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Greater Kings Mountain	10,320
City Limits	7,206
The figure for Greater Kings Mountain is derived from the 1953 Kings Mountain city directory census. The City Limits figure is from the United States census of 1950.	

Gardner-Whitener Contest To Be Settled Saturday

Local News Bulletins

LIONS TO MET
The regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Lions Club will be held Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock at Kings Mountain Woman's Club.

CONFIRMED
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Fred A. Dixon has been confirmed purchasing agent and traffic representative for the Bessemer City, N. C., plant of Lithium Corporation of America, it was announced by John W. Douglas, director of purchases and traffic.

BUILDING PERMITS
Building Inspector J. W. Webster issued a building permit Friday to Fred J. Wright, Sr., to erect a house on W. Mountain street, at an estimated cost of \$10,000. A permit was also issued Friday to J. H. Arthur to erect a house on Edgewood drive, at an estimated cost of \$14,000.

MOOSE MEETING
Kings Mountain Moose Lodge 1748 will hold their regular weekly meeting Thursday night at 8:15 at the lodge on Bessemer City road, according to Curtis Gaffney, secretary.

METER RECEIPTS
City parking meter receipts for the week ending noon, Wednesday totaled \$188.50. City Clerk Gene Mitchell reported. He said street meters brought in \$152.32, while off-street meters accounted for \$36.18.

IN SUMMER SCHOOL
Carl Moss, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Moss, of Kings Mountain, is enrolled for the summer semester at Bowling Green College of Commerce, Bowling Green, Ky. He is studying a course in higher accounting. He served in the army before entering the Bowling Green school.

AT CONVENTION
A. H. Patterson, B. D. Ratterree, Jack White, Bill Young and George Thomasson were among Kings Mountain citizens representing Home Building & Loan association at the annual convention of the North Carolina Savings & Loan League held in Blowing Rock last weekend.

AT MEETING
Ralph Harrill, manager of Cleveland county ASC office, and D. B. Blalock, chairman of the county ASC committee, are in Asheville this week attending an area meeting covering the new farm program.

AT GIRLS STATE
Miss Mary Ann Beam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Beam, and Miss Jane Osborne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Osborne, are attending Girls State at Greensboro this week as delegates from Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion Auxiliary.

UNION SERVICE
Sunday night's union service for five city church congregations will be held at Boyce Memorial ARP church with Rev. James McLarty, pastor of Central Methodist church, to deliver the 8 p. m. sermon. Special music will be presented by the adult choir under the direction of Mrs. N. F. McGill.

Rites Conducted For Mrs. Black

Funeral services for Mrs. Esther Biersticker Black, about 32, wife of Barney Black, former Kings Mountain citizen, were held Tuesday in Green Bay, Wis. Mrs. Black died unexpectedly early Sunday morning. Her death reportedly resulted from a hemorrhage following an operation. Surviving, in addition to her husband, is a son Larry Dean, age 6. Mr. Black is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence L. Black, both of whom left here Sunday to attend the funeral rites.

Central School May Become Solely Junior-Senior High

Grades 1 - 6 Would Attend East, West, North

The city board of school trustees discussed without action Monday night possibilities of converting the Central plant into a Junior-Senior high school for the 1956-57 term.

This would mean that all children above the sixth grade and through the twelfth would attend the Central plant. All children in grade six and below would go to East, West or North schools. School Trustee Fred W. Plonk made the suggestion but Supt. E. N. Barnes and Trustee J. W. Webster doubted the advisability of making this change for the coming year. Mr. Barnes explained that the only way the change could be effected would be continued employment at East and West schools of the make-shift classrooms in the auditoriums of the two schools. At the same time, Central would have some vacant rooms.

All trustees present indicated they favored the Junior-Senior high school idea, but Mr. Webster remarked he preferred to await construction of a South elementary school, which would provide additional needed classrooms and also cut the distance younger students would be required to travel to school.

Chairman Arnold W. Kincaid also supported the Plonk proposal. He said the high school is in great need of offering its students vocational education courses. Supt. Barnes said he agreed, but he added that vocational teachers are scarce and that he doubted a qualified teacher could be obtained on anything like short notice. He said industry has taken most of the available industrial arts teachers.

Decision on whether to make Central a Junior-Senior high school for the coming term was deferred until a subsequent meeting.

Gardner Rally Thursday Night

A motored to the Gardner-Congress rally, to be held at Cleveland County Courthouse in Shelby Thursday night will form in front of City Hall at 7 p. m., George Thomasson, Kings Mountain area Gardner manager said this week.

