

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 7,206

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PRICE TEN CENTS

State Panel Approves Davidson Gymtorium

Principals Are Elected For 1958-59

Kings Mountain board of education Monday night advanced plans for building of a gymtorium for Davidson school.

The board, on motion of J. R. Davis, and Dr. P. G. Padgett's second, voted unanimously to employ an architect to draw plans for the plant addition which it is estimated will cost about \$75,000.

The action came after discussion of approval from the state review panel to build the gymtorium and contingent approval to add three classrooms at West elementary school. The state review panel authorized expenditure of \$30,000 for the building of the West school addition, if the schools acquires undeveloped property adjacent to the school. School board members have been seeking to acquire undeveloped property adjacent to West school and Chairman Fred W. Plonk said he felt sure it would be purchasable.

Mr. Plonk and Superintendent B. N. Barnes are to confer with J. L. Beam, Jr., architect, concerning the Davidson addition. Mr. Beam served as architect for the six-room Davidson elementary plant.

The board of education also elected all principals for the 1958-59 term. They are: E. Lawson Brown, Central; William George, North; Robert Kennedy, East; I. Ben Goforth, Jr., West; and J. A. Gibson, Davidson.

The board also:
1) Authorized expenditure of an amount up to \$500 to add heating capacity to the North School auditorium.

2) Authorized reimbursement of travel expenses to three principals who attended the recent District IV meeting of the state school board association.

3) Authorized reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$38.43 of Mrs. Wanza Y. Davis to the recent Raleigh meeting of the Association of School Secretaries.

4) Heard Supt. Barnes report to the board that he had employed Daniel H. Norris as high school teacher of physics and chemistry. The employment of a science teacher had been authorized at the January meeting.

5) Mr. Davis told the board he had completed the property transaction between the city schools and George White.

6) Authorized Mrs. Grady Howard to teach an adult non-credit typing class. Supt. Barnes was instructed to approve the details, including tuition and salary.

7) Authorized purchase of a filing cabinet for the school band.

8) Authorized Mrs. Musa Marto, special teacher of piano, to use school facilities for summer teaching.

9) Approved teaching of a class in "job relations".

10) Authorized the chairman to sign a petition for paving of Woodside Drive from Church street to Cleveland avenue.

A. W. Kincaid inquired about possibility of obtaining a teacher for trainable handicapped children for the 1958-59 term, and suggested, "We should obtain a teacher if we possibly can."

Supt Barnes replied that available teachers in this field are very few but added he was seeking a teacher and hoped he would be successful in obtaining one.



ELECTED — Mrs. Wanza Y. Davis, city schools secretary, has been elected president of the North Carolina Association of Educational Secretaries. Mrs. Davis was elected at the annual convention in Raleigh last week.

Secretary Group Names Mrs. Davis

Mrs. Wanza Y. Davis, secretary-treasurer of Kings Mountain city schools, has been elected president of the North Carolina Association of Educational Secretaries for the coming year.

Mrs. Davis was installed, along with other new officers, by City Schools Supt. B. N. Barnes at the annual meeting of the association Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Raleigh.

Other officers include Harold Hewitt, of Hickory city schools, first vice-president; Mrs. Iona Whitehead, of New Hanover County schools, second vice-president; Mrs. Nina Tenuta, of New Hanover schools, recording secretary; Miss Mary Hesta Lewis, of Tarboro city schools, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Berta Piland, of Winston-Salem city schools, treasurer, and Miss Grace Ledbetter, of Henderson county schools, parliamentarian.

Participating in the panel program on the discussion topic, "Action and Reaction of Model Secretaries" were Lawson Brown, principal of Central school here; Dr. Brank Proffitt, of Western Carolina college; Hugh Randall, superintendent of Hendersonville city schools and formerly of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Iona Whitehead, of New Hanover schools, and Miss Ruth Holton, of Winston-Salem schools.

The meeting also included a banquet on Friday night with the principal address delivered by Sam D. Bundy, Farmville schoolman. A tour of the State Department of Public Instruction also featured the three-day convention.

Mrs. Davis, wife of I. C. Davis of Kings Mountain, is serving her sixth year as secretary in the city schools here. She resigned recently as president of the Southwestern district of the Educational Secretaries to accept the state post, a department of the North Carolina Education Association.

Jaycees Elect Thomasson

George Thomasson was elected president of Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce at the group's Tuesday night meeting.

Mr. Thomasson succeeds Delbert Dixon as president of the civic club.

Other officers are Bob Maner, first vice-president; Robert Goforth, second vice-president; Otis Falls, Jr., secretary; Rudy Frazier, treasurer; Bill Allen, R. G. Plonk, Jr., Raymond Goforth, and Ralph Flow, directors, and Joe Cornwall, Jaybird.

