

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

DIXON SERVICE Mrs. Park Moore of Gastonia will show slides on missionary work in Africa where her mother is a Presbyterian missionary worker, at Dixon Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 3:45 p. m., Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor, announced.

LEGION MEETING Regular monthly meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock at the Legion Building. Division Four Commander Joe Swing will attend, and a nominating committee will be named to make recommendations for next year's officers, it was announced by M. A. Prince, adjutant.

AT CONVENTION A number of Kings Mountain citizens are in New Orleans, La., this week where they are attending the annual convention of the American Institute of Mining Engineers. In New Orleans are Mr. and Mrs. Ed Guter, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kesler, Mr. and Mrs. Joe McClure and Bob Rosberg.

KIWANIS MEETING E. Floyd Farris, Southern Bell Telephone manager in this area, will be the guest speaker for the weekly meeting of Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club Thursday night. The club meets at Woman's Club at 6:45 o'clock.

ATTEND MEETING Mayor Glee A. Bridges, City Clerk Gene Mitcham and Assistant Clerk Joe McDaniel spent Friday and Saturday in Chapel Hill, where they attended an Institute on municipal purchasing. The session was sponsored by the Institute of Government.

METER RECEIPTS Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled only \$59.64, including \$52.54 from on-street meters and \$7.10 from Cherokee parking lot meters. The drop was attributed to the weekend free parking during the three-day city-wide sale sponsored by the Merchants association.

COMMUNICATION SET An Emergent Communication will be held at Masonic Hall Monday, March 4, at 6 p. m., by Fairview Lodge 339, A. F. & A. M. The Shelby Lodge 202 will do work in the 3rd Degree. A supper will be served for members. Plates are \$1 each.

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

Two Local Bills Are Introduced

The two local bills recommended by the city board of commissioners have been introduced in the North Carolina House of Representatives by Rep. B. T. Falls, Jr.

Both were introduced last Thursday. The bill to raise the salaries of city commissioners from \$10 per monthly meeting attended to \$25 and to raise the permissible monthly salary paid the mayor from \$300 per month to \$500 per month was sent to the committee on salaries and fees and reported favorably on Friday.

The bill to amend the city laws to require candidates of city and school board offices to file notice of candidacy 15 days prior to the election (rather than the current five days) was sent to the committee on counties, cities and towns.

Students Make Hospital Drapes

New draperies for Kings Mountain hospital have been made by the high school home economics classes, hospital business manager Grady Howard announced this week.

Draperies for rooms in the new wing previously had been made by the Kings Mountain Junior Woman's Club. Mr. Howard said the new drapes for the 12 rooms complete the decorating and re-decorating job.

Mrs. John Gamble is teacher of home economics.

Limits Extension Effort "Doubted"

South Area Citizens Said Against Take-In

A political rumor of the week-end, which gained momentum heavily for a few days, appears to have less basis in fact. The rumor was that the city would make an effort to extend its city limits, particularly to bring inside the Park Yarn Mill and Margrace Mill areas.

Questions to several persons who might become involved, through their present public positions, brought these answers: Rep. B. T. Falls, Jr., of Shelby, who would probably handle legislation on the matter (if any), said, "I haven't heard anything about it."

Mayor Glee A. Bridges, just back from a Chapel Hill meeting, said he hadn't heard anything, either, added he would oppose it, on grounds the city wouldn't have the funds to take city services quickly to the outside areas.

City Attorney J. R. Davis said, "I don't think there's much to that. It would depend on the attitude of the people in the outside areas." Mr. Davis added that a vote on annexation could be called if 15 percent of the residents in the affected area petitioned for an election. He said it is also possible to arrange an election where both in-city and outside city residents participate, but Mr. Davis didn't think this method would be used — said it wouldn't be fair to the outside residents.

Fred W. Plonk said he was opposed to the city limits extension and had found virtually all citizens in the Park Yarn - Margrace area opposed. Another member of the opposition said at least 99 percent of the persons he had contacted "don't want it".

Rep. Falls said further he would not handle any legislation on the matter without a formal resolution from the city board of commissioners.

The rumor first gained credence at a recent school board session. The school board has been considering obtaining a site for a proposed new elementary school in the south portion of the city. Action was delayed at the recent meeting, on grounds a city limits - school district limit extension would change the center of population and therefore dictate a different school site.

Music Contests This Weekend

Kings Mountain school musicians will take part in annual district contests this weekend.

The high school girls chorus, directed by Mrs. Richard McGinnis, will sing at Salisbury's Catawba college at 3:30 Friday afternoon, while the band, under the direction of Joe Hedden, will play at Concord Friday night at 9 o'clock.

Four piano pupils of Mrs. Martin Harmon will play at Catawba college Saturday. They are Peggy Reynolds and Jimmy Plonk, in the senior high school division, and Joyce Plonk and Jerry Patterson in the junior high school division.

