

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 19,320
City Limits 7,206

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PETHELS LEAVE

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Pethel left Tuesday for Auburn, N. Y., where Mr. Pethel will assume duties August 1 as minister of music at Auburn's First Presbyterian church.

ATTEND BANQUET

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Blanton went to Winston-Salem Tuesday where they attended the annual Mortar & Pestle award banquet of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical association. Wade A. Gilliam, Winston-Salem druggist, was recipient of the award. Mr. Blanton is first vice-president and president-elect of the pharmacy association.

X-RAY VISIT

The mobile X-Ray unit of the Cleveland County Tuberculosis Association will be in Kings Mountain Thursday, August 2, from 10-12 a. m. and 1-4 p. m. The unit will locate at Belk's Department Store on South Battleground avenue.

METER RECEIPTS

City parking meter receipts for the week ending noon, Wednesday totaled \$187.15, according to a report from City Clerk's office. The report indicated that the street meters returned \$157.90, while off-street meters accounted for \$29.25.

CLUB PICNIC

The Lake Montonia Club will have a picnic at the lake Wednesday, August 1, at 7 p. m., according to announcement being sent to members. Members are being urged to bring their families and a picnic supper for this event.

SALE

Margrace Woman's Club will sell hot-dogs Friday beginning at 10:30 a. m. at the clubhouse, according to announcement by Mrs. J. B. Foster, publicity chairman. The sale is an annual club project.

CHURCH SUPPER

Young Adult Fellowship class of El-Bethel, Methodist church is sponsoring an ice cream supper and cake sale Saturday night at 7:30 p. m. at El-Bethel clubhouse for church benefit.

ONE FIRE

Kings Mountain Fire department answered a call Friday to Ware and Sons to extinguish a small blaze, Warren Ellison, city fireman, reported.

MOOSE MEETING

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

W. M. Moorhead Still Improving

W. M. Moorhead, Kings Mountain Southern Railway clerk who suffered a mild stroke of paralysis about 10 days ago, is reported improving.

Mrs. Moorhead reported Wednesday that her husband is now able to be up, and is regaining the use of his left arm and leg, which were effected by the stroke.

Mr. Moorhead became ill while he and Mrs. Moorhead were en route to Kings Mountain from a wedding in Easley, S. C. When the car reached Greenville, S. C., Mr. Moorhead found himself unable to get out of the vehicle's rear seat.

March, April Papers Needed By Herald

The Herald is offering ten cents per copy for any edition of the Herald, issues of March 8, March 15, March 22, March 29, and April 26, 1956.

Several copies of each issue are needed to complete newspaper files for the Herald and for Jacob S. Mauney Memorial library which annually receives a bound file of newspapers from the Herald.

File copies of several week's editions in March and April were inadvertently destroyed recently when the newspaper plant moved into its new quarters.

Citizens who may have copies of these issues may telephone the Herald (167 or 283) or visit the business office, S. Piedmont

Slater Building \$35,000 Addition



ACCREDITED — John Smith, anesthesiologist at Kings Mountain hospital, was notified recently he had passed examinations accrediting him as an anesthesiologist by the Board of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

Smith Passes Board Exams

John Smith, Kings Mountain hospital anesthesiologist, has been notified of his successful standing of the examinations of the Board of American Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

Mr. Smith, who joined the hospital staff April 10, underwent the examinations in Raleigh last month.

A native of California, Mr. Smith is a graduate of the Orange County hospital school of nursing, Calif., and of the McLeod Infirmary School of Anesthetics, Florence, S. C.

He and his wife, the former Norma Frisbee, and two children, live at 204 S. Sims street.

Offering To Aid Handicapped

A free-will offering will be taken at Sunday nights union service for the benefit of the Gaston County Center for Handicapped Children, an organization including Gaston, Cleveland and two other surrounding counties.

Dr. W. P. Gerberding, St. Matthew's Lutheran pastor, will deliver the sermon at the Sunday night service, which will be held at 8 o'clock at Boyce Memorial ARP church.

Kings Mountain citizens are being asked to contribute \$500 of a \$15,000 fund to provide quarters for the handicapped children's center. Bruce Thorburn is chairman of the fund-raising effort here.

