

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 7,206

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Democrats To Cast Votes In Saturday Primary

Local News Bulletins

CHURCH SERVICES

Summer schedule of church services at Resurrection Lutheran church will begin Sunday morning, with the morning worship service to begin at 9:15 a. m., Rev. R. Douglas Fritz, pastor, has announced. The schedule will continue through the month of August.

LUTHERANS

Sunday School at St. Matthew's Lutheran church will be held during the summer months at 9:15 a. m. each Sunday, the morning worship service to follow at 10 a. m., Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor, has announced. The schedule will be effective Sunday.

BUILDING PERMIT

City Inspector J. W. Webster issued a permit last Thursday to Haywood E. Lynch to build a one-story frame residence on Stowe Acres between Blanton and Second streets at an estimated cost of \$3000.

BAND CONCERT

The Kings Mountain high school band will play an outdoor concert in front of Central school Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. There will be no admission charge.

AUTO BLAZE

City firemen reported extinguishing a Kings Mountain fire in an automobile at Millers Fire in Hospital last Saturday night at 11:30. The fire was caused when a rag, crammed into a hole in the muffler, ignited. No damage was reported.

HOSPITAL GIFT

Garden clubs in Kings Mountain have collaborated with the Kings Mountain Hospital Auxiliary in sponsoring and financing the project of planting 15 sycamore trees at the local hospital, Business Manager Grady Howard reported.

Phillips Joins Stowe At Belmont

Harold Phillips, superintendent of Craftsman Yarns, Inc., has joined Stowe Spinning Company, Belmont, as superintendent.

Mr. Phillips began his new duties Monday and was succeeded as superintendent at Craftsman by Norman Roper, veteran overseer under both its present ownership and under its predecessor owner, Textiles, Inc., it was announced by Carl H. Swan, president.

Mr. Phillips is a former city commissioner, representing Ward 4 from 1953-55.

Kiwanis Club To Hold Ladies Fete Thursday; Harding Is Entertainer



ENTERTAINER — Edmund H. Harding, Washington, N. C., humorist, will be featured speaker at the annual ladies night banquet of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club Thursday.

INTANGIBLES TAX

The city received this week an \$866.01 check from the state treasurer representing third quarter share of the state intangibles tax, City Clerk Joe McDaniel reported.

Jobless Pay Claim At Peak Here In May

Unemployed Kings Mountain citizens filed claims for 3075 weeks of unemployment compensation during the month ending last Friday. The figure is a record for the past five years, topping the 2800 filed in January 1954, Employment Service Manager Franklin L. Ware, Jr., said Wednesday.

The average number of claims per week was 769 for the four-week period.

At month's end, the Kings Mountain office listed 682 persons actually seeking work, a figure likely to increase considerably this week as some 150 jobless pay applicants currently listed as partially laid off, become "total".

During the month, a total of 122 persons applied for work through the employment office.

Only 29 job orders were received, with 23 of them being filled.

Irvin Allen Is Improving

Irvin M. Allen, Kings Mountain motel man and long time resident, was reported Wednesday afternoon to be showing much improvement in his condition as he convalesces at Kings Mountain Hospital.

Mr. Allen suffered a cerebral hemorrhage Sunday, May 18, and has been hospitalized since.

He is a former sheriff of Cleveland county and a former county commissioner.

Relatives reported that he can now have visitors.

Walker Joining Plonk Brothers

Paul W. Walker, veteran salesman and assistant manager of Myers' Department Store, will join Plonk Brothers & Company on Monday.

The Myers' firm is in process of liquidation.

It was also announced that W. L. Plonk, operating manager of Plonk Brothers since January 1, is resigning effective Saturday.

Mr. Plonk was managing partner of Plonk Brothers & Company prior to its sale to the J. O. Plonk family as of December 31.

Welfare Branch May Open July 1

A branch office of the Cleveland County Welfare department is expected to open here about July 1.

Welfare Superintendent Jack Hoyle said Wednesday efforts are being made to open by that date, with two case workers and a stenographer assigned to the office. He said a Kings Mountain area citizen will be employed as stenographer. Applications are now being processed.