The rally of Cleveland County Democrats supporting Gardner will begin in Shelby at 8 o'clock, Mr. Thomasson said.

He urged as many Kings Mountain citizens as possible to attend. "Kings Mountain did well by Ralph Gardner by giving him a nice margin of votes in the first primary, and we want to do even better on Saturday," Mr. Thomasson said.

County's Tentative Tax Rate Set At \$1.28 Per \$100 — Up 14 Cents

The Cleveland County board of commissioners has tentatively set the county-wide tax rate for 1956 at \$1.28 per \$100 valuation and has adopted tentatively a fiscal year budget of \$2,200,000. Both the tax rate and budget are subject to amendment prior to final passage. The budget provides for expenditure of more than \$1 million in bond issue funds.

County Auditor Max Hamrick told the Herald the tax rate, which, if finally adopted, will mean an increase of 14 cents per \$100 valuation, will provide extra funds for a variety of county functions, including increased debt service costs resulting from the 1954 county-wide bond issues for schools, hospitals and a county health center, for other debt service costs from prior bond issues, and certain general fund costs which are expected to go up. These will include operations, public welfare, and other agency costs.

The tax rate for citizens of the Kings Mountain school district, it is indicated, will be \$1.48 per



PROMOTED — Rev. J. B. McLarty, Kings Mountain minister and naval reserve chaplain, was promoted during his recent tour of duty at Whiting Field, Pensacola, Fla. Mr. McLarty returned here Sunday.

Navy Promotes J. B. McLarty

NAAS WHITING FIELD, Milton, Fla.—Commander James B. McLarty, a naval reserve chaplain and pastor of the Central Methodist church of Kings Mountain, is at Whiting Field for a two weeks duration in order to fulfill his yearly obligation of active duty to his branch of the Reserve.

Whiting Field is the second stop for all of the Navy's student aviators in their road of training that leads to the eventual designation of "One of the greatest pilots in the world"—a Naval Aviator. It is while at this base that they actually learn to fly the aircraft, along with elementary aerobatics and formation flying, all leading to the day when they may proudly wear the Navy's wings of gold.

A member of the Charlotte, N. C., branch of the Naval Reserve, the Chaplain has been associated with the Naval Service since 1944. From 1944 through 1946 Cdr. McLarty was attached to the Eastern Sea Frontier, and was then processed to his present unit of the Reserve. He just recently received word of his promotion to the rank of commander, which he has been looking forward to, it became effective April first.

Chaplain McLarty is a graduate of Duke University in Durham, N. C., where he received AB and BB degrees to formulate the first base in his colorful career. He is now, a member of the Kings Mountain branch of Kiwanis International, and secretary of the Evesard College Board of Trustees.

The congenial Chaplain's family include Margaret Glenn, his wife; Margaret Elizabeth, a daughter who has just recently graduated from Greensboro College with a degree in Music; and two sons, James Fulton and Charles Furmon.

Cline Property Re-Sale Saturday

New public bids will be invited for six properties of the A. E. Cline Estate Saturday, June 27, at 10 a. m. on the premises of the particular sites, J. R. Davis, executor of the estate, announced.

General fund, \$224,500.
Poor fund, \$40,000.
County debt service, \$50,598.
Old age assistance, \$50,500.
Aid to dependent children, \$30,920.
Aid to the permanently disabled, \$12,650.
Aid to the blind, \$5,500.
County Hospitals, \$61,300.
Health Department, \$40,300.
County farm and home agent, \$22,296.
County Accountant's office, \$7,500.
Welfare administration, \$38,687.
Rabies control, \$7,000.
Schools, \$270,934 for current outlay, \$1,109,000 for capital outlay, \$257,190 for debt service.

Trustees Elect Two Teachers For Coming Term

The city board of school trustees accepted resignations of three teachers Monday night and elected two new faculty members in a meeting devoted largely to routine business.

Elected to the faculty for the 1956-57 term were Mrs. W. L. Rameur, elementary teacher, and Mrs. Wilson Griffin, high school English teacher.

Previously, the board had formally accepted the resignations of Douglas Swink high school teacher, Mrs. Regina B. Wofford, East school first grade teacher, and Gordon Beaver, special teacher in piano. Mr. Barnes also reported that Miss Lillian Griffith, of Newell, who had been elected to a teaching position, had declined to accept it.

In other actions the board voted:

- 1) To renew its school child and athletic insurance policies with Pilot Life Insurance Company.
- 2) To authorize continuance of its agreement with Cleveland County schools on the employment of a teaching supervisor.
- 3) To join the county schools in asking the county board of commissioners to levy 1956 taxes on the basis of 26 cents per \$100 valuation for current expenses and 10 cents per \$100 valuation for capital outlay. (The city district shares in the county tax funds on a per capita pupil basis.)

