

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 7,206

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LEGIONNAIRES ATTEND BANQUET — Some 500 Legionnaires in Division 4 of the American Legion of North Carolina gathered in Kings Mountain Saturday for the annual Go-Getters banquet. Otis D. Green Post 155, of Kings Mountain, was host to the gathering. Among officials present, pictured above, were Charles Groves, second from left, fourth division commander; Dud Robbins, of Burgaw, state commander standing beside Ray Cline, Post 155 commander; Mr. Franks, commander of the Newton

post; National Executive Committeeman Graham of Albemarle; Nash McKee, department adjutant; Mr. Chambers, of Mooresville; and Shelton Hutchinson, department chaplain. Several other visiting Legionnaires in the photograph were not identified. Go-Getters banquets are held annually to honor Legionnaires who have secured ten or more new members. Entertainment by a professional minstrel group featured the program.

Baptist Injunction Made Permanent

Mayor Bridges Asks Babcock For New US 74

Mayor Glee A. Bridges discussed with Highway Chairman W. F. Babcock last Thursday at an area session in Shelby possibility of a new U. S. Route 74. The Mayor said he had invited E. L. Kemper, division engineer, to come over for a visit and to inspect possible routes. The Mayor favors a new road which would leave present 74 near the west city limits, swing south to cross Phifer road and proceed east west of Landing street, underpassing Southern Railway and continuing in an arc to intersect with the four-lane U. S. 74 or U. S. 29.

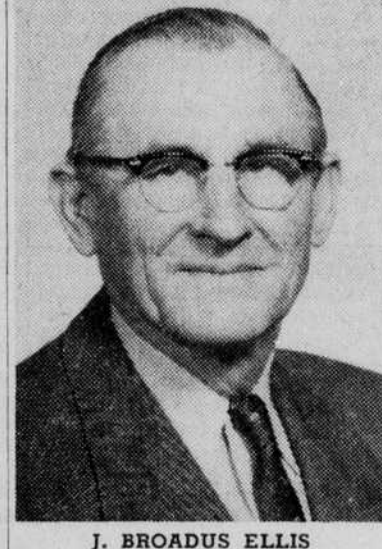
The above route was surveyed several years ago, but no action has been taken. There was some discussion at the time, and since, of widening King street (present U. S. 74) to a distance of 68-feet, which Mr. Kemper has described as conforming to federal bureau of roads standards. The widening would require obtaining of 36 more feet of right-of-way. Mr. Kemper said Wednesday determination of the most feasible route would be in the province of the state commission, subject to engineering recommendations the commission might order.

J. Broadus Ellis Is Opposing Carl Finger For County Post

Red Cross Drive Nearing Close; Reports Urged

The Red Cross fund campaign is expected to be completed this week. Paul Walker, Kings Mountain chairman announced Wednesday. Mr. Walker, who said that all reports have not been received from campaign workers, urged contributions "large or small" to be turned in to the drive officials so that full report may be made. "We anticipate," Mr. Walker continued, "that the chapter goal of \$5625 will be attained in this fund appeal."

Citizens who have pledged donations may mail donations to Kings Mountain Red Cross Chapter, in care of Paul Walker, or may contact Mr. Walker or any other worker in the campaign who will collect the pledge. The Red Cross renders numerous services to area people via its aid to servicemen and their families, to the needy, in long-term rehabilitation aid to disaster-stricken families, the blood program and in providing other improved and expanding service to the American people.



J. BROADUS ELLIS



JOHN C. ANDERSON

Barber Elected By VFW Post

Ray Barber was elected commander of Kings Mountain Post 9811, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at the regular meeting of the post Thursday night.

Mr. Barber succeeds Charles L. Alexander as commander of the VFW organization. Other officers are Mr. Alexander, senior vice commander; Billy Cloninger, junior vice commander; Marion Dixon, quartermaster; Harold Glass, advocate; Roy Boheler, chaplain; Ezra Steffy, surgeon; Hugh Falls, three-year trustee, and Marvin Goforth, veterinarian.

Wray President Of Country Club

J. E. (Zip) Wray has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Country Club for the coming year. He succeeds Bruce Thorburn.