Over 100 Seniors To Get Diplomas

Fritz To Deliver Sermon; Monday Is Diploma Night

Kings Mountain high school's commencement exercises for a class of 104 students will begin on Sunday evening with the baccalaureate sermon and conclude on Monday evening with graduation exercises.

Rev. R. Douglas Fritz, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church, will preach the baccalaureate sermon Sunday evening, and on Monday evening five members of the graduating class will be the commencement speakers. Both programs will be held at the high school auditorium and will begin at 8 p. m.

Rev. W. C. Sides, pastor of Grace Methodist church, will offer the invocation, Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, will conduct the scripture reading, and Dr. W. L. Pressly, pastor of Boyce Memorial ARP church, will pronounce the benediction at the Sunday evening service. The mixed chorus will sing "Children of the Heavenly Father", Swedish folk hymn, and the audience will sing "Fairer Lord Jesus." City Schools Supt. B. N. Barnes will present the speaker.

Participating in the student program Monday night will be Norma Hamrick, Stephen Kesler, Pauline Page, Linda Biser, and Jean Hicks. Kay McCarter will give the invocation, Jane Byars Gilbert will make the address of welcome, Kenneth Baity will present the class gift, and special music will be rendered by a senior octet, "Ours is the World." Central Principal Lawson Brown will award the diplomas.

Class mascots are Dwight Dixon and Karla Smith, the class colors are red and white, the class flower is a red rose, and the class motto, "Look to the future and forget the past."

Officers of the Class of 1958 are Kenneth Baity, president; Tony Goins, vice-president; Bill Herndon, secretary, and Linda Biser, Ann Falls, Jane Gilbert, and Guy Anne Hullender, treasurers. The sponsors are Mrs. Carol Finger, Miss Helen Logan, Miss Janet Scoggins, and Mrs. Josephine E. Weir.

TO NEW BERN

Miss Jerry Lea McCarter, a graduate of Kings Mountain high school and Mercy Hospital School of Technology is an employee of Eastern Carolina Hospital in New Bern, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. Grady McCarter of E. King street are the parents of Miss McCarter.

Further information may be obtained from Mr. Barnes, Central Principal Lawson Brown, Charles Ballance, bandmaster, and Mrs. Musa Marto, piano teacher.

Mr. Barnes said English, Biology, History, and other subjects, as needed, will be taught. Instruction will also be available in piano and band. If there is sufficient demand, make-up work will also be offered in the elementary grades.

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Lions Sponsor Bloodmobile Monday Visit

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will return to Kings Mountain Monday for a one-day visit, with the goal of the visit a minimum of 150 pints of blood.

The visit is being co-sponsored by the Kings Mountain Lions club, Rev. Douglas Fritz, Red Cross blood recruitment chairman said.

The Bloodmobile will be in operation at the Woman's Club from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m.

"We are hopeful," Mr. Fritz said, "that we can compile a collection as good as the last visit, when the quota of 150 pints was heavily exceeded. The demand for blood and blood derivatives continues heavy and it is imperative that the area blood bank have good inventories of all types of blood. This blood inventory helps save many lives, almost daily."

Temple Baptist Pastor Resigns

Rev. H. G. McElroy, pastor of Temple Baptist church, resigned his pastorate Sunday night, the resignation to take effect July 1.

Mr. McElroy told his members he had accepted a call to become pastor of Mt. Beulah Baptist church, Wadesboro.

The minister completed four years as Temple pastor this month, having come to Kings Mountain from Mull's Chapel church, Shelby.

The Shalboro church is a 400-member church. Temple has approximately 300 members.

Mr. McElroy was educated at Gardner-Webb and Limestone colleges.

Mrs. McElroy is the former Mildred Humphries. They have four children, Mike, Bobby, Gail and Teresa McElroy.

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Spears Wins Assistantship

Kenneth Sherrill Spears, senior at Western Carolina college, has been awarded an assistantship in dramatics at the University of Ohio for next school year. While studying for the master's degree in dramatics, he will teach two classes in the fundamentals of speech.

The award is based on his scholastic record at WCC, his outstanding performance in the Little Theatre, and his personality and character traits.

Spears' dramatic achievements date back to his high school days, when he received the best actor's award in the Kings Mountain high school senior play in 1954.

