

Greater Kings Mountain	10,320
City Limits	7,206

The figure for Greater Kings Mountain is derived from the 1953 Kings Mountain city directory census. The City Limits figure is from the United States census of 1950.

County Board Ignores Local Group's Bond Protest

Local News Bulletins

P-TA MEETING

Park Grace P-TA will hold its regular meeting Monday night at 7 o'clock p.m. at the school auditorium, according to announcement by Mrs. George Stroupe, publicity chairman.

MOOSE MEETING

Members of Kings Mountain Moose Lodge 1748 will hold their regular Thursday night meeting at 8:15 at the lodge on Bessemer City road, according to an announcement.

IN HONOR GROUP

Douglas Wilson and Willard Upchurch, both of Kings Mountain, were recently inducted as new members in Gardner Webb college's honor society, the Marshall Club. New members were elected by the faculty on a basis of scholarship, character personality, and service.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$192.80, City Clerk Gene Mitcham reported. Included were \$153.15 from on-street meters and \$39.65 from Cherokee Street lot meters.

ON DEAN'S LIST

CULLOWHEE—Kenneth Sherrill Spears, of Kings Mountain, has been named to the Dean's list at Western Carolina college. Students selected for this honor rate high in scholarship, character, personality and effective participation in campus activities.

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Robert Littlejohn has earned a position on the Dean's list just released for the winter quarter at King's college in Charlotte. He has completed the business administration course and has been placed in an accounting position with Nu-Way Business Service.

CENTRAL P-TA

Central school Parent-Teacher association will meet next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 at the school auditorium, it was announced by Bruce Thorburn. Officers will be elected for the coming year and the program will be presented by the eighth grade glee club.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of Kings Mountain hospital will be held at City Hall courtroom Thursday evening at 8 p.m., according to announcement by Mrs. Wanza Davis.

TWO FIRES

Kings Mountain Fire department answered two calls Monday, according to C. D. Ware, city fireman. The first call was answered around 1:55 p.m., to a residence on Broad street, where an oil stove had ignited. The second call was answered around 6:35 p.m. to extinguish a blaze that had ignited in a Joy Cream truck. No damages were reported.

School Census To Be Launched

Future Teachers of America will conduct a school census survey beginning this weekend, Lawson Brown, high school principal announced Wednesday. Mr. Brown said that 56 high school students, all members of the FTA, will work in teams of two in compiling the information on all Kings Mountain residents up to 20 years of age. Ordinarily, he noted, the census does not include babies and youths below school age, but the school seeks to determine potential numbers of students for future years.

Information to be asked by the high school census-takers include name of person, date of birth, birthplace, race, sex and marital status, along with final grade completed and year schooling ended, either through graduation or otherwise.

Mr. Brown pointed out that state law requires all persons to provide information for school census-taking. He said the FTA anticipates completing the census-taking in approximately two weeks. Only white persons will be interviewed.

Lee Roberts To Seek Mayor Post

Funeral Rites Are Conducted For Mrs. Ellerbe

Funeral services for Mrs. Josephine McCall Ellerbe, 83, a Kings Mountain citizen for the past 20 years, were held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock from First Presbyterian church, of which she was a member.

A native of Darlington, S. C., Mrs. Ellerbe died Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of a son, Clarence M. Ellerbe, at Watterboro, S. C. Mrs. Ellerbe had been in apparent good health and was expecting to return home the afternoon of her death. She resided here with a daughter, Mrs. W. T. Weir and Mr. Weir.

Mrs. Ellerbe was a daughter of the late William Ellison and Josephine Milling McCall and the widow of Edward Benjamin Ellerbe, who died in 1930. She was a member of the Thursday Afternoon Book Club.