Other officers elected at the organizational meeting of the recently elected board of directors Monday were Bruce McDaniel, vice-president; Dr. Nathan H. Reed, secretary; J. C. McKinney, treasurer. The board voted to hold regular monthly meetings on first Wednesdays at 5:30 p. m. Members of the board are the officers, Bruce Thorburn, Joe A. Neisler, Jack Arnette, Clayton Kelly, W. K. Mauney, Jr., J. Wilson Crawford, Jon N. McClure and Charles E. Dixon.

Methodists Set Special Services

Holy Week services will be conducted at Grace Methodist church beginning Palm Sunday. Rev. W. C. Sides, the minister, will bring the messages, and the choirs of the church will render special music. Services will begin at 7 o'clock each evening and will be held through Friday. Holy Communion will be administered on Thursday. "We invite the public to join in these services," the pastor said.

Barnette Names Retailer Groups

Appointment of standing committees of the Kings Mountain Merchants association has been announced by Richard Barnette, president. Included are: Trade Promotion — Paul McGinnis and F. R. McCurdy. Picnic — J. C. McKinney and Gene Timms. Christmas Opening — Glee E. Bridges and J. T. McGinnis. Membership — John Warlick and Otis Smith. Banquet — Charles E. Dixon and Dick McGinnis. Holiday Closing — Otis Smith, A. B. Mikeal, and Hilton Ruth.

Dissident Suit Is Apparently Headed For Trial

A two-hour hearing Tuesday morning on the Kings Mountain First Baptist church issue resulted in Judge Dan Moore's making permanent an order restraining church officers from expending monies in the church building fund or disposing of the church's real property. Technically, Judge Moore denied motion of the majority group's counsel, James Mullen, for a demurrer.

As the situation now stands, barring further efforts at compromising among the two groups — who differ over building a new church plant on a new site — a civil suit filed by F. A. (Pete) McDaniel, Jr., in behalf of himself and other members of the minority group, will be aired in Superior Court.

In an effort to settle the issue, Judge Moore invited the two groups to meet in separate ante-rooms to the Cleveland County courtroom, suggesting that counsel for each see if the groups couldn't be brought to agreement on a settlement.

Subsequently, the minority group amended their recent formal compromise offer to let the minority keep the South Piedmont avenue church site, with building and furnishings, and let the majority group have all remaining church real property, plus the \$80,000-plus building fund. The amendment meant that the minority group was willing to add the First Baptist office building (formerly the Herald building) and a 22.5 x 150-foot on S. Piedmont to its original compromise offer.

The majority representatives at Shelby Tuesday declined. Yates Harbison, chairman of the First Baptist board of deacons and a member of the majority group, said Wednesday some of the majority group were discontented by press reports on the Tuesday hearing which did not explain the reasoning for refusal of the second compromise offer.

Mr. Harbison said these felt it could not accept any compromise without a church vote, but could only recommend a compromise. Rev. Aubrey Quakenbush, pastor of the church, commented Wednesday that he thought major elements of both sides of the controversy feel it foolhardy to expend monies required in litigation. He also said he felt some agreement on the dispute will be reached in 30 to 60 days. Barring some agreement, the dispute will continue, with the restraining order in force, until the McDaniel litigation is tried. The Judge was quoted as chiding members of both groups for reaching "the point of stubbornness" and suggested that, should further voting on the issue or its ramifications be conducted, that an independent moderator conduct the session.

Bethware Class To Give Comedy

The Bethware high school senior class will present a three-act farce comedy, "Cupid in Pigtails," Friday night at 7:30 at the school auditorium.

Proceeds will aid the seniors in their annual trip to Washington, D. C.

The cast includes: Sadie Seism, who will play Susie McAdams; Robert Seism, as Todd Adams; Pat Hamrick, as Gail McAdams; Becky Falls, as Maybelle McAdams; Phyllis Welch, as Dorothy Vanderford; Ray Herndon, as Rollo Sappleton; James White, as Beasley Fogg; Paul Camp, as Pete Farley; Daphne Lovelace, as Beth Farley; Johnny Chapman, as Ollie Mae Squires; Pat Short, as Gertie; Moffatt Seism, as Carter Prescott.

The player in the role of the Mad Butcher is not revealed. Admission will be 30 cents for students, 60 cents for adults.

