

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.

Local News Bulletins

BACK FROM VACATION
Dr. W. P. Gerberding returns this week from a vacation in the middle west and will conduct Sunday services at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

PERMIT ISSUED
J. W. Webster issued a permit this week to Robert Kennedy to remodel his house on Gold street at an estimated cost of \$2,000.

REVIVAL SERVICES
The Rev. Albert E. Harris of Asheville is conducting a series of revival services at the Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church this week. Services will be held at 7:30 each night through Saturday.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETS
Kings Mountain city school board will hold its regular meeting Monday, July 21 at Central school. It promises to be a routine session. B. N. Barnes, City Schools superintendent, said Wednesday.

REVIVAL
Rev. Jack Douglas Weaver, pastor of Ellerbe's First Baptist church, will conduct a week-end revival July 18-20 at Temple Baptist church. Owen White will lead the song service.

KIWANIS CLUB
Charles K. Foy, principal of Gastonia's Peeden Elementary school and past president of the Gastonia Toastmasters club, will address Kings Mountain Kiwanians at their Thursday night meeting at the Woman's club. The club convenes at 6:45 p. m.

LICENSE SALES
City privilege license sales totaled \$3,603 through Monday Acting Clerk Grace C. Carpenter reported yesterday. Licenses are purchasable without penalty during July and are required of all firms transacting business in Kings Mountain. Penalty for non-purchase applies August 1.

TO CONVENTION
Martin Harmon, Herald editor, and Mrs. Harmon will go to Asheville Thursday for the joint convention of the North Carolina and South Carolina Press associations.

LIONS MEETING
Miss Phyllis Dean will give a behind the scenes report on the Miss North Carolina Beauty Pageant at the Thursday night meeting of the Lions Club. J. W. Webster will also give a brief report of the Lions Convention in Chicago. The club convenes at Woman's Club at 7:00 p. m.

Weedy Lots Get City Attention

The board of commissioners called attention Tuesday night to the city ordinance requiring owners to mow weeds periodically and to otherwise keep them free of debris.

Ben Bridges said R. G. Whitsnant had voiced a complaint concerning the lot between Kings Mountain Cotton Oil Company and Meadowbrook Road and Mayor Glee Bridges said he had heard similar complaints about a vacant lot at the corner of Lackey street and N. Piedmont avenue.

The board instructed the Mayor to ask owners of the lots to mow them voluntarily and held in abeyance decision as to what action the city might take on non-compliance, pending advice from the city attorney.

City Court Posts "Cash Only" Sign

Clearing up City Recorder's Court records, Judge Jack White announced that no more credit would be available to court offenders unable to pay promptly. Solicitor George Thomasson read the names of 20 persons whose jail sentences will go into effect if credited fines aren't paid.

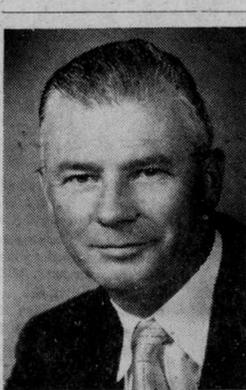
Capias was ordered issued for the following court debtors:

Wilbur W. Wright, Bill R. Garner, James Wade, Loretta Wells, Mrs. Fred Cash, Paul Crenshaw, Earl Sanders, Napoleon Hogue, James Kilgore, Joshua Gist, Jack Junior Seagle, William A. Croomes, Roger Walker, Willie C. Hayes, Eueal Smith, Junior, Ed Raney, William Sanders, Horace Sisk, Randolph Ross, and Howard H. Shipp.



MISS CONGENIALITY — Phyllis Dean, Kings Mountain's representative in the Miss North Carolina contests last weekend, smiles broadly as she holds the trophy emblematic of her election by the contestants as Miss Congeniality. (Photo by Glenn Wall.)

Phyllis Dean Cops Congeniality Title



TO KENTUCKY — Rev. Howard T. Cook, former pastor of Second Baptist Church, left Monday for Gamaliel, Ky., where he will serve as pastor of the Gamaliel First Baptist church.

Cook Accepts Kentucky Call

Rev. Howard T. Cook, former pastor of Second Baptist church, left Monday for Gamaliel, Ky., where he will assume the pastorate of Gamaliel's First Baptist church.

Rev. Cook will deliver his first sermon Sunday. A native of Cleveland County, Mr. Cook served the Second Baptist church as pastor more than three years. He resigned on January 27. A former building contractor, Mr. Cook entered the ministry in 1949. He attended Gardner-Webb college and Clear Creek Springs Bible School, Ky. His first pastorate was the North Concord Baptist church, Pineville, Ky., which he resigned to accept the Kings Mountain charge.

