

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 7,206

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Local News Bulletins

HOMECOMING

Macedonia Baptist church will hold annual Homecoming Day activities Sunday. It has been announced. Rev. T. A. Lineberger, pastor, will preach at the morning worship hour. Following a picnic dinner on the church grounds, a song service will be held that afternoon.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$128.79, Acting City Clerk Grace Wolfe reported. The total included \$15.99 from off-street meters and \$112.80 from on-street meters.

KIWANIS PICNIC

Kings Mountain Kiwanis and their families will gather for a barbecue picnic Thursday at 6:45 p. m. at Lake Montona picnic area. Bridges Barbecue will serve the meal.

COTTON BLOOM

Mearl Scism, Kings Mountain area farmer, boasts the community's second reported cotton bloom, a member of the family said Friday. The family has seven acres of cotton planted this season.

CAMP REUNION

Annual Manson Camp family reunion to be held Sunday at the Byrd Hut near Patterson Springs, a spokesman has announced. Friends and relatives are invited to attend and bring picnic baskets.

15 December 74 Opening Date

Highway 74 now under construction will be open to traffic December 15, according to estimate of resident engineer, W. A. McNeill. Recent rainy weather caused a slow-up in progress, he added.

The unpaved portion east of Buffalo Creek will receive attention in approximately six to eight weeks when rock is scheduled to be delivered.

Buffalo Creek was the starting point of the paving with workers currently filling in the gap toward Shelby. Neill explained that Buffalo was starting point so detoured traffic could be routed.

Mountain Visible From Grandfather

Kings Mountain's neighboring peak of the same name recently was clearly visible from Grandfather Mountain near Linville, Hugh Morton, owner of the mountain, said last week.

Mr. Morton, owner of the scenic attraction and its mile-high swinging bridge, said the area had been enshrouded in clouds and mist all day July 12, when the atmosphere suddenly cleared. Mr. Morton invested a dime in one of the Grandfather Mountain telescopes and, to use his words, saw Kings Mountain quite distinctly.

It happened that Charlie Justice, the former All-America football star, was with Mr. Morton, took a look, and seconded the sight.

Mr. Morton, an expert photographer who recently completed a new-model "Variety Vacationland" motion picture for the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, still dreams of shooting the Charlotte skyline at night with an infra-red camera. He said the look-see at Kings Mountain recently assures he can do his infra-red shot, since the airline distance from Grandfather Mountain to Charlotte approximates the distance from Grandfather Mountain to Kings Mountain.

Mr. Morton, incidentally, says visitors to Grandfather Mountain this year have an easier time manipulating the steep ascent by automobile. The road up has been much-improved since last season.

Educational T-V Still Possibility

Barnes Says T-V Lectures May Be Used

Kings Mountain high school students may get some instruction via television during the forthcoming term, Superintendent B. N. Barnes told members of the board of education Monday night.

First ruled out due to some physical problems of space and other factors, Mr. Barnes told the board there is a definite possibility that Kings Mountain high school may be able to make arrangements to tie in to the educational channel, which is broadcast from Greensboro and Chapel Hill.

The courses are lecture variety, featuring experts in the particular fields, and are supervised by local faculty members.

The board convening for the regular monthly meeting, accepted the resignation of Mrs. Lillie B. Thurston, East school teacher, and elected to fill the vacancy Mrs. William Jonas, a former East faculty member. Mr. Barnes said Mrs. Thurston had accepted a teaching position in Asheboro.

He further reported four vacancies remain on the school faculty for the coming year, including two first grade teachers and two high school science teachers. In addition, the board seeks to employ a special teacher to teach retarded pupils.

In other actions the board:

- 1) Voted to convey to the city a street right-of-way from North school property to provide an extension for Ramsour street.
- 2) Authorized the superintendent to make alterations to Central school cafeteria.

Campaign Dance Is Friday Night

Cleveland County's Kings Mountain Life Saving Crew will hold a fund campaign dance Friday, July 25 at the American Legion Hall at 8:00 p. m. and will feature music from a Forest City dance band.