Retailers To Close On Easter Monday

Majority of Kings Mountain retailers will take a holiday Easter Monday, in accordance with by-laws of the Kings Mountain Merchants association. The retailers will be open all day Wednesday preceding Easter and will be closed on Easter Monday and on Wednesday afternoon following Easter, according to announcement by Mrs. Elaine Queen, association secretary.

Local News Bulletins

WARD'S ACCOUNTS
Mrs. Margaret Ward was high bidder Saturday at the public auction of accounts of Ward's Seed & Feed Store, in voluntary receivership. Mrs. Ward bid \$400 for the more than \$28,000 in accounts.

PROMOTED
Kenneth C. Hamrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hamrick of route 3, has been promoted to the rank of Airman Second Class at Sewart AFB, Tennessee where he is stationed.

GOFORTH HOSPITALIZED
Ben T. Goforth, Kings Mountain plumber, was reported improving Wednesday. He is receiving treatment at Kings Mountain hospital for an ear infection and pneumonia.

COMMISSION MEET
The recreation commission will meet Monday night at 7:30 in City Hall according to announcement by Fleete McCurdy.

P-TA MEETING
Central P-TA will hold its annual spring festival and elect new officers at the regular meeting Friday night at 7:30 p. m. in the high school auditorium.

KIWANIS CLUB
Ben F. Moomaw, superintendent of Kings Mountain National Military Park, will show films about volcano activity and earthquakes on the Hawaiian Islands where he served as park ranger, at the Thursday night meeting of the Kiwanis club. The club convenes at the Woman's club at 6:45 p. m.

PLAY RECEIPTS
Senior class play receipts from the Thursday night and Friday matinee performances totaled \$341.48. Mrs. Carl Finger, director of the play, said net profit was expected to exceed \$250. Proceeds will pay for the senior gift to the school.

LODGE MEETING
Regular meeting of Kings Mountain Moose Lodge will be held Thursday night at 8:00 o'clock.

SERVICE
Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, will conduct Holy Week devotions over Radio Station WKMT next week, Monday through Friday, at 9 a. m. His theme will be "Jesus' Last Week."

LIONS DIRECTOR
Directors of the Kings Mountain Lions club will hold their regular monthly meeting Thursday night at 7 o'clock at the office of Dr. Nathan H. Reed.

Mrs. George Hull Injured Fatally

Kings Mountain Citizen Struck By Motor Truck

Mrs. Fay Barnett Lzall, 33, wife of George Hull, 109 Parker street, died at Gaston Memorial hospital Tuesday night at 10:20 after being struck by a motor express truck a short time earlier on Franklin avenue in Gastonia. Jesse William Messer, of Asheville, driver of the Frederickson Motor Express truck, said the Kings Mountain woman stepped in front of his truck. He told investigating Gastonia officers that he swerved his truck to the left in an effort to avoid the accident but that the right front of the cab hit Mrs. Hull. The driver said his speed was between 25 to 30 miles per hour.

Gastonia police records list the accident as occurring at 9:35 p. m., near Rockett's Service Station in East Gastonia. The truck was moving west. Officer Terry, of the Gastonia department, said Wednesday afternoon the truck driver is being held under \$1,000 bond. The officer said the coroner had not yet ruled whether an inquest will be called. He also said investigating officers had not yet reported any witnesses to the accident, excepting the truck driver.

According to the police report, Mrs. Hull arrived by ambulance at the Gaston hospital at 10:05. She was pronounced dead 15 minutes later. Funeral rites were incomplete Wednesday, pending word from a brother, Carl Barnett, who is serving with the air force in Germany.

Surviving, in addition to her husband and brother, are two daughters, Linda Hull and Gloria Hull, and three sisters, Mrs. Nellie Mae Moore and Mrs. Barbara Jean Burton, both of Kings Mountain, and Miss Mary Lou Barnett, of Charlotte. Her parents Mr. and Mrs. Neal Barnett, of Kings Mountain, also survive. Mrs. Hull was a member of Boyce Memorial ARP church.

