

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.

Local News Bulletins

HOMECOMING

Gamble Hill Baptist Church, located between Gastonia and Kings Mountain, will hold homecoming services at the church Suppnday, according to announcement by Rev. W. P. Bumgardner, pastor. Picnic dinner will be served following the morning worship service.

UNION SERVICE

Sunday night's union service will be held at First Presbyterian Church with Rev. James B. McLarty, pastor of Central Methodist Church, to deliver the message at 8 o'clock.

ONE PERMIT

Building inspector J. W. Webster issued a building permit Wednesday, August 8, to Geneva Carroll to erect a house on Tracy street, at an estimated cost of \$3,500.

TO ATTEND CONVENTION

Horace Brown, governor of Kings Mountain Moose Lodge 1748, will leave for Chicago Friday to attend the National Moose convention to be held next week.

MOOSE MEETING

Members of Kings Mountain Moose Lodge 1748 will hold their regular weekly meeting at the lodge on Bessemer City road.

MATTHEWS IMPROVING

Eugene Matthews, Herald mechanical superintendent, is recuperating from a slight stroke of paralysis suffered on Tuesday, August 7. Mr. Matthews has not been hospitalized and Dr. John C. McGill, attending physician, said Wednesday Mr. Matthews is improving satisfactorily.

JAYCEE OUTING

Kings Mountain Jaycees will hold their annual family picnic at Lake Montona on Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. Gene Mitchell, Joe Hord and Ken Pruitt, of the house committee, have made the necessary arrangements with the assistance of George Thomasson.

METER RECEIPTS

City parking meter receipts for the week ending noon, Wednesday totaled \$193.25, according to a report from city clerk's office. Street meters returned \$163.13, while off-street meters accounted for \$30.12, the report indicated.

CHURCH TO SPONSOR SALE

El Bethel Methodist church is sponsoring an old-fashioned homemade cake and ice cream sale at the El Bethel clubhouse Saturday night at 7 o'clock p. m. for church benefit.

REUNION

Annual reunion of the descendants of Nathan and Susan McGinnis will be held at Carlton clubhouse, Cherryville, Sunday with dinner to be served at 12 noon. Surviving children include Henkle and Henry McGinnis, both of Kings Mountain, and Wiley McGinnis, of Cherryville. Mrs. Louis Sabetie is secretary of the clan.

CITY GETS CHECK

The City of Kings Mountain has received a check for \$6,318.76, representing refund from the State of North Carolina on intangible taxes collected by the state.

TAX PRE-PAYMENTS

City taxpayers have pre-paid a total of \$18,665.53 in 1956 taxes, Tax Collector J. W. Webster reported Wednesday afternoon. Both city and county taxes are now payable at fully allowable two percent discount. The discount rate drops to one percent in September.

Polio Patient Out Of Hospital

Bill Bagwell, 26, of Gaston street, Kings Mountain's first reported polio case for 1956, has been discharged by his physician Dr. Paul Nolan.

Mr. Bagwell was admitted to Kings Mountain hospital August 6, and discharged from the hospital August 11.

Dr. Nolan stated Wednesday that Mr. Bagwell's case was of the non-paralytic type.

Gerberding Named Recreation Head

New Members Want Schools To Take Stadium

Dr. W. P. Gerberding was elected chairman of the newly appointed City Recreation commission at that organization's first meeting Monday night in city court-room.

Mrs. J. N. McClure, the commission's lone woman member, was elected vice-chairman of the organization. Gene Mitchell, city clerk had already been appointed secretary-treasurer of the commission by action of the City Board of Commissioners in a recent meeting.

Members of the commission expressed dissatisfaction with having City Stadium included in the list of recreation facilities they are to operate. They contended that the stadium should be turned over to the city school system. Fred W. Plonk, former member of the recreation commission and present member of the City School Board of Trustees, told the new commission that an agreement between the schools and the city would not allow the schools to accept the stadium until it is completed. The school board has refused to assume responsibility of the stadium several times in past years.

This did not change the stand of the commission members, who stated that they did not believe they should have the stadium responsibilities, when the park played no part in the city recreation program.

William Plonk, American Legion Post 155 representative on the commission, expressed the opinion that the city should charge a fee, other than for lights, for use of the stadium, if the city was to retain responsibility for it.

This idea was also supported by Lions Club Representative Gene Timms. He pointed out that the stadium needed many repairs, and that the commission should regard these repairs as one of the most pressing items on its agenda.

A major part of the meeting concerned discussion of the financial status of the commission, and what revenues it could expect. Jack White, who served as secretary-treasurer of the former commission, had been invited to attend this meeting to give a report on the financial condition of the recreation department. He was unable to attend and will be invited to attend the commission's next meeting, which has been set for August 27.