Surviving, in addition to her son in Watterboro and her daughter here, are five children, Edward B. Ellerbe, Jr., Huntington, W. Va., W. B. Ellerbe, Sanford, Fla., Mrs. W. F. Shaw, Charlotte, Mrs. Paul B. Fry, Albemarle, and Mrs. J. H. Bryan, Palatka, Fla. All surviving are nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The final rites were conducted by Rev. P. D. Patrick, the pastor. Burial was at Grove Hill cemetery, Darlington.

Funeral bearers were L. Arnold Kiser, Paul Mauney, Sam Weir, Eugene Roberts, Marriott Phifer and Luther Cansler.

Plonk Returned Stolen \$3,500

C. S. Plonk, Kings Mountain business man who lost \$12,700 in cash in the robbery of his home several months ago, was returned \$3,500 of this amount by action of Judge J. C. Rudisill in Cleveland Superior Court April 17.

Carried over from the January term of court, the question of return of the money was technical. In January, a woman robbed of \$70,000 by the same thieves had contended the \$3,500 found in the possession of the thieves had belonged to her.

In the action, Attorney J. R. Davis explained, the money would have been awarded to Mr. Plonk in January, but the law required a ten-day waiting period for appeal by the Smithfield woman. No appeal was filed and last Wednesday's action was technical and routine.

The two men drew prison terms for both robberies.

Mrs. C. S. Plonk had identified the money stolen in testimony at the trial.

Also returned were diamond wedding rings owned by Mrs. J. B. Plonk, a daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Plonk.

City Board Swaps Off Dump Site, Ups City Election Officials' Pay

The city board of commissioners, in special session Thursday night, accepted a deed from Foote Mineral company for a new dump site and received bids on curb and gutter installations on North Goforth street.

Commissioners unanimously agreed to accept the Foote offer of an 8.8-acre site in exchange for the site the city now uses to dump the city's refuse on Highway 26 on motion of Commissioner Paul Ledford, seconded by Commissioner Sam Collins. The city's old site totaled 3.83 acres.

Spangler Concrete Company's bid of \$1.80 per lineal foot, or \$1,800, was the lowest of three bids for the job of installing 1,000 feet of curb and gutter on North Goforth street.

A. P. Warkick's bid on the job was \$1.86 per lineal foot and Dedmon Concrete Works' bid was \$2.20 per lineal foot. Commissioner W. G. Grantham made the motion to accept the Spangler bid, seconded by Commissioner Ellison.

The board also voted to raise the pay of election judges from \$7 to \$10 on motion of Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Ledford, and voted to raise the pay of election judges from \$7 to \$10 on motion of Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Ledford.



CANDIDATE—J. Lee Roberts announced this week he will be a candidate for mayor at the May 14 city election. He will oppose Glee A. Bridges, the incumbent, and Garland E. Still, former mayor.

Kiwanis To Hear Fluoridation Discussion

Fluoridation of the city drinking water will be the subject of brief talks and a subsequent open forum session at the Thursday night meeting of the Kiwanis club, it was announced by Dr. R. N. Baker, Kings Mountain dentist.

Dr. Ralph D. Coffey, president elect of the North Carolina Dental society, and Dr. C. C. Diercks, member of the society's house of delegates, will discuss fluoridating public water supplies and will answer questions from the floor concerning the subject.

The talks and open forum will begin at 7:15 and Dr. Baker issued an invitation to the public to attend the meeting.

Kings Mountain will vote on the question of fluoridating the city's water supply on May 14. Proponents contend the city could thereby assure better teeth for its children. Opponents contend fluoride in over-dose causes undesired changes in the bone structure.

The club will convene for dinner at the Woman's club at 6:45.

Spelling Bee Friday Night

Steve Carpenter, of East school and Judy Watterson, of Patterson Grove school, will carry Kings Mountain area's colors in Charlotte Friday night as 23 of North Carolina's young spellers meet in Charlotte for the regional finals in the Charlotte Observer's third annual Spelling Bee.

Winner of the contest will represent this area in the National Spelling Bee.

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Magistrate Will Contest Bridges, Still

J. Lee Roberts, Kings Mountain barber and Number 4 township magistrate, announced this week he will be a candidate for mayor at the May 14 election.

