

Population

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City Limits 7,206

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TEAM GETS MEMBERS — The Chamber of Commerce membership committee used the occasion of the 50th anniversary celebration of Kings Mountain Building & Loan Tuesday to pick up membership checks from W. K. Mauney. Mr. Mauney, right, is presenting checks for memberships for Mauney Mills, Bonnie Mills, and himself to Fleete McCurdy, membership chairman. Looking on from left to right are Mayor Glee A. Bridges, Dr. L. T. Anderson, acting secretary, and Dan Weiss, acting president. (Pennington photo.)

City-Wide Sale Set By Retailers

Three-Day Event Features Prizes And Low Prices

Kings Mountain merchants are collaborating this weekend on a city-wide sales event called "City-Wide Clearance Sale", with major city retailers participating in virtually all segments of retail business.

The three-day event finds merchants featuring numerous bargains on top quality merchandise, with many retailers offering special purchase values purchased particularly for this event.

Planning for the three-day sales event began several weeks ago.

Charles Blanton, chairman of the Kings Mountain Merchants association committee in charge of arrangements, noted that the retailer offerings give Kings Mountain area citizens a chance to buy winter goods at giveaway prices and a chance to buy new spring merchandise at considerable reductions. Majority of the merchants are specifying "three days only" on majority of their offerings.

An added bonus for weekend shoppers will be more than \$200 in trade certificates to be given away at prize drawings. The merchandise certificates, provided by participating firms, range in value from \$10 up. Citizens may register at all participating stores which include:

Dixie - Home Store, Baird Furniture, Belk's Department Store, Bridges Hardware, Cooper's Inc., Dellinger's Jewel Shop, Eagle's Store, Keeter's Department Store, Kings Mountain Drug Company, Myers' Department Store, McGinnis Department Store, McGinnis Furniture Company, Phifer Hardware, Plonk Brothers & Company and Sterch's.

Associate sponsors include First National Bank, Joy Theatre, Kings Mountain Herald, Victory Chevrolet Company and Radio Station WKMT.

Other members of the association committee are Richard Barrette, Jonas Bridges and Menzell Phifer.

Jaycees To Attend Meeting At Durham

A large delegation of Kings Mountain Jaycees are planning to attend this weekend's North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce quarterly board of directors session in Durham.

Among Kings Mountain Jaycees planning to attend are President J. T. McGinnis and Mrs. McGinnis, Bill Eldon, Charles E. Dixon, Robert H. Goforth, Jack White, Delbert Dixon, Don Hambricht, Louis Sabettie, and Dean Payne.

The session opens Friday, continues through Sunday.

Sunday Power Cut-Off Planned

Many city power customers will be without electrical service Sunday afternoon from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., provided the weather is clear.

The city electrical department will make a three-hour cut-off while rebuilding transmission lines at the intersection of Piedmont avenue and King street, Hunter Allen, electrical superintendent, said.

Majority of city customers will be effected, he said.

If the weather is bad, the rebuilding chore will be delayed.

More Soil Bank Funds Received

Ralph Harrill, Cleveland County ASC manager, reported Wednesday that his office has taken 1,183 applications from county farmers to soil bank cotton acreage.

Cotton banking, previously stopped due to exhaustion of the county's original allocation of \$460,550, was resumed last Friday, when additional funds were supplied.

Mr. Harrill said 7,526 acres are involved in the applications to date, and that these applicants are scheduled to receive \$493,394.50.

Applications will be taken through the month of February. Mr. Harrill noted. He reported that his office had been authorized to sign every cotton farmer in the county for 10 acres or 30 percent of his cotton acreage allotment, whichever is the larger figure.

Mr. Harrill also reported that anyone having already made application can revise his application during the month of February, but pointed out that, after the agreement is accepted by the county committee, it cannot be changed or altered.

ASC office hours are from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. However, Mr. Harrill said the office will be closed all day on Friday, February 22, a holiday for federal employees.

Farmers will get one of four figures as their cotton soil-bank payments: \$32, \$59, \$65, or \$72 per acre. These figures were set "per farm" by the county ASC committee.

IMPROVING

Miss Gussie Huffstetter, city school faculty member, was reported Wednesday as recuperating satisfactorily from a heart attack suffered recently. Dr. P. G. Padgett, her physician, said she is still allowed no visitors, a customary precaution for patients with heart conditions. She is at Kings Mountain hospital.



TOP YOUNG FARMER — Robert F. Cabiness of the Lattimore community, accepts a trophy representing his title of Cleveland County's "Young Farmer of the Year" from Bob Cox, left, state president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, award sponsors. Cabiness was honored last night at a joint dinner meeting of Shelby and Kings Mountain Jaycees held here. Looking on from left to right are: J. T. McGinnis, Kings Mountain Jaycee president; Cameron Ware, runner-up for the "Young Farmer" award; J. L. Wilkie, Shelby club president; and Harold Dellinger, also a runner-up. (Photo by Paul Lemmons, Shelby Daily Star.)