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.

Bethware, Compact Schools Open; Enrollment Reported Up Slightly

Bethware and Compact schools in the county system opened for the summer split term Monday, with both reporting slightly higher enrollments.

John Rudisill, Bethware principal, reported total enrollment of 458, including 309 elementary pupils and 150 high school pupils. He said the opening day figures showed the elementary population off slightly from the previous year, while the high school population increased by 25. He said the school is asking the state board of education for an additional high school teacher to handle the additional load in the high school.

Patterson Grove school's opening day enrollment was only 62 and was the same on the second day of school Tuesday, indicating the school will not have sufficient load (minimum of 85) to

Plush - Maker Says Production At Record Peak

A \$35,000 addition to Slater Brothers, Inc., is expected to be completed in the next few weeks.

The new addition, about one-third completed, will be used as a preparation room, Ralph A. Johnson, manager of the plant, stated Wednesday morning.

Future plans for the addition call for its use as a weaving room, housing 54 modern plush looms, Mr. Johnson further said. Slater Brothers, Inc., with parent office in Patterson, N. J., began operation in Kings Mountain in 1950.

The operation in Kings Mountain begun with 12 looms housed in a small plant still part of the present mill, and purchased from Haywood Lynch and D. C. Mauney.

Since the original plant was purchased, two other additions have been added, one in 1953, the other in 1955. With the completion of the present addition, Mr. Johnson said, overall floor space will be 35,280 square feet.

Mr. Johnson also said eight new Guskin automatic double plush looms will be installed in the west mill in September. This will provide Slater at total of 72 looms.

Employment at the mill is now roughly estimated by Mr. Johnson at 100, with employment steadily rising.

As for business now, Mr. Johnson said, "The company is in better shape now than it has ever been." He further stated last week was a record-breaking production week with 2,387,000 picks. Mr. Johnson also said the plant would reach its height of production in August, and was optimistic adding "I don't expect a slump in business during the next year."

The plush material which is woven at the Slater plant is mainly used in the manufacture of toys such as teddy-bear coverings.

Instrument case linings and casket linings are also being woven on a few looms.

Postal Change Date Not Set

Date has not yet been set for Charles L. Alexander to assume the duties of Kings Mountain postmaster.

Mr. Alexander said he had conferred with the district postal inspector and that current indications are that he will assume the office about August 24.

Acting Postmaster W. T. Weir said he had not yet conferred with the postal inspector.

Mr. Alexander, an Elmer Lumber Company employee, said he suggested the August date, rather than the previously indicated July date, due to the illness of the late B. S. Peeler, Elmer Lumber Company president. Mr. Peeler succumbed Tuesday night.

After appointment by President Eisenhower on recommendation of the Number 4 Township Republican executive committee, Mr. Alexander was confirmed as Kings Mountain postmaster appointee three weeks ago.

Harris Funeral Held Wednesday

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 11 a. m. for Mrs. Alphonsin Miller Harris, 94, widow of Frank Harris and grandmother of Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain, who died in Shelby Hospital Tuesday following an illness of three days.

Mrs. Harris was a native of Forsyth County, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Miller. She had lived in Shelby for the past 50 years, and was a devoted member of Central Methodist church.

Survivors include three sons, W. C. Harris and Miller F. Harris, both of Shelby, and J. Frank Harris, Jr., of Troy, S. C.; one daughter, Mrs. Terry Moore of Marion; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Ollie Harris made his home with his grandmother from the time he was 12-years-old he reported Wednesday.

The Rev. J. G. Huggins, pastor of Central Methodist church, and the Rev. John Lawrence officiated. The services were held at the home of Mrs. Harris. Burial was



APPOINTED — George B. Thomasson, Kings Mountain lawyer, has been appointed a member of the county hospital board of trustees, representing Number 4 township. He succeeds Howard B. Jackson, who resigned.

Thomasson Is Hospital Trustee

George B. Thomasson, Kings Mountain lawyer, was appointed last Friday by the county board of commissioners to a three-year term on the county hospital board of trustees.

