

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.



TRIPLETS BORN HERE FRIDAY Mrs. Willie McClure inspects the newest members of her family, all of whom arrived early last Friday morning. The Bessemer City woman says, "We all wanted a girl." The result was three girls. The nurse in

the picture is Mrs. William Mauney. The 35-year-old mother has nine children, is a twin herself, and a member of a family of 13. (Pennington Photo).

Mayor Pay Scale May Go To \$6,000

Barnes, Grigg Oppose Merit Salary Plan

Superintendent of City Schools B. N. Barnes said, "It sounds good on paper, but I don't think it will work," when asked about the proposed teacher pay raise plan based on the merit system.

Mr. Barnes is not alone in his opinion of the plan proposed by Governor Luther Hodges, County Superintendent J. H. Grigg voiced his opposition to the plan Tuesday.

"A merit plan would be a very difficult thing to administer, and, in my opinion, would be very unpopular with the teachers," said Mr. Grigg.

Grigg indicated the first need is to get the overall pay schedule up to a competitive level with other states and other professions. Then according to the superintendent, there might be value in a study to investigate the feasibility of a supplemental merit scale.

Noting that first publicity on the merit proposal calls for the principals to administer the raises to teachers showing more efficiency and initiative, Grigg said this system would open the way for "serious difficulties" in personal relations and community pressure on principals.

Mr. Barnes also felt that putting the burden of "rating" the teachers on principals could cause some undue hardships on the school heads.

Mr. Barnes also questioned the time element involved in switching to a "merit" system, saying it would take a period of time to put such a plan into action.

"I am disappointed in the proposed nine percent pay increase. I feel that our teachers deserve more," the city superintendent stated.

The increase being asked by state teachers and school officials is approximately 19.6 percent.

Lutherans Ending Mission

The Lutheran Evangelism Mission will end in Kings Mountain Thursday night as Dr. Paul Graf and the Rev. Corley R. Lineberger will deliver their final sermons at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and Resurrection Lutheran Church.

Dr. W. P. Gerberding and Rev. R. Douglas Fritz reported Wednesday that attendance had been good at both churches for these services.

Sunday afternoon, a joint rally of all churches participating in the Mission will be held in Owens Auditorium in Charlotte. Dr. Oscar Carlson, of Baltimore, will be the speaker for the rally.

Dr. Gerberding announced that Communion will be held at St. Matthew's Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

A total of 60 persons from the two churches have been visiting homes in the community each night during the Mission.

Rev. Mr. Fritz reported that Resurrection Lutheran members held an unexpected "candle-light service" Tuesday night as an electrical transformer blew out throwing the church into darkness. Candles used in Christmas programs each year were put into use and the service continued as scheduled, he said.

Chamber Of Commerce Membership Totaled 68 Wednesday Afternoon

Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce now numbers 68 members, a report of Dr. L. T. Anderson, secretary-treasurer, showed Wednesday afternoon.

The figure includes cash-in-hand memberships at \$25 each, purchased by firms and individuals. It does not include, Dr. Anderson said, indicated memberships where checks have not yet been received.

Fleete McCurdy, membership committee chairman, said he was highly pleased at the work accomplished by members of his committee during the past week.

The committee members have worked hard and it appears the success of the organizational drive is assured," he commented. "Many more firms and individuals have said they expect to join. It is merely a matter of ob-

taining their checks." Mr. McCurdy noted that much of the work thus far has been among retail business establishments. The membership committee will convene again Monday night at 7:30 at City Hall and next week's membership effort will be to sign members in industry and outlying business areas.

Present plans call for formal organization on attainment of 100 members. At present, the organization is in "acting" status, with only the \$25 per year dues schedule definitely set.

Memberships to date as listed by Dr. Anderson are: F. R. McCurdy, Daniel D. Weiss, Martin Harmon, Dr. R. N. Baker, Amos F. Dean, Charles E. Dixon, W. L. Plonk, Dr. L. T. Anderson.

B. & L. Firm Will Celebrate 50th Anniversary Tuesday

Kings Mountain B. & L. Holds Annual Meeting

Shareholders of Kings Mountain Building & Loan association met in annual session Tuesday, re-elected all directors, and heard reports from officers showing association assets had topped \$2 million dollars for the first time.

The stockholders authorized change of the corporate name of the association to "Kings Mountain Savings & Loan Association, Inc." in line with an industry trend, which supporters say better describe the association's functions.