"Kings Mountain is far behind in recreation, and someone will have to pay to catch up," Dr. Gerberding stated in regard to the local recreation outlook. Continuing in the financial vein, he added, "We have to know if the city is willing to support the type of recreation program we need here."

Shu Carlton, city recreation director for this summer, gave the commission a report on the recreation program for the past three months.

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Morgan Thinks State's Pearsall Plan To Be Model In Southland

Will other Southern states follow North Carolina's lead in the school integration problem?

State Senator Robert Morgan says yes. Senator Morgan told Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club members Thursday night that Florida and other states in the South have already indicated interest in the Pearsall Plan, on which North Carolina voters will vote September 8.

However, some of the states will not settle for as moderate an approach as the Pearsall Plan, Mr. Morgan added.

"I believe in the Pearsall Plan," Senator Morgan stated. "It is the most moderate approach to this problem facing us today. This plan is absolutely fair to the Negroes of North Carolina," he added, "and protects them against invasion of the colored schools by white students. It also provides the same amount of tuition grants provided for white students."

The Pearsall Plan provides that the State of North Carolina has the right to grant educational tuition grants to students to attend private schools. These grants would amount to about \$140 per student per school year.

It also gives the voters in a given area the right to vote to



TO GIVE RECITAL — Gordon Beaver, minister of music at St. Matthew's Lutheran church, will present an organ recital Sunday afternoon at the church. The recital will begin at 4 o'clock.

Beaver To Play Organ Recital

Gordon Beaver, minister of music at St. Matthew's Lutheran church, will play an organ recital at the church on Sunday afternoon, beginning at 4 o'clock.

The program will include: "Ah, Jesus Christ With Us Abide," Bach; "Prelude and Fugue in G Minor," Bach; "Aria with Variations," Martini; "Concerto in F," Handel; "Andantino in G Minor," Franck; "Joyeux Noel," and Van Hulse; "Toccata in G," Dubois.

In September, Mr. Beaver will enter Union Theological seminary in New York for further study in organ and to obtain the degree of Master of Sacred Music.

A graduate of Catawba College in 1952, he is an army veteran. He was a special teacher in piano in the city schools last year. He is a native of Landis and is married to the former Peggy Mauney, of Kings Mountain.

200 At Legion Celebration

Some 200 Kings Mountain Legionnaires ate fried chicken and barbecue Saturday night at the Otis D. Green Post 155. The post celebrated payment of all debt on its building with a mortgage burning ceremony.

The food was free and the Legionnaires happy as they ate heartily and watched the mortgage formerly held by J. Bun Patterson, who had financed the Legion building, go up in smoke and paper cinders.

Melton Kiser served as caterer for the party.

The Legion building here has a book value of \$37,500, representing an initial investment in the building in 1949 of \$17,500, plus a later addition of clubroom facilities requiring \$10,000.

W. D. Morrison is serving a second term as Legion commander.

City-Mauney Litigation In Gaston Court

Litigation involving exceptions to appraisal board findings in a condemnation action involving the City of Kings Mountain and Paul Mauney was held in Gaston Superior Court Wednesday.

Most of the morning session had been taken in picking a jury to hear the case, which deals with the City taking 2.56 acres of land belonging to Mr. Mauney through a condemnation suit nearly two years ago. The land was used by the city in constructing a new sewage disposal plant on McGill Creek.

At the time of the condemnation, an appraisal board consisting of Wray A. Plonk, F. J. Noblett, and Hoke Coon set a price of \$6,500 for the property.

However, the city did not agree to this price and appealed on the grounds that the price was "excessive."

Mr. Mauney then filed an appeal saying that the price was too low for the amount of property taken.

City attorneys for the case are J. R. Davis and Jack White of Davis & White law firm of Kings Mountain, and E. R. Warrea of Gastonia. Mr. Mauney is represented by George Thomasson of Kings Mountain and James Mullin of Gastonia.

Judge Hugh B. Campbell, newly elected resident judge of Mecklenburg County, is the presiding jurist.

Witnesses called for the city Wednesday included Mayor Glee A. Bridges, B. D. Ratterree, Boyce Ware, and Haywood Lynch. Other city witnesses on hand included Sage Fulton, Dan Huffstetler, and City Commissioner W. G. Grantham.

No witness for Mr. Mauney was called Wednesday, but Hal Plonk and Wray Plonk were in the courtroom awaiting a call to testify.

Haywood Lynch testified that in his opinion \$300 was a fair market price for the 2.56 acres in question. Mr. Lynch, a Kings Mountain real estate dealer and merchant, was one of the last city witnesses to be called Wednesday.