Local News Bulletins

SUPPER
Grace Methodist church will sponsor a chicken supper Saturday in the church recreation hall with serving to begin at 5 o'clock p. m. All proceeds will go to the building fund of Penney's Chapel church.

MOOSE LODGE
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, according to an announcement.

BENEFIT GAME
The Junior class of Bethware school will sponsor a donkey basketball game Friday night, February 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Admission is 25 and 50 cents.

CAKE SALE
The Azalea Garden Club will sell cakes at Phifer Hardware Company Saturday morning beginning at 9 o'clock. Proceeds will be used to buy shrubbery for planting at North Elementary School.

KIWANIS MEETING
A film, "Bright Steel", from Bethlehem Steel Company will be viewed by Kiwanians at the weekly meeting of Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club Thursday night. The club meets at Kings Mountain Woman's Club at 6:45 p.m.

KINCAID DUE HOME
Arnold W. Kincaid, who underwent an operation at Baptist hospital, Winston-Salem, last week, was reported improving satisfactorily Wednesday. He is expected to return home during the weekend.

RATTERREE HOME
Major James Ratterree, Army Air Force, arrived home Sunday morning following more than a year's tour of duty in Labrador. After a leave with his wife and family here, he is to report for duty in Washington, D. C.

VARIETY SHOW
East school will sponsor a variety show at the school Thursday, February 21, at 7:15 p.m. Admission is 10 cents for students and 25 cents for adults and refreshments will be available from the school Parent-Teacher Association. The public is being invited to attend.

LIONS PROGRAM
Bob Rierson, production manager of Charlotte's WBTV, will discuss behind-the-scenes work in television for members of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night. He will be prepared to answer questions from the audience after his address, according to Jonas Bridges, program chairman. The club meets at the Woman's Club at 7 o'clock.

C. Of C. Member List Now At 84

Triples Said "Doing Fine"

Baby McClure "B" and Baby McClure "C", two-thirds of a set of triplets delivered at Kings Mountain Hospital to Mrs. Willie Meeks McClure by Dr. Kenneth McGill on February 8, are still at the local hospital.

Reports Wednesday were that the two babies are "doing fine", and will probably be allowed to go home as soon as they reach the five-pound weight mark.

Baby McClure "B" weighed in at four pounds, six ounces; and Baby McClure "C" four pounds, four and three-eighths ounces at birth.

The three Negro girls, first triplets born at the hospital, caused quite a stir among the hospital staff at the time of their birth. The parents, who reside near Bessemer City, have six other children, five boys and a girl, Baby McClure "A" went home with her mother last week.

OFFICE CLOSED

Dr. L. T. Anderson, chiropractor, announces his offices will be closed here Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, while he is attending an educational seminar given by Dr. James Parker, of Texas, at Robert E. Lee Hotel, Winston-Salem.

McCurdy Aims At 100-Mark Within Week

Membership in Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce increased to 84 through noon Wednesday.

New memberships reported by Fleete McCurdy, membership committee chairman, during the past week included:

Dellinger's Jewel Shop, Hoyle D. McDaniel, W. T. Ledford, P. M. Neisler, Sr., Hunter Neisler, C. E. Neisler, Joe A. Neisler Sr., Foote Mineral Company, J. Wilson Crawford, W. K. Mauney, Bonnie Cotton Mills, Inc., Mauney Mills, Inc., D. L. Saunders, Park Yarn Mills Company, A. H. Patterson, and Home Building & Loan Association.

The above are cash-in-hand memberships.

On instruction, statements have been sent and memberships are expected from Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company, A & P Tea Company, and Lithium Corporation of America.

Dues are \$25 for each calendar year.

"We are near the point for formal organization," Chairman McCurdy said. "The membership

500 Attend B. & L. Anniversary Party

Some 500 persons from Kings Mountain and surrounding communities braved cold rain Tuesday afternoon to attend the open house celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of Kings Mountain Building & Loan association.

Directors, their wives and employees served as hosts for the event, held at the association offices.

Refreshments were served and numerous floral pieces from friends of the association were displayed. Favours were presented all guests.

A brief ceremony was held opening the event. Dr. W. P. Gerberding said an invocation, Ben H. Bridges, association secretary, welcomed the group, and Mayor Glee A. Bridges brought congratulations and greetings on behalf of the city. He praised the association for its contributions to the community through a half century.

W. K. Mauney, association president, stated appreciation for the good will of the community during 50 years and pledged the efforts of the officers and employees for "an even better future during the forthcoming 50 years."