Commissioner Hazel B. Bumgardner made the recommendation. Mr. Thomasson was named to represent Number 4 Township and succeeds Howard B. Jackson, who resigned last week.

The new appointee was to be sworn into office Wednesday night along with other recent appointees, as the board organized for the coming year. The dinner meeting was to be held at Brackett's Cedar Park, near Casar.

Mr. Thomasson is a Kings Mountain native, and a graduate of Davidson college and Duke University law school. He is solicitor of city recorder's court and a member of First Presbyterian church, Mrs. Thomasson is the former Marian Arthur. Mr. Thomasson is a son of Mrs. C. F. Thomasson, Sr., and the Mr. Thomasson.

Other Number 4 Township members of the board are Lewis Hovis of Kings Mountain, and R. Burris Keeter of Grover.

Two Bids Upped On Cline Tracts

Bids for two of three properties of the A. E. Cline Estate were raised at last Saturday's resale with Warren E. Reynolds, Kings Mountain realty dealer, high bidder.

Mr. Reynolds was high at \$4,200 for a duplex house at the corner of Carpenter and Parker streets, and was also high, at \$2,000, for a five-room house on Parker street.

On the duplex, the bidding began at \$3885. On the five-room house, the bidding began at \$1,585.50.

Bid on the third tract, another five-room house on Carpenter street, was not raised from the starting price of \$1879.50. Mr. Reynolds' bid also stands high on this tract.

The bids stand open for ten days from date of sale. If raised five percent, the property will be re-sold again. If not, the sale of the property will be confirmed. Three tracts of the Cline Estate property have already been confirmed. The sale prices totaled \$7,405.

Hunnicut Wins Service Award

Harold R. Hunnicutt, Kings Mountain amateur radio operator, has received a public service award from the American Radio Relay League, Inc., for his service in maintaining radio communications during the August 1955 Hurricane, Connie and Diane.

Mr. Hunnicutt went to Crescent Beach when he heard the hurricane was expected, and maintained short-wave radio communications from the Crescent Beach, S. C. town hall.

Mr. Hunnicutt operates station W4UJR.

The award certificate, signed by F. E. Handy, Radio League communications manager, states in part, "This certificate is presented to the individual amateur named above in recognition of his contribution to the public service."

City Board Votes To Revamp Set-Up Of Recreation Board

City Budget Of \$566,958 Is Adopted

The board of city commissioners has adopted a record budget of \$566,958.38 for fiscal 1956-57 and set the 1956 tax rate at \$1.70 per \$100 valuation. Also set was the \$2 poll tax for men ages 21 to 50.

The budget and tax rate actions featured last Thursday's special session.

The budget finally adopted for the year was changed only slightly from the tentatively estimated budget approved in June. The budget estimate of receipts and expenditures was increased some \$9,000, with more than \$7,600 of this amount essentially a book-keeping transaction. Under a prior agreement, Gantt and Crawford, Inc., had stated they would advance total costs of paving a portion of Watterston street and Belvedere Circle. In turn, the city agreed to reimburse the building firm for its one-third share of the total cost. Since the city will handle the work, the cost had to be included in the budget, both as income and outgo, Mayor Glee A. Bridges pointed out.

The other addition was approximately \$1,610, which the city added to its contingency fund. This money (already in hand) came from the city schools, which said it found it owed the city this amount to discharge a final bond payment, an obligation of the city but assumed by the county when schools became a county function.

The current year tax rate is the same that prevailed in 1955 and includes five cents per \$100 valuation for recreational purposes. The same \$2 poll tax prevailed last year.

Anticipated expenditures by particular funds are: general fund, \$416,647.60; capital fund, \$57,457.81; debt service fund, \$50,400; contingency fund, \$12,452.95.

General fund departmental expenditures include: Administrative, \$21,300.00; Cemetery, \$6,525.00; Street, \$46,650.00; Sanitary, \$25,333.60; Police, \$45,145.00; Fire, \$19,175.00; General, \$51,550.00; Water & Sewer, \$53,909.00; Recorder's Court, \$2,460.00; Light & Power, \$144,600.00.