Grand National Championship Race Against All Cars

ss of Size, Power or Price—Setting New Track Biggest Stock Car Event of Year Following Clean Its Class in Flying Mile and Acceleration Runs.

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Cooke May Get New Trial Order

North Carolina Attorney General George Patton failed to argue against a new trial for George Cecil Cooke, Kings Mountain native sentenced to death for murder, in a hearing before the State Supreme Court Tuesday.

Cooke's attorneys, C. C. Horn and A. A. Powell had told the court Judge Hugh Campbell had erred in failing to instruct the Superior Court jury Cooke's fate had it recommended mercy. Such a recommendation would have been a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment.

The attorney general agreed that the Cooke case was similar to two on which the court had ordered retrials. Cooke was sentenced to death for the murder of Dan Holloman, Mooresboro grill operator, on September 10. A high court decision is expected in about ten days.

Observer To Charge For Obituary Notices

With the exception of very brief information, the Charlotte Observer will be charging space rates for majority of obituaries, effective March 1.

Notices of the change in policy have been mailed all Charlotte Observer correspondents and to all Carolina funeral homes. The funeral homes are to process the paid obituaries and to collect for them at the rate of 40 cents per line of eight-point type.

The free death notice will include only this information: name, age, residence, time and place of death, time and place of funeral.

"On truly newsworthy deaths, the Observer will continue to carry major stories, giving full biographical background, survivors, etc.," Editor C. A. (Pete) McKnight, wrote all Carolina funeral directors.

Both Kings Mountain funeral directors, J. Ollie Harris and Frank Sisk, said they weren't happy with the Observer's policy change, and both indicated they will not urge families of deceased citizens to use the Observer's facilities for other than the brief, free notice.

The funeral directors are to be paid 20 percent of the paid obituary cost. However, they are to file the information by prepaid telegram or telephone.

Robert L. Hoffman, Herald sports editor, is the Observer's Kings Mountain area correspondent. The Observer editor has asked correspondents to file copy on deaths of persons considered prominent, suggesting the persons should be well-known outside the city and county.

The Observer, according to most recently received Audit Bureau of Circulations reports, has largest circulation here of any daily newspaper. For the year ending March 31, 1956, the Observer's average net paid circulation in Kings Mountain was 1,078 daily, and 1,274 Sundays. The Charlotte News was second with 810 average net paid.

"Whammy" Tabs 15; Don Glass Plea Not Guilty

The City of Kings Mountain's "whammy" was back in operation during the past week, and at least 15 persons felt its sting.

Thirteen defendants submitted and paid \$14.10, costs of court, prior to Monday's session of City Recorder's Court. One capias was issued for a speeder who failed to appear, and another defendant came close to being the first person to beat the electrical timer rap in the city court.

Don Glass, Grover road grocer, pled not guilty to charges of speeding 45-miles-per-hour in a 35-mile zone.

City officers testified that Glass crossed the "whammy" on Battleground avenue, just inside the city limits, at a speed of 10 miles per-hour over the legal limit.

The defendant contended that he had been warned by a motorist flashing his lights that the "whammy" was out and that he checked his speed at 37-miles-per-hour when he crossed the electrical speed timing device.

It has been police department policy, according to Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr., to allow a person eight to 10 miles per-hour over the limit without being cited for a violation.

Judge Jack White found Glass guilty as charged, but continued prayer for judgment for 30 days. He did not assess the defendant with the court costs.

Included among those defendants paying the costs for speeding were: Davis Bob Short, Jimmy H. Hawkins, Louis Engel, III, Garland Martin, Theodore Rose, welt Flowe, Charles Lee Beam, G. B. Bridges, Ray P. Robinson, Clyde M. Hoyle, Kenneth G. Roper, Edwin A. Decker, Bessie Parker Biggerstaff, and Clyde George Putnam.

Rabies Clinics Set Here Friday

Dr. Jacob P. Mauney has announced the rabies vaccination schedule for Kings Mountain and the surrounding vicinity.

Dr. Mauney also announced that a new chick embryo vaccine will be used this year for vaccination of dogs as a rabies prevention measure. This new vaccine will give immunity for three years, as compared with one-year for the old vaccine.

Dogs must be six-months-old or older to get the new vaccine. The law requires that a dog four-months-old and older be vaccinated. If a four-months dog is vaccinated, this dog will be given the vaccine protecting him against rabies for one year only, and will have to be vaccinated again next year.

Dr. Mauney said prices of vaccination were \$1 at clinics, and \$2 at his office on Canterbury road. The clinics Friday March 2, are as follows:

- 9:9-15 a. m.—Baity's Grocery off U. S. 74.
9:15-9:30 — Claude Harmon's Service.
9:30-10 a. m. — G. A. Lail's Service.
10:10:30 — Cash's Grocery.
10:30-10:45 — Stone's Service.
10:45-11 a. m. — Bethware School.
11-11:15 — Garrison Goforth Service.
11:15-11:30 — Blalock's Park In.
1-2 p. m. — City Hall.