Mrs. Cook is the former Vernice Grigg.

The Gamaliel church has about 350 members. Gamaliel is near Nashville, Tenn.

Second Baptist members held a going-away party for Mr. and Mrs. Cook last week.

Gregory Fund Now At \$286.93

Friends of Rev. John Gregory reported additional gifts of \$60.58 received this week by the minister who has been ill for many months and who will face a delicate operation in the near future.

At one time pastor of Park Grace Church of the Nazarine and of First Church of the Nazarine, Gastonia, Rev. Gregory suffered from a total of \$14.14.

Mr. Patterson said records

Kings Mountain Entry In Top Ten Finalists

BY DAVID BAITY
"It was really a wonderful experience," Miss Phyllis Dean commented when she returned from a three-day whirl at the Miss North Carolina Beauty Pageant where she was selected as one of the top ten finalists and honored with the title "Miss Congeniality."

"Betty Lane Evans, named Miss North Carolina of 1959 in the Saturday night festivities, is a very lovely, wonderful girl," Miss Dean said.

"But all the girls were lovely and wonderful," she added.

Kings Mountain's brunette beauty returned home laden with prizes and gifts including the coveted "Miss Congeniality" trophy, a \$250 scholarship to Brevard or Elon colleges for placing in the

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History Of Home Savings & Loan Reviewed At Anniversary Dinner

The 35-year history of Home Savings & Loan association was reviewed last Friday night, as officers, directors, their wives and other guests attended a dinner meeting at the Woman's Club.

A. H. Patterson, secretary-treasurer of the association since its organization in April 1923, made the report as gleaned from minutes of the 35 years of operation and inferred the old saying "the first million comes hardest" was found true. In 1950, the association topped by only \$9,000 the million assets figure. Today, eight years later, the association boasts three million in assets.

To obtain a charter, Mr. Patterson reported, the association was required to have 300 pledged shares on the old serial type of stock. Pledged were 475 shares by F. Dilling, Dr. O. G. Falls, Elmer Lumber Company, A. H. Patterson, H. T. Fulton, Sr., Dr. J. E. Anthony, M. Elmer Herndon, M. L. Rogers, W. S. Dilling, and Harry Falls.

Of the original subscribers, only Mr. Patterson, and Dr. Anthony both of Kings Mountain, Mr. Herndon, now of Charlotte, and Mr. Rogers, now of Albemarle, are living.

First officers and directors were Dr. O. G. Falls, president, J. B. Thomasson, vice-president, A. H. Patterson, secretary-treasurer, W. S. Dilling, H. T. Fulton, Sr., Dr. Anthony, and J. O. Plonk.

At the end of the first three months of operation, the assets had reached a total of \$14.14.

City Logs Cash Surplus Of \$85,495

Dr. Plonk Weighs Raleigh Decision

300 Petitioners Ask Surgeon To Remain Here

Dr. George W. Plonk, Kings Mountain surgeon, was still weighing Wednesday afternoon a decision on returning to Raleigh as a practicing surgeon.

Dr. Plonk, in Raleigh, told the Herald via telephone that petitions bearing 300 signatures presented him Monday night and urging that he remain a Kings Mountain surgeon "had a bigger effect on me than anything that ever happened."

Dr. Plonk said that if he returned to Kings Mountain this weekend his return would indicate a decision to continue practice here. He had originally planned to go to Raleigh permanently, having made a prior commitment to Dr. Gordon Sinclair, with whom he planned to resume his partnership.

Dr. Plonk told the Herald he had presented the signed petitions to Dr. Sinclair, told him of the problem of decision, and had been released from his commitment.

Dr. Plonk had only praise for the treatment he has been accorded since coming to Kings Mountain last November. He said, "The doctors have been unusually cooperative in every way and the Kings Mountain Hospital facilities and staff are excellent."

He said he appreciated very much the evidence of Kings Mountain friendship and support, as contained in the signed petitions.

Dr. Plonk is a Kings Mountain native, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Plonk. A graduate of the University of North Carolina, Dr. Plonk attended the UNC Medical school, served in Italy as an army doctor, and took a residency in Philadelphia. He is a member of the American College of Surgeons. He previously practiced surgery in Murphy and Raleigh, before returning here.

Mrs. Plonk is also a former Kings Mountain citizen. She is the former Margaret Cooper daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Cooper.

CLOSED

The law offices of George B. Thomasson will be closed July 21-26 while Mr. and Mrs. Thomasson are vacationing at the beach. Monday's court session will revert to bygone practices with Sgt. Buck Bridges reading out the warrants and Judge Jack White questioning witnesses in the absence of Solicitor Thomasson.