H. W. Haskins, 44, Died Wednesday

Howard Walter Haskins, 44, resident of 606 West Gold street, died Wednesday morning at 6 a. m. in Charlotte Memorial Hospital following an illness of one day.

A native of Oklahoma, Mr. Haskins had lived in Kings Mountain for the past nine years. He was an employee of Elmer Lumber Company, and a member of First Baptist church, Pearland, Texas. He was a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Bailey Haskins of Pearland, Tex.; his wife, Mrs. Hattie Mae Stewart Haskins; four sons, Andy, David, John and Howard Haskins, Jr., all of the home; two sisters, Mrs. Joe Benes, Jr., of Pearland, Tex. and Mrs. Don Cote of Flint, Mich.; and one half-brother, Hamilton Haskins of Pearland, Tex.

Funeral plans are incomplete awaiting arrival of relatives.

New 74 Lane On North Side

The second lane of U. S. Highway 74 to Shelby will be built on the north side of the present roadbed in the vicinity of Kings Mountain, District Engineer E. L. Kemper was informed the Herald.

The added lane will be north of the present roadbed from the west city limits of Kings Mountain to the vicinity of Harmon's Store at Midway. Mr. Kemper said, New construction will then move to the south side of the current roadbed, then cross to the north again a short distance past Buffalo Creek.

The Herald reported inadvertently last week that the added lane would be south of the present roadbed.

The improvements will result in a four-lane boulevard with a 30-foot easer strip.

TWO SUNDAY SERVICES

St. Matthew's Lutheran church is holding two regular Sunday morning services during August. Dr. W. P. Gerberding said this week. One service is being conducted at 9 o'clock and the second at 11 o'clock. Dr. Gerberding said the two-service arrangement is experimental to determine demand for an earlier service during summer months. Thus far, he added, attendance has been approximately equal.

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School Board To Act Monday On 1956 Pupil Assignments



PAST MASONIC MASTERS HONORED — Past Masters of Fairview Lodge 339, A. F. & A. M., were honored Monday night. They were presented Past Master's certificates and collaborated in conferring the first degree. Refreshments were served by Kings Mountain chapter 123, Order of the East-

ern Star. Past Masters honored are pictured. Back row, left to right, are J. B. Simpson, C. J. Gault, Jr., D. E. Tate, A. W. Kincaid, J. E. Herndon. Front row, left to right, are S. A. Crouse, Boyce Gault, John H. Floyd, Percy F. Dilling, W. K. Crook, and Paul Owens. (Photoby Pennington Studio.)

Board Expected To Name Two Needed Teachers

The study and adoption of rules governing the assignment of pupils for the coming school year will be the big item on the agenda of the City Board of School Trustees, when the group gathers in a regular monthly session Monday night.

Arnold W. Kincaid, chairman of the board of trustees, said Wednesday that Supt. B. N. Barnes said Trustee J. R. Davis would submit plans to the board for adoption.

"Mr. Barnes has assured me that the list of pupil assignments will be submitted Monday night," Mr. Kincaid explained.

The plans are expected to include methods by which patrons of the schools may petition for reassignment of their children.

Mr. Kincaid added that lists of pupil assignments will be made available to The Herald for publication in next week's issue.

The board has been studying assignment plans for the past two months, including one plan recommended by the North Carolina Attorney General's office. It is not known if the recommended plan will be accepted, or if another plan may be adopted in its stead.

Supt. Barnes was in Mars Hill Wednesday, attending a State Superintendents' meeting, and was not available for comment on the assignment plans.

A spokesman in his office said that the meeting would be mostly routine business with the exception of the assignment discussion. Two teacher vacancies remain in the city's elementary faculty, and the vacancies are expected, he filled Monday night.

Polio Is Fatal To Bill Bowles

Telfair (Bill) Bowles, 31, first class navy boatswain mate, died last Friday in a Guam service hospital of polio, after an illness of a few days.

He was the husband of the former Doris Doster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Doster, of the El-Bethel community. He and his wife were married in 1950. He was a 14-year navy veteran.

A native of Winchester, Va., he is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Garvin Bowles, of Winchester, his wife, and two daughters, Jeanne, 5 and Pattie, 3.

Funeral will be held later this month at Arlington National cemetery, Washington, D. C.

Kiwanis To Hear Belgian Soldier

A former member of the Belgian underground during World War II will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club Thursday night.

Gilbert Leclercq, now a Gastonia and Burlington Industries employee, will speak to the Kiwanis club at the Woman's Club at 6:45.

Mr. Leclercq attached himself to American forces when they reached Belgium, was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge, hospitalized in America and discharged from the army—though he'd never been enlisted. He hitch-hiked back to Europe, re-joined the American forces, was again returned to America and discharged. This time he married an American girl and stayed.