He will oppose Mayor Glee A. Bridges, who seeks a third two-year term, and former Mayor Garland E. Still, who served one term from 1951-53.

Mr. Roberts had not yet posted his filing fee at City Hall early Wednesday afternoon. However he had purchased advertising space in the Herald to set forth an eight-point platform and had

FILING DEADLINE

Monday is the last day to file for city or school district elective office in the May 14 election. Assistant City Clerk Joe McDaniel said all citizens who expect to seek public office next month should pay the \$5 filing fee in person at city hall not later than 4:30 p.m. Monday. That is the hour the city office closes.

given the Herald a formal statement announcing his candidacy.

Mr. Roberts was the only indicated new entry in the May 14 election which finds contests for all city elective positions, though none for the two elective school trustee positions.

Mr. Roberts has been a Kings Mountain citizen since 1939. A Master Barber, he is manager of Phenix Barber Shop and for many years has been a township magistrate. He is a member of First Baptist church, is a trustee of the church and an assistant teacher in its Sunday school. He and his family reside at 101 S. Watterson street. Mrs. Roberts is the former Elizabeth Sapock, of Grover. They have two children, Joe Donald Roberts, a senior at The Citadel, and Beth Roberts, a high school senior.

Mr. Roberts' statement follows:

"At the request of friends and supporters in our city, I have made a decision which has not been an easy one. That is to offer myself as a candidate for mayor. This decision was made after careful deliberation and prayerful consideration. I have no funds with which to buy votes or wage a campaign. Friends and supporters have stated they would contribute some for cards and advertising, of which I am deeply grateful. I also wish to say that I have no feeling except that which is good toward the other two candidates, both of whom I consider to be personal friends. I also want to say that I am not aligned with any other candidate or group of candidates and I will not make any remarks of a personal nature against any candidate. Further, no city employee who is performing his or her duties efficiently and if there is no disunity nor discord prevailing in that particular case need have any fear of losing their jobs if I am elected mayor. The only promise I make if elected mayor is to serve everyone regardless of his race, creed, or color or his or her position or station in life to the best of my ability."

Bids Received On 74 Addition

Low bids were received by the state highway commission Tuesday on 3.1-plus miles of grading and structures on a double-lane addition to the Kings Mountain-Shelby highway (U. S. 74).

Low bids reported by the commission were:

Roadway, Burns & Spangler, of Shelby, \$244,528.

Structures, Dickerson, Inc., of Monroe, \$118,071.82.

Building removal, Sheets & Hardin, of West Jefferson, \$24,900.

The addition of the double-lane will make U. S. 74 between here and Shelby a four-lane boulevard.

It is anticipated the low bids will be accepted and that work on the addition will begin soon, highway officials have indicated.



GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY—Gaston Center for Handicapped Children broke ground Thursday for its new building on Dallas-Cherryville highway, and present were many of the children who have been attending the school, the school officials and directors, and representatives of the Gaston county commissioners. Pictured, left to right, are Mrs. Bruce Thorburn, Becky Hill and Douglas Thorburn, students at the school, Mr. Thorburn, and Brown Baird, administrator. Mr. Thorburn, of Kings Mountain, a director of the center, said yesterday that workers are being invited to volunteer their services in beginning construction of the walls. Volunteer workers are being asked to meet Saturday at the site to begin the work.

Registration Total Low Last Saturday

30 Negroes Registered In Ward 5

Registration books for the May 14 city election were open Saturday for the first time, but none of the registrars reported a busy day.

In Ward 5, Mrs. J. T. McGinnis, Jr., reported that 42 names were added to the books, including names of 30 Negro citizens and 12 white citizens. She also reported eight transfers. In Ward 5, Rev. S. T. Cooke, a Negro, seeks election as commissioner. He is the first Negro to seek public office here.