The dance is to follow a supper which starts at 4:30 p. m. and which features chief cook Ray Sisk's specialty, barbecued chicken.

Corbett Nicholson, captain of the crew, says supper will be served until the food runs out.

Mr. Nicholson also reported the fund campaign is going very well and the goal is in sight. A large donation of \$1250 from Cleveland county and \$500 from the city of Kings Mountain has put the crew near its goal of a \$2500 minimum.

Contributions are still needed if the crew is to be a success. All contributions should be sent to Mr. Nicholson.

CHURCH SUPPER

The Ladies class of Westover Baptist church will serve a fried chicken supper Saturday beginning at 4 p. m. at the church recreation building. Chicken plates are one dollar for adults, 50 cents for children. French fries will sell for 25 cents per plate, a spokesman said.

Tuesday Morning Blaze Damages Mitchem Home In Linwood Section

"There's not much of a statement one can make at a time like this. All we can say is, 'it's gone'." Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mitchem said Wednesday concerning the loss by fire of their ultra-modern, newly built home at the corner of Rhodes Avenue and Groves street in Kings Mountain's Linwood residential development.

The blaze, reported to Kings Mountain Fire Department Tuesday morning at 7:25, may have started from a built-in television set the Mitchems said, but no damage report was given.

Fire Chief Pat Tignor said the den and kitchen were total losses and all rooms in the home were heavily damaged by smoke and water.

Neighbors close by noticed the fire about 7:20 they reported. A. B. Mikeal and Houston Wolfe went to the house to see if anyone was trapped inside while their wives tried to call the fire department. Mrs. Mikeal said Mrs. Wood Grayson discovered the fire about the same time as the Wolfes did and came running down to my house to tell me to report it.

The fire was one of Kings Mountain's worse in many months, but city firemen reported it was under control within 30 minutes.

Mrs. Mitchem and children left early Tuesday morning for a visit in Georgia. Mr. Mitchem was at work in Gastonia, where he operates a construction business. Mrs. Mitchem was also at work at the time of the fire.

Mrs. Mitchem and her children returned Wednesday, having been notified of the fire.

A loss statement can be made when the insurance adjuster makes his report, Mrs. Mitchem said.

Gifts Continue To Be Received For Rev. Gregory

Additional gifts to Rev. John Gregory totaled \$186 this week, Frank Rippy, promoting the fund to aid the minister, has reported.

Interested friends and citizens have already contributed gifts of \$286.93 to Mr. Gregory, Kings Mountain minister who faces a delicate heart operation and who has been under much emotional tension due to his financial condition.

Mr. Gregory's condition diagnosed by doctors as a "heart leakage or hole in the heart" will require a delicate operation. His assets have been depleted due to his long illness which has required much medical attention.

He is a former pastor of Park Grace Church of the Nazarene here and of First Nazarene church, Gastonia.

Doctors at Winston Salem last week told Mr. Gregory his blood "had cleared up". He is to undergo further checkups and treatment before the operation, Mr. Rippy said.

Individuals or firms who wish to contribute to the Gregory Fund should forward cash or check to Rippy's Jewelry or in care of this newspaper. All gifts will be acknowledged in the Herald.

Contributions reported this week:

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| Brevard Church of the Nazarene | \$ 10. |
| Grace Methodist Church | \$101. |
| Mr. and Mrs. Clyde M. Jolly | \$ 5. |
| A friend | \$ 5. |
| Adams' Super Market | \$ 25. |
| C. T. Byrd Auto Sale Co. | \$ 10. |
| Charlotte, N. C. | |
| B. N. Barnes Bible Class | |
| First Baptist Church | \$ 25. |

Grier To Speak At Union Service

Dr. R. C. Grier, of Greenville, S. C., a former president of Erskine College at Due West, S. C., will deliver the message Sunday night at union services at Boyce Memorial ARP church.

The community-wide service will begin at 8 o'clock.