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SPEAKER — Dr. Walter J. Miller, of Charlotte, will deliver the message at the community-wide union service Sunday night at Central Methodist church.

Miller To Speak At Union Service

Dr. Walter J. Miller, superintendent of the Charlotte district of the Methodist Church, will deliver the message at Sunday night's union service at Central Methodist church.

The service will be held at 8 o'clock.

Dr. Miller, who has served numerous prominent appointments throughout the Western North Carolina conference of the Methodist church, is a former pastor of High Point's Wesley Memorial church and Salisbury's First Methodist church.

"We invite members of all city church congregations and others to join us in this service," Rev. J. B. McLarty, pastor, said.

McDaniel Joins Home S. & L.

Joe H. McDaniel, Jr., spent his first day as the assistant secretary-treasurer of Home Savings & Loan association Wednesday, but was back on duty at the City Hall office Wednesday afternoon.

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The association said further reports on non-licensed barbering here would be referred to state examiners for investigation and legal action.

With Receivables Surplus \$130,483; Not Budgeted

The City of Kings Mountain completed its 1957-58 operations June 30 with a cash surplus of \$85,495. A. M. Pullen & Company auditors told city officials as they completed their work this week.

The city showed an operating surplus (which includes accounts receivable) of \$130,483.

The cash surplus was divided as follows, retiring City Clerk Joe McDaniel reported: general fund, \$56,161; debt service, \$6,301, and capital outlay fund \$23,033.

The city commission adopted finally Tuesday night at a special session its 1958-59 budget as previously adopted tentatively without budgeting the previous year's surplus.

The total was \$390,675.

The budget did not provide a contingency fund, and commissioners indicated a portion of the general fund surplus would be earmarked for this purpose.

In fact, the board delved into the capital outlay surplus Tuesday night when it voted to accept a bid of \$7,798.64 from Murphy Body Distributors, Wilson, N. C., for an electrical department truck body, including a great amount of hydraulic equipment.

The city had previously asked bids on this equipment, but had received no sealed bids, only a quotation from Baker Equipment Company of Charlotte, for manually-operated equipment. It had declined to regard the Baker quotation as a bid.

The city also adopted the tentative tax rate of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation, including five cents for the city recreation program. The rate is unchanged from last year.

Moss Rejoins Mohair Firm

Charles H. Moss returned to Neisler division of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company Monday, it was announced by Alex Maino, general manager.

Mr. Maino said Mr. Moss would serve as superintendent of preparation and weaving at the Margrace mill, the C-4 section of the Patty plant, and at the Patricia plant with the exception of the yarn dyehouse.

"Mr. Moss also will assist in the development of new ideas and fabrics looking forward to increased production," Mr. Maino commented.

Associated with the predecessor company, Neisler Mills, Inc., from 1920 to July 1956, Mr. Moss has since been supervisor of furniture cloth production for the Chippewa Group of Johnson and Johnson Mills, Cornelia, Ga. He completed his duties at Cornelia June 1.

"Mr. Moss has continued to maintain his residence here on Grover Road.

For Mayor: Bridges Vs. Bridges; Saunders Also Earlybird Runner

By MARTIN HARMON
Kings Mountain voters have some prospect of choosing a mayor next May from two office-holders both surnamed Bridges, as well as at least one other candidate.

City Commissioner and Mayor Pro Tempore Ben H. Bridges acknowledges he has eyes on the mayoral seat of Glee A. Bridges, now in his third term and a veteran of both city and county political hustings.

Another candidate, openly running unofficially, is David L. Saunders.

Will Mayor Glee Bridges run again? "I'd kinda figured on retiring at the end of this term," Mayor Bridges commented, "but I don't know. If Ben runs, I just might make him fight for it."

Mr. Saunders, owner of a dry cleaning establishment, held a city commissioner's brief by appointment, when Ladd W. Hamrick resigned. He did not seek re-election.

Ben H. Bridges, in acknowledging his bid on the top spot, said he has many long-term plans for the city which he would like to see carried through to fruition, including paving of all city streets, improvements to city stadium, and rebuilding of the electrical system.

It is an open secret that Ben H. Bridges is the "power" at City Hall today, in that he, Commissioner Boyce Gault and Cole-

City Employees May Get Raise



APPOINTED — Martin Harmon, Herald editor, was appointed by Governor Hodges Wednesday to the State Probation Commission.

Harmon Named To State Body

Governor Luther H. Hodges announced in Raleigh Wednesday appointment of Martin Harmon, Kings Mountain Herald editor, to the State Probation Commission.