In other actions the board:

- 1) Voted to rezone to neighborhood trading area a lot at Alexander and Walker streets, provided the owner erects a "decent" building and keeps the premises clean. Mayor Bridges said he had received one protest on the rezoning, but that the citizen did not wish his name divulged.

- 2) Authorized Tax Collector J. W. Webster to deposit all taxes received and to convey the amount monthly to the city treasurer. Mayor Bridges said this procedure was suggested by the city's auditors and by First National Bank.

- 3) Voted a tax refund of \$30.70 to George Thoms, an overcharge on 1954 and 1955 taxes. Mayor Bridges said Thoms' house was burned in 1953, but that its value was never removed from the tax scrolls.

- 4) Voted refund of \$14 to Ed Dill, on grounds of lowered assessment by the county tax appraisers.

- 5) Confirmed appointment of William Roper, Jr., Fairview st., as a city policeman.

Funeral Thursday For B. S. Peeler



Elmer Lumber President Died Tuesday

Funeral services for B. S. Peeler, Sr., 62, prominent Kings Mountain lumberman and a Kings Mountain citizen since 1920, will be held at Central Methodist church Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The body will lie in state for a half-hour prior to the final rites.

Mr. Peeler died at 6:30 Tuesday afternoon at Charlotte Memorial hospital, where he had been a patient for the past five weeks. His illness was originally diagnosed as a cerebral thrombosis, and, though he rallied several times after entering the hospital, his condition had been regarded as critical for most of this period.

President and general manager of Elmer Lumber Company, Inc., Mr. Peeler had joined this firm in 1928, after serving as Southern Railway stationmaster here from 1920.

A native of Rowan county, he was born December 11, 1893, a son of the late George D. and Carrie Miller Peeler. He was married on December 23, 1915, to the former Pearl Drape, of Greer, S. C. He joined Southern Railway the same year, serving in numerous stations, including Albemarle and Granite Falls. He attended Catawba college.

Mr. Peeler was long active in the civic, commercial and religious life of Kings Mountain. He was chairman of the board of stewards of Central Methodist church, a past president of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club, a director of Home Building & Loan association and of the Carolina Lumber and Building Supply association. He was for many years an active Scouter and was identified with many charitable activities.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are two sons, Dwayne M. Peeler and B. S. Peeler, Jr., both of Kings Mountain, three brothers, H. A. Peeler, and Harry Peeler, both of Salisbury, and George Peeler, of Kannapolis, and six sisters, Miss Eula Mae Peeler, Mrs. George Coleman and Mrs. I. M. Shoe, all of Salisbury, Mrs. C. H. Wetmore, Woodleaf, N. C., Mrs. Frank Meyer, Brentwood, N. Y., and Miss Helen E. Peeler, of

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Barrett Services Held Sunday

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at Temple Baptist church for L. W. Barrett, 64, local groceryman, who died in Kings Mountain Hospital Friday afternoon.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Barrett, and was a member of New Prospect Baptist church. Mr. Barrett was a partner in Barrett's and Huffstetter Stores in Kings Mountain.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Jennie Bridges Barrett; three daughters, Mrs. Roy Huffstetter, Mrs. Gus Huffstetter and Miss Bobbie Barrett, all of Kings Mountain, and a foster daughter, Mrs. C. B. Costner, also of Kings Mountain; six brothers, Oates, A. A., and Earl Barrett, all of Waco, Ralph Barrett of Kannapolis, Ernest Barrett of Charlotte, and Everett Barrett of Cornelius; and two sisters, Mrs. Henry Lewis of Gastonia and Mrs. Tracy Wells of Charlotte.

The Rev. H. G. McElroy, the Rev. Leonard Huffstetter, and the Rev. Flay Payne officiated. Burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery. Moose burial rites were conducted at grave-side.

Mack Farris, Charged With Arson, Is Bound Over To Superior Court

I. Max Farris, 50-year-old textile worker, was bound over to Superior Court Monday by Judge Jack White on charges of arson.

Judge White found probable cause in a Recorder's Court hearing Monday and ordered Farris bound over to the higher court on a \$500 bond.

Joe Mull, Shelby attorney, represented Farris in Monday's hearing, and moved that the case be dismissed. This motion was denied by Judge White.

