superintendent Hunter Allen and his crew cut in "hot wire" Tuesday morning. Telephone equipment was being installed Wednesday.

The job printing department of the Herald will do its best to meet commitments to customers, Mr. Harmon added, stating that this department shouldn't be out of operation more than two days.

The new Herald building, located just south of the present quarters, is a brick-block-concrete structure with about 5,700 square feet of floor space.

C. D. Hunt, of Shelby, held the general contract, L. A. Hoke, Kings Mountain, the electrical contract, Sam Davis, Kings Mountain, the heating-cooling contract, and Ben T. Goforth, Kings Mountain, the plumbing contract. Architects were Van Wagenin and Cothran, Shelby.

Cline Property To Be Auctioned

Six properties of the A. E. Cline Estate will be sold at public auction on May 26, according to legal notice being published by J. R. Davis, commissioner in the action, and also executor of the Cline Estate.

The Cline properties being offered at auction include two business buildings on North Piedmont avenue, and four houses, one a duplex on Parker and Carpenter streets.

The business buildings are currently occupied by Weaver Cleaners and Dilling Heating Company.

Mr. Davis said the auction will be "absolute." High bids for the particular tracts will remain open for ten days after the auction. If the bids are raised the required amount of five percent, the particular tracts will be resold.

Music Festival Is Set Thursday

The Kings Mountain City Schools will present their annual Spring Music Festival Thursday night at 8:15 o'clock in High School Auditorium.

Miss Margaret Cole and Mr. J. C. Hedden will direct four musical groups during the program.

These groups include the Senior Band, Eighth Grade Chorus, Junior Band, and High School Mixed Chorus.

Twenty-seven selections will be presented by these groups.

Mr. Hedden will direct the Senior Band and Junior Band in their selections, while Miss Cole will direct the Eighth Grade Chorus and High School Mixed Chorus.

Jaycees To Buy Pool Bleachers

Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will purchase a set of bleachers, with a 132 seating capacity, for the Deal street pool, the organization voted Tuesday night.

Cost of the bleachers was quoted at \$501.

The organization also voted to continue the awarding of a medal to the high school girl judged best in the annual reading contest.

Two men, Walter Harmon and Gordon Williams, were inducted as members by David D. Saunders.

Reports were received on the recent water paper pick-up and from Treasurer Bob Maner.

Kings Mountain Man Saves Bomber From Crash Landing



AT GROVER — Rev. Wayne Haynes, above, and Ollie Harris, below, will be the principal speakers at graduation exercises for Grover high school seniors. The Grover exercises will be held on Sunday and Monday evenings.

Grover Finals Start Sunday

Grover High School will hold graduation exercises Monday in the school gymnasium.

Ollie Harris, well-known Kings Mountain businessman, will deliver the graduation address.

Nineteen seniors will receive their diplomas.

They are: Wayne Appling, Gene Carner, Jerry Cooke, Jack Lail, Dickie Owens, O'Leary White, Mitchell (Mickey) Robinson, Danny Slides, Catherine Hambricht, Howard Goforth, Carol Ann Herndon, Shirley Hughes, Rebecca Johnson Wright, Annie Laura Huffstetler, Sue Melton, Peggy Watterson, Joyce Ross, Joyce McGinnis Tucker, and Robert Peterson.

The Rev. Wayne Haynes, pastor of Bethany Baptist church of Grover, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon Sunday night, May 20, at Grover's First Baptist church. The Rev. W. F. Monroe, the Rev. Trent Howell, and the Rev. R. E. Robbins will also take part in the baccalaureate program.

Kenneth Tessler, Bobby Waterson, Phillip McMurray, Dale Gold, and Elaine Pruitt have been chosen as marshals for the graduation exercises.

Teresa Howell and Mike McDaniel are marshals for the year's senior class.

Mr. Harris will use "Take Advantage of Your Opportunities" as the topic of his graduation address.

Voluntary Auto Inspection Lane To Operate Here May 21 To 26

Kings Mountain's vehicle inspection lane will set up for a one-week operation beginning Monday morning and all citizens are being urged to avail themselves the opportunity for the free safety-check.

The inspection lane will be set up in front of City Hall on S. Piedmont avenue.

John B. Smathers, chairman of the committee arranging the week's check-lane service, said virtually all details are complete and offered the hope that at least 1500 vehicles would pass through the lane during next week.

Mechanics from garages of the city, aided by the city's service station personnel, will staff the lane and check all cars for defective brakes, front and rear lights, steering, tires, glass, windshield wipers, exhaust system, rear view mirrors, and horns.

At the end of the inspection, drivers will receive free cold drinks, compliments of Double-Cola Bottling Company.

A voluntary inspection lane was operated here last year and proved quite successful.

Chairman Smathers called attention to the high accident rate in North Carolina and said, "Some of the accidents on the highways of this state are the result of defective integral parts, such as brakes or lights, and the operation of the inspection lane here is designed to find these defects, if they exist, in advance of accidents which can cost both life and property loss."