Heard a report that \$80,000 in 1954 school bond funds from the 1954 bond issue for school construction.

Unemployment On Heavy Side

Unemployment in Kings Mountain is still "a little on the heavy side," Franklin Ware, manager of the local employment office, announced Wednesday.

"We are having 425-450 continued claims filed each week," Mr. Ware said, "and this is a little heavier than usual."

Textile plant lay-offs and curtailment is largely responsible for this increase, he added, with other industries maintaining a steady employment pace.

Since most plants will be giving vacation periods during the next two months, Mr. Ware wanted to explain to all employees a rule governing this vacation time-off.

He said that a state rule allows an employer to designate two weeks each year as vacation periods. During this time, employees are not eligible to file for unemployment compensation.

Mr. Ware also said that reports to him from various textile men indicated that they expected the slack business period to end shortly, and that the employment situation should improve a great deal, when and if this change occurs.

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Funeral services were held Monday at 3 p. m. at the Whisnant home with the Rev. R. E. Rollins and the Rev. J. M. Barber officiating. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Palbearers were Fred Weaver, Herman Blalock, Harold Hendon, Holland Dixon of Shelby, Lewis Hair of Greenville, S. C., and Jimmy Houser of Charlotte. Flowers of Mr. Whisnant served as notice.

Meeting Set To Organize Unit For Handicapped

Efforts will be made to organize a Kings Mountain chapter of the Gaston County Center for the Handicapped at a meeting at City Hall Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

Announcement was made by Bruce Thorburn, a director of the Gaston county center, which has plans to build and equip a center and to provide training for handicapped children of four counties, including Cleveland.

"All persons who have handicapped children are particularly invited to attend, as well as all interested citizens," Mr. Thorburn said.

Currently being launched is a fund campaign for \$17,000 with which to equip the center. Mr. Thorburn noted. He added, "The start is the main thing, for some evidence of progress will enable the obtaining of federal aid for this purpose."

In the \$17,000 fund campaign Kings Mountain will be asked to subscribe only \$500.

The Gaston County Center For Handicapped Children was organized as a school at Trinity Methodist church in Gastonia, September, 1953, by parents of crippled or mentally retarded children for whom no other group training was available.

It was incorporated in 1954 as a non-profit organization with a Board of Directors, to provide transportation, training, education, and other necessary rehabilitation services for the handicapped of Gaston County and neighboring communities. It has been supported entirely by personal, civic club, industrial and religious organization gifts.

A proposed first building to be erected on grounds provided by Gaston County on the Dallas-Cherryville highway at a cost of \$15,000 will be used during the current year to house the project. With a plant of its own the Center becomes eligible to apply for federal vocational rehabilitation funds to further develop its building and staff training programs.

Piedmont Work To Start Monday

Work will begin Monday on improvements to North Piedmont avenue, from Linwood Avenue to Fairview street.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges reported receipt Wednesday of approval of contract with Spangler & Sons, of Kings Mountain and Shelby, by the State Highway and Public Works commission, which will reimburse the city for most of the cost of the work.

Spangler's low bid of \$27,461.50 had been tentatively accepted by the board of city commissioners, subject to the state agency's approval.

Contract calls for installation of curbing-and-gutter and sidewalk, as well as widening of N. Piedmont, from Linwood to Fairview. Contract also calls for installing sidewalk on one block of Lackey street.

Half the cost of the sidewalks will be assessed to the property owners fronting the respective streets.

Whisnant Rites Held Monday

Charles Craig Whisnant, 67, of route 2 Kings Mountain, died at his home Saturday afternoon following an illness of several weeks.

Mr. Whisnant, a native of Cleveland County, was a prominent farmer of this area.

Survivors include his wife, the former Miss Brown, three sons, R. G., G. W., and C. A. Whisnant, all of Kings Mountain; a daughter, Mrs. Gene Patterson of Kings Mountain; a brother, B. W. Whisnant of Kings Mountain; a sister, Mrs. L. G. Blalock of Kings Mountain; and four grandchildren.

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Democrats To Cast Ballots In Second Primary Voting



IN SECOND PRIMARY TEST SATURDAY—It's sudden death at the voting places of the 11th district on Saturday for Basil L. Whitener, left, and Ralph Webb Gardner, right in their second primary contest for the Democratic nomination for 11th district Congressman. Gardner edged Whitener in the first primary May 26 by 394 votes out of nearly 43,000 cast. Polls will be open throughout the seven-county district from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m.