In Ward 1, Clarence Black, registrar, reported three transfers from other wards and no new names added to the registration books. The Herald was unable to contact the other registrars, Mrs. H. R. Parton, ward 2 registrar, Mrs. Ruth Bowers, registrar in ward 3, and E. O. White, registrar in ward 4.

Pollbooks will be open Saturday and the following Saturday for inscription of new names of voters and for the handling of transfers from one ward residence to another. Registration books are open from 7 o'clock a.m. to 7 p.m.

The election organization has been completed, with the filling of a Ward 4 vacancy. E. O. White has replaced Mrs. Ralph Hullen as Ward 4 registrar.

The five ward voting places are:

Ward 1 — City Hall.

Ward 2 — City Hall.

Ward 3 — Frank Ballard's Grocery (Phenix Store).

Ward 4 — Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company club-room.

Ward 5 — Victory Chevrolet Company lobby.

TO ILLINOIS

Rev. James B. McLarty, pastor of Central Methodist church, left Tuesday for Great Lakes, Ill., for two-weeks training duty with the navy assigned to a supervisory chaplain's seminar at ninth naval district headquarters. Before returning here on May 10, he will attend a meeting of the National Military Chaplain's association in Chicago.

Kings Mountain, Grover Citizens Oppose Utilities Aid To Industry

The county board of commissioners Tuesday adopted a resolution calling a \$415,000 water and sewer bond election for June 8 in spite of strong protest against the action by a delegation of Kings Mountain and Grover citizens.

The comments during the hearing were sometimes tart and indicated an open break between the thinking of some members of the delegation and County Commissioner Hazel B. Bumgardner, of Kings Mountain.

W. K. Mauney, Kings Mountain industrialist, organized the delegation for which Attorney J. R. Davis was the chief spokesman. Mr. Davis voiced objections to the proposal "on general principle." The Kings Mountain attorney contended that the county, if it furnishes water and sewer line funds for an industry, must by rights also furnish septic tanks and water systems for farmers.

The proposed bond issue, which will be put to county-wide vote for decision, is earmarked to supply water and sewer lines to the proposed multi-million dollar plant of Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company. The glass firm has tapped a site near Shelby for a fire-glass plant which would employ 800 to 1,000 persons. Decision on whether to build the plant is expected next fall.

Also present at the session were representatives of the Shelby Chamber of Commerce which is urging passage of the bond issue and, in fact, is responsible for the recently enacted legislation empowering counties to build water and sewer lines.

The commission also designated A. W. (Buck) Archer and Charles Heath, two Shelby citizens, to bring a friendly test case before the state Supreme Court to determine validity of the new legislation.

Worth Morris, one of the Chamber of Commerce representatives, rebutted Mr. Davis with the statement that, "It's not the farmer who is complaining." Commissioner Bumgardner told the delegation he had been "for the Pittsburgh development all the time and am in no position to back up now."

Mr. Bumgardner told the delegation, "I have a double obligation to the county as a whole, as well as to my constituents from Number 4 and Number 5 townships. If we disagree, it's nothing personal. I still like you and hope you like me."

Chamber of Commerce and county officials told the delegation that the location of the Pittsburgh plant in the county would, in the end, cost the county nothing, and would eventually pare tax rates rather than raise them. It was noted that Pittsburgh would pay an estimated \$65,000 county tax bill in its second year in the county.

Mal Spangler, Shelby realtor, commented, "It's just a good investment for the county."

Kings Mountain and Grover textile men complained that the county had not aided them in obtaining water and sewer facilities, and they felt it unfair, as old citizens, to pay taxes to bring in a new industrial citizen.

Other contentions in the discussion included statements that 600 autos are transporting Shelby citizens daily to other places of employment and that many citizens in the Casar area are employed in Lincoln and Hickory.

Mr. Spangler told the group the Shelby Chamber of Commerce would aid Kings Mountain and any other community in obtaining new payrolls and Zeb V.

