

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 7,206

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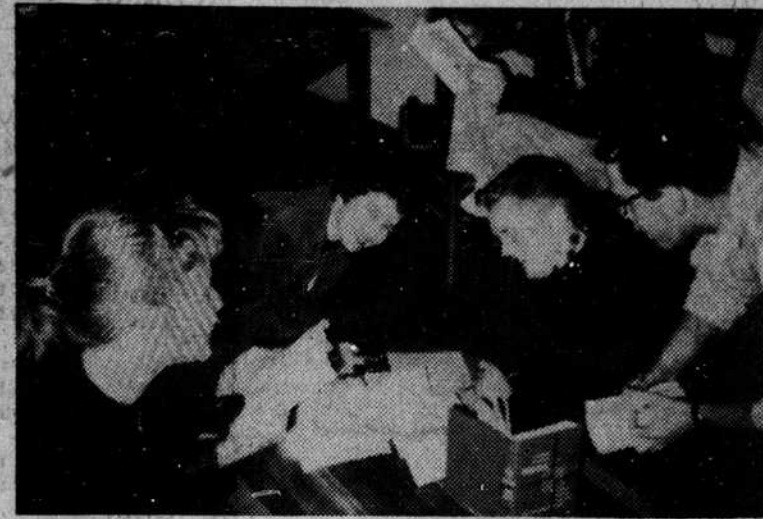
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Kings Mountain, N. C., Thursday, March 5, 1959.

Seventieth Year

PRICE TEN CENTS



SENIORS PRACTICE PLAY — Four members of the Senior play cast are pictured above following play rehearsals. Left to right, are Tillie Arrowood, Carolyn Walker, Barry Smith, and Phillip Padgett. The 15-member cast will present the three-act comedy, "Spring Green", Friday evening in the school auditorium.

Local News Bulletins

JAMBOREE
Kings Mountain Girl Scouts will kick off the week of Girl Scout activities at a Jamboree Saturday morning at 9:30 at First Presbyterian church. All area Girl Scouts are invited to participate.

LODGE MEETING
Regular communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM will be held Monday night at 7:30 p. m. for work in the second degree. The masons meet at Masonic Hall.

IN PLAY
Miss Christine Still, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Still, will be one of the performers in the Palmetto Players production of "Romeo and Juliet" at Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C. March 12-14. A senior, Miss Still will join a cast of 40 players in the role of a servant.

ROTARY CLUB
Dr. George Plonk will be the speaker for the weekly meeting of the Kings Mountain Rotary club at the Royal Restaurant Thursday at 12:15 p. m. George W. Mauney is in charge of the program.

KIWANIS CLUB
Kings Mountain Kiwanians will view the color film, "Charlie's Aunt", a safety program, Thursday night at 8:45 p. m. at the Woman's club. Edgar Bergen, Charley McCarthy, and Mortimer Snerd are featured in a humorous program.

ANTHONY E. TURNS
Dr. J. E. Anthony resumed his practice this week after spending several weeks in Florida.

LIONS PROGRAM
Kings Mountain Lions club will meet Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at the Woman's Club. Dr. N. H. Reed is in charge of the program.

BARBECUE
Members of the Grover Lions club will sponsor an all-day barbecue Saturday in Grover, with Red Bridges to prepare the food, Charlie Harry, spokesman, said.

COURT OF HONOR
Court of Honor for Kings Mountain district Boy Scouts will be held Thursday, March 12, at 9 p. m. in the educational building of Central Methodist church.

Board Approves Gymnasium Plans

Kings Mountain board of education approved architect's plans Monday for the construction of a gymnasium at Davidson school.

On Thursday, Supt. B. N. Barnes and John McClurd, associate of Architect J. L. Beam, of Cherryville, will go to Raleigh to present the plans for approval to the State Board of Education's department of school planning.

On approval from the state department, Mr. Barnes said, the education board will be ready to advertise for bids on the new installation.

The gymnasium will be built adjacent to the elementary school off Watterston street.

The board expects that the new installation will be ready for use during the 1959-60 school year.

Temple Church Reports \$15,000 Bonds Are Sold

Temple Baptist church has sold \$15,000 in bonds through Wednesday at noon.

The total represented one-fourth of the \$60,000 issue the church is seeking to sell to finance building of an educational building.

It is the first time a Cleveland County church has used bond financing for plant expansion.

