

Population	
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.	

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Local News Bulletins

KIWANIS PICNIC

Kings Mountain Kiwanians and their families will be served a picnic dinner Thursday evening, at 7 o'clock by El Bethel Methodist church. The picnic will be held at Bethware school cafeteria.

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.

BUILDING PERMITS

Building Inspector J. W. Webster issued two building permits Monday. One permit was issued to Callie B. Cook to build a two room addition to a residence on Bennett drive, at an estimated cost of \$1500. The other permit was issued to George Nolan to build a one story house on Katherine street, at an estimated cost of \$6,700.

UNION SERVICE

Sunday night's union service for five city church congregations will be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran church with Harry Petersen, assistant pastor at First Presbyterian church, to deliver the 8 o'clock sermon.

REVIVAL

Services are continuing through Saturday at Bethware church, with the revival series being conducted by Rev. L. M. Allison, pastor of Gastonia's First ARP church. Services are held nightly at 8 o'clock p. m.

DISCHARGED

Robert E. (Bobby) Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Martin, was released from the Air Force last week after serving four years and entered the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on Monday. The Kings Mountain man had been stationed with Headquarters Division at Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio for the past 18 months.

TO ENTER ARMY

Charles F. Mauney will report at Fort Jackson, S. C. Sunday, July 25, for induction into the army. Mr. Mauney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Mauney, of Kings Mountain.

ORNAMENT REUNION

The annual Old Furnace picnic will be held July 27 at the Bert Ormand farm, two miles west of Bessemer City on the Long Creek road. All members of the Ormand clan and their friends are invited to be present.

ICE CREAM SUPPER

The Ladies Auxiliary of Carson Memorial church at Crowder's Mountain will serve an ice cream supper Friday from 5 to 7 p. m. Ice cream and cake will be served and numerous entertainment events will be staged.

IN GERMANY

Major James M. Mercer has arrived in Germany for duty with the army. Mrs. Mercer and their daughter Peggy is in Kings Mountain with Mrs. Mercer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Plonk, until they join Major Mercer when housing is available in Germany.

LEGION AUXILIARY

New officers of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion Auxiliary, will be installed at the regular meeting Thursday night at 8 o'clock at the Legion Hall. Delegates to Tar Heel Girls State will present the program.

Neisler Plant Work Progresses

Paul M. Neisler thinks it possible his new textile mill in Shelby will get in operation by November. Construction was slowed due to slow shipment of steel for the roof of the 44,000 square foot building, but workmen are now finishing the roof. The firm will manufacture fabrics.

Audit Shows City's Income At \$607,997

The City of Kings Mountain had revenue of almost \$45,000 more than it expended in the year ending June 30, audit report by A. M. Pullen Company shows.

The audit report, receipt of which was announced by Mayor Glee A. Bridges, also shows that the city's total assets at year-end were \$2,092,167, an increase of \$112,000 during the fiscal year.

Against total assets of more than two million, the city showed liabilities of \$733,220, of which \$700,000 is bonded indebtedness. Other liabilities included \$24,306 in utility deposit fees.

At July 1, the city was able to begin the new fiscal year with cash on deposit of \$54,894.97. All accounts owed by the city had been paid.

The city's capital assets are listed at book or cost value totaling \$1,936,798. The big items are water and sewer lines, valued at \$617,000, and water and sewer plant equipment valued at \$523,235. Another major item are streets and paving equipment, valued at \$359,000. City parks are listed at \$157,983. City automotive equipment is listed at \$55,193 — more than the profit-making power plant and equipment which it carried at \$53,586.

REVENUES

General fund revenues zoomed during the year to \$453,487, with numerous accounts returning more revenue than had been anticipated. Utilities sales totaled \$307,000 — more than half the city's total revenue — and were \$15,000 more than anticipated. Better than anticipated tax collections also aided the city coffers. Other contributions to the \$54,925 receipts-over-estimates bulge were intangibles taxes, POW bill street monies, and equipment rentals.

Even the city recreation fund showed a slight gain over estimate with \$5,114.19 income, up \$220 over the budget guess.

EXPENSES

The city spent last year nearly \$2,000 less than it anticipated it would, paying out \$563,059.

Majority of the several city departments showed budget surpluses, and those running in the "red" were by small amounts.

Administrative, street, sanitation, and fire departments and recorder's court cost less than had been expected. Slightly over, spent were the police department by \$706, the water and sewer department by \$552, the light and power department by \$1,553, and the cemetery department by \$13.44.

The audit shows all insurance coverage of the city and shows the following fidelity bonds for city employees: City Clerk Gene Mitcham, Assistant Clerk Joe McDaniel and Tax Collector J. W. Webster, \$5,000 each; Miss Grace Carpenter, clerk, \$1,000, and Miss Billie Sue Gibbons, recorder's court clerk, \$2,500.