Farris is accused of setting fire to his 119 McGinnis street dwelling on Saturday, July 14. A warrant charging him with the felonious charge was filed last week by R. H. Dillard, state insurance investigator.

R. M. Smith, also a special insurance investigator, took the stand Monday to reveal results of his investigation.

Mr. Smith testified that he found rags, which smelled of kerosene or some other oil, outside the closet door of the Farris home. He added that he thought the fire started in the closet. Mr. Smith also said he found a book of safety matches, with one match missing, in the vicinity of the rags. The one missing match was found nearby, he reported.

Fire Chief Pat Tignor said that he also found some oil

added that Paul Falls, a member of the volunteer fire department, had tossed through the burned wall a three-gallon oil can, from within the closet after the fire had been brought under control. Chief Tignor said this incident caused him to conduct an investigation.

Police Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr., reported that he sent a car to pick up Mr. and Mrs. Farris after the investigators, Smith and Dillard, reported that they wished to talk to them. Logan said a two-hour questioning was conducted in his office and in an upstairs room of the fire department.

This same questioning session had been brought under fire by Attorney Mull in his cross-examination of Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith took the stand again, at his own request, to tell the court that "rubber-hose" nor any other form of mistreatment had been used in obtaining answers to questions.

Solicitor George Thomasson brought out in his questioning that Mr. Farris had been alone at the house a short while before the fire started, and endeavored to establish the fact that the defendant was drunk at the time.

No defense witnesses were presented.

Civic Groups Will Suggest Appointments

The city board of commissioners voted last Thursday to revamp its city recreation commission set-up.

In its action, the board followed Mayor Glee A. Bridges suggestion that the board ask recommendations of civic and service organization presidents for board appointees. In addition, the board named Gene Mitcham, city clerk, as secretary-treasurer of the recreation commission.

The new arrangement is to become effective August 2.

Mayor Bridges said he conferred with heads of civic clubs last weekend, and that each agreed to cooperate in the new arrangement. However, on Wednesday none had yet forwarded recommendations for appointments. The organizations invited to make recommendations for recreation board appointments were the Lions club, Kiwanis club, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Woman's club and Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion.

If the plan is followed, as appears sure, it will mean the end of terms of office of present board members (unless they are reappointed via civic club recommendations.)

Mayor Bridges remarked he didn't want to be in the position of discharging the present board, but also added he understood the present members want to be relieved of their duties. Present members are Fred W. Plonk, Jack White, who has been serving as secretary-treasurer, W. K. Mauney, Jr., and Hunter R. Neisler. A fifth board post has been vacant since H. L. Kindred was transferred from Kings Mountain by Burlington Industries.

Discussion on the handling of City Stadium preceded the action. Mr. Bridges pointed out that the stadium operation technically has been under jurisdiction of the recreation commission for several years, but that all inquiries concerning stadium use usually were routed to City Hall.

City Electrician Hunter Allen reported that he frequently did not know in advance of games scheduled, and said he'd had some difficulty in persuading stadium users to turn out lights in the concession stand.

Action to invite the civic club presidents to make recommendations for board appointments was adopted on motion of T. J. Ellison, seconded by Sam Collins.

Under present arrangements, the recreation commission operates the city swimming pools and the summer recreation program. Its funds derive from a five-cent per \$100 valuation property tax, plus receipts from pool fees and concession sales.

Blakely Home To Be Auctioned

The residence of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Blakely, killed in an auto accident several weeks ago, will be sold at public auction on August 25, according to legal notice published in today's issue of the Herald.

The sale is provided in special proceedings against Union Trust Company, trustee for the Blakely estates. Olan R. Speagle, of Shelby, is commissioner, with Davis & White, of Kings Mountain, attorneys.

The Blakely home is located on a lot fronting 130.5 feet on Mountain Street. It is 225 feet deep. The lot is occupied by a brick residence and garage.

Privilege License Sales Still Slow

With deadline day next Tuesday, purchase of city privilege licenses continued to lag during the past week.

Through Monday, only \$2,310.75 in privilege licenses had been sold at City Hall, which is much less than half the \$6,500 the city expects to be sold during the year.

Penalty of five percent per month applies on privilege li-