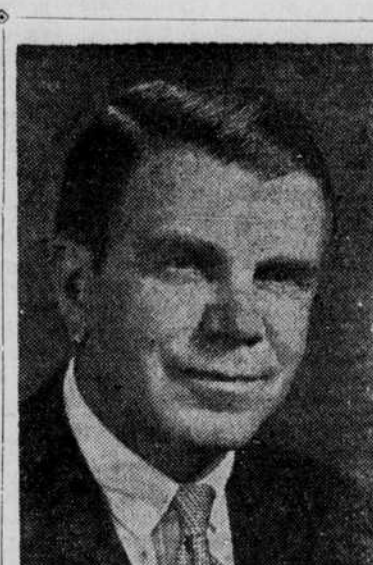
President Dixon, who presided, recognized two visitors, Stover Dunagan, of Rutherfordton, national director, and Tuck Grudger, of Charlotte, candidate for president of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Heart Fund Drive Quota Exceeded

Contributions to the heart fund appeal in Kings Mountain totaled \$1,684.57, according to report of officials in the fund drive.

"We are very pleased with the result of the February drive," Chairman Charles Neisler said. He added "The record amount far exceeded our expectations."

Mrs. Hugh Neisler, treasurer for the drive here, had reported collections of the \$510 in Kings Mountain received on Heart Fund Sunday recently.



SPEAKER — Dr. Harry M. Moffett, Jr., Gastonia minister, will begin a series of special services Sunday night at First Presbyterian church.

Moffett To Lead Special Services

Dr. Harry M. Moffett, Jr., Gastonia minister, will begin a week of special services Sunday night at First Presbyterian church, the pastor, Rev. P. D. Patrick, has announced.

Services will be held nightly through March 23 at 7:30 p. m. Dr. Moffett will also conduct on Monday a study course on the theme "Meet Dr. Luke" during the hours of 10 and 11:30 a. m. and 12:30 p. m.

Dr. Moffett, a native of Fredericksburg, Va., was graduated from Davidson college and Union Theological Seminary. He received his doctor of divinity degree from Davidson and Austin colleges and prior to accepting the Gastonia pastorate held pastorates in Jefferson City, Tenn., Liberty, Mo., Columbia, Mo., and Austin, Texas. He is a member of the General Assembly's Board of World Missions, the Council of Christian Relations, Synod's Campus Christian Life, and of the board of trustees of the new Presbyterian Consolidated college.

"All the communities Dr. Moffett has served have been college communities," Mr. Patrick said. "Dr. Moffett is well liked by college students and his messages shall be particularly interesting to the youth of our town," he added.

Fund Drive Has Goal Of \$5,625

Contributions are still being invited in the Red Cross fund campaign in Kings Mountain which seeks a goal of \$5,625 in the 1958 appeal.

Paul Walker, chairman of the drive, said Wednesday that final reports had not been tabulated but that workers are urged to report their solicitations "as quickly as possible."

Campaign headquarters are open from 1 to 5 p. m. daily Monday through Saturday in the Haywood E. Lynch building between Baird Furniture company and Helen's Beauty shop.

"The campaign goal is badly needed," Mr. Walker said, "and it should be met by citizens of the community." In this area, the Red Cross aids many needy families plus its help to the suffering and displaced person, assistance to servicemen, and the blood program.

Large Crowd At Retailer Banquet; Barnette Installed As President

State Senator Robert Morgan of Shelby predicted Monday night that the future of Kings Mountain and Cleveland County is "as equally bright" as any section of the United States.

In the principal address at the annual banquet of Kings Mountain Merchants association, Mr. Morgan told over 150 guests that "the initiative shown by people of a town is its greatest strength when the people recognize mutual dependence, pull themselves up by their own bootstraps and meet responsibility to industry and agriculture."

He philosophized that "the cure for any ailment comes when employees and employers come together in fellowship and mutual admiration" and challenged the group that "A Community can be no stronger than its individual citizen."

The address and installation of officers by Morgan highlighted



HEADS MERCHANTS — Richard Barnette was installed Monday night as president of the Kings Mountain Merchants association succeeding Charles Dixon.

Finger Is Seeking Board Nomination

Commissioners Sarratt, White Also Announce

Carl P. Finger, District II county commissioner, announced Wednesday he would be a candidate for nomination subject to the May Democratic primary.

Mr. Finger, who was recently appointed to the board succeeding the late Hazel B. Bumgardner, has served on the commission since February. He represents Townships 4 and 5.

Two other county commission incumbents have also announced they would seek re-nomination. They are Vice-Chairman Knox Sarratt, who represents District V, and John P. White, who represents District IV. Both paid their filing fees Monday to County Elections Board Chairman Joe F. Mull.