He is a "ham operator, licensed as Station K4IVX. Program was arranged by Harold Hunnicutt.

Playground equipment recently acquired by the Kings Mountain Jaycees has been received. It was decided, however, that the equipment will not be installed until next season because of the limited time remaining this year in the outdoor program.

The Jaycees look forward to providing as much material and assistance possible to augment the recreation program of the city, a spokesman said.

Registration Slow For Special Vote

Voting Books Will Be Open August 18, 25

Two Saturdays remain for registering to vote in the September 8 special election to determine whether North Carolina will change its constitution respecting public school operation.

Election officials in Kings Mountain spent a boring day last Saturday, first day the registration books were open. Mrs. J. H. Arthur, West Kings Mountain registrar (at Victory Chevrolet Company), said she handled two transfers, while Mrs. Nell Cranford, East Kings Mountain registrar (at City Hall) handled a lone transfer.

Mrs. Arthur, added, however, she'd had several telephone inquiries about the registration for the September 8 general election.

The registration books will be open again on Saturday and also on August 25. The first Saturday of September will be challenge day.

Odds are against heavy registration activity, for all previously registered citizens are eligible to vote, provided they have not changed residence. The registration period will enable listing on the voting books persons who have become 21 years of age, or who have otherwise qualified for North Carolina and/or Cleveland County citizenship, or who were not previously registered.

Rules and laws governing general elections will apply. Absentee voting will be permitted and expenses of the election to the county will be reimbursed by the State of North Carolina.

The citizens will adopt or reject a constitutional amendment on September 8 to provide education expense grants for private schools and to authorize local elections to suspend local schools. The amendment, if adopted, will make effective the so-called Pearsall Plan, as adopted by the General Assembly in recent special session.

In addition to this amendment the voters will also act on three others which were offered by action of the 1955 General Assembly.

These are: 1) An amendment to allow limited necessary compensation for members of the General Assembly.

2) An amendment changing the date for convening of the General Assembly from January to

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Many Receiving Anti-Polio Shots

With some incidence of infantile paralysis in Cleveland County, a large number of Kings Mountain area citizens are seeing that their children get Salk vaccine shots and many parents are taking the shots themselves.

In contrast to last year, when the supply of Salk antipolio serum was in short supply and rationed to doctors and public health agencies, there is a quite sufficient supply this year, according to reports from medical men.

The county health office reported it administered about 100 doses of Salk vaccine at last Friday's regular clinic in Kings Mountain. The health office conducts a regular public health clinic at City Hall each Friday beginning at 2 o'clock and continuing until 4 o'clock. Health office officials anticipate another large demand for the vaccine again this Friday.

The health office staff is also visiting county schools to administer shots to school children now attending summer sessions.

Dr. John C. McGill, who reported he was taking Salk shots himself, said Wednesday a person should receive at least two doses of Salk serum within a two week period. The third dose or shot should be taken some six to seven months later.

A health office spokesman said the health office staff is administering the Salk vaccine free of charge to any who requests it and regardless of where previous vaccine had been obtained, or whether the serum is first, second, or third dosage.

Byrd Resignation Accepted By Club

The board of directors of Kings Mountain Country Club Monday night accepted formally the resignation of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Byrd as club managers.

Jack White, president, named a committee of five to make recommendations for future club management. The committee includes P. M. Neisler, chairman, Dan Finger, Jack Arnette, George W. Mauney, and Grady Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Byrd came to Kings Mountain in May 1954.

Phillips Returns, Succeeding Argo

Rev. J. W. Phillips, former pastor of First Wesleyan Methodist church, will resume this pastorate as a result of assignments at last weekend's annual Wesleyan Methodist conference.

Rev. A. J. Argo, pastor of First Wesleyan church for the past three years, is assuming the pastorate of Hayworth Memorial Wesleyan church, of High Point.

The conference returned for the third year Rev. Hoover E. Smith as pastor of Gold Street Wesleyan Methodist church.

Rev. Mr. Argo is completing

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Telephone Company Will Construct Seven More Trunk Lines To Shelby

Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company has scheduled construction of seven additional two-way trunk lines to Shelby.

Floyd Farris, manager of the Kings Mountain and Shelby exchanges said the new installations will bring to 18 the two-way trunk lines serving the Kings Mountain-Shelby circuit.

Work on the installations is scheduled to begin October 29 and to be completed on or about December 1.

"We believe," Mr. Farris said, "that the additional lines will eliminate virtually the busy signal when Kings Mountain or Shelby subscribers are calling the other community."

Kings Mountain-Shelby calls are non-toll.