

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.

Swan: Craftspinn Will Operate

Local News Bulletins

ATTEND MEETING

Mrs. J. N. Gamble and Mrs. Ruth Thomason represented the local Red Cross chapter at the bi-monthly meeting of the Charlotte regional blood committee Tuesday in Charlotte.

LODGE MEETING

Regular communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM will be held at Masonic Hall Monday night at 7:30 p. m., according to announcement by Thomas D. Tindall, secretary.

KIWANIS CLUB

Kings Mountain Kiwanians will hold an inter-club meeting with the Rutherfordton Kiwanis club Thursday night at 6:45 p. m. Members of the visiting club will furnish the program.

CAKE SALE

Wives of members of Cleveland County Life Saving Crew will sell homemade cakes at Bridges Hardware April 18th beginning at 9 a. m. Proceeds will go to the life saving crew and its program.

PRE-SCHOOL CLINIC

A pre-school clinic for children who will be attending East Elementary school next year will be held Monday, April 13 at 1:30 p. m. in the Recreation Hall of Grace Methodist church.

HOSPITALIZED

Mrs. LaFaye Meacham was improving Wednesday after having been hospitalized since Monday with pneumonia. She is a patient at Kings Mountain hospital.

CHOIR FESTIVAL

Junior choirs from Boyce Memorial ARP church and St. Matthew's Lutheran church will participate in the 300-voice Junior choir festival to be held at Gastonia's First Baptist church April 19 at 4 p. m. Clinics and rehearsals will precede the performance.

County Schools Appointees Listed

District committeemen for county schools were announced this week by County Schools Superintendent J. H. Grigg.

Tom Hamrick succeeded Eugene Patterson in the Bethware group holdover members are W. Will Lowery, Stokes Wright, Charles Spearman and Harold Herndon.

Holmes Harry and John Gold succeed Frank Royster and G. R. Roundtree in Grover, while M. H. Camp, Stowe Wright and Broadus Matthews remain on the committee.

In the Compact District Elijah Ross and Clarence Adams succeed Lonnie Whisman and Israel Goode. Holdover members are Andrew W. Brown, Sr., Luther Jamerson and Roy Bell.

The committeeman act as a school board and serve a tenure of two years.

Bethware FFA Sets Banquet

Members of the Future Farmers of America club of Bethware school will hold their annual father-son banquet Thursday night at the school cafeteria.

Harold Hord, a former FFA member, will speak on the subject "Rural Advantages of North Carolina."

A chicken dinner will be served and members of the club were hard at work Wednesday slaying and dressing the poultry for the banquet fare. The poultry was a donation of Ted Ledford.

Numerous special guests have been invited to attend the banquet.

FFA officers are Jerry Webster, president; Jerry Wright, vice-president; Jerry Patterson, secretary; Jerry Morris, treasurer; Clyde Cornwell, reporter; Ted Anthony, sentinel; and Myers Ham-bright, advisor.

Parent Firm In Voluntary Bankruptcy

Craftspun Yarns, Inc., will continue to operate on full schedule and will not be sold in the immediate future, in spite of the fact that its corporate parent is in receivership.

This was the statement this week of Carl H. Swan, president, as he commented on last week-end's developments whereby Scranton Company received court permission to reorganize under Chapter 10 of the Federal Bankruptcy Act.

Mr. Swan said he had talked via telephone with the court-appointed receiver, J. Julius Levy, Scranton, Pa., and that he had been told to operate Craftspun. Mr. Swan said that Craftspun and another subsidiary firm in Texas are the only two in the Scranton Company family which will continue to operate as formerly.

Mr. Swan said he knows Mr. Levy, a former United States District Attorney, personally, and that he expects him here for a conference in the near future.

"With the assets of Scranton tied under receivership, there won't be any immediate sale, if any," Mr. Levy ordered me not to sell one piece of it, only our production," Mr. Swan said.

Mr. Swan said 265 employees were listed on last week's payroll.

"It is possible we can now increase operating schedules to six days," Mr. Swan added, as we need to do."

Scranton's petition in bankruptcy was signed by the company president James B. Johnson. Also getting permission to reorganize was Hal Roach Studios, another Scranton subsidiary.

A company official was quoted by the Wall Street Journal as saying that Scranton Company is "not insolvent," but that the receivership was necessary to untangle Scranton's complex financial picture.

For some weeks, prior to last Friday's action, Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company had been inventorying Craftspun physical equipment and checking financial records in view of possible purchase.