Immediately following the stockholder meeting, the directors re-elected all officers, who are: W. K. Mauney, president; J. C. Keller and W. M. Gantt, vice-president; Ben H. Bridges, Jr., secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Ruby H. Baker, assistant secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Louise H. Martin, clerk; J. R. Davis, Jack H. White and George B. Thomason, attorneys.

Directors are: Dr. L. P. Baker, Ben H. Bridges, Jr., J. R. Davis, W. M. Gantt, Clyde Jolly, J. C. Keller, R. L. Lewis, of Bessemer City, J. E. Mauney, R. L. Mauney, W. K. Mauney, Dr. J. C. McGill, and C. G. White, of Landis.

Ben H. Bridges, in his report, called attention to the forthcoming open house on February 19, at which the association will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of its organization in 1907.

Mr. Bridges also called attention to a published financial statement comparison and revealed percentage gains in special categories during the past three years.

During the past three years, he reported, the association has seen:

- 1) An increase in assets of 124 percent.
2) An increase in savings (dollars) of 132 percent.
3) Total loans during the three years to 820 persons and firms amounting to \$1,879,861.54.
4) An increase in reserves of 51 percent (invested in Federal Home Loan Bank stock and in United States government securities, the former up 106 percent, the latter by 85 percent).

During 1956 the association made 249 loans, including 50 for the building of new homes, 40 for the purchase of homes, and 159 for remodeling and other purposes. These loans totaled over \$722,000.

At the end of 1956, the association loan portfolio showed 811 loans for a total of \$1,766,000. The average balance was \$2,177.78.

Also at the end of 1956, the association listed 1,003 savings accounts (759 optional savings, 244 full-paid stocks) totaling \$4,870,552. The average savings account balance was \$1,864.96.

During 1956, the association enjoyed an assets gain of 27.97 percent to \$2,151,050; savings jumped 19.08 percent and dividends paid to savings account holders totaled \$47,221.60.

Childers Youth Has Operation

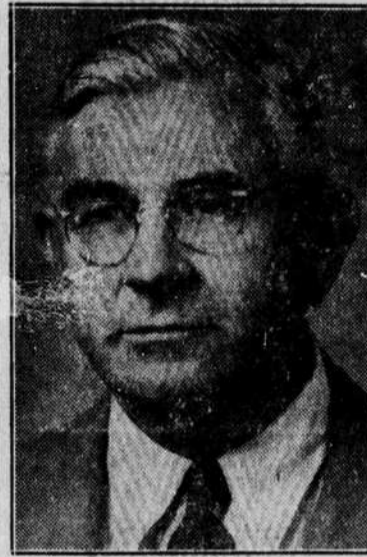
Wynn Childers, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Childers, is in Charlotte Memorial Hospital in "very critical condition" following an operation Tuesday night for a brain concussion.

The concussion occurred, the grandfather, E. B. Cooke, said Wednesday, when the child fell from a high chair, striking his head on the edge of a small table.

A local physician was consulted and the child rushed to the Charlotte hospital, where an operation was performed immediately.

The child's father is stationed in Germany with the U. S. Army. The injured child and his mother, the former Miss Peggy Cooke, reside with her parents at 309 Walker street.

BACK AT WORK Bruce Thorburn, Lithium Corporation public relations director, is back at his desk after being a patient in Kings Mountain hospital.



SCOUT SPEAKER - M. G. Boswell, deputy regional Scout executive of Region Six, Boy Scouts of America, will be the guest speaker for the annual Scout Banquet, to be held at the Woman's Club tonight at 6:45 o'clock. Some 150 Scouts, Scout leaders and guests are expected to attend.

Boswell Speaker For Scout Event

M. G. Boswell, deputy regional executive of Region Six, Boy Scouts of America, will be the guest speaker at the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club's annual Scout banquet at the Woman's Club Thursday night at 6:45 o'clock.

Jay H. Patterson, co-chairman of the 1957 Boy Scout fund drive here, says that approximately 150 persons are expected to attend the Kiwanis banquet. Mr. Patterson is accepting reservations.

Following the meeting, the regular District Court of Honor will be held at the Woman's Club. Cub Scout leaders are asked to meet in the Club lounge at 8 p. m.

Friday morning, the 1957 fund drive will be officially opened with a "kick-off" breakfast at Central Methodist church at eight o'clock. Following the breakfast, canvassers, under the supervision of Mr. Patterson and Co-Chairman Sam Stallings, will begin work. Kings Mountain's 1957 Scout fund quota is \$2,000.

Mr. Boswell has a rich and successful background in Scouting, both as a professional and as a volunteer.

He was born in Greene County, Georgia. His early education was at Richmond Academy in Augusta. He is a graduate of Davidson College. He holds the highest rank in Scouting, that of Eagle Scout.