In addition to serving as president of the South Carolina institution for many years, Dr. Grier has served his denomination in many ways. Dr. W. L. Pressly, Boyce Memorial pastor, said Dr. Grier was recently one of the speakers in the Charlotte "Preaching Mission." He has spoken here on numerous occasions.

Miss Congeniality Speaks To Lions

Phyllis Dean, North Carolina's Miss Congeniality, related her experiences as Kings Mountain's entry in the North Carolina Beauty contest to the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night.

Miss Dean detailed the various events in a busy three-day schedule and said that the hardest job seemed to be arising in the mornings on a 6 o'clock call.

"One morning we got to sleep until 6:30," she remembered.

Miss Dean told the Lions she hadn't exhibited her Charleston dance routine "even for my parents" and was pleasantly surprised to be among the ten finalists in the competition for the title of Miss North Carolina.

Previously, J. W. Webster, club delegate to the recent convention of Lions International in Chicago, had related convention events. He said he found the Australian delegates "most friendly", and night club cover charges quite high. He said Lions International affiliates now dot 91 nations and territories.

ORMAND REUNION

Annual Ormand family reunion will be held Saturday, July 26, at Long Creek Presbyterian church. Relatives are being asked to note the change in meeting places. Previously, the clan gathered at nearby Old Furnace for the reunion.

Twenty Complete First Aid Study

First aid courses have been completed by 20 members of the Cleveland County Life Saving Crew.

Both standard and advanced courses were completed by 17 men while three members, Charles Boheler, Arthur Sanders, and Frank Blanton completed the standard course of instruction conducted by Bill McDaniel, Don Crawford, and Joe Hedden.

Mr. McDaniel listed the following members who completed successfully the advanced Red Cross course in first aid: Deibert Dixon, Corbet Nicholson, Bud Ware, Lloyd Putnam, E. L. Putnam, Martin L. Wilson, Jr., Wilson Ledford, Jack Wells, Clyde Huffstetler, Dewey Styers, Gail McDaniel, Earl Stroupe, Jr., Ken Jenkins, Mead Valentine, Bill Putnam, Fred Gossett, and Ken Morrison.

Baptist Committee Adjourns Without Plans To Meet Again



APPOINTED—Mrs. Aubrey Mauney was recently appointed to a national post in the General Federation of Women's Clubs organization. She is immediate past president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Mauney In Club Post

Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, of Kings Mountain, has been appointed director of the monthly news bulletin in the Council of International Women's Clubs by Miss Chloe Gifford, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Mauney is past president of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, having just completed a two-year term of office.

Miss Gifford also announced appointment of two other North Carolinians to national posts in the clubwomen's organization. They include Mrs. Ed M. Anderson, of West Jefferson, chairman of the communications department, and Miss Marjorie Yokley, of Mount Airy, junior chairman of community affairs department.

Burdette Loses Hickory Post

H. L. Burdette, onetime city manager of Kings Mountain, failed to obtain reappointment as Hickory city manager last week by a vote of 4 to 3.

Mr. Burdette resigned from the Kings Mountain post in the summer of 1947 to take the Hickory post, which he had held for 11 years.

Emmett C. Willis was named Hickory city manager to succeed Burdette, who had received a salary of \$10,000 annually, plus an automobile expense allowance.

Mr. Burdette spent six years in Kings Mountain, assuming his position here in 1941.

Jaycees Planning Kleenex Sale Here

Kings Mountain Jaycees will conduct their annual sale of Kleenex on two days, July 31 and August 1, club officials have announced.

House-to-house canvasses of the community will be made by members of the civic organization both evenings during the hours of 6 p. m. and 9 p. m.

Sale price of the Kleenex is five boxes for one dollar, and proceeds will aid the various charitable and civic projects of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in this community.

John Warlick is chairman of the project.

Dr. Plonk Reaches Decision, Says Offices Will Be Maintained Here

Dr. George W. Plonk will continue the practice of surgery in Kings Mountain.

Dr. Plonk told the Herald, "My offices will be here permanently."