Maner Elected By Jaycees

B. F. Maner, Kings Mountain insurance man, will head the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce for the coming year.

Mr. Maner, who succeeds George Thomasson as president was elected along with other officers Tuesday night. Officers will be installed at the ladies' night banquet May 5th.

Other officers include: Robert H. Goforth, first vice-president; Jim Lybrand, second vice-president; Jake Dixon, secretary; Wesley Bush, treasurer; Gene Patterson, Jaybird; George Thomasson, state director; and Bill Childers, Otis Falls, Jr., and Robert Hall, directors. The hold-over directors include Bill Allen, Raymond Goforth, and Manley Hayes.

AFS Group Is Completing Details On Getting Second Foreign Pupil

The Kings Mountain American Field Service committee will meet again next Tuesday in an effort to complete arrangements for bringing to Kings Mountain next year a foreign student.

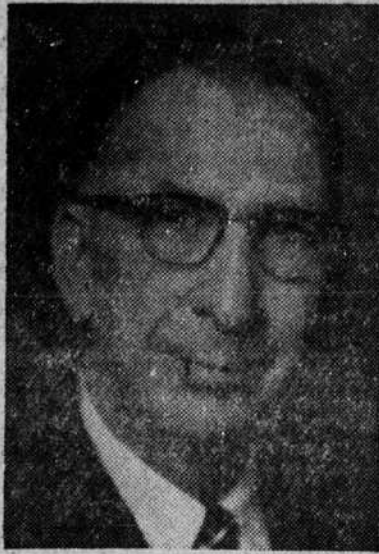
Mrs. Porter Byrum, of Charlotte, area representative, met with the committee Tuesday and was told by Ollie Harris, finance chairman, that sufficient funds are "in sight" to assure Kings Mountain's participation in next year's program.

Still to be arranged is designation of a home in which the student will live, as an adopted member of the family, during his stay here.

Cost of participation in the program is \$650.

Mrs. Byrum, a voluntary representative who defrays her own travel expenses, explained that the organizers of the AFS feel the program the best means of international understanding.

She explained that foreign students get to come to the United States free of charge because of



SPEAKER - Charles A. Harris, past Grand Master of North Carolina Masons, will make the principal address at the annual Ladies Night banquet of Fairview Lodge, AF & AM, Saturday night.

Masons Banquet Saturday Night

Charles Anderson Harris, 104th Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, will deliver the address at the annual ladies' night banquet of Fairview Lodge No. 339 AF & AM to be held Saturday April 11 at Masonic Dining hall at 7:00 p. m.

Dinner will be served by the Kings Mountain chapter of East. ern Star.

T. A. Harmon, Sr. and M. L. Harmon will receive 50-year Mason awards at the banquet.

Harris, to be presented by R. Pete Dudley, master of Shelby Lodge, was born July 27, 1900 in Roxboro. He attended public schools there and graduated from Roxboro high school in the class of 1917. He attended Trinity College (Duke University) as a member of the class of 1921. He served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Roxboro City Schools from 1937 to 1955; was secretary of this board from 1939 to 1943 and its chairman from 1943 to 1955.

Long interested in youth work, he has been a registered Boy Scout or Scouter since 1916. He was a member of Region Six Executive Board for the years 1949-1955, a member at Large of the National Council since 1950, and was awarded the Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to boyhood in 1944.

His Masonic history starts with his initiation February 5, 1924 and since he has risen to Grand Master of North Carolina for the 1957-1958 term.

His life-long hobby has been that of collecting friends, which as he says, makes him much happier than any accumulation of material objects.

Taft S. Putnam, District Deputy Grand Master of the 37th Masonic district is also expected to attend.

Rotary To Meet At Country Club

Kings Mountain Rotary club will meet Thursday for its regular weekly luncheon at Kings Mountain Country Club.

Club members voted last week to change their meeting place from La Royale Restaurant.

Dick McGinnis, program chairman for Thursday's meeting, said Jonas Bridges, of Radio Station WKMT, will present a humorous recording of radio oral lapses and miscues.

The club convenes at 12:15.

City Re - Considering Fluoridation

Kings Mountain Folk Own Stock In Burned Mill

Long Shoals Manufacturing Company, which was destroyed by fire, was partly owned by several Kings Mountain citizens.

C. E. Neisler is president of the company and William Herndon is a director.

Founder of the concern was the late Hunter Mauney, a brother of Mrs. C. E. Neisler, Sr.