Previously filing was Chairman Fitzhugh Rollins, District III. Only Mal A. Spangler, Sr., District I, of the present incumbents has not filed for re-nomination. Like Mr. Finger, Mr. Spangler serves on the board by appointment. He succeeded Zeb V. Cline, who resigned due to ill health.

Mr. Finger, Kings Mountain laundryman, seeks nomination to public office for the first time. A Kings Mountain native, he is a son of Mrs. Belle M. Finger and the late Fred Finger. He is a World War II veteran and member of St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

Otherwise, county political activity was negligible, in spite of the fact that virtually all county township offices are to be filled this year.

Thus far no contests have developed for any elective office. Filing deadline is at noon on Saturday, April 19.

The primary voting will be conducted on May 31.

First Baptist Dissidents Raise \$800 Legal Fund

News was virtually almost nonexistent this week on the First Baptist church membership differences.

Some 40 of the dissident group — which opposes rebuilding of the church on a new site — met at City Hall Tuesday night and donated money to pay its legal battery for legal actions already taken or in process. Glee A. Bridges, who called the meeting, said the collection approximated \$800.

Yates Harbison, chairman of the board of deacons and a member of the majority group which wants to rebuild on a new site, said Wednesday that there had been no further developments in the past week. However, the board of deacons was to meet at 8:10 Wednesday night for its regular monthly session. Mr. Harbison did not know whether the building differences would be aired, commented he "doubted it".

Last week the deacons did not act on a formal compromise offer from the dissident group.

On March 24, Judge Dan K. Moore is scheduled to reconvene a hearing on a petition by the dissidents for a permanent injunction against the church officers which would restrain disposal of building fund assets or any of the church real estate.

A temporary injunction is currently in effect.



CANDIDATE — Carl P. Finger, appointed to the county commission in February, announced Wednesday he would seek Democratic nomination to the office at the May primary.

Coralee Service To Cost \$8775

Increased power service to Coralee Fabrics, Inc., will cost the city about \$8775, a representative of a Charlotte engineering firm told the city board at its March 12 meeting.

The firm, located on Childers street, has requested a power step-up. The engineer, Mr. Lempe, told the board the installation would improve city power service for residents on the Piedmont avenue and Morris street area and that the city would be able to salvage for re-use present power installations serving Coralee valued at about \$2,000.

Mr. Lempe also presented a proposal from his company to make a survey of the city electrical distribution system for \$4,200. He showed the board a graph-type projection of city power requirements ten years hence and said demand should be about 8000 kilowatts. Current demand is 3300 kilowatts. It was 1250 kilowatts in December 1948.

The board took no action on either proposal.

Fleete McCurdy, chairman of the city recreation commission, asked the city board to budget parking meter funds in 1958-59 for public recreation. "I contend recreation is a part of city government rather than a stepchild to be put off to the side," Mr. McCurdy said. He also said he felt the five-member commission should be expanded, but Mayor Glee A. Bridges replied that a larger commission had proved unwieldy.

The matter was tabled when B. F. Maner, of the recreation commission, suggested that the recreation commission prepare a tentative budget for city board consideration.

The board approved several paving, curb-and-gutter and sidewalk projects, subject to receipt of properly signed petitions. A

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Three Win Top Piano Ratings

Three Kings Mountain pianists won top ratings at district contests in Catawba college Friday. Judged superior in their performances were Linda Walker, West school, Sarah Rose Lennon, Central school, and Jerry Patterson, Bethware high school.

Winning ratings of excellent were Vanelle Phillips, North school, Robert Plonk, Sara Hendricks and Pattie Howard, all of West school.

Jimmy Plonk, Central high school won a rating of good.

Plonk and Patterson played in the senior division. By winning a superior rating, Patterson won the right to enter the state contests at Greensboro next month.

All are pupils of Mrs. Martin Hammon with exception of Miss Phillips, who is a pupil of Mrs. Musa Marto.

On Saturday, the Central high school mixed chorus, directed by Charles Ballance, won a rating of good in the district choral contests, also held at Catawba college.

Senior Class Will Present Play Thursday

Last minute details are underway as the senior class play "Once In Every Family", nears curtain time at eight o'clock Thursday night in the high school auditorium.

Wednesday a full dress rehearsal with costumes, make-up, sets and properties in use was conducted.

Programs have been made and advance tickets are being sold by senior class members and door sales will also be held for non-ticket holders. Admission price for adults is sixty cents and students, fifty cents.

Posters, radio broadcasts, newspaper articles, circulars, and the school inter-communication system are medias in use to inform the public of the three-act comedy which revolves around the Brooks family.

Tuesday afternoon a skit from the play was presented to the Fine Arts Department of the Woman's club.