Eastside Baptists Will Occupy New Church Building On Sunday

East Side Baptist church on York road will hold open house Sunday as the church congregation formally enters its new edifice.

The Sunday activities will begin at 9:30 a. m. with members to assemble in the Sunday School class rooms. The congregation will march from the old building to the new edifice, stopping for a prayer service at the front of the building, Rev. Carl Greene, pastor, said.

Former pastors of the church will participate in the service of dedication. Women of the church will serve the noon meal after which visitors will be invited to inspect the building. Special singing will be a feature of the afternoon activities beginning at 2:30.

The evening service will be held at 7:30 p. m., according to the pastor, who added that the first baptismal service will be held in the new church at the Sunday evening hour.

Second Baptist church organized the York Road mission on July 15, 1951 after purchasing the lot for \$1200 and erecting the building at a cost of \$500. The first service was attended by 62 persons.

The mission was organized as East Side Baptist church on October 7, 1951 with 44 members. Rev. R. L. Chaney was the church's first pastor and five deacons

Second Pittsburgh Bond Vote Will Be Called In September

Dogs, Fishing, Paying Habits Board Problems

The city board of commissioners discussed a menagerie of subjects last Tuesday night in what the city clerk said was a "clean-up" meeting.

Up for discussion was the problem of stray dogs, the problem of some city employees said delinquent in paying their accounts to the city and others, and city lake fishing.

These particular questions weren't quite cleaned up.

The commissioners finally tabled the dog discussion by naming a committee of three to check into (1) the law governing dogs and (2) feasibility of establishing a city dog pound, where strays could be fed and quartered for 30 days before quiet extermination. On the committee are Mayor Glee Bridges, Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan, Jr., and Attorney J. R. Davis.

Comm. Luther T. Bennett advanced the city lake fishing problem, complaining that the few boats available at the York Road lake are in poor repair and are hazardous. Result of the discussion was a motion by Ross Alexander to donate the boats to Mrs. Sinclair Bridges, the lake caretaker. In turn, Mayor Glee A. Bridges was instructed to examine the boats and to remove those likely to water-log and sink. It was noted that private boats, without motors, are usable.

The city employee paying habit (Continued On Page Eight)

Sewing Class Enrolls 32

Enrollment in adult sewing classes now totals 32, according to report of Mrs. John H. Gambie, teacher of the course being conducted at Central high school.

Of the total, 15 are enrolled in the morning class being conducted from 9 a. m. to 11 a. m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Seventeen women are enrolled in the night classes taught on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7 o'clock to 9 p. m.

Students in the adult beginners' class are being instructed in the sewing of dresses, skirts and blouses, shorts, children's dresses, and numerous articles of clothing.

The summer course is sponsored by the city schools. Mrs. Gambie is teacher of home economics at the Central plant.

Cline Property Auction Saturday

Four properties of the Sarah Isenhower Cline estate will be sold at public auction on the various sites on Saturday, Dr. J. P. Mauney, administrator for the estate, has announced.

Auction of a four room house at 303 Parker street will begin at 10 o'clock a. m. A four room house on Duke street will be sold at 10:30 a. m. and a four room house at 206 Morris street will be sold at 11 a. m. on the property site. Auction of a seven room house at 943 East Marion street, Shelby, will get underway at 2 o'clock p. m., Dr. Mauney said.

The four tracts of land will be offered for sale at public auction to the highest bidder. George Thomasson is the attorney for the estate.

Phenix Workers Begin Vacations

Employees of the Phenix Mills will observe the entire week of July 29th through August 3rd as a vacation week, it was announced today by J. S. Rotan, superintendent.

The plant will close down at the end of operations on July 26 and will resume operations on August 5th, he said.

Mr. Rotan said that all eligible employees are receiving vacation pay. In most cases, this means that employees with more than one but less than five years' service will receive amounts equivalent to approximately one week's pay, while those with more than five years' service will receive approximately two week's pay.

At Phenix Plant, approximately 72 percent of eligible employees have more than five years' service and will receive the larger payment, Mr. Rotan said.



ELECTED—Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan, Jr., has been elected a member of the board of control of the Law Enforcement Officers of the Carolinas. The Kings Mountain police chief will serve a one-year term on the board.

Huffstetler, Son Are Sued

Mrs. Lyman Champion has filed suit for \$50,000 damages against Palmer Huffstetler, his father Dan Huffstetler, and the administrator of the estate of Paul K. Furr, who died with Champion, and two others in a head-on auto crash August 4, 1955.

The wreck, which cost four lives, occurred on what is now U. S. 29. The road was under construction at the time of the accident.