Stockholdings in the concern are held by Mr. Neisler, Mrs. C. E. Neisler, Sr., Mrs. J. E. Herndon and her family, Mrs. P. R. Summers and her family, and by members of the R. S. Plonk family.

Operating heads of the company are D. H. (Buck) Mauney, vice-president and superintendent, and W. A. Mauney, secretary-treasurer, both of Lincolnton, and sons of the late Hunter Mauney.

Mr. Herndon said Wednesday that plans are indefinite for replacement of the 197-employee yarn-making firm, which, though housed in a building parts of which was more than 100 years old, was one of the most modern plants in the trade.

Mr. Herndon said he did not know the extent to which the loss - placed at more than \$1,000,000 - was insured, but guessed that increased cost of machinery means that the insurance would not cover replacement cost at today's prices.

The fire broke out in a compressor room shortly after 1 o'clock Monday afternoon. Firemen were hampered in fighting the blaze by high winds and inability to get sufficient water onto the blaze.

Supervisory employees of the Long Shoals firm included Clarence Jolly and John Floyd.

Candidate List Remain At 19

Affairs political simmered again this week, with no additional candidates in the field and the subject proving to be an increasingly conversational topic.

It was the second consecutive week that the candidate list had remained at 19 and gave further support to opinion of many observers that the filing activity is done.

Deadline for filing is 15 days prior to the May 12 election, which would be on April 27.

Only definite political matter handled this week was appointment of two judges to serve in the election. Mrs. Jackie Barrett was named to serve as a judge in Ward 1, and Mrs. Vera Cole Cash to serve as a judge in Ward 4.

Candidates, meantime, were beginning to work in earnest in an effort to obtain the particular magical number of votes which would assure their election.

Thus far, majority of the campaigning has been confined to personal contact with prospective voters. More candidate campaign material is appearing, but it has largely been limited to "walling" cards. Only mayoral candidates Dave Saunders and Garland Still have thus far used mass communication media to give their positions and feelings about questions effecting the voters.

The candidates already filed include:

For Mayor - Mayor Glee A. Bridges, David L. Saunders, and former Mayor Garland E. Still.

For Ward 1 Commissioner - Comm. Ross Alexander and C. H. (Cat) Houser.

For Ward 2 Commissioner - Comm. Boyce Gault and Dewitt Cornwell.

For Ward 3 Commissioner - Comm. Luther T. Bennett, former Comm. T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, and C. Glenn White.

For Ward 4 Commissioner - Comm. Ben H. Bridges, former Comm. Paul W. Ledford and J. Clyde Gladden.

For Ward 5 Commissioner - Comm. R. Coleman Stroupe, Charles E. Blalock and Curtis V. Gaffney.

For Board of Education - Mrs. F. A. (Pete) McDaniels, Mrs. Lora W. McGill and Drace M. Peeler.

Burlington's Phenix Plant Has Made Pay Adjustments



IN NEW POST - William J. (Bill) Briggs has resigned as physical director of the Salisbury and Rowan County YMCA to accept a similar position with the YMCA, Spartanburg, S. C. He begins his new duties May 1.

Briggs Accepts YMCA Position

William J. (Bill) Briggs, formerly of Kings Mountain and now of Salisbury, has resigned his position at the Salisbury and Rowan County YMCA for a similar position in Spartanburg, S. C.

Mr. Briggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Briggs of Kings Mountain, will move his family to Spartanburg about the middle of April.

First physical director of the Salisbury - Rowan YMCA physical department into one of the most outstanding in the Carolinas. He served as the men's program director and organized both the Church-YMCA basketball and volleyball leagues and the Piedmont basketball league with over 230 boys and men now participating in this program.

He also shared responsibility for the Y aquatic program last summer at which time over 750 boys and girls learned to swim. The Parent Night program is being presented by 150 boys and girls in the physical department on Thursday night in Salisbury.

The Kings Mountain man is married to the former Joyce Jenkins of Gastonia. They have a daughter, Julie, and are members of Haven Lutheran church.

Central Crowns Spelling Champ

Steve Carpenter of Mrs. Morrison's eighth grade room is the Central School spelling champion for 1959.

He won the school honors Monday, although he was not eligible to compete in the city-wide championships for the First National Bank spelling medal. He won the city spelling championship two years ago while a sixth grade student at East School, thus making him ineligible to seek a second championship.

However, he was permitted to compete for the right to represent Kings Mountain in the district spelling bee at Charlotte.

Moose Election Set Thursday

Officers of Kings Mountain Moose Lodge 1748 will be elected in club balloting Thursