

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

COMMUNITY SING

There will be a singing Saturday night at 7:30 p. m. at East Side Baptist church and all church congregations of the community are invited. W. C. Waters is choir director at the East Side church.

UNION SERVICE

Sunday night's union service for five city church congregations will be held at Boyce Memorial ARP church, with Rev. James B. McLarty, pastor of Central Methodist church, to deliver the message at 8 o'clock.

ARP SERVICE

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at Sunday morning 11 o'clock service at Boyce Memorial ARP church, according to announcement by Dr. W. L. Pressly, pastor.

LODGE MEETING

Regular communication of Fairview Lodge 339 A. F. & A. M. will be held Monday night at 7:30 p. m. at Masonic Hall, according to announcement made yesterday.

JOINS RALEIGH FIRM

William F. (Bill) Ruth left for Raleigh Monday to join Belk-Hudson, Mr. Ruth, a recent student at Western Carolina College, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hilton L. Ruth.

SUPPER

Women's Society of Christian Service of El Bethel Methodist church will serve a barbecue and hotdog supper Saturday night at the El Bethel clubhouse. Serving begins at 7:30 p. m.

NO MOOSE MEETING

There will not be a regular meeting of Kings Mountain Moose Lodge 1748 Thursday night. The regular Thursday night meeting will not be held, Dean Payne, publicity chairman reported, due to the July 4 holiday.

CITY AUDIT

Charles Ezell and Omar Lingerfelt of A. M. Pullen & Company, Charlotte accountants, have begun the annual audit of the books of the City of Kings Mountain.

CO-SPONSORED

Mike Dixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Dixon, who finished third in last week's Carolina Soapbox Derby was co-sponsored by Philter Hardware Company and C. E. Warlick Insurance Agency.

BRACKETT REUNION

A Brackett Family reunion will be held Sunday at the old homeplace of Ben Brackett on Erjar Creek in Rutherford county. It was announced by Mrs. R. C. Brackett of Bessemer City. Picnic dinner will be served at 12:30 p. m.

TO CHAPEL HILL

J. C. McKinney, assistant cashier of First National Bank, will go to Chapel Hill Monday for next week's North Carolina Banker's conference, co-sponsored by the N. C. Banker's association and the University of North Carolina.

IMPROVING

Mrs. Andrew Jenkins remains a patient in Charlotte Memorial hospital where she is recuperating from an operation. Her condition is reported as satisfactory.

HAS OPERATION

Miss Mary McGill is recuperating from an operation she underwent last Thursday at Gaston Memorial hospital. She returned home over the weekend and her condition is reported satisfactory.

Course Offered For Non-Swimmers

A swimming class for adult non-swimmers will be conducted at the Deal Street pool beginning Monday.

Swimming instruction for persons over 18 will be given from 5 to 7 p. m. for the week of July 8-12, it was announced by Jake Early, recreation director.

Mr. Early said non-swimmers should register at the pool.

Harris Says He Won't Offer For State Legislature Post

Harris Thinks No. 4 Candidate Could Win Job

County Coroner J. Ollie Harris won't be a candidate to succeed State Representative B. T. Falls, Jr.

Mr. Harris, who had been prominently mentioned by both Shelby and Kings Mountain citizens as a possible House candidate, made the statement to the Herald Wednesday morning.

Projection of Mr. Harris' candidacy had been advanced by numerous Kings Mountain citizens, and others, who have expressed the opinion Kings Mountain should obtain a county elective honor it has not enjoyed since 1927.

Last General Assemblyman from Kings Mountain was the late Senator H. Tom Fulton. Last representative was Attorney J. R. Davis.

Mr. Harris, in his declination statement, said he hoped Kings Mountain would unite behind a strong candidate. He added he felt other citizens of the county would support a man from Kings Mountain township if they felt his homefolk united.

Others mentioned for the post have been J. Wilson Crawford, W. L. Plonk, and Arnold W. Kincaid, all from Kings Mountain, and Virgil Weathers, of Shelby. Weathers was county campaign manager for Ralph Gardner in Mr. Gardner's losing bid for the U. S. House last year.

Text of Mr. Harris' statement follows:

"After careful consideration I have decided that I shall not run for election to the North Carolina House of Representatives. I want to thank those who thought that I might make a good representative and I also want to thank those who advised me not to run. I sincerely hope that a citizen of Kings Mountain will run for the position and that the people of Kings Mountain will unite behind his candidacy. If this is done, I believe that the folks in our county would like to see Kings Mountain represented in the Legislature."

NCPA Official Here For Talks

W. J. Smith, executive secretary of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical association, was in Kings Mountain Monday conferring with C. D. Blanton, Kings Mountain druggist and association president, and with Wilson Griffin, also a Kings Mountain druggist who was chairman of the board of tellers in the recently conducted election of association officers.