For the past several weeks, Dr. Plonk had considered resuming a surgical partnership with Dr. Gordon Sinclair, of Raleigh, from which he came to Kings Mountain to practice surgery last November 15.

Dr. Plonk said he made a final decision over the weekend to remain in Kings Mountain. Some 300 Kings Mountain citizens had petitioned him to remain here.

A native of Kings Mountain, Dr. Plonk is a member of the medical society of Cleveland County and a staff member of Kings Mountain hospital. A service veteran, Dr. Plonk served in the army medical corps in Italy, subsequently practiced surgery at Murphy and Raleigh before returning here in November. He is a member of the American College of Surgeons.

Tentative County Tax Rate Is \$1.39

School District Residents Here Will Pay \$1.59

The Cleveland County board of commissioners has adopted tentatively a general county tax rate of \$1.39 per \$100 valuation and a budget totaling \$1,536,261.

Residents of Kings Mountain school district will pay a total county tax of \$1.59, including the special 20-cent per \$100 school district tax. Shelby school district residents, with a 35-cent special school tax, will pay \$1.74.

Of the total \$1.39 general tax rate, more than 72 cents is appropriated for the schools. The school appropriation includes \$411,762 for current expense, \$149,569 for capital outlay, and \$264,440 for debt service.

Big county function, other than schools, is welfare service which appropriations include: poor fund, \$51,265; old age assistance, \$51,932; aid to dependent children, \$37,368; aid to partially and totally disabled, \$19,550; aid to the blind, \$6,784; hospital care for indigents, \$51,361; and welfare administration, \$48,985.

General fund appropriations are \$269,400.

County Auditor Max Hamrick said two cents of the \$1.39 total, which represents a seven-cent raise over last year's general county tax rate, will be a one-time tax. It is designed to raise \$15,570 for a special building fund for courthouse renovation.

Mr. Hamrick reported the county's bonded indebtedness at June 30 at \$4,080,000, only five percent of the county's \$86,500,000 property valuation. He said the total includes \$400,000 in water and sewer bonds issued during the year, as well as \$110,000 in bond anticipation notes. The \$110,000 issue was voted by the commissioners for school buildings.

During the current fiscal year, the county will pay \$210,000 on bonds outstanding, in addition to current bond interest requirements.

The Kings Mountain school district tax is expected to return \$200,000 for Kings Mountain district schools.

According to the budget estimate, the county, at June 30, showed \$93,133 in unencumbered balances and surplus revenues, with \$53,374 in regular county funds and \$40,000 in the several school funds.

Majority of the county's bonded indebtedness requirements are for schools, this figure totaling \$264,440. Other county long-term debt obligations will require \$59,502.

COURTS AVAILABLE

The tennis courts at Deal Street Pool are available to any club or organization wishing to sponsor an outdoor dance. Recreation Director Jake Early announces. Anyone wishing to reserve the courts for dances is asked to call Early at the Recreation Center Office, phone 574.

Privilege License Deadline Nearing

Deadline for purchase of privilege license without penalty neared this week, with total purchases through Tuesday at \$3823.

Mrs. Grace C. Wolfe, acting city clerk, said the total compares with budget estimate of \$6,000 from this revenue item.

Mrs. Wolfe reminded that all firms doing business in Kings Mountain are required to purchase the licenses.

Penalty of five percent per month applies effective August 1. The license purchases were due July 1.

Gerberding, Jr., Wins Fellowship

William P. Gerberding, Jr., 28, son of Dr. W. P. Gerberding, of Kings Mountain, is among 15 journalists and political scientists named winners of the 1958-59 Congressional Fellowships sponsored by the American Political Science Association.

Mr. Gerberding, a graduate student in political science at the University of Chicago, holds a bachelor's degree from Macalester college, 1951, and a master's degree from the University of Chicago, 1956.

The Fellowships, awarded annually, give promising young journalists and college and university teachers of political science the opportunity to learn about legislative process first-hand by enabling them to work on the staffs of Senators, Representatives, and Congressional committees in Washington.