Other members of the steering committee are Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan, Mayor Glee Bridges, Martin Harmon, Jonas Bridges, Louis Sabetti, Mrs. George Houser and W. G. Grantham.

Ramsey Supplies Method to Unjam Landing Gear

WACO, TEXAS. —Quick thinking on the part of A/1c Robert Ramsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ramsey of 210 Maple Street, Kings Mountain, North Carolina, saved the day at James Connally Air Force Base here last Thursday. Ramsey was largely responsible for the safe landing of a B-25 which had a jammed landing gear.

The plane circled the field for about three and a half hours trying to release the gear so it could be landed. A pin in the hydraulic system was twisted, and the hand pump, which is used in emergencies when the hydraulic system isn't working, did not have enough pressure to get the landing gear down. Airman Ramsey, on the ground, came up with the idea of releasing the pressure on the valve until the hand pump was putting out more pressure than the main hydraulic system. His idea was radioed to the pilot.

This is believed to be the first time that this procedure has been used to release a landing gear. Ramsey said it was just a wild chance but nothing would be lost by trying it, since all earlier attempts to get the gear down had failed.

The pilot of the plane, Captain Marvey L. Foster, landed the ship ten minutes after getting the gear down. It looked as they came in for the landing.

Airman Ramsey has been in the Air Force two years. He had four and a half years prior service in the reserve. He came in on a short enlistment and re-enlisted for a term of six years on May 9, the day before the incident.

Ramsey is assigned to the 3566th Field Maintenance Squadron and has been at James Connally Air Force Base since December, 1954. Except for the period he was in technical school, he has never done any work in this field before coming to James Connally AFB. He is the only hydraulic specialist for the B-25 bombers on this base.

The B-25 Mission was a familiarization flight to check out rated pilots from other bases who are now Aircraft Observer Training Pilot Students.

The students on this flight were Major Donat Dauteuil and 1st Lt. Lyle W. McNeely.

Airman Ramsey is a native of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, and is 26 years of age. He and his wife, the former Hazel Morgan, and one son, age 9, reside in the Tate-Lax Trailer Park on the New Dallas Highway in Waco, Texas.

One Auto Accident Reported By Police

Kings Mountain Police department reported investigating one automobile collision this week.

Wednesday, around 2:35 p. m., a 1939 Ford and 1954 Pontiac collided at the intersection of W. King and Railroad avenue.

Drivers were listed as Mary Stephen, of Belmont, operating the Pontiac, and Batie Meek Ormand as operating the Ford. The accident occurred under the traffic signal, police stated. Property damages were estimated at \$450.

Greene Wins Davis Medal

Bill Greene, high school senior, was declared winner of the annual Davis Declaration contest, held at Central auditorium last Friday.

Greene declaimed "Knut Rockne," by Sherd.

Other contestant was Bobby Early, ninth grader who declaimed Fosdick's "The Personality of Jesus."

Judges of the contest were Rev. J. B. McLarty and Rev. A. J. Argo.

J. R. Davis, Kings Mountain attorney and school trustee, annually awards a medal to the winner of the high school declamation contest.



AT BETHWARE — Dr. Dorus P. Rudisill, above, and Rev. James B. McLarty, below, will make the principal addresses at annual graduation exercises to be held beginning Sunday night at Bethware high school. Diplomas will be awarded Tuesday night.

22 To Graduate At Bethware

Bethware high school will hold commencement exercises for 22 seniors from Sunday through Tuesday evening.

The activities begin with the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday evening, with Dr. Dorus P. Rudisill, professor of philosophy and Bible at Lenoir-Rhyne college, delivering the sermon. Commencement exercises will be held Tuesday night with Rev. James B. McLarty, pastor of Central Methodist church, delivering the graduation address. Both programs will begin at 8 p. m.

Monday night will feature Class Night activities.

Also taking part in the Sunday event will be Rev. J. J. Thornburg, Rev. J. M. Barber, and Rev. N. S. Harty.

On Tuesday night, Joe Chapman will present the speaker and addresses will be made by Nancy Bell and Sara Mae Hamrick, co-valedictorians. Principal John H. Rudisill will present awards, and Claud V. Harmon, chairman of the school committee, will present diplomas. Special music will be sung by the girls' chorus.

Marshals are Fairlye Davis, Jessie Putnam, Rachel Hamrick, and Lane Dixon. Class mascots are Martha Lavonia Rudisill and Jeffrey Curtis Bell.

Members of the graduating class are Nancy Louise Bell, Elizabeth Jane Bolin, Frances Virginia Cash, Sonyia Elaine Goforth, Marilyn Jo Ann Greene, Mona Hamrick, Sara Mae Hamrick, Betty Ann Moore, Doris Jean Sanders, Bonnie Mae Welch, Helen Ava Yarbrough, Jimmy Kay Bell, Delbert Joe Chapman, Leonidas Hal Falls, David Kirby Herndon, Kenneth Ray Mayes, Emmett Lee Moss, Kenneth Brown Randall, Douglas Calvin Sparrow, David Robert Whetstone, Kenneth Edward Yarbrough.