Bridges, Ledford, Grantham Pay Filing Fees For City Jobs



FILE FOR CITY OFFICES — Pictured are three incumbent members of the city administration who this week posted filing fees for the forthcoming May city election. Left to right are Ward 5 Commissioner W. G. Grantham, Ward 4 Commissioner Paul Ledford, and Mayor Glee A. Bridges. Mr. Bridges and Mr. Ledford filed Monday, while Mr. Grantham posted his filing fee Tuesday.

Incumbents Seek To Retain Present Posts

Kings Mountain's biennial city political season officially opened this week as three incumbents paid \$5 filing fees and thereby assured that their names will be on the May election ballots.

The three are Mayor Glee A. Bridges, Ward 4 Commissioner Paul Ledford, and Ward 5 Commissioner W. G. Grantham.

Mayor Bridges and Mr. Grantham seek re-election to third terms in their respective positions. Mr. Ledford seeks election to the position he has filled on appointment since the death of O. T. Hayes, Sr.

Other political developments of the week were negative. Hilton L. Ruth, who had been expected to offer for the Ward 2 commissionership to become vacant due to decision of J. H. Patterson not to seek re-election, said he would not be a candidate. W. S. Fulton, Jr., made a similar pronouncement, also said he did not expect to be a candidate for the city school board.

Another won't run indication came from Wilson Crawford, mentioned both as a mayoral candidate and city board candidate.

Ward 2 speculation continued to mention these names: Tilman Pearson and Lloyd E. Davis, both of whom sought the post two years ago, and Dewitt Cornwell. Also mentioned as a possible dark horse candidate by some sources was L. Arnold Kiser, while J. C. Clary another possibility.

With three already in, it was generally anticipated that all incumbents, except Mr. Patterson, would seek re-election. Sam Collins is expected to offer again in Ward 1 and T. J. (Tommy) Ellison in Ward 3.

Hal D. Ward said he expected to make a decision shortly on whether to oppose Mayor Bridges.

Another rumor is that Kings Mountain may have its first Negro candidate for public office this year in the person of Rev. S. T. Cooke.

Ben H. Bridges, Jr., is considered by some observers a "sure" candidate to oppose Mr. Ledford in Ward 4.

School trustee politics continued outwardly quiet. Terms of Trustees Fred W. Plonk and Dr. P. G. Padgett are expiring. Neither has indicated he will, or won't, seek re-election. It is possible, some observers say, that women candidates may offer for the vacancies. Mrs. O. P. Lewis has been mentioned as a prospect. Eugene Roberts has also been mentioned as a possible school trustee candidate. School board elections will be city-wide this year, the ward system having been scrapped by legislative act two years ago.

Mayor Bridges said merely, "I'm running on my record." He has served two terms as mayor, being first elected in 1953. For the major part of the current term he has been a "full-time" mayor. Mr. Bridges is a King's Mountain businessman and former chairman of the county board of commissioners. He is active in affairs of First Baptist church, the Kiwanis Club, and the Masonic Order.

Mr. Ledford is an employee of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company and a member of Temple Baptist church. Mr. Grantham is general manager and president of Victory Chevrolet Company, also a Kiwanian. He attends Boyce Memorial ARP church.

Jaycees To Make Paper Collection

Members of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will conduct a waste paper pick-up Sunday afternoon beginning at 2 o'clock.

Citizens are asked to leave their waste paper on curbs in front of their homes. Persons with particularly large amounts should call J. T. McGinnis, president. Mr. McGinnis said proceeds from sale of the waste paper would pay for a television set, already purchased and given to Kings Mountain hospital for use in the lobby.

Bloodmobile Visit Set For Monday

Blood Short; Quota Upped To 143 Pints

The Red Cross bloodmobile will make a one-day collection in Kings Mountain Monday as Kings Mountain area citizens are being asked to donate 143 pints of blood to the regional blood bank.

Donors will be processed at the Woman's Club from 11 o'clock until 5 p. m.

Red Cross officials pointed out that goal of each scheduled visit of the unit during the year is 125 pints of blood but that the chapter had been asked to secure a 15 percent increase for stockpiling of serum albumin. Thus, the chapter seeks to obtain 143 pints of blood at Monday's visit.

Serum albumin is used in treatment of severe shock and liver damage. Red Cross blood program Chairman B. F. Maner pointed out, "It requires eight pints of whole blood to make one pint of serum albumin." Mr. Maner added, "Civil Defense seeks a quota nationally of 400,000 pints of blood for stockpiling serum albumin."

