

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

BUILDING PERMIT

City inspector, J. W. Webster issued a building permit to H. C. Mayes on January 31 to alter a 2-story wood house on E. Kidge st. as a residence. Estimated cost is \$2,000.

FLOYD INITIATED

CHAPEL HILL—Jack Floyd, of Kings Mountain, recently was initiated into the Alpha Lambda Chapter of the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

NEW TEACHER

A new addition to the high school faculty is Daniel H. Norris, science and math teacher. Mr. Norris graduated from Michigan State University and has done two years graduate study at Duke University toward his Ph. D. degree. Mr. Norris is presently residing at 313 N. Kings St.

LIABILITIES

22. Advance assessments
23. Death benefits unpaid
24. Expenses unpaid
25. Total liabilities

SURPLUS

Number of assessments during year 4 Race close of books 891.

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The churchwomen sponsor three programs during the year. They are World Community Day, World Day of Prayer, and May Fellowship Day.

Theme of this year's World Day of Prayer service is "The Bread of Life." The service will be held on February 21st at 3:30 p. m. at First Baptist church.

County To Pay Local Firm For Water Line

The County board of commissioners authorized payment to Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, of Kings Mountain, \$8,187.48 as partial reimbursement for a water line run from Kings Mountain city limits to the Margrace plant last year.

The board had previously indicated it would reimburse Massachusetts Mohair when funds were available.

Invoice photostats filed with the county auditor totaled \$15,187.48. Auditor Max Hamrick said the remaining \$7,000 would be paid when the money is in hand.

The reimbursement comes from non-tax revenues, Mr. Hamrick explained. Since some of these revenues are budgeted to other expenditures, the payments can't be made until non-budgeted funds accrue.

The County similarly has reimbursed J. W. Wood Company at Shelby for an out-of-city water line and has indicated it would reimburse Dicey Fabrics, Inc., the new P. M. Neisler family plant at Shelby, both to come from non-tax revenues.

County citizens voted a bond issue to provide water and sewer lines for Carolina Fibre Glass plant, Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company's projected Shelby firm.

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HEADS DRIVE—L. Arnold Kiser will head the 1958 appeal for funds for the Boy Scouts in the Kings Mountain area, it has been announced by district officials.

Kiser Heads Scout Drive

L. Arnold Kiser, Kings Mountain businessman, will head the 1958 appeal for funds for the Boy Scouts in Kings Mountain.

Announcement was made by Rev. James B. McLarty, chairman of the Kings Mountain District Boy Scouts of America, who said that Mr. Kiser is completing his committees for the annual campaign.

Boy Scout Week begins Friday with more than 4,700,000 cub scouts, boy scouts, explorers, and adult leaders throughout the nation observing the 48th anniversary of scouting.

In Kings Mountain, the Thursday night program of the Kiwanis club will feature an address by David P. White, of Shelby, chairman of the Cleveland County District Boy Scouts and vice-president of the Piedmont Council. Guests of the civic club will be Boy Scouts, Scoutmasters, and members of the local scout committees. The club convenes at 6:45 at the Woman's club.

Mr. McLarty noted that Boy Scout Week sees the launching of a yearlong Safety Good Turn suggested by President Eisenhower, honorary president of the Boy Scouts of America. In cooperation with other organizations giving leadership in safety, the scouts will promote traffic safety in March, April, and May; outdoor safety in June, July, and August, and home safety in September, October, and November.

Penalty Added To '57 Tax Bills

Numerous Kings Mountain taxpayers paid 1957 city tax bills last weekend to avoid the one percent penalty which applied Monday.

Tax Collector J. W. Webster said he hadn't totaled the weekend payments but guessed they would total \$4,000.

He also reminded taxpayers who are not delinquent on 1957 accounts that the penalty will increase another one percent in March and an additional one-half of one per cent each month thereafter.

Insurance Agents Asked To Bid On Two Expiring City Policies

City Clerk Joe Daniel has invited city insurance agents to post bids on two expiring city policies in time for the board of commissioner's February 12 meeting.

It will be the first bid opening on city insurance policies since the board's recent decision to invite bids.

Both expiring policies are currently written by C. E. Warlick Insurance Agency in St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company, St. Paul, Minn.

One is a "fleet liability" and gives the city liability coverage on its motor vehicles, including \$10,000 for each person and \$20,000 each accident for personal injury, and \$5,000 property damage for each accident, among other minor coverages.

The other policy is called a "monies and securities" policy, and gives the city \$3,000 maximum coverage on loss of monies or securities.

Invited to bid on the coverages were five Kings Mountain agents, Mr. McDaniel said, including C. E. Warlick Agency, The Arthur Hay Agency, B. F. Maner Agency, Tom L. Trotter Agency, and John L. George.

Mr. McDaniel said considerable interest has been expressed in the bidding with several agents bringing in special agents to give the coverage asked.

The board of commissioners recently changed its insurance purchasing methods after B. F. Maner had visited the board ur-

Complaint Readied In Baptist Suit

Heart Campaign Radio Auction Set

Kiwanis-WKMT Sponsoring Charity Sale

Kings Mountain Kiwanis club, in collaboration with Radio Station WKMT, will conduct a three-hour radio auction next Wednesday afternoon for benefit of the heart fund campaign.

