

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 7,206

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Union Representation Vote Friday At Lithium Firm

Swan President Of New C. Of C. Group Organized Formally At Meeting Monday



GRADUATED — Jerry King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Denver O. King, was graduated March 13 from Western Carolina college with the Bachelor of Science degree in business administration. He is married to the former Sally Leigh of Gastonia. Mr. King plans to enter the navy air force.

Local News Bulletins

ATTEND MEETING
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gault, Jr., attended a meeting of Philco dealers in Charlotte recently at Brown, Rogers, Dixon company. Mrs. Gault was winner of one of the 21-inch console model Philco televisions offered as door prizes.

SALE
North school P-TA will sponsor the sale of hotdogs, hamburgers, homemade cakes, pies and candies at the school Friday, March 29, during the hours of 5:30 and 8 o'clock p. m. It was announced this week. Proceeds will go to the P-TA.

FATHER'S NIGHT
Central P-TA will observe Father's Night at a program to be presented at the regular meeting Tuesday night at 7:30 p. m. in the school auditorium. Theme of the program is "What Fathers Do On P-TA Night" and will be given by E. R. Goter, Sam Weir, H. L. Campbell, Fred Lockridge, Alton Ivey, Bruce Thorburn, Jim White, and E. L. Brown. Refreshments will be served.

METER RECEIPTS
Parking meter receipts for the week ending at noon Wednesday totaled \$186.96. A total of \$156.20 was gleaned from on-street meters, another \$30.76 from the Cherokee Street parking lot meters. City Clerk Gene Mitcham reported.

AUXILIARY
American Legion Post 155 Auxiliary will hold its regular meeting Thursday night at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. W. D. Byers on Shelby road, according to announcement by Mrs. Sam Collins, auxiliary official.

ON CHOR TOUR
Miss Lyvonne Lindsay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lindsay, is a member of the 35-voice Limestone college choir, which recently began a spring tour which will cover 14 South Carolina cities.

CLINIC
Pre-School Clinic for children who will enter first grade in September will be held at First Baptist church the morning of April 17 from 9 o'clock a. m. until 12 noon. It was announced this week.

City Purchases Radio Equipment From Motorola

The city board of commissioners met last Thursday afternoon in a special meeting and voted to accept a bid of \$5,011.95 from Motorola, Inc., for radio equipment.

General Electric Company had entered a slightly lower bid by \$79, but City Clerk Gene Mitcham said he was told General Electric had made some equipment substitutions. The purchase includes a radio base station, seven mobile units, allied equipment, and its installation.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges said the Motorola Company had agreed to sell some of the city's obsolete equipment and, by Wednesday, had already sold one piece. Mayor Bridges also said he felt General Electric company had advanced information on the amount of the Motorola bid which had been opened following notice of bid publication, at a previous meeting.

The vote to accept the Motorola bid was unanimous with all commissioners present except T. J. Ellison.

Mr. Mitcham said the funds are unbudgeted for the radio equipment purchase and that the bid was accepted on Motorola's offer to allow the city to defer payment until the new fiscal year begins July 1.

He also said the net cost of the equipment to the city will be \$1,883, the city to be reimbursed the remainder by the state civil defense organization.

Pearson Seeks Ward 2 Post; Plonk, Padgett Are Running



CANDIDATE — Tilman Pearson became the fifth candidate for Ward 2 commissioner this week as he posted his filing fee. Mr. Pearson opposes A. Dewitt Cornell, Boyce Gault, Bryant Wells, and J. C. Clary.

Pearson Fifth Candidate Out For Ward 2 Job

Still another candidate, Tilman Pearson, entered the Ward 2 race for city commissioner this week, and Fred W. Plonk and Dr. P. G. Padgett, incumbent school board trustees, paid filing fees for re-election to six-year terms.

Mr. Pearson, who sought the Ward 2 spot two years ago, changed his mind from a week ago, when he said he wouldn't run. He becomes the fifth contestant in the Ward 2 field. Mr. Pearson is an employee of Craftspun Yarns, Inc.

Dr. Padgett, originally elected to the school board from Ward 4, and Mr. Plonk, elected from Ward 5, seek re-election to their second six-year terms. However, they are no longer running as ward representatives, the 1955 General Assembly having changed the voting law to scrap the ward system as it applied to school trustee elections. It will be the first time in 20 years school trustees have been elected by the voters at large, the ward system having become operative for the first time in 1939.

The additional filings brought to 18 the number of Kings Mountain citizens seeking the eight elective city hall and school positions to be filled at the city election on May 14.