Mr. Smith, of Chapel Hill, was accompanied by his wife and his son, Allen Smith.

He and Mr. Blanton discussed committee appointments and plans for association activities during the coming year.

Airman Cook Is Commended

W/C Kenneth E. Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Cook, of Kings Mountain, has been recommended for airman of the month honors at Forbes Air Force base, Kansas.

In the letter of recommendation, the field maintenance officer commended the Kings Mountain service man for "his ability to learn, retain and use the technical knowledge offered to him. . . . He said airman Cook became proficient in all phases of jet engine handling procedures, became an excellent forklift operator and made himself available for any duty he could perform without regard to hours of work or personal inconvenience.

Stolen Truck Found, Second Auto Missing

Oscar Stallcup, Pine Ridge, reported to city police Tuesday night theft of his 1954 Chevrolet. The car, a two-toned green, Mr. Stallcup reported, was stolen from the Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company parking lot sometime between 9 and 1:45 p. m. Tuesday.

A truck, stolen from McGinnis Furniture Company sometime around 11:30 Sunday night, was returned Monday to the firm.

The truck was found abandoned in a ditch near Hal Herndon's residence at Grover.



GROUND BREAKING CEREMONIES HELD — Penley's Chapel Methodist church on Cherryville road held groundbreaking exercises Sunday morning for a new church building. Dr. James G. Huggin, Jr., superintendent of the Gastonia district of the Methodist church, W. Leonard Huffstetler, Penley's lay minister, and Rev. W. C. Sides, Jr., pastor of the sponsoring Grace Methodist church, assisted in the ceremonies along with members of the official board and building committee. The new building will include a sanctuary and educational unit. Construction is under supervision of C. T. Bennett Construction company.

Ward Seed & Feed In Receivership

Wilson Crawford, C. B. Cash, Jr. Co-Receivers

Superior Court Judge P. C. Froneberger Tuesday granted a voluntary petition for receivership to Ward's Seed & Feed Store, Inc.

J. Wilson Crawford, realtor and former Kings Mountain merchant, and C. B. Cash, Jr., Shelby attorney, were appointed co-receivers and have posted bond of \$20,000.

Mr. Crawford commented on Wednesday morning, "This business has more assets than liabilities and the business will continue to operate with the same products and services offered as in the past."

The order will be in force until January 1, 1958, and, according to Attorney J. R. Davis, may be continued in the discretion of the court.

Mr. Davis said Ward's Seed & Feed Store, Inc., has 27,202 shares of stock outstanding, with 27,200 in the name of Mrs. Margaret Ward, and one share each in the names of Hal D. Ward and Earl Spearman.

Mr. Davis described the business as "a little different from the average business" in that the feed firm furnishes feed for laying chickens, accepts eggs in payment for the feed. He said Ward's is currently furnishing feed for some 22,000 chickens.

Mr. Ward founded the firm some ten years ago, operated the firm individually before the firm became a corporation several months ago. Mr. Davis said Mr. Ward is in Florida.

Mr. Crawford said over 50 percent of Ward's Seed & Feed, Inc., creditors were represented at the Tuesday hearing before Judge Froneberger.

Kings Mountain Lions Will Hold 18th Annual Ladies Night Monday

Kings Mountain Lions club will hold its eighteenth annual ladies night banquet Monday night, with Charles Elledge, long-time "Horn in the West" cast member, to give the feature address.

Mr. Elledge is billed as a humorous speaker. In the winter months Mr. Elledge is a McDowell County school principal.

President J. W. Webster will serve as toastmaster for the event. Rev. R. D. Fritz will give the invocation. Dr. Nathan H. Reed, recently retired president, will welcome the ladies and Sam

First '57 Cotton Bloom Reported

The Kings Mountain Herald was brought its first 1957 crop cotton bloom Monday.

Byron Keeter, Kings Mountain merchant, said the bloom was found Monday morning by Robert Parker, Negro tenant on the Keeter farm near Grover while Parker was dusting his field to prevent boll weevil damage.

"He surely was tickled," Mr. Keeter said. "He'd been saying he would have blooms by July 1 and he was right."

Disaster Relief Funds Are Asked

The Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter, though still \$500 short of its 1957 fund drive goal, is ceasing solicitations for the regular operating budget and is asking Kings Mountain citizens to make donations to the disaster relief fund.

The Red Cross has moved into Louisiana in force to relieve the suffering caused by Hurricane Audrey.

Ollie Harris, chapter chairman, said he is requesting ministers of the community to ask their members for special collections for Red Cross disaster relief, is addressing a similar appeal to civic clubs and individuals.

"All future monies received will go to the disaster relief fund," Mr. Harris said.