In June 1922 he became Assistant Executive of the Atlanta Area Council, where he served until November 1923 when he became the Scout Executive of a large area known as the Blue Ridge Council, with headquarters at Greenville, South Carolina.

After thirteen years of outstanding leadership in the Greenville Area, he became Scout Executive of the great North Florida Council, with headquarters at Jacksonville. Mr. Boswell became a member of the Region Six staff January 15, 1948.

He has been active in civic and religious affairs, being a member

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Board Places Solicitor Pay At \$100 Month

The City Board of Commissioners voted Thursday to petition the State Legislature for permissive legislation to set the maximum salary of the mayor of Kings Mountain at \$6,000 a year.

The salary range, as proposed, would be from \$600 to \$6,000 a year, with the actual salary being determined by the board. The current range is \$600 to \$3,600 a year.

Action on this item of business came after Hilton Ruth, local merchant, made a talk commending the mayor and commissioners for the way they had conducted the city's business during the past administration. Mr. Ruth said he represented a group of local businessmen who feel the city needed a full-time mayor, and added they think the salary should be raised to \$6,000.

Commissioner Jay Patterson made the motion that the legislature be petitioned to allow the salary change. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sam Collins and the vote was unanimous.

In another important item of business, the board voted to set a \$100 a month salary for Solicitor George Thomason, with the money to be paid from the City Recorder's Court fund.

The solicitorship has been on a fee basis of \$3.50 per case. Under the new set-up, the \$3.50 fee will still be added to the costs of court, but all the money received from costs will go into the court fund.

The action was recommended by Mayor Glee A. Bridges. The motion was made by Commissioner Paul Ledford, and seconded by Commissioner Jay Patterson. The vote was again unanimous.

In other actions, the board:

- 1) Heard a request from G. F. Hambrick & Son, local painting contractor firm, that the city adopt a privilege license for painters. The Hambrick firm recommended a fee of \$5 per man. Mayor Bridges appointed a committee including Commissioners Collins, Ledford, and Patterson to investigate and return a recommendation.
2) Approved petitions for a sidewalk from East King street to East School on Cleveland avenue and for paving on Jackson street, from Cleveland avenue to Rhoads street, and for paving on Hillside Drive, from Marion street to Hawthorne road. Mayor Bridges reported that he had signed the sidewalk petition for Cleveland avenue, as he had been authorized by the board. The mayor's signature was for city property along Cleveland avenue.
3) Voted to transfer \$4,000 from the general fund to capital outlay to cover costs of building Margrace water line, for installation of a signal light on North Piedmont avenue, and for other projects already completed.
4) Tabled a request from the League of Municipalities asking for donations to be used for lobbying during the present State Legislature session. The League said in its letter it was interested in passing several bills which were scheduled to appear before the law-making body.
5) Heard a report from Mayor Bridges that he will be in Chapel Hill on February 22, and that he plans to obtain all information available on the proposed fluoridation of the city water supply.
6) Charged off \$15,500 in tax assessments against Milton Hope for a portion of a lot the city took to construct a street. Tabled a request from Mr. Hope that his entire tax assessment on property on Gaston street be charged off on Mr. Hope's contention of increased water damages to his property. He contends that the construction of the street by the city caused the increased water damage.
7) Gave City Clerk Gene Mitchem permission to transfer \$60 from the miscellaneous fund to the police department. This money was to cover payment for four A.W.O.L. services returned by the local officers. The city was acting as custodian of the fee of \$15 for each man returned.

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County's "Young Farmer Of Year" To Be Tapped Here Tuesday Night

Kings Mountain and Shelby Junior Chamber of Commerce will collaborate Tuesday night in making the first annual "Cleveland County Young Farmer of the Year" award.

The award will be made at a joint meeting here at the Woman's club, with Bessemer City Jaycees also to be guests. Other special guests will include Bob Cox, onetime University of North Carolina football star, now state Jaycee president, a delegation from the agricultural department of N. C. State college, H. B. Clapp, county agent, and area high school seniors interested in studying agriculture or agriculture engineering.

Also to be present will be farm equipment representatives who will summarize new develop-

ments in farm machinery. Program details were announced by Charles Dixon, Kings Mountain, and Jim Phillips, Shelby, co-chairmen of the "Young Farmer of the Year" project, and by Bill Eldon, program chairman for the Kings Mountain club.

Designation of the "Young Farmer of the Year" follows the same format of the Jaycee "Young Man of the Year" award. Identity of the committee is not revealed. Basis for the award is progress made in farming during the past five years.