V. Cole, representative of an Atlanta, Ga., firm which is superintending the bond issue sale, said Wednesday he is pleased with initial response to the sale.

A 26-member team of church members is selling the bonds which will return five percent interest, payable semi-annually, to the purchasers. The bonds will mature and interest will be payable at six-month intervals on April 1 and October 1.

A sales training session was conducted Monday night and a kick-off banquet was held Tuesday night.

An office has been set up in the church and salesmen keep in constant contact by telephone, logging issues sold and unsold.

The bonds are available in denominations of \$100, \$250, \$500, and \$1,000 and will bear simple interest of five percent. First National Bank will serve as paying agent and will also offer a bond purchase financing plan where by bond buyers may acquire bonds at ten percent of the face amount. The bank will lend the balance and the bond loans will be repayable at up to 24 months on the \$1,000 bonds and in shorter terms for lower denomination bonds.

Temple Baptist church has a membership of 349. Its current annual operating budget is \$18,861, and receipts for the past year topped \$20,000. The church plant is located at Fulton and Candler streets on a tract fronting 280 feet on Fulton.

Walker Bid Appears Low On Gas Job

The city board of commissioners held a special session Tuesday night but postponed decision on two items of business.

The city's insurance agent asked the board to determine whether the city's insurance premiums will be split on an agency or agent basis, and the board tabled for report from the board's insurance committee, which includes Ben H. Bridges, Luther T. Bennett, and Ross Alexander.

The board also received bids on encasing and lowering by two feet 240 ft. of gas line on the York Road. C. O. Walker, of Kings Mountain, was apparent low bidder at \$3200, with provision for extra compensation should the pipeline have to be cut and a temporary service line installed. G. A. Perkins, of Forest City, posted a bid of \$3871.60, with an extra of \$15 per cubic yard of rock, should rock be encountered.

La-Miss Construction Co., Charlotte, bid \$4400. Mr. Walker, who was present at the meeting, said he had learned since posting the bid that the extra for which he provided would not be necessary.

On request of Fleete McCurdy, chairman of the city recreation commission, the board approved purchase of \$419 playground equipment for the Davidson playground and purchase of two tennis nets for the Deal street tennis courts.

On suggestion of Ben Bridges, (Continued on Page Eight)

Booklet On City Being Published

Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce is publishing a new booklet of facts on the Kings Mountain area.

The eight-page booklet is a compendium of community assets, showing Kings Mountain a well-balanced area. Pictures of public buildings are included.

Particular attention is given to public facilities and quasi-public firms, along with a synopsis of Kings Mountain's claim to being North Carolina's "historical city."

The new booklet is expected to be available within the next week.

Smith To Speak To Merchants

Walter W. Smith, Rutherfordton insurance man, will deliver the principal address at the annual banquet of the Kings Mountain Merchant's association on March 16.

Tickets for the event will go on sale this week end at \$1.75 per person.

The banquet is an employee-employer affair and annually attracts a large crowd. It will be held at the Woman's Club.

MAP PLANS FOR WOMANLESS WEDDING

Pictured are four members of the Special Projects committee of the Woman's club who are pictured discussing plans for the May 13-14 Womanless wedding to be staged at the Woman's club. Some 60 men of community will participate in the event. Left to right are Mrs. Gray Howard, Mrs. Wilcox Griffin, Mrs. Charles Con-

penier, chairman of the committee, and Mrs. Charles Blanton. Other committee members, not present when picture was made, are Mrs. Norman McGill, Mrs. John Cheshire, Mrs. Ben Grimes, Mrs. Paul Nolan, and Mrs. Fred Withers, who is directing the show. (Photo by Pennington Studio)

Six Candidates File For City Offices



DAVID L. SAUNDERS



J. CLYDE GLADDEN



PAUL T. LEDFORD



R. COLEMAN STROUPE



CURTIS V. GAFFNEY



C. GLENN WHITE

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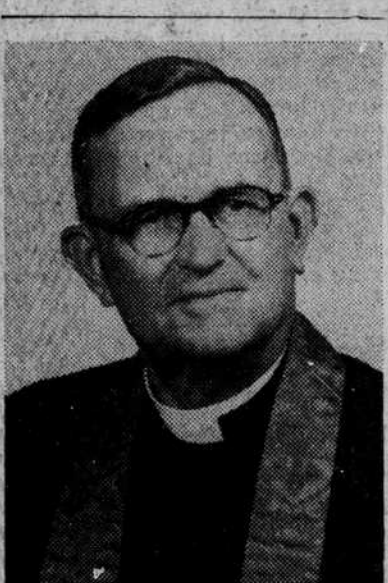
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Four Are Killed In Plane Crash



DR. F. L. CONRAD

Rev. Mr. Moore To Be Installed

Rev. George T. Moore will be installed as pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church at Sunday morning services at 11 o'clock.