George H. Mauney is serving as chairman of the auction.

Merchants are donating gifts of merchandise to be auctioned and committee members reported Wednesday they are getting a good response to their appeal for goods to auction. Members of the committee are Fleteer R. McCurdy, Ben H. Bridges, and W. S. Fulton, Jr.

Charles Neisler, chairman of the heart fund campaign, said the auction will be run as have former ones for other charitable events. Bids will be accepted via telephone and, when an item is declared "sold", members of the Kiwanis club will deliver the item, or a merchandising certificate, to the successful bidder.

"There'll be some real bargains," Mr. Neisler commented.

All proceeds will go to the heart fund.

John Spearman's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for John Spearman, 60, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock from Oak View Baptist church, interment following in the church cemetery.

Mr. Spearman died Monday morning at 2:55 a. m. at his home on route one after an illness of three weeks. An employee of Margrace Mill, he was a son of the late John and Mincie McMurray Spearman. He was a deacon of Oak View church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Laura Mae Rice Spearman; four sons, M/Sgt. Johnny J. Spearman, Spokane, Washington; Raymond Spearman, Clover, S. C., and Earl and Glenn Spearman, both of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Mrs. Kenneth Metcalf and Mrs. Robert Childers, both of Kings Mountain, and one brother and four sisters. They are Charles Spearman, Kings Mountain, Mrs. Sallie Jennings, Glendale, S. C., Mrs. Mary Coggins, Spartanburg, S. C., Mrs. H. E. Rogers Hendersonville, and Mrs. R. H. Rice, Black Mountain. Twelve grandchildren also survive.

Final rites were conducted by Rev. Earl Oxford, pastor, assisted by Rev. O. Gore, a former pastor, and Rev. Norman Brown, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist church.

Rites Conducted For Mrs. Logan

Final rites for Mrs. Susie Sellers Harmon Logan, 83, who died Tuesday night at her home on Linwood road, were conducted Friday afternoon from First Baptist church.

Mrs. Logan died suddenly after becoming ill an hour before her death at 10:30 p. m. Daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Sellers, Mrs. Logan had been twice-married, first to Edward Harmon, who died in 1898, and then to John J. Logan, who died in 1939.

Final rites were conducted by Rev. Aubrey Quakenbush. Mrs. Logan was a member of First Baptist church.

Surviving are four sons, Paul Harmon, Thomas G. Logan, Sweetwater, Texas, Albert P. Logan and William B. Logan, both of Kings Mountain, and four daughters, Mrs. Robert J. Love, Kings Creek, S. C., Mrs. W. T. Randall, Jacksonville, Fla., Miss Mattie E. Logan, Charlotte, and Mrs. Elmer Hardin, Kings Mountain.

Also surviving are 30 grandchildren and 39 great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were Fred Ruth, Jim White, Ted Weir, Harold Crawford, Johnny Beam, and Fred Weaver.

Pete McDaniel To Bring Action In Church Dispute

Formal complaint by First Baptist church members who dissent from the church plan to build on a new site may be filed in Cleveland Superior Court Thursday, certainly before the weekend, Attorney Jack H. White said Wednesday.

The complaint was being typed in final form Wednesday afternoon.

Attorney White did not give specifics of the complaint except to say it will be filed in the name of F. A. (Pete) McDaniel, Jr., member of First Baptist church who will say he is acting for himself and other members of the church.

The complaint will also state that 216 First Baptist members have indicated a desire to maintain a church at its present site.

Meantime, hearing on Mr. McDaniel's affidavit, which resulted in temporary order against church officers restraining their disposing of real or building fund assets, has been postponed until 9:30 next Tuesday morning. Judge Dan K. Moore, of Sylva, will hear objections to continuance of the restraining order in Gastonia.

The defendant group, which wishes to build on the new West King-Sims street site, has retained the Gastonia law firm of Mullins, Holland and Cooke.

The formal complaint will be filed in Cleveland Superior Court, Mr. White said.

Commissioner Finger Sworn

Carl P. Finger, Kings Mountain businessman, took the oath of office as a Cleveland County commissioner Monday morning.

Sworn in by Clerk of Court J. W. (Bill) Osborne, Mr. Finger then sat with the board for the first time at the regular February meeting.

Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, of which Mr. Finger is a member, was present for the oath-taking and gave a prayer on request of the court clerk.

On convening of the commission by Chairman Fitzhugh Rollins, the commission elected Knox Sarratt, of Earl, as vice-chairman. The vice-chairman had been vacant since the death of Hazel B. Bumgardner, whom Mr. Finger succeeded.

Mr. Finger got his first assignment when the commission was considering the resignation of the county veterinarian, Dr. T. S. Williams, who is accepting a position in Raleigh. Dr. Williams was making application for the county job for a successor veterinarian to whom he is leasing his practice. Mr. Finger suggested that Dr. Jacob S. Mauney, of Kings Mountain, was interested in filling the position, which pays \$175 per month.

Suggestion was made to confer with the county health department and Vice-chairman Sarratt and Mr. Finger were named to attend to the conferring and report to the commission.