Cash Assumes Agent Position

J. C. Cash, Blacksburg native, has assumed duties as Southern Railway agent in Kings Mountain. The post was vacated on the retirement of L. L. Benson after a 52 year tenure with the company.

Cash, age 51, has served 34 years with Southern Railway, starting in 1924 as a laborer.

He married the former Cynthia Sapoch of Blacksburg and is the proud papa of one daughter, a sophomore at Limestone College in Gaffney.

Mr. Cash said he and his family are presently living outside Blacksburg but plan to locate in Kings Mountain in the near future.

CITY BOARD MEETING
The city board of commissioners will meet in special session Thursday night at 8 o'clock at City Hall.

Logan Says Radio Receiver Gift; Motorola Bills City For \$134 Tab

A radio receiver at the home of former Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan, Jr. got attention of the city commission last week.

At the March 12 meeting, Mayor Glee A. Bridges said Motorola, Inc., from whom the city bought a radio communication system last year, had subsequently billed the city for \$540 and that the city couldn't find covering invoices.

He said he wrote for an itemized statement and had a corrected statement in the amount of \$173.38, including some radio crystals, which the city had received, and a radio receiver which it hadn't.

A check-up revealed the radio at the home of former Chief Logan, who told the Mayor, Mr. Bridges said, that the salesman, Dick Marable, had promised him the receiver as a gift for help-

ing to consummate the sale.

Motorola, on the other hand, said that the order for the receiver was placed by V. L. Beechum, former gas system superintendent, via telephone.

Mr. Beechum, who has since resigned to take a position in South Carolina, was contacted by telephone and denied ordering the receiver, Mayor Bridges added.

Mr. Logan invited the city to take possession of the radio if the radio, after all, wasn't a gift.

Harold Hunnicutt, assistant civil defense director, told the commission the receiver is needed and recommended its retention and purchase.

The board didn't act, nor had Motorola been paid as of Wednesday afternoon, City Clerk Joe McDaniell said.

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Local News Bulletins

TO SALISBURY

The Kings Mountain high school mixed chorus traveled to Catawba college in Salisbury Saturday to receive their district rating. A score of three plus was earned by the choral group after the presentation of several numbers.

SUPPER

Women of the Church of Dixon Presbyterian church will sell hamburgers and hotdogs at the church Saturday evening beginning at 6 o'clock. Mrs. Wayne Wells is president of the church women's group.

SUNDAY DINNER

International Affairs department of the Woman's club is serving dinner Sunday at the Woman's club beginning at 12 noon with proceeds to be used to send two boys to open air camps this summer. The menu includes chicken pie, ham, turkey with choice of vegetables, salad, and dessert. Plates are \$1.25 for adults and 75 cents for children and tickets are available by telephoning 990.

TYPING CLASS

Adult typing classes will be held each Thursday and Monday (beginning today) from 4 to 6 p. m. in the commercial department at Central school, according to Mrs. Grady Howard, who will teach the course. The fee for the course of \$15, includes supplies.

P-TA MEETING

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Thorburn will discuss the program for handicapped children at Gaston School for Handicapped Children Monday night at the regular meeting of Park Grace school P-TA. The group meets at the school auditorium at 7 p. m.

KIWANIS CLUB

Carl B. Hyatt, Jr., of Asheville, Lt. Gov. of Division I, Carolinas District of Kiwanis International, will pay an official visit to the Kings Mountain club at the Kiwanis meeting Thursday night at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's club.

P-TA MEETING

Annual spring festival and election of officers will feature the program March 28th at the regular meeting of Central P-TA at 7:30 p. m. in the school auditorium.

DAFFODIL SHOW

Kings Mountain Garden club is sponsoring a spring daffodil exhibit Wednesday at First National Bank. Entries are invited from the public and will be received from 4 to 6 p. m. Tuesday afternoon at the bank. The show will be open Wednesday from 9 a. m. until 4 p. m. Mrs. John Cheshire and Mrs. W. L. Mauney are general chairmen of the show.



PERFORMERS — Thursday night (tonight) is when all the above pictured local talent will perform in the senior play, "Once In Every Family". Grouped in the Brooks' family rumpus room where the action takes place are bottom row left, Gerald Thomasson and Tony Goins. Standing in the far left background is Jean Hicks beside Tommy Smith with Franklin Lail and Phyllis Dean seated in front of them. Reuben Bridges (foreground, striped shirt) is seated in front of Sherry Kelley, then Gail Hampton and at the back Polly Page. Standing in far right from front is Faye Robbs, Becky Thornburg, Wayne Mayhue, and Ervin Houser, Cast members absent for the picture were Ruth McCurdy and Jerry Wilson.