Dr. F. L. Conrad, president of the United Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, will deliver the sermon and conduct the installation rites.

Dr. Conrad is well-known throughout the state and his tenure as president has been marked by particular attention to the organization of mission churches. He was actively interested and helpful in the organization of Resurrection Lutheran church when it was founded in 1951.

Rev. Mr. Moore became pastor of the Resurrection church last month, holding his first service on Ash Wednesday, February 11. Since that time services have been held on each Sunday and Wednesday. This schedule will continue until the week prior to Easter when services will be held nightly. The Lenten season will be climaxed with a sunrise service on Easter morning and regular 11 a. m. services.

Miss McDowell New City Teacher

Miss Peggy McDowell, of the Green Creek community near Tryon, has been elected a member of the city schools faculty and will assume her duties on Monday.

Miss McDowell, just completing her undergraduate work at Appalachian State Teachers college, will succeed Mrs. William Jones, third grade teacher at East school, who has resigned effective Friday.

Rudisill Kin To Numerous Local Citizens

Ben Rudisill, kinsman of numerous Kings Mountain citizens and president of Carlon, Inc., at Crowder's Mountain, his wife, Jack Hillman Scott and Mrs. F. D. Quinn, Jr., all of Cherryville, were killed Tuesday afternoon in the crash of a plane near Southmont in Davidson county.

Rudisill, president and treasurer of Carlon Yarn Mills, of Cherryville, of which the Crowder's Mountain plant and Carlex, Inc., at Salisbury, are corporate subsidiaries, was a nephew of Mrs. Arthur Crouse and Miss Annie Rudisill, of Kings Mountain. He was a cousin of members of the late J. S. Mauney family.

The private plane crashed shortly after 4 p. m., as the quartet was returning to Cherryville, where Mr. Rudisill maintained a private landing strip. The four had left Cherryville at 9 a. m. Tuesday, Mrs. Rudisill and Mrs. Quinn had been taken to Chapel Hill while the two men went to Aberdeen on business.

Rudisill and Scott returned to Chapel Hill for their passengers and took off at 3 p. m. Roy Brock, of the Chapel Hill airport, reported.

Douglas Municipal Airport at Charlotte reported a radio call from the Rudisill plane at 3:57, the pilot saying he was lost in heavy clouds. At 4:08, the pilot reported.

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13 Candidates Now In Field For Seven Posts

The first week in March was a busy one at City Hall as no less than six citizens posted their filing fees and thereby signified their formal intention to seek public office.

Five of the candidates are for city office while another seeks a board of education post.

The new candidates:

For board of education, Mrs. Lena W. McGill, who will oppose Mrs. F. A. (Boots) McDaniel, Jr., for the position being vacated by J. R. Davis.

For city offices:

For Ward 3 commissioners, C. Glenn White, one time board of education member, who opposes Incumbent Luther T. Bennett and ex-Commissioner T. J. (Tommy) Ellison.

For Ward 4 commissioner, J. Clyde Gladden and ex-Commissioner Paul T. Ledford. Gladden filed on Monday, Ledford on Tuesday. They seek the commission seat held by Ben H. Bridges, mayor pro tempore, who is expected to seek re-election.

For Ward 5 commissioner, Incumbent R. Coleman Stroupe and Curtis V. Gaffney, both North Piedmont avenue barbers. Gaffney filed last Thursday and Stroupe made it official he'll defend his seat by filing on Tuesday.

The past week's filing activity brings to 13 the total number of candidates who ask the voters to elect them to six City Hall and one school board elective offices.

Contests are assured for each position with the exceptions of Ward 1 commissioner, where only Incumbent Ross Alexander has entered his name on the ballot, and in Ward 2, where no candidates are yet in the field.

Political talk indicates there will be contests for all posts. C. J. (Cat) Houser has been considering opposing Alexander, and another Ward 1 name mentioned more frequently recently is that of Ray Cline, completing his second term as commander of the American Legion post.