Re-Zoning Proposal Arouses Ire Of Residential Area Neighbors

Proposal to re-zone Landing street extension to industrial designation brought heavy opposition from residential neighbors last Thursday night and resulted in the board of city commissioners' deferring action to re-zone. Objections included devaluation of residential realty in the neighborhood, plus side suggestions for diversifying industry. George W. Mauney, who said he owned property within a block of the proposed industrial site,



ELECTED — Guy Fisher, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Fisher, has been elected to membership in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. A Junior at Lenoir-Rhyne college, Fisher is also president of the hall commission and Lettermen's club, a football and track star, and a political leader on the Hickory campus.

Job Situation Little Changed

Though claims for unemployment compensation declined for the month ending Tuesday, Manager Franklin Ware of the employment service branch office here says the employment situation remained relatively static. Mr. Ware noted that claims totaled 2120, an improvement over the 2456 of the previous month. However, he noted, the period covered exactly two weeks, three days less than in some months. He also reported that 651 persons were actively seeking work at month's end, compared to 626 the previous month. During the period, the agency placed 23 persons in jobs, up one from the previous month.

Community Concerts Drive Now Underway

Annual membership drive of Piedmont Carolinas Community Concerts is now underway. Mrs. U. J. Patterson, Sr., of Shelby, president of the association, has announced. The campaign for members began Monday and will be conducted this week through Friday, Mrs. Patterson noted. Headquarters will be in the Gold Room of Hotel Charles, Shelby, and interested Kings Mountain area citizens are invited to contact Mrs. Patterson in Shelby or the headquarters of the association. Annual meeting of the concert association is to be held in Shelby on the evening of March 31st at 7 o'clock p. m.

Logan Denies Radio Sale Aid

Former Police Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr., denies bitterly that he sought to aid the sale of Motorola radio equipment to the city, and Mayor Glee A. Bridges says he was misunderstood in his statement concerning it.

Meantime, the Mayor is still awaiting word from Salesman Dick Marable concerning a radio receiver for which the city has been billed but which the city did not receive. Mayor Bridges said he had made several telephone calls, in addition to posting several letters, asking Mr. Marable to make contact but to no avail.

Meantime, the city is declining to pay the Motorola item of \$134. Motorola claims the receiver in question was ordered by V. L. Beechum, former city gas superintendent. The Mayor said Mr. Beechum, via telephone, said he didn't order it. Former Chief Logan says he'll be happy to return the gift, if the city were billed for it, adding, "I wouldn't have asked the city to buy it, for the city had all the receivers it needed."

Easter Sunrise Service Planned

Rev. W. C. Sides, Jr., pastor of Grace Methodist church, will deliver the sermon at annual Easter Sunrise services at Mountain Rest cemetery Eastern morning, April 6. The traditional community-side Easter service will be held at Memorial Park of Mountain Rest cemetery and will begin at 6:30 a. m.

Other ministers who will participate in the service are Rev. J. W. Phillips, pastor of First Wesleyan Methodist church; Rev. H. C. McElroy, pastor of Temple Baptist church; Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of First Presbyterian church; and Rev. Frank E. Blalock, pastor of El Bethel Methodist church. The city schools band will play prior to the service and the First Presbyterian choir will sing an Easter anthem. The annual service is arranged and sponsored by the Kings Mountain Ministerial association.

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Business Development Group Has Alternate Site For Knitting Firm

Kings Mountain Business Development, Inc., has made verbal agreement to purchase an alternate site for a knitting firm which anticipates locating here, President J. Wilson Crawford said Wednesday.

The new site, adjacent to the city limits, is owned by W. A. Williams and is also bounded by Waco Road and property of R. C. Gantt. The property has been surveyed, and representatives of the industry prospect are due here over the weekend to inspect the alternate site and to discuss conclusion of contract arrangements.

The alternate site — if it is suitable to the industry prospect — will eliminate necessity for re-zoning of property on Landing street extension, a proposal strongly opposed by residential neighbors of the Landing street site at a zoning hearing last Thursday. Mr. Crawford said close inspection of the city zoning map indicated that no in-city industrial sites remain which would not require re-zoning. The knitting firm has indicated it will employ initially about 80



ELECTED — Vernon Tate, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Tate and a rising senior at High Point college, has been elected president of Delta Zeta Chapter of Delta Sigma Phi Social Fraternity. Mr. Tate, who has served as Rush chairman and as director of engineering in the fraternity, is majoring in general science.

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