The complaint alleges that Furr drove his auto into Champion's while both cars were enveloped in a cloud of dust left in the wake of Palmer Huffstetler's speeding vehicle. Huffstetler, a minor, was driving a 1955 Chevrolet pick-up truck.

Also killed were Ronnie L. Blackwelder, of Stanly county, and Mrs. Mary Sansing Grigg, of route 1, Kings Mountain.

There were no eye-witnesses to the accident, highway patrolmen investigating the accident said.

Attorneys for Mrs. Champion are Reuben Elam and the firm of Kennedy, Mahoney and Mull.

Gas System \$35,666 Profit

The city natural gas system showed an operating profit for the year ending June 30 of \$35,666.91, prior to debt service requirements, audit report of A. M. Pullen Company shows.

During the 12 months, the gas system had sales of \$99,232.90 and other revenues of \$2,629 for a gross intake of \$101,862.

The system spent \$66,195, including \$48,638 for the gas it purchases from Transcontinental Pipeline Company.

Built with revenue bonds, the system last year paid \$5,633.28 in bond interest.

At year end, assets of the system totaled \$464,385.

The year-end report showed a drop in customers from the past year by 50, with 392 customers being served with natural gas. Of the total, 317 were classed as residential users, 60 as small commercial users, four large commercial or industrial users, and 11 schools and public buildings are listed as customers.

"All covenants of the prospectus have been or are in the process of being complied with. We find no recommendation necessary as to any revision of the gas service charges or administration of the System," the auditors commented.

Bethware, Compact Enrolled 1,010 As Summer Term Opened Monday

Opening day enrollment figures at Bethware school totaled 534 and 476 Negro students registered at Compact to bring the area county registration up to the 1,010 mark.

Thurman Lee Warlick, Bethware principal, reported a slight overall decrease but said that high school registration was up by a few students. A total of 44 first grade students were admitted.

L. L. Adams, Compact principal, stated that enrollment is up in both departments of his school. Ninety-one registered for the high school, an increase of twelve over opening day figures last year. Three hundred eighty-five elementary students were admitted, making an increase of eight over last year's opening day enrollment.

Bethware's teacher shortage was filled by Miss Meta Divine, of Bessemer City. Resident of 215 W. Virginia Avenue, Miss Divine is a graduate of Furman University. Her subject is social studies. Mr. Warlick listed the high school faculty and subjects taught as Mrs. Evelyn Jackson, English; Mrs. William Powell, science and math; Mrs. N. F. McGill, home economics and typing; William Powell, physical education and science; Myers Hambrick, agriculture; and Miss Meta Divine, social studies.

In Compact school, Mrs. I. V. Couser, and Mrs. S. P. Adams teach first grade; Mrs. L. W. Wellmon, second; Miss Leatrice McNair, second and third; Mrs. J. C. Surratt and Mrs. R. L. Belton, fourth; Miss Duella Johnson, fifth; Mrs. M. M. Gull, sixth; Mrs. S. P. Campbell, sixth and seventh; and Mrs. C. T. Wilson, seventh and eighth; and Mrs. M. H. Cabbiness, eighth.

Mrs. H. C. Wilson teaches English and French in the Compact high school department, while Miss M. R. Adair teaches home economics and science.

C. T. Pass teaches physical education, social studies and coaches, while J. E. Sanders teaches science and math at the Compact school. M. L. Campbell teaches agriculture.

Second Election To Be Required By Legal Snag

Cleveland County citizens, who voted 35 to 1 in favor of spending money to furnish water and sewer lines for an 800-employee fibre glass plant near Shelby, will be asked to re-affirm their decision.

Technical errors in the county commission's bond resolution have, in effect, nullified the preponderant majority vote recorded on June 8.

Currently, the county's bond attorney's Mitchell and Pershing of New York City, are drawing a new bond resolution to conform to the indicated requirements, and the affirmation election is planned for early September.

Mal Spangler, Sr., president of the Shelby Chamber of Commerce and recently appointed a member of the county commission, said the bond attorneys phrased the original resolution which the North Carolina Supreme Court did not rule valid or invalid. However, some of the justices indicated privately that, had they ruled, they would have declared the election invalid on grounds the bond issue resolution was too specific. Bond votes must be general in purpose, the indication was.

The Supreme Court dismissed a test case brought by A. W. (Buck) Archer, of Shelby, to restrain the holding of the election. When the Supreme Court ruled, the election had already been held and the votes certified. The Supreme Court said it had nothing to rule upon, since the election was already past. There was nothing to restrain.

Mr. Spangler feels there will be no change in the plans of Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company to construct the planned Shelby plant.