At WCC he has served as president of the Student English Seminar, the Baptist Student Union, and the campus chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma, national honorary scholastic fraternity. He is a past president of the Little Theatre, director for a district drama festival, and chairman of the Little Theatre Board. In addition, he has written several creative works which were published in the college newspaper.

Spears is now completing his student teaching at Gastonia high school, and will receive the bachelor of science degree with a major in English at the June Commencement.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Spears of Route 2.

Churchwomen

Mrs. Frank Hall of Wrightsville Beach, president of United Churchwomen of North Carolina, will be the speaker June 11th at a program planned at St. Matthew's Lutheran church at 3:30 p. m.



KINGS MOUNTAIN MAN STAR'S "BOSS" — Sgt. Glenn A. Barrett, Kings Mountain native, is pictured above at Fort Hood, Tex., with his new "employee" Pvt. Elvis Presley, stage, television, and movie rock-and-roll star prior to his being drafted by the army. Presley was assigned to Sgt. Barrett's armored division unit at Fort Hood.

Elvis Presley In Barrett Unit

Kings Mountain Sergeant "Boss" To Singing Star

A grandmother visited the Herald last week in a condition somewhat akin to excitement.

Could the Herald help her? Everyone was bothering her to death to see picture her army-sergeant son had sent her. Would the Herald publish it? The Herald could and would and there would be no engraving charge.

The photo subject: Sgt. Glenn A. Barrett, of Kings Mountain, with a recently added new "employee" Elvis Presley, rock-and-roll singing star extraordinaire and currently an army private at Fort Hood, Tex.

Elvis, modern-age successor to Frank Sinatra as the darling of the bobby sox set, was assigned to Barrett's group with the second armored division at Fort Hood.

What kind of soldier is Elvis Presley?

"Best guy and best friend anyone could have," was Sgt. Barrett's comment in a letter to his mother, Mrs. J. O. Vines. Mrs. Vines lives in a trailer off Piedmont avenue behind Gault's Store.

Twice a widow, Mrs. Vines is a native of White Plains, S. C., but has lived much of her life here. Sgt. Barrett is a son by her first marriage.

The Kings Mountain army sergeant, a "pro", will be eligible for retirement next year at the age of 39 but intends to build another ten years of duty to make his army hitch total 30 years. He has served in World War II and the Korean War and has been assigned to duty outside the United States seven times. He is married and has two children.

Mrs. Vines says her son expects to visit her here soon.

But nothing was said about Elvis' accompanying him.

New Zealander Graeme Reeves, 16, Is International Exchange Student

By ELIZABETH STEWART

Kings Mountain's first exchange student will be Graeme Frank Reeves, 16-year-old New Zealand lad.

Young Reeves will arrive here in August to live with Dr. and Mrs. P. G. Padgett while he is completing his senior year at Kings Mountain high school, the Woman's club, which sponsors the student exchange project, has been notified.

Eldest son in a family of four, Reeves is recommended as an "excellent student" by the headmaster at St. Kentigern college, where he has been a student the past four years. The recipient of the flying scholarship given in March by the Air League of New Zealand, Reeves has excelled in other activities and was appointed last year as "school prefect", responsible with staff members and fellow "prefects" for disciplinary policy at the school.

The headmaster said Reeves had maintained an excellent average scholastically, speaks French fluently, has a good command of the English language, and has represented his school in swimming, rugby football, and cricket. He

plays tennis, sails his own yacht in races held by the Glendowie Boating club, plays golf and the piano and is interested in scientific subjects and in mechanics of aircraft and motor cars.

Frank Andrew Reeves, the boy's father, is a native of New Zealand. He is assistant general manager (technical) of Tasman Empire Airways and has visited the United States twice. Mrs. Reeves is a native of England.

Young Reeves will come to Kings Mountain via the American Field Service International Scholarship program and under sponsorship of the Woman's club aided by various civic clubs, individuals, and organizations of the community.

Mrs. Aubrey Mauney is chairman of the community - project committee, and other committee members are Mrs. Clyde Bridges, Miss Margaret Goforth, Mrs. Jacob Cooper, Lawson Brown, John Cheshire, and Charles Blanton.