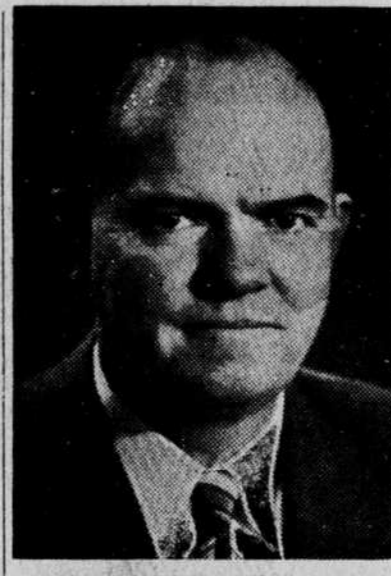
Other than the actual filings, political activity was limited to early round sparring among opponents already announced, and a few speculations on the identity of further candidates, if any.

J. Lee Roberts, East Kings Mountain barber and magistrate, was reported interested in entering the race for mayor, already numbering Mayor Glee A. Bridges and Former Mayor Garland E. Still. Mr. Roberts acknowledged he was receiving considerable encouragement from friends to run for mayor, did not give the possibility a definite "no."

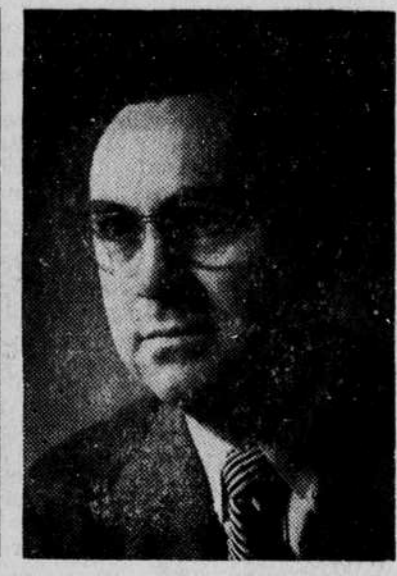
Clarence E. Carpenter, former city tax supervisor, called the Herald Wednesday afternoon to say he was still considering making the race for mayor.

Another rumor was that Fleete McCurdy, dry cleaner, who had previously indicated he wouldn't seek the Ward 3 commissioner spot, might be changing his mind as a result of heavy encouragement this week to oppose T. J. (Tommy) Ellison. Mr. McCurdy also acknowledged the encouragement, said, "I'm still not running." Mr. Ellison is the only candidate for a city hall post still unopposed.

The political line-up to date



SEEK RE-ELECTION — Fred W. Plonk, left, and Dr. P. G. Padgett, right, filed for re-election this week to six-year terms as city school trustees. Each seeks a second term on the board, both having been first elected in 1951.



133 Eligible To Cast Ballots In NLRB Voting

Employees of Lithium Corporation of America's Bessemer City plant will vote Friday to determine whether they shall be represented in the future by the AFL-CIO Steelworkers Union of America.

The election will be conducted by the National Labor Relations Board.

A total of 133 employees have been declared eligible to vote in the election. Bruce Thorburn, company public relations director reported. Initially, he said, eligibility of 14 employees to participate in the election was questioned, while six were not.

The voting will be conducted during two periods by the NLRB. Lithium's "A" and "C" shift employees will vote from 7:30 to 8:30 a. m., while the polls will be open to accommodate "B" shift employees from 3:30 to 4 p. m.

The election was ordered following petition for a union representation vote by the Steelworkers last December.

The election marks the second effort of labor unions to organize the Lithium plant. On November 18, 1955, employees rejected union representation by a narrow margin. In that election, two unions, the AFL Operating Engineers and the Steelworkers, were seeking recognition as employee bargaining agent.

Friday's will be the fourth labor election in the immediate area in recent years. Employees of Foote Mineral Company, other major lithium producer here, have twice defeated union organizing efforts by large margins.

Delbert Dixon To Head Jaycees

Delbert Dixon was elected president of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce for 1957-58, as the Jaycees held annual elections.

The campaign speeches and voting required more than two hours, resulted in contests for all offices, and found two members of the nominating committee slate failing of election.

The counts were not announced by Jaycee officials but were described as "close."

Mr. Dixon edged George Thomasson for the presidency.

For first vice-president, Charles E. Dixon defeated Dean Payne, the suggestion of the nominating committee, and Raymond (Whistle) Goforth a nominee from the floor, defeated Don Hambright for joybird.

Other officers elected were: Bob Maner, second vice-president; Rudy Frazer, secretary; William Herndon, treasurer; and J. T. McGinnis, state director. Elected directors were Robert E. Goforth, Eugene Mitcham, Fred Weaver, and Jim Lybrand.

The nominating committee included Grady Howard, Wilson Griffin, Bill Jonas, Lou Sabettie, M. D. Phifer and J. T. McGinnis.

The new officers will be installed in May.

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, according to an announcement.