ONE FIRE

Kings Mountain City Fire department answered a call Saturday to Cleveland avenue, to extinguish a blaze that had ignited in a Burlington Mill truck. City Fireman C. D. Ware reported that there was no damage except to the wiring of the truck.

B. O. Weaver Dies Suddenly After Attacks

Buron Odus Weaver, 62, died suddenly at 12:45 Wednesday shortly after he had been admitted to Kings Mountain hospital. Cause of death pending results of an autopsy.

Mr. Weaver became ill while working with Davis Mechanical Contractors on the construction of Homelite Chain Saw's new plant in Gastonia. He was sent by ambulance to the hospital, seemed to be better on arrival. A few minutes later he succumbed.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Weaver was a son of the late Richard Winfield and Florence Hamrick Weaver. He was a member of First Baptist church.

Surviving are his wife, Avalonia Hambrick Weaver, to whom he married in 1917, two daughters, Mrs. Warren Roberts, Gastonia, and Mrs. James H. Miller, Elizabethtown, Pa., and a son, Fred Weaver, Kings Mountain. Also surviving are five brothers and three sisters. They are Vets, Buford, Clement and Gordon Weaver, all of Shelby, and Tom Weaver, Greenwood, S. C., Mrs. Ray Green, Mrs. Buford Padgett, and Mrs. Kendrick Hamorigh, all of Shelby.

Three grandchildren survive.

Logan Returns Safety Auto

Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan, Jr., Tuesday returned to Victory Chevrolet Company the city safety car.

For the past four years, the chief of police has used a new car each year through courtesy of First National Bank, which furnished money for the car without interest, and Victory Chevrolet Company, which furnished the car, then replaced the retiring model with a new one.

Cost to the city was only the cost of operation.

Chief Logan now will use one of the city's police cars.

He said he appreciated the efforts of these firms, plus others which contributed funds for radio and other allied equipment, in contributing to calling attention to safety.

Right-Of-Way Policy Changed

A new edict from the federal government concerning right-of-way for the federal fund interstate roads has been reported by E. L. Kemper, highway department engineer.

Mr. Kemper said the new ruling which he just received on June 26 instructs the highway department to obtain right-of-way only the width required.

"If 230 feet is enough, that will be o. k.," Mr. Kemper remarked.

"Originally the federal policy called for minimum right-of-way of 300 feet.

Mr. Kemper noted that much more than 300-foot rights-of-way are customarily required for over-passes and cloverleaf-type interchanges.

He said an over-pass currently under construction near Statesville required 69 acres, while still another being built in North Carolina required 120 acres.

Right-of-way originally obtained for the U. S. 29 by-pass south of Kings Mountain was 260 feet.

A number of Kings Mountain citizens attended the public hearing on the proposed improvements to U. S. 29 on June 26.

Two Firms Pay Holiday Bonuses

Among Kings Mountain firms paying holiday week bonuses to employees were Mauney Hosiery Company and Carolina Throwing Company, it was announced by officials of these firms.

Both firms paid employees of five-year or more tenure four percent of earnings and employees of less than five-year tenure two percent of earnings.

Mauney Hosiery Company was idle this week. Carolina Throwing Company is operating on regular schedule.

Majority of other textile firms were closed for the traditional Independence Day vacation week.

Phenix Plant of Burlington Industries was the principal exception. Phenix will take a holiday week in August, the company has announced.

City Tax Rate Set At \$1.50; Police Adopt Work Schedule



W. SCOUTING AWARDS—Sarah Rose Lennon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Lennon, and Mary Lillian Lewis, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. O. P. Lewis, have been awarded the curved bar, highest rank in intermediate scouting, by Troop 4 of First Presbyterian church. Presentation of badges and awards featured the Court of Awards held Thursday night.

Curved Bar Award Is Won By Two Scouts

Girl Scout Troop 4 of First Presbyterian church presented badges and other scouting awards at Court of Awards held last Thursday night.

The curved bar, highest rank in intermediate scouting, was presented to Mary Lillian Lewis and Sarah Rose Lennon. Second class rank was won by Mary Ann McCurdy, Priscilla Padgett, Laura Page, Coral Rameuse, and Gloria Hampton. Scouts receiving first class awards were Marlene Weir, Jane Houser, and Mary Ellen Stroupe.

Leaders of the troop are Mrs. T. L. Kesler, Mrs. R. S. Lennon, and Mrs. Lawson Brown.

Carolina Mines Not To Operate Until Pending Suits Are Settled

Carolina Mines, Inc., the kyanite mining company, won't go into production until litigation pending against Cleveland Minerals, Inc., is settled.

Peter E. Peterson, consulting engineer for the mining company, made the statement and said he had been authorized to make it by the board of directors.