Numerous fund - raising projects have been held with monies earmarked "student fund" and other donations are being received by the Woman's club and may be forwarded to Mrs. Cooper. He

Voters To Settle Six County-Wide Party Contests

Cleveland County Democrats go to the polls Saturday to settle six county-wide and numerous township contests for nominations to public offices.

In effect, the results of the primary voting will determine who will hold these offices for forthcoming terms, for no representatives of the Republican or other faiths are candidates in the November election.

Particular interest in the Kings Mountain area attends the District II race for county commissioner, and the contest for the House of Representatives. The commissioner race is a three-way affair between Carl F. Finger, incumbent commissioner and Kings Mountain businessman, J. Broadus Ellis, Grover businessman, and A. A. Barrett, Waco contractor - farmer. Consensus of opinion is that Finger and Ellis are the leading candidates. Both have conducted active campaigns. District II includes Number 4 and 5 Townships, is bounded by Waco, Buffalo Creek, South Carolina state line and Gaston county line.

For the House of Representatives, to succeed B. T. Falls, Jr., in a post which has been vacant a year, George B. Thomason, Kings Mountain lawyer, opposes Jack Palmer, Jr., Shelby mortician, and Ernest A. Gardner, Shelby lawyer and three-time former representative.

These are the only two county-wide contests involving three candidates and therefore possible of a run-off, should one candidate fail to attain a clear majority.

Three other county commission two-man races will be determined. In District I, Mal A. Spangler, Sr., Shelby realtor and incumbent is opposed by Tilden Queen, Shelby miller. In District IV, John D. White, incumbent, is opposed by William A. Hastings, of Lawndale, and in District V, Knox Sarraat, incumbent, is challenged by Kester Hamrick.

District II citizens have township constable contests to settle. In Number 4 Township, Richard E. Ware challenges C. A. (Gus) Huffstetler, and in Number 5 Township L. D. Beattie locks horns with Yates Bridges.

In the other county-wide race, John C. Anderson, advertising salesman for Kings Mountain Radio Station "WKMT", challenges Mrs. Lillian E. Newton veteran of 26 years as county treasurer. It is the first time Mrs. Newton has been opposed for the office.

Predictions on the total vote are that it will be less than normal, due to several factors, including paucity of races, the late planting season which finds farmers busy in their fields, and lack of issues.

Bethware Finals Friday Night

Dr. P. L. Elliott, president of Gardner Webb Junior college at Boiling Springs, will address the Bethware high school graduating class in commencement exercises Friday night.

Diplomas are to be awarded to 27 seniors in the exercises which begin at 8 p. m. in the high school auditorium.

Speaker for the baccalaureate service on Sunday evening was Rev. Norman F. Brown, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist church.

The valedictory address will be given by Faye Woods, and Becky Falls will make the salutatory address. The Girls Chorus will sing "Graduation Day" and "Prayer-Full Hour."

Marshals for the program will include Norma Jane Hamrick, Carolyn Lovelace, Jerry Webster, and Luther Edwards. Class mascots are Kay Ware and Larry Randall.

Members of the graduating class are Patsy Ann Bridges, Macie Beatrice Bridges, Magel Arlene Dixon, Melba Rebecca Falls, (Continued On Page Ten)

Saturday Primary Facts Are Listed

Following are thumbnail facts about Saturday's Democratic primary election:

Polls open 6 a. m.
Polls close 6 p. m.
Eligible voters: registered Democrats.

Voting places in Number 4 Township: four, East Kings Mountain, at City Hall courtroom; West Kings Mountain, at Victory Chevrolet Company; Grover, at Grover Fire Station; Bethware, at Bethware school.

Number of county voting places: 28.

Number of ballots for township voters: two — one for county-wide races include four for the county commission, for the House of Representatives, and for county treasurer; township ballot, for township constable.

Predicted county-wide vote: 6,000.

Bobo Accepts New Position

Edwin Bobo, accountant at Neisler Mills division of Massachusetts Mohair Plush company, has resigned his position effective June 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobo and daughters, Glenna Ann, Margaret, and Willie Faye are moving Wednesday to Winston Salem where Mr. Bobo will become assistant to the business manager at Baptist Theological Seminary of Wake Forest college.

Mr. Bobo will assume his duties at Wake Forest on June 9. The Bobos are members of Kings Mountain's First Baptist church.