Kings Mountain Democrats and those of the 11th Congressional district will return to the polling places Saturday to determine whether Ralph Webb Gardner of Shelby, or Basil L. Whitener, of Gastonia, will be the party nominee to replace Congressman Woodrow W. Jones, who is retiring.

This is the principal primary contest in the state, and though there will be a few others for township and county offices, these are few and far between.

In Cleveland County, Shelby voters will choose a township constable and Waco voters will also nominate a constable. Gastonia (Gaston Township) has a constable run-off and there are run-offs in Polk county for the North Carolina House of Representatives and in McDowell county for register of deeds.

Waco area Democrats will choose between Joe R. Barrett and Lemuel Beattie for constable and Shelby township voters will choose between Joe L. Moore and D. E. McCraw, Sr., for the constable's nomination.

The interim period of campaign has been lack-lustre in comparison to the possibilities and has led political observers to predict that the Congressional nominee (as well as the others) will be chosen via a small vote.

The district vote for Congressman approached 44,000 in the May 26 primary voting, with Gardner getting a 394 vote edge. Whitener was a close second and Hugh Wells' 4000-plus votes gave Whitener the right to call a second primary, which he did.

Neither candidate "let up" after the first race and there have been moments since May 26 when it appeared a considerable amount of steam would be generated by the candidates and their supporters. But, certainly in Kings Mountain, there has been little shouting in the past week.

Jack White, district manager for Whitener, said a rally of Whitener supporters was most enthusiastic at Rutherford County courthouse Tuesday night. Meantime, the Gardner forces have scheduled a home-county rally at Shelby for Thursday night, at the Cleveland County courthouse.

Both the candidates take the television route on election eve, with Whitener billed at 10 o'clock and Gardner following at 10:15, both via WBTV Channel 3.

Saturday's voting will be the same as those prevailing on May 26. One exception will allow registration of citizens who have qualified for "citizen" status since May 26. These would include those who have completed the required residence requirement (four months in the township, one year in North Carolina), and those who have reached their 21st birthday.

Both Gardner and Whitener have expressed confidence they will win Saturday's run-off.

A total of 1757 persons cast ballots in Number 4 Township on May 26 at the four precinct polling places at Bethware, Grover, East Kings Mountain and West Kings Mountain. The township vote for Congress was: Gardner 852, Whitener 722, and Hugh Wells 172.

Second Primary Facts Are Listed

Following are the facts of Saturday's upcoming second primary voting:

Polls open 6:30 a. m.
Polls close 6:30 p. m.
Number of ballots for Kings Mountain area voters: for Number 4 Township one, the 11th district ballot; for Waco township voters two, the 11th district ballot and the Number 5 Township ballot.

Number 4 Township voting places: East Kings Mountain at City Hall courtroom; West Kings Mountain at Victory Chevrolet Company; Bethware at Bethware school; Grover at Grover fire station.

Predicted vote totals: district, 25,000; Cleveland county, 7,000; Number 4 Township, 1200.



GRADUATED — William B. McDaniel has completed a nine-month course of study at Gup-ton-Jones-Dallas Institute and College of Embalming.

Bill McDaniel Finishes Study

William B. (Bill) McDaniel has been graduated from the Gup-ton-Jones-Dallas Institute and College of Embalming, after completion of its nine months course.

Mr. McDaniel, who served a two-year apprenticeship at Harris Funeral Home before enrolling in the Dallas, Texas, school last fall, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McDaniel. He is a Korean war veteran, having served in the army medical corps in Texas and Fort Bragg, N. C. He is a graduate of Grover high school. His wife is the former Helen Morris.

Mr. McDaniel is rejoining the staff of Harris Funeral Home, it was announced by J. Ollie Harris, partner and general manager.

Tentative Valuation Of Property In Kings Mountain Is \$9,607,000

Kings Mountain property valuations for tax purposes will total in excess of \$9,607,851, Acting Tax Supervisor J. W. Webster said Wednesday.

Figures on taxable valuations are virtually complete, with only a few figures to be received from the North Carolina Board of Assessment.

Mr. Webster said he talked with the Assessment office on Wednesday by telephone and was informed that the Valuation for

Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company would increase over figures for 1955.

Tentative totals include Southern Bell at last year's figures and already show an increase in valuations of approximately \$100,000.

Final totals on valuations of individuals were \$5,394,238, Mr. Webster said, while commercial and corporation totals were listed at \$4,213,613 (The latter figure will be corrected by the addition of the up-to-date Southern Bell figures).