Neal Funeral Rites Friday

M. C. Neal, 79, died at Kings Mountain hospital at 10:20 Wednesday morning, following a heart attack.

The El Bethel community farmer had suffered the attack shortly before being taken to the hospital. He had been in declining health.

A native of Cleveland county, Mr. Neal was a son of the late Marion and Naomi Ware Neal. He was a member of El Bethel Methodist church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Dovie Bowen Neal, three daughters, Mrs. David Hamrick, Mrs. Pink Anthony and Mrs. Edward Anthony, all of Kings Mountain, three sons, Fred Neal and Dewitt Neal, both of Kings Mountain, and Paul Neal, Marietta, Ga. Also surviving are a sister, Mrs. Ralph Early, of Kings Mountain, 16 grand children and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at El Bethel Methodist church, with the pastor, Rev. Frank E. Blalock, officiating. The body will lie in state at the church from 2:30. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

"Hams" Organize Defense Unit

Amateur radio operators of Cleveland county organized a county net Tuesday night to work in the state's civil defense organization.

Ed Patterson, of Shelby, was named radio officer for the county organization, with Floyd Willis, of Shelby, alternate for Shelby, and Harold R. Hunnicutt alternate for Kings Mountain.

Mr. Hunnicutt's station, W4UJR was designated net control station, and Mr. Willis' station, W4PZH, was designated alternate net control station.

The group took required loyalty oaths.

Mr. Hunnicutt said the county net would be assigned a frequency channel and would likely work nightly for a 15-minute stint. He said a training program in procedures will be inaugurated.

The group heard an address from B. Riley Fowler of Morganton, civil defense director for Region F and a short talk from Dr. R. P. Anstett, county civil defense director.

Radio operators present at the meeting were Harold R. Hunnicutt, T. W. Jackson, Charles Alexander, W. K. Crook, Steve Kesler, and Carl Logan, all of Kings Mountain, Edwin Patterson, Floyd Willis, Howard Ervin, Athos Rostan, Malcolm Spangler, all of Shelby, G. E. Piggrim and Buford Lancaster, both of Forest City, and J. V. Tarpley, Jr., of Bessemer City.

Negroes Asking New High School

Negroes are asking a new high school, according to a report presented to the City Board of School Trustees at its monthly meeting Monday night.

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Power To Be Off Again On Sunday
Power service will be interrupted again Sunday afternoon as the city electrical department continues line rebuilding work at the Piedmont-King intersection.

Hunter Allen, electrical superintendent, said the power will be off from 1:30 to 4:30 p. m., and he asked that customers make arrangements to be without service.

Majority of the city's power customers will be affected.

The cut-off will not be made if the weather is inclement.

Fabric Firm Lays-Off 70

Neisler division of Massachusetts Mohair Plush company handed lay-off notices to 70 employees during the past week.

Joe O'Shields, personnel manager, said the lay-offs resulted from lack of orders, the latter a result of "the seasonal nature of the textile business."

He said the Kings Mountain plant was employing some 975 persons prior to the lay-offs and that the lay-offs were much less than during the same period last year.

Barnes Checking Negro Gymnasium Costs, Prospects

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Country Club Session Held

Kings Mountain Country Club stockholders met in annual session Tuesday night, elected directors for the coming year, and heard reports on club activities during the past year.

The stockholders unanimously elected as directors R. S. Lennon, Grady Howard, W. S. Fulton, Jr., J. E. Rhea, J. Ollie Harris, Tolly Shufford, George W. Mauney, Sam Stallings, George Thomasson, John Koopman, Bruce Thorburn and Joe A. Neisler.

The slate of directors had been recommended by a nominating committee which included George H. Houser, chairman, C. D. Blanton and W. L. Plonk.

The new and retiring boards of directors will convene at the club Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock to elect officers and organize for the coming year.

President Jack White presided at the session. Secretary-Treasurer R. S. Lennon read a detailed financial report on club operations, and reports were made by P. M. Neisler, Sr., chairman of the greens committee, by Dr. N. H. Reed, chairman of the house committee, and by W. S. Fulton, Jr., chairman of the membership committee. Mr. White summated the work of the social committee.

Mr. Lennon reported 69 of 134 members represented at the meeting, either in person or by proxy.

Elmer Turner, 31, Killed Monday In Auto Crash Near Bessemer City

Elmer Turner, 31-year-old Grover man, was killed in an automobile accident in Bessemer City about 6:45 p. m. Monday when a car in which he was riding went out of control and was struck by an oncoming vehicle.

Another passenger in the car, Ansel Bolin, also of Grover, route 1, is in Gaston Memorial hospital with serious injuries.

Two persons in the other vehicle, Worth A. Smith and Eugene Lefevers, both of Kings Mountain, were hospitalized at Kings Mountain hospital and later released. Both were said to have suffered cuts and bruises.