In Ward 2, Incumbent Boyce Gault is expected to seek re-election. Among those mentioned as opponents are Dewitt Cornwell, who was unsuccessful in a bid for the city commission last year.

Another likely city board candidate is George W. Mauney, cotton dealer, and president of Kings Mountain hospital. Mr. Mauney acknowledges he is receiving encouragement to make the race.

Friends of Charles E. Blalock say he is pretty sure to enter the mayor's contest, which would make the race a four-man contest between Mayor Glee A. Bridges, seeking a fourth term, ex-Mayor Garland E. Still, and David L. Saunders.

Observers doubt that the board of education contest will remain a distaff affair, reporting several other citizens interested in making the race. Drace M. Peeler is considered a likely candidate, as is George H. Mauney. The name of Dr. D. F. Hord and George H. Houser are others entering the speculation on the school board lineup.

One school board "possible" said he wouldn't be a candidate. Fleete McCurdy said his name could be removed from speculation.

The election will be conducted on May 12. Filing deadline is 15 days prior to voting day. Candidates must file in writing with the city clerk and post a \$5 filing fee.

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MRS. LENA W. MCGILL

Employment Steady Here

Kings Mountain area employment remained steady during February, Franklin L. Ware, Jr., manager of the employment service branch office, said this week.

The employment service reported a steady influx of job orders and added that one firm was accepting trainees due to lack of skilled persons for some jobs.

During February, the employment office filled 68 job orders, against 84 received.

Pay claims for unemployment compensation declined slightly during February to 1424, off 111 from January, for an average of 371 per week.

Mr. Ware noted an increase in job applicants to 172. He said some are new entrants into the employment market, while others are on jobs currently, but jobs inferior in pay and technical skill to the particular employees' training and ability.

In the current issue of the Herald, Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, of Shelby, is inviting job applications in several categories, including bookkeeping machine operators, electricians and others.

The Pittsburgh plant is scheduled to go into operation in the near future.

Band Concert Tuesday Night

The Kings Mountain high school band will be presented in public concert Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at the high school auditorium.

The band will play a two-part program, including four state contest numbers, Grundman's "A Westchester Overture", in Grade III, and Walters' "Three Scenes", Grundman's "Fantasy on American Sailing Songs", and Bach's "Prelude and Fugue in B Major", all Grade IV selections.

Other band selections will include the Begelow march, "The N. C. - 4", Skornicka's overture "Eroica", Sousa's march "The Liberty Bell", and Huffine march "Tem Bases", and the Skornicka-Kiebnier "Serenade".

Douglas Burton will be featured as cornet soloist in Llewellyn's "My Regards".

Sam Weir, president of the Kings Mountain Band association, will make a talk at intermission.

Admission is free.

The concert precedes the district contests at Hickory on March 12-13.

Lightening Strikes Twice In Same Spot

Lightening can and does strike twice in the same place, at least in Grover.

Last August, during an electrical storm, a bolt of fire from the skies invaded the home of Ralph Spake, a neighbor reports. The kitchen stove was the focal point and damage included burned out fuses and the stove's clock.

During Sunday afternoon's electrical astronomical disturbance, the Spake's kitchen stove took another charge.

This time the results were much better. The clock started running again and keeping correct time. At least, that's the report 48 hours after the latest electrical invasion.

Beware Bogus Learning Peddlers! Police Sent One Packing Tuesday

City police and school officials issued a joint warning Wednesday urging all citizens to use care in purchasing correspondence courses.

On Tuesday, city police detained a man reputedly representing a Miami, Fla., correspondence school, found he was unlicensed to sell his courses in North Carolina and ordered him to pack his gear and leave the community.

Officer Bill Roper said a check-up with individuals approached by the salesman showed that he had offered variable terms to several different "prospects."

"He hadn't made a sale, so we couldn't book him," Officer Roper said. "But we felt sure he was running a racket."

Central Principal Lawson Brown said he had received a bulletin the previous day from

the North Carolina Department of Education calling attention to state law which requires a correspondence schools salesman to obtain license from the department before offering his courses for sale.

Licensed solicitors have pocket cards signed by Dr. Charles Carroll, state superintendent of public instruction, and bearing a picture of the solicitor.

"Always ask to see the license," Mr. Brown suggested.

Officer Roper said the Florida salesman produced a Florida license, but not a North Carolina one.

As of January 20, only 12 firms were licensed to sell correspondence courses in the state. The licenses are granted only after a check is made on reliability of the particular firm applying.