Pittsburgh's engineers are continuing with estimates of cost and Mr. Spangler said he felt Pittsburgh's directors will vote to build at their quarterly meeting in September.

Present plans call for construction to begin early in 1958. The county's citizens voted on June 8 to borrow \$415,000 for the building of water and sewer lines to serve the Pittsburgh plant. The election was held under authority of a law passed by the 1957 General Assembly, as introduced by Rep. B. T. Falls, Jr., of Cleveland county.

Financing For Industry Is Discussed

Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce virtually is ready to talk financial turkey with a garment manufacturer which has indicated interest in locating an 80-100 employee industry here.

Meeting Tuesday night, the Chamber of Commerce board of directors discussed organization of a Kings Mountain Industrial Development Corporation which would furnish funds for equity financing in a new building.

President Carl H. Swan named a five-man committee to proceed on the financing operation. The five are: W. K. Mauney, Fred W. Plonk, Dan Weiss, George Thomasson, and Martin Harmon.

The directors discussed a stock sale arrangement at \$10 per share, indicated 2,000 shares would be necessary to handle the garment manufacturer's requirements.

Mr. Swan said he had conferred with Fred W. Plonk, a member of the committee conferring with the garment manufacturer, and reported that an insurance company had made a verbal commitment to handle a loan on a new 18,000 square feet air-conditioned building. This manufacturer has indicated interest in a lease-purchase arrangement.

Dr. L. T. Anderson, secretary, reported he had received an inquiry Tuesday from a New York garment manufacturer who is interested in utilizing the Loom-Tex corporation building. President Swan expects to confer with the manufacturer in New York Monday.

Taxes Discountable Beginning August 1

City and county 1957 tax accounts will be payable in August at the full two percent discount, tax officials reminded this week.

J. W. Webster, city tax collector, said tax notices will be mailed to all persons and firms during the first week in August, in order that they may take advantage of the fully allowed discount.

Ralph Tucker, of the county tax collector's office, says work on the county tax accounts is now underway and that notices will be mailed by August 10 to all persons and firms which discounted their tax bills for 1956.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$173.03, with \$147.35 gleaned from on-street meters and \$27.68 from off-street meters.

ONE FIRE

City Fireman N. M. Farr reported Wednesday morning city firemen extinguished a blaze Friday on First street which had ignited a hollow tree.



OAK GROVE BUILDING PASTORIUM -- Ground breaking ceremonies were held by Oak Grove Baptist church Sunday morning for a new seven-room pastorium. Pictured, left to right, are J. S. Ware, assistant chairman of the building committee, Mrs. T. A. Champion, eldest member of the church present for the ceremony, Stokes

Wright, representing the church brotherhood, Mrs. F. C. Ware, representing the WMU, Horace Bell, Sunday school superintendent, Rev. James E. Holder, pastor, Giles Bell, associate director of the BTU and J. H. Dye, contractor (Photo by Ellis Studio)

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Lynch Says 'I'm Running'

Haywood E. Lynch, who indicated last week he was almost "definitely" a candidate for the North Carolina House of Representatives, said over the weekend, "I am running now."

Mr. Lynch said he had received much encouragement to offer for the Democratic nomination for the House, subject to next spring's primary.

Another Kings Mountain citizen considering offering for the legislative post, L. Arnold Kiser, had made no statements through Wednesday. Mr. Kiser was out-of-town and could not be contacted.

Another likely candidate is Hugh Wells, the Shelby attorney, who like Lynch, is telling friends he is now "running."

Motorists Sad, Gas War Over

The war is over! But very few Kings Mountain motorists seem happy.

The war the motorists liked is the gas war which kept area citizens on the road at the rate of 16.9 cents per gallon in a few instances.

The black hour for gas buyers was midnight Tuesday. Shell and Esso told their Kings Mountain distributors to hike prices, and motorists found regular rates Wednesday morning.

Gulf Oil company told its dealers Monday to surrender and go back to regular prices. Gulf distributors on Shelby Road had raised prices Tuesday.

Glass Grocery, on Grover Road, reported a rate of 29.9 cents for regular and 32.5 cents for high test. The gas war is definitely off.

De-Segregating Effect Not Known

Local effect of the decision of three large-city boards of education to admit Negro students to previously all white schools was not known completely Wednesday.

B. N. Barnes, superintendent of schools, was in Boone and could not be reached for comment on action by Winston-Salem, Charlotte and Greensboro boards of education to admit an aggregate of 12 Negro pupils to former white only schools.

However, J. H. Grigg, county schools superintendent, said no requests were filed this year during the period allowed by state law to protest school assignments. The law allows ten days to request re-assignment following notification, Supt. Grigg said.

City school assignments for the year beginning September 3 have not been completed.