The program is designed to contribute to an understanding and appreciation of Congress by the whole citizen-body of the nation: Members of the Fellowship group go back to their home communities—perhaps to teach, write for newspapers, or enter local politics and they take with them a better insight into Congressional operations.

The Fellowships begin in November with an orientation program. Fellows then choose positions as working staff members in Congressional offices. Services of the Fellows are made available free of charge to Congressional committees and the Members of Congress for whom they work.

The 1958-59 program will be the sixth year of operation. Funds for the 1958-59 program have been provided by the Ford Foundation, the Poynter Fund, the New York Times Foundation, the Shiner Foundation, the John Randolph and Dora Haynes Foundation, the Revlon Foundation, and Cyrus Eaton.

Footo Building Railway Spur

Footo Mineral Company is currently installing a railway spur track into its plant area, via Ellis Lumber Company on the Grover Road.

W. A. Eldon, plant engineer, said the spur track will better serve the firm in its shipments of spodumene, the lithium-bearing ore, and other plant shipments.

Currently, Footo Mineral Company uses a loading site on the Grover Road.

The new spur track, to link with the Southern Railway main line, is approximately one and one-half miles in length and is expected to be completed about January 1.

Compromise Offers Fail Of Acceptance

The First Baptist church joint conference committee reached an impasse last Thursday night and does not anticipate a further meeting. Yates Harbison, the non-voting chairman, said this week.

The majority and dissident representatives swapped compromise offers last Thursday night, with none of them proving acceptable. Mr. Harbison reported, and the committee adjourned without plans for re-convening.

According to the report, the minority group offered these two proposals:

- 1) The minority group would accept as its share of First Baptist property the present church building, the former Herald building, and the 22.5-foot lot adjacent to the former Herald building, or
- 2) The present church building, its contents, and the name of First Baptist church.

The counter offer by the majority group was:

- 1) Granting to the minority or dissident group the present church building and its contents, excepting certain personal memorial gifts, in return for \$20,000.

Representatives of both wings, Mr. Harbison said, expressed themselves as having gone "the last mile" in an effort to compromise.

Mr. Harbison said the principal area of difference appeared to be in assessing a value on the present church structure, with both majority and dissident wings attempting to use figures attributed to the opposition.

Both groups attempted to set a cash value on all church properties, with the minority wing saying the present church building is worth \$60,000, and the majority wing contending the worth of the structure is \$200,000.

The minority contends their value is an offer for the property made by W. A. Williams, a majority member of the conference committee.

The majority contends the \$200,000 figure is the value used by the dissidents in the legal action concerning validity of the church vote on a new site, which action now awaits trial in Cleveland Superior Court.

Attempt in each compromise offer was to divide the properties on a basis of the 235-163 vote last October to accept a new church site, on round-figure division of 60 percent to the majority and 40 percent to the minority.

Mr. Harbison said the six committee members were in general agreement on the value of other church properties and recalled the figures as follows: church parking lot on Cherokee street, \$25,000; former Herald building and adjacent Piedmont avenue lot, \$17,500; church parsonage on Gaston street, \$15,000; cash building fund, \$88,000.

Using the \$200,000 figure for the church plant, the church properties would have a value of \$345,500. Using the \$60,000 figure, the church properties would have a value of \$205,500.

Members of the joint conference committee include, on the majority side, W. A. Williams, Dr. Paul Nolan and James E. White, and, representing the dissidents, W. T. Weir, Harold Crawford, and Glee A. Bridges.

Mr. Harbison said he presumed it would be within his prerogative, as chairman, to summon the committee to another session, should any reason for a meeting become apparent.

Civil litigation following the October vote found 216 dissidents asking the courts to declare the vote invalid, and, meantime, seeking an injunction against church officers to prevent disposal of real estate and building fund assets. A temporary injunction was granted and subsequently was sustained by Judge Dan K. Moore, of Sylva. This decision is currently appealed by the majority and awaits ruling by the North Carolina Supreme Court.

The church is without a regular pastor, Rev. A. T. Quakenbush having resigned in May.