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Red Cross Drive Quota Is Short

Kings Mountain citizens have contributed \$3,667.41 of a \$5,864 quota in the annual fund drive appeal for the Red Cross.

J. C. Bridges, Kings Mountain chairman of the drive, said the chapter is over \$2,000 short of its 1957 goal and urged area persons who had not contributed to the drive to forward their contributions to the chapter or to workers in the campaign.

Workers in the drive are being asked to make reports as soon as possible to the drive chairman.

Chamber Of Commerce Delegation Confers With Industrial Prospect

A Chamber of Commerce delegation visited Salisbury Tuesday and conferred with a textile firm which has indicated interest in establishing a new plant in Kings Mountain.

Representing the Chamber of Commerce were Fred W. Plonk, W. K. Mauney, Dan Weiss, and F. R. McCurdy.

Mr. Plonk reported that the management of the firm, which makes apparel, reiterated its intention to expand and to locate in Kings Mountain if local citizens would construct an air-conditioned building of 18,000 square feet of floor space. He added that the president expects to visit Kings Mountain soon to inspect the community.

"Our information from other sources is that the firm is quite financially reliable," Mr. Plonk said.

The operation would be the making of apparel and would employ mostly women, probably with a beginning figure of 80. The firm had previously told Chamber of Commerce officials.



SPOKE TO LIONS—Col. James E. Reilly, commander of the Charlotte Air Reserve center, addressed members of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night. He discussed the Middle East situation.

Mid-East Policy Is Supported

An Air Force colonel, commander of the Charlotte Air Reserve center, thinks the nation "is moving to the black side of the ledger on its Middle East policy."

Col. James E. Reilly addressed members of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night, outlined background information on the importance of the Middle East to the United States and also listed some of the problems facing this nation in keeping peace in the Middle East.

Col. Reilly spoke on a program arranged by Hal S. Plonk, Air Force reserve major, attached to the 9940th air reserve squadron. The colonel spoke against a long background of service both in the Air Force and the Army. Prior to his assignment in Charlotte, he was stationed in Paris, Frankfurt, and Casablanca.

Col. Reilly outlined the abject poverty and concurrent royal rule of most countries of the Middle East and listed the area's importance as hinging on the fact it has 75 percent of the world's oil reserves. He noted too that religious impacts are heavy, citing the historic hatred between Arab and Jew and the fact that the Middle East is the spiritual home of majority of the world's population.

He defended the Eisenhower doctrine for the Middle East and noted that Russia will continue to make trouble in the area if the United States relaxes its vigil. "We must continue to work for peace through negotiation," the colonel declared.

Whitener Flays Administration

Congressman Basil L. Whitener, of Gastonia, was in Kings Mountain Tuesday chatting with friends on their ideas of Congressional action and otherwise rendering service to constituents.

Mr. Whitener jested at the administration for its record peace-time budget proposal. "Looks like we should at least make 'em cut it down to less than a wartime budget," he commented.

Mr. Whitener also expounded on the administration's efforts to raise interest rates on GI loans, which Mr. Whitener opposes. "If we want to abrogate the whole Serviceman's Readjustment Act," then we can let veterans pay the same interest rates as are allowed under the FHA financing of houses," the Congressman commented. He added that he had no interest in abrogating the act.

Mr. Whitener also commented on the postal deficit. He remarked to City Carrier Wiley Blanton, "We're wanting you to have a new boss." Mr. Whitener noted that Postmaster General Summerfield has made great protests about getting the postal service on a break-even basis, then proceeded to over-spend his budget and demand a deficiency appropriation.

SPEAKER

Rev. C. E. Murray, associate pastor of First Methodist church in Gastonia, will deliver the Sunday morning message here at Central Methodist church at 11 o'clock. Mr. Murray is the brother of Mrs. Y. F. Throneburg and Boyer Murray, both of Kings Mountain. No evening service will be held while the pastor, Rev. J. B. McLarty, is in Illinois.