Committee in charge of arrangements included Mrs. R. L. Lewis, of Bessemer City, Mrs. Ben H. Bridges, Mrs. J. E. Mauney, and Mrs. W. M. Gantt.



FIRMS CELEBRATES GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY — Kings Mountain Building & Loan association celebrated its 50th birthday Tuesday, holding open house in the association offices. Pictured are Ben H. Bridges, secretary-treasurer, Mayor Glee A. Bridges, and W. K. Mauney, president, shortly after the brief opening ceremonies. Some 500 persons attended the open house event. (Pennington photo.)

Robert F. Cabiness Named County Young Farmer Of '57

Falls Sent Bills On Mayor's Pay, Filing Deadline

Proposed legislation has been drawn by City Attorney J. R. Davis and forwarded to Rep. B. T. Falls, Jr., to effectuate changes in the city charter to 1) increase the pay of city commissioners and to increase the maximum amount a board can pay the mayor to \$6,000, and 2) to advance the deadline for filing for city and school district elective offices.

Mr. Davis said he mailed the two proposed amendments to Rep. Falls Tuesday.

To become effective, the changes must be enacted by the North Carolina General Assembly.

The proposed amendment on commissioner and mayor pay follows:

"The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact: Section No. 1: That Section three (3) of Chapter 684 of the 1947 Sessions Laws of North Carolina be amended to read as follows:

"That the mayor shall receive as compensation for his services such sum as the city commissioners shall determine, but not less than fifty dollars (\$50) per month nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) per month; and each member of the board of commissioners shall receive twenty-five dollars (\$25) for each regular monthly meeting attended by him or her. Section No. 2: That this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification."

The proposed amendment to advance the filing deadline for Kings Mountain public offices reads: Section No. 1: That Chapter fifty-eight of the Public Local Laws of One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine, be, and the same is hereby amended by striking out the word five in line two of section ten and one-half and inserting the word fifteen.

"Section No. 2: That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

"Section No. 3: That this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification."

Though the city board of commissioners has not yet formally called the biennial city and school elections, the law requires that the voting be conducted this year on May 14 (second Tuesday after the first Monday).

Should the filing deadline be advanced, it means that the final day for filing for city and school offices would be April 30.

The pay changes, if enacted, (Continued On Page Eight)



Ware, Dellinger Are Runners-Up For County Award

Robert Franklin (Bob) Cabiness, 28, who lives near Shelby in the Zion church community, is Cleveland County's first "young farmer of the year."

Mr. Cabiness was presented the award here Tuesday night by Bob Cox, North Carolina Jaycee president, after being chosen by a secret committee as the young farmer demonstrating the most progress during the past five years.

Two other young farmers received honorable mentions, and were honored at the Tuesday night joint session of Kings Mountain and Shelby Jaycees at the Woman's Club.

They are Cameron Ware, of Kings Mountain, and H. B. Dellinger, of Shelby.

Also present for the meeting were a dozen Bessemer City Jaycees.

Mr. Cabiness, in ten years, converted cash assets of \$50 into a net worth of \$35,000. His primary farm operation is production of hatching eggs for the broiler industry. But he has some large sidelines in growing cotton and small grains. In 1955, he harvested 132 bales of cotton from his 112 acres planted. Mr. Cabiness owns the 37-acre farm he bought in 1951, but rents a 900-acre farm.

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Political Fires Slow To Ignite; Hal Ward Considering Mayoral Bid

City politics apparently is off to a slow start for the 1957 biennial city elections.

Up to Wednesday afternoon, not a single candidate had put his name on the firing line as either an announced or official candidate, and though election day remains almost three months distant it is customary for politicking to be both considerable and in the open by mid-February of election years. The season has opened as early as December 30.

Prime rumor of the week was that Hal D. Ward, onetime city commissioner, would become a candidate for mayor with his likely opponent being the incumbent, Glee A. Bridges. Mayor Bridges has been quoted by friends as planning to seek a third term, but has made no formal statements.

Mr. Ward did not deny he was considering making the race and acknowledged he was receiving encouragement from several

quarters. Long active in politics, he is a former highway patrolman and for many years has operated a seed-feed business here. He served as Ward 5 commissioner in 1949-51.

Other political observers do not write off the rumor that Ward 3 Commissioner T. J. (Tommy) Ellison may seek to step up to the mayoral spot.

Haywood E. Lynch and J. Lee Roberts, both mentioned as mayoral possibilities, have indicated they won't make the race. Similar indications have come from Ward 1 Commissioner Sam Collins, who is expected to seek reelection. The Ward 1 affair may be a repeat performance of 1955, with W. Sage Fulton, Sr., seeking to regain the spot Collins won from him in a close race two years ago.

In Ward 2, open due to the forthcoming retirement of J. H. Patterson, Dewitt Cornwell is (Continued on Page Eight)