The five-member commission, appointed by the governor, serves in an advisory capacity to the director of the commission, who is W. F. Bailey.

Governor Hodges discussed the possible appointment with Mr. Harmon by telephone Tuesday night.

Mr. Harmon, Herald editor and publisher since 1945, is a Kings Mountain native, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Harmon. He is a former vice-president and currently a director of the North Carolina Press association. A graduate of the University of North Carolina, he also attended the Plonk School of Creative Arts, Asheville. He is a former manager of the Albemarle Merchants Association and Chamber of Commerce, a former news editor of the Stanly News and Press, and a member of Boyce Memorial ARP church. He is a navy veteran of World War II.

Mr. Harmon was appointed to fill the vacancy created by resignation of C. B. Holding, Raleigh. The term will expire May 28, 1959.

SEEK REGISTRANT

The Cleveland County Selective Service board is seeking the whereabouts of a registrant, Joe Willis Hutchins, last known addresses the Old Mill, Gantt street, Mrs. Clara Newman, clerk to the board, said this week.

Immunity Provided By Shots Unknown

Uncertainty as to the length of effectiveness of the Salk polio vaccine was expressed by Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, county health officer, who said his department assumed the shots provided immunity for two to three years. His department, he added had been unofficially administering shots each year until receipt of a memorandum from the state health board saying yearly shots were not necessary but giving no information as to the frequency of injections. The recency of the vaccine discovery accounts for the uncertainty according to the top county health officer. A staff member of a local doctor's office supplied information that they thought the shots provided permanent immunity.

In polio cases, the county health unit investigates the condition of the patient securing blood samples which are sent to the state board of health for study and quarantining members of the family under 16 years of age and other minors possibly in association with the polio victim.

Man Stroupe customarily vote together on all issues and therefore have the votes to control any issue.

Mayor Bridges, in turn, has the authority of the mayor's office, and the duty of administering board policy.

Outwardly, the current administration has appeared almost completely harmonious. Commissioner Ross Alexander is regarded as the Mayor's man, with Commissioner Luther Bennett somewhere in the middle between the two wings.

There has been some speculation that Ben Bridges wouldn't want to seek the mayor's office without adoption by the city of the city manager system, but the probable mayoral candidate said this week, "I don't think that's too necessary. We have a good group of department heads."

Ben H. Bridges had been previously quoted by Paul Ledford, whom he defeated for commissioner last year, as telling Mr. Ledford he expected to seek the mayor's post.

Mayor Bridges served as mayor during his first term as a part-time mayor. For the past two terms, he has been a full-time mayor. He is currently being paid \$4500 per year for his services, including both his city salary, gas department salary, and car expense allowance. The law permits the city to pay its mayor not less than \$50 per month, nor more than \$500.

More Seats For Stadium City "Maybe"

City employees may get a raise of four to five percent and sports fans may get some extra sitting room at City Stadium.

The city schools, per action of the city commission, won't have to pay any street assessments in the future.

The two "maybes" were outgrowth of commission conversation Tuesday night. Ben H. Bridges suggested that salary and wage raises had not been made in several years and could be made out of the bulging city surplus from last year. He suggested that department heads bring in some recommendations not to exceed four to five percent range.

Mr. Bridges also advanced the stadium improvements question, and Mayor Glee A. Bridges reported that Wright & Sons had provided a "more or less" figure of \$4500 as the likely cost of adding another set of concrete bleachers to the stadium seating capacity.

Comm. Coleman Stroupe objected to the "more or less" quotation, but Clerk Joe McDaniel explained that location of the additional construction had not been determined, nor had specifications been provided the concrete block-making firm.

Action exempting the school board from paying street-paving assessments was unanimous, after Mayor Bridges had reported the board of education said it wouldn't provide road right-of-way without assessment relief and also had stated the schools should be exempt anyway, as churches are.

In other actions, the board: 1) Tabled a request from Casey Jones for the city to place what is known as Stroupe Alley on its proper boundary. Mayor Bridges said the alley is not city property. Ben Bridges had reported Mr. Jones threatened a suit against the city.

2) Named Mrs. Dean McDaniel a clerk in the city office at a salary of \$40 per week.

Mica Official Douglas Dies

Hamilton Douglas, 70, secretary and director of Kings Mountain Mica Company, Inc., died last Thursday in an Atlanta, Ga., hospital.

Mr. Douglas, an Atlanta lawyer, succumbed to a heart attack. He had not previously been ill, having been at his office the day previous to his death.

Active in the mica industry for more than 25 years, he had been president of English Mica Co., Spruce Pine, for more than 20 years, and an officer of the Kings Mountain company since 1950. He was last in Kings Mountain in May to attend a regular meeting

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