The driver of the death car, John Ervin Bolin, 22, of Grover, route 1, has been charged with manslaughter in connection with Turner's death. Bolin, who was just recently discharged from the Navy, was placed under a \$10,000 bond.

According to police reports, the Bolins and Turner were in a car coming into Bessemer City from Kings Mountain. The car was said to have skidded on wet pavement on a curve and was struck broad-

Lions To Fete Farmers Tuesday

Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club will be hosts to farmers of the area next Tuesday night at their annual Farmer's Night banquet.

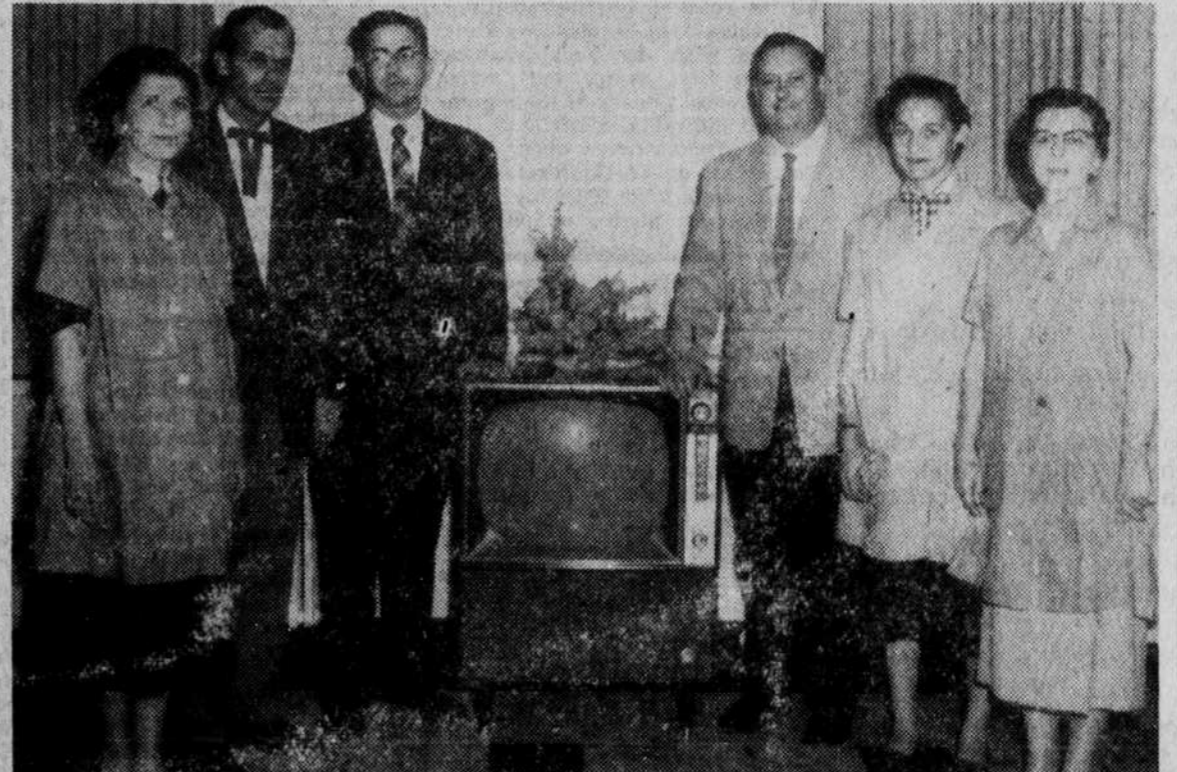
John Rudisill, chairman of the committee on arrangements for the event, said invitations are being mailed to more than 125 area farmers.

Featured speaker for the event will be J. J. Tarleton, superintendent of Rutherford County schools. Mr. Tarleton is a speaker who accents humor and anecdotes.

"We are anticipating an enjoyable Farmer's Night banquet," Mr. Rudisill said. "The Farmer's Night event is one of the high spots of every year and we hope all farmers of the area will find it convenient to attend."

The banquet will be held at the Woman's Club, beginning at 8 o'clock.

KIWANIS MEETING
The Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club will hold its weekly meeting at the Woman's Club Thursday night at 6:45 o'clock. The program will be a film entitled "Mining for Nickel."



JAYCEES GIVE HOSPITAL TELEVISION SET — The Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce has presented a television set to Kings Mountain hospital for use in the hospital lobby. Pictured with Jaycee officials at the formal presentation last week are three members of the hospital's "pink lady" staff of volunteer workers. Pictured left to right, are Mrs. Eugene Patterson, Delbert Dixon, Bill Jonas, Jaycee President J. T. McGinnis, Jr., Mrs. J. T. McGinnis, Jr., and Mrs. C. J. Gault, Jr. The Jaycees purchased the set with proceeds from a recent waste paper collection. (Pennington Studio photo.)