Mr. Finger said the principal duty of the county veterinarian is to examine meat killed locally and being offered for sale.

Unemployment Claims In January At Record For Past Four Years

Unemployment compensation claims zoomed to a four-year high during January, Manager Franklin L. Ware, Jr., reported this week. However, he predicted a fall-off for the current month.

Total weeks of claims for unemployment compensation reached 2544 during January, with 247 designated "local" and an additional 77 "inter-state", Mr. Ware noted that Christmas layoffs in some local plants escalated the January figure on a temporary basis and said there would be improvement for February by about 600 weeks of claims.

"Inter-state" claims come from persons laid off in other states and who have returned to Kings Mountain until recalled or other employment is available. Among the states listed were New Jersey, Connecticut, Illinois, Ohio, Calif., and Louisiana.

However, January set a new low for recent years in job orders,

Bethware Patrons Ask New Election



PROMOTED—Jack Ruth, formerly of Kings Mountain, was recently promoted to the position of assistant treasurer of American Commercial Bank of Charlotte.

Charlotte Bank Promotes Ruth

H. L. (Jack) Ruth, Jr., of Charlotte, was elected an assistant treasurer of American Commercial Bank at a recent meeting of the board of directors.

Mr. Ruth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Ruth, of Kings Mountain, has been associated with the bank since his graduation from Davidson college in 1953.

A graduate of Kings Mountain high school, Mr. Ruth starred in football, both in high school and at Davidson. He was president of the Davidson student body his senior year.

New Gas War Fails To Excite

Another gas war sprang into being last week, but most service station operators reported motorists—who a year ago were driving miles to snap up bargain joy juice—seem unexcited about the eight-cent drop in the price of auto fuel.

Prices at most outlets were posted at 24.9 cents per gallon for regular brands, 27.9 cents for middle grades.

Cut-rate dealers were two cents lower on regular grade at 22.9 cents.

Meantime, fuel oil customers also benefitted from a price cut by major oil companies of one-half-cent per gallon, on all types, including kerosene, home-heating fuel oil, and industrial grades of fuel oil.

Business journals reported the fuel oil price decline due to oversupply.

It was good news for heating oil customers here who are finding their consumption considerably over recent winter seasons, as temperatures remain low for longer periods.

Petitioners Ask New Vote On Split Term

Bethware school patrons will vote again this spring on whether to abolish the so-called "split-term" schedule, which takes children to school during the summer months and brings a holiday during harvest season.

Petition bearing signatures of 62 Bethware school patrons was filed with the county board of education Monday. The board did not set a date for the voting, but it indicated it would.

The board guessed there might be more schools wishing to vote on the same question and inferred it would like to hold all the voting at the same time.

Bethware failed to abolish the split term in a vote last spring. A majority of voting patrons favored the change, but an insufficient number participated in the voting.

County schools, in addition to Bethware retaining the split term, include Polkville, Moriah, Casar, Belwood, Fallston, Waco, Morresboro, Compact, Green Bethel, Camp, Vance, Douglas, Philadelphia and Washington.

Signing the petition asking another vote at Bethware were:

Mrs. James Fitch, Mrs. Ben Edwards, Robert Kale, Mrs. Frank Blalock, Mrs. Paul Hayes, J. W. Rayfield, Mrs. Frank Hamrick, Mrs. Ben Marlow, Walter S. Smith, Robert H. Gantt, Mrs. C. M. Lail, B. C. Quinn, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Marion Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Towery, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Randle, Mr. and Mrs. Bain Randle, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Goforth, Mrs. T. H. Boles, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cashion, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Doster, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Goforth, Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Herndon, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Canipe, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Beam, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hoyle, Mr. and Mrs. Plato Ledford, Hill Lowery, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Stone, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Anthony, Mr. and Mrs. Holland Horn, Mrs. Stokes Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Turner, Mr. Nell Lowery, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bell, Mrs. Wylie Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Ranny Blanton, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lovelace, and David P. Smith.

Building Group Is Optimistic

Business firms and citizens closely connected to the building industry anticipate a better year, economically, than was recorded in 1957.

Part of the optimism, among builders, sellers and suppliers, stems from the recent decrease in money costs and a consequent increase in availability of funds for long-term loans under FHA mortgage terms.

Otherwise, the optimism stems from the poor year of 1957 when new construction was heavily behind the previous year.

Kings Mountain financial houses say they have the money to lend for both new construction, home purchasing, and remodeling.

Ben H. Bridges, secretary-treasurer of Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association, said his firm closed in excess of 25 loans in January, many of them for new construction, and added the firm now has 18 loans in process, also a number of them for new construction.

A. H. Patterson, secretary-treasurer of Home Savings &

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Trailing Fire Wagon Is Misdemeanor

Following a fire truck is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine and imprisonment, Mayor Glee A. Bridges reminded Kings Mountain citizens Wednesday.

Mayor Bridges said there is apparently a growing tendency on the part of some Kings Mountain motorists to trail the city fire wagons when they're speeding to answer fire alarms.

The police department is being instructed to "crack down", the Mayor said, unless the practice is stopped.