Mr. Dixon said this year's committee has also honored three other young farmers, naming them runners-up to the winner, who will be presented a plaque Tuesday night.

The meeting will begin at 7 o'clock.

City Auto Tag Deadline Friday

City auto tag sales increased considerably during the past week, as deadline for purchase of the tags approached.

Final day for buying the tags without penalty is Friday. City Clerk Gene Mitcham reported sale of 1,039 tags through Tuesday.

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Local News Bulletins

HOSPITALIZED Dr. Paul Nolan described the condition of Mrs. Rossie Bird, 301 Battleground avenue, as being "fair" Wednesday. Mrs. Bird is a patient at Kings Mountain Hospital.

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

REPORTED IMPROVED Miss Gussie Huffstetter, well-known city schools teacher, suffered a heart attack last Friday and is a patient at Kings Mountain hospital. Her physician, Dr. P. G. Padgett, Wednesday reported her condition as "good". She is allowed no visitors.

CLOTHING DRIVE Young Married Couples class of First Baptist church is collecting used clothing for needy families. Persons who wish to contribute clothing should contact the First Baptist church secretary at the church office and the clothing will be picked-up and distributed by the class.

FINE ARTS PROGRAM West school fifth grade students of Miss Louise Kiser will present a program of Stephen Foster music at the Tuesday afternoon meeting of the Fine Arts department of the Woman's club at 3:30 p. m. The public is being invited to attend.

ONE FIRE Firemen were called Wednesday morning around 11 o'clock to Finger Laundry where a blaze, which had ignited in a dryer, was extinguished. Carl Finger, owner, estimated damage at approximately \$500.

WEST SCHOOL P-TA Fifth and sixth grades of West school will present a program on Founders Day at the regular meeting Wednesday night, February 20, at 8 p. m. of the West school P-TA in the school auditorium. Mrs. White's second grade will present a play on "Months of the Year." Refreshments will be served.

BUILDING PERMITS Building Inspector J. W. Webster issued a building permit Monday to B. D. Ratterree to build a one-story block building at an estimated cost of \$2,000.

Club Asks Walkway Use Along Railroad

"Please use the walkways and keep off the grass when crossing the railroad between Mountain and Gold streets!" This is the plea of Magnolia Garden Club which, as a beautification project, planted grass and shrubs on the Railroad avenue side of the tracks.

A spokesman for the club pointed out that three walkways have been made for the accommodation of those who like to make short-cuts from Railroad to Battleground and vice versa.

With the recent rains, the club thinks it has a good crop of grass on the way.

Mother Of Six, 35, Delivers Triplets

Triplets' Mother: "We're All Happy"

"They're all having a fit 'cause they wanted a little girl," said Mrs. Willie Meeks McClure, of Bessemer City, mother of the first triplets born at Kings Mountain hospital and perhaps the first mother of triplets to be born in Kings Mountain.

Now the mother of nine children, Mrs. McClure would be happy to help tend the wants of his three baby sisters.

How'd her husband feel about triplets?

"We're all happy," she replied.

The proud father, Tom McClure, is an employee of Firestone Textiles, Inc., Gastonia.

The mother is herself a twin, was one of 13 children. She is 35. She and the largest arrival, Baby "A" likely to be named Annette, were being discharged from the hospital Wednesday afternoon. The two smaller ones, which appear to be identical, will be kept at the hospital for further nurturing.

Herald Won't Print Letters With Aliases

Letters to the editor must be signed legitimately, as must advertising of a personal nature, and political advertising.

The Herald has received recently a few letters, with obvious political overtones and with signatures which are obvious aliases. One, for instance, was signed "C. I. Sams". The Herald will be glad to print letters of a political nature in its open forum. However, they should be brought to the Herald in person and signed. Otherwise, they must not be slanderous or libelous.

Political advertising is mentioned due to the approach of the biennial city elections. The 1955 General Assembly enacted legislation requiring advertising to be signed by an individual, such as "John Jones, Chairman". The law does not permit sole use of the former familiar type of advertising signature such as "Citizens for Better Government".

The Herald holds a want ad fee from a citizen posting a "personal" classified advertisement. It was received by mail, unsigned. If the person will make his identity known the Herald will 1) print the ad, or 2) refund the money.

BOARD TO MEET

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Trustees will be held Monday night in the office of Supt. B. N. Barnes. Mr. Barnes said Wednesday that only routine items of business are scheduled to be discussed. However, it is felt that the head football coaching job at Kings Mountain High School will be discussed by board members.