Citizens who have not donated blood since the September visit of the bloodmobile may wish to renew their certificates at Monday's visit. Mrs. J. N. Gamble, executive secretary, said, "Under the blood program, credit cards are renewable each six months."

Mrs. Gamble reported that Mauney Mills' employees James L. Bennett and Fred P. Gossett, and Mrs. Janie Boheler, employee of Margrace Mills, had answered emergency calls for blood for local patients this week when blood was not available for the patient from the Charlotte center. Several Kings Mountain plants are included in the Red Cross group participation plan and furnish blood donors.

Citizens who need transportation may telephone any of the city taxi firms and free transportation to the Woman's Club will be available, Mr. Maner added.

Local Man Quizzed In Lincoln Robbery

Frank Small, 18, who lives in a trailer on Shelby highway near here, was picked up Tuesday night by Lincoln County Sheriff Department officers for questioning concerning a recent robbery in Lincoln.

According to reports from the officers, a transient septic tank cleaning crew was working in the neighborhood where an 84-year-old woman was robbed of \$250.

Small was released Wednesday, after four persons in Lincoln failed to identify him as a member of the septic tank crew, the Lincoln County Sheriff's office reported.

C Of C Members Near 100-Mark

Memberships in Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce neared the 100-mark this week, with a total of 96. Additional memberships sold during the past week totaled 12 and left only four memberships shy of the basic 100-member goal, when the organizers have indicated they will call a general membership meeting and ask for the election of permanent officers.

Present acting officers are Dan Weiss, president, and Dr. L. T. Anderson, secretary. Treasurer, Fleete E. McCurdy is membership committee chairman and has been assisted by the acting officers and numerous other volunteers.

Mr. McCurdy has called what he thinks will be the final pre-organization membership meeting for next Tuesday night, at 8 o'clock at City Hall courtroom.

"I hope all membership committee members will complete their solicitations prior to next Tuesday's meeting," Mr. McCurdy said. New memberships reported this week include Craftsman Yarns, Inc., three in the names of Carl H. Swan, Jack M. Cross and Harold Phillips, Mauney Hosiery Company, Inc., H. G. (Pete) Barkley, Fred H. Weaver, Dr. Craig Jones, Burlington Industries Phenix Plant (two), Sterchi's, Elmer Lumber Company, Inc., (2) in the name of D. M. Peeler and B. S. Peeler, Jr.

W. H. Harmon Rites Set Today

Funeral services will be held today at 2:30 p. m. at Harris Funeral Home for Wright H. Harmon, 77, 109 City street, who died Wednesday morning in Kings Mountain Hospital following an illness of several years. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

A native of Cleveland County, Mr. Harmon was a retired textile worker. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Harmon, and a member of First Baptist Church.

The only survivor is his wife, Mrs. Glennie Beattie Harmon. The Rev. A. T. Quakenbush, pastor of First Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Red Cross Fund Drive Will Begin; Quota Of \$5,864 To Be Sought Here

Kings Mountain area citizens will be asked during the month of March to give \$5,864 to the Red Cross, J. C. Bridges, Kings Mountain chapter fund drive chairman, reported Wednesday as he announced his solicitation organization for the 1957 fund campaign.

Mr. Bridges noted the Kings Mountain chapter quota is slightly higher than last year. He has been informed, he said, that Red Cross funds are depleted due to the emergency aid furnished Hungarian refugees and the emergency aid provided flood victims in numerous areas of the nation.

On the local scene, Mr. Bridges pointed out that the Red Cross handles numerous services for

Churchwomen Plan March 8 Program

Kings Mountain churchwomen will observe World Day of Prayer at services March 8 at 4 o'clock p. m. in Central Methodist church.

Announcement was made by Mrs. E. N. Barnes, publicity chairman, who invited the public to participate in the service.

Feature of the program will be special music by children's choirs from various churches of the community. Mrs. Barnes said, Mrs. W. L. Pressly is program chairman for the observance, one of three programs sponsored annually by the Kings Mountain Council of Churchwomen.

K. M. Park Age 26 Sunday

Kings Mountain National Military Park was established 26 years ago Sunday, March third, when President Hoover signed the Act of Congress that set up the park.

This legislation was the culmination of 52 years of hard work and constant crusading by the civic leaders in the surrounding counties of both states to have the nation formally recognize the fact that the subtle influence of the patriot victory in October 1780 in the Battle of Kings Mountain was the first mile-post on the road to victory at Yorktown, Virginia, a year later.

Since the establishment and later operation as one of the units of the National Park Service more than a million visitors have paid tribute to the valor of their forefathers by visiting the battlefield and museum.

A year ago, the 175th anniversary was commemorated by installing an illustrated lecture program in the visitor center that has proved popular with school, patriotic, church, and other organized groups.