Cleveland Minerals, of which J. E. Herndon of Kings Mountain is major stockholder, holds a mineral deed to property owned by the Shelton Heirs. However, the heirs have lodged suit against Cleveland Minerals charging that the late Mrs. Shelton, for many years a Gastonia restaurateur, was mentally incompetent when she signed the mineral deed.

Mr. Peterson said the company would be in position to get into production if the litigation were settled. He said individuals are willing to advance working capital if and when the legal cloud is removed from the mineral deed.

Mr. Herndon commented, "Cleveland Minerals holds a mineral deed to the kyanite properties and it is a good deed. Mrs. Shelton was certainly competent. My firm is quite ready for the suit to be tried. Of course, it's seldom possible to dispose of law suits overnight."

Mr. Herndon also pointed out that the Shelton Heirs have lodged suits against J. J. Mullinax, also a stockholder in Cleveland Minerals, and against Carolina Mines. Mr. Herndon said Mr. Mul-

Potato Vines Give Tomatoes, Too

A Kings Mountain Negro family has reported the growing of small green tomatoes on two rows of Irish potato vines in their garden.

Mrs. Georgia Bert brought a large potato vine bearing both potatoes and tomatoes to the Herald office Tuesday. She said she discovered the green tomatoes on the potato vines Saturday.

The family lives on the farm of Mrs. Bert's father, Pink Crawford, on route two.

TWO BUILDING PERMITS

Building Inspector J. W. Webster issued two building permits Friday. A permit was issued to Lela Bell to build a two room addition to a one story house on W. Ridge street, at an estimated cost of \$1,000. Dr. Kenneth McGill was issued a permit to build an addition to his residence on Crescent Hill, at an estimated cost of \$3,000.

\$3,500 Tagged For Recreation Plant Addition

Kings Mountain citizens will pay this year's taxes at a rate of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation, action was taken last Thursday night by the city board of commissioners.

Adoption of the tax rate, which represents a cut of 20 cents per \$100 valuation, and discussion of proposed work schedules for the city police force featured the commission's "clean-up" agenda.

The board also went on record as favoring a city recreation program and earmarked \$3,500 "and more if possible" as a "sinking fund" toward a permanent facility for a year-round program of recreation in the city.

In its budget adoption discussion, city commissioners agreed with Comm. Ben Bridges' suggestion that "economizing should be done in any spots if the economizing did not effect the services rendered."

The board had previously, in its budget paring, discharged two policemen and slashed \$9,950 off the police department's estimate of needs for the fiscal year which began July 1.

Voting on the police work schedule, eight of ten policemen favored adoption of Schedule 3, and it was adopted on motion of Comm. Boyce Gault, seconded by Comm. Coleman Stroupe. Five proposed schedules had been drawn up by the commission and the ten policemen, all present, were asked to select the preferred one.

Schedule 3 for first-shift policemen calls for one man to work the desk, one man to operate the meters, and the chief in the car. On the second and third shifts, two officers will be in the police car and there will be one desk man. Meter man and desk man will be off one day, the swing shift man will work 10-6 on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday and from 2-10 on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. The swing shift officer will be off on Saturday, one man will work vacations, and one man will man the swing shift when vacations are over.

Officers on the police force are Sgt. Tom Gladden, Sgt. B. P. Cook, Sgt. Martin Ware, S. E. Ware, Joe L. Harmon, E. W. Bridges, P. R. Sanders, J. D. Barrett, P. A. Hawkins, and Chief Hugh A. Logan.

"We want a good police force," Comm. Bridges commented, "and we feel we have men who can give us a good force."

The board also voted to create a "sinking fund" for rebuilding of the city electrical system on motions of Comm. Luther Bennett and Comm. Ross Alexander and voted to pay the mayor \$500 per year for direct supervisory duties in the city gas department, this amount to be included in the city gas system budget. Comm. Bennett made the motion and it was seconded by Comm. Alexander.

In other actions, the board:

(1) Set the salary of sergeants in the police department at \$255 monthly upon motions made by Comm. Bridges and Comm. Coleman Stroupe.

(2) Voted the following roll.

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July Fourth Shutdown Set

Kings Mountain will close down tight for Thursday's Independence Day holiday, which, for those folk not away at beaches, mountains or other vacation spots, promises to be a quiet holiday.

With many of the city's textile plants closed for the week, many local folk are out-of-town on vacation.

Others will visit swimming pools, and other places for the holiday, and numerous family picnic outings are planned. Fishing is expected to get a big holiday in the numerous and well-stocked lakes dotting the area.

With exception of service stations and amusement spots, most of Kings Mountain commerce will be static for the day. Most merchants, who remained open Wednesday afternoon, will take Thursday away from their business houses, re-opening on Friday morning.

The post office will be closed, as will the Employment Security commission office, the city offices, the Kings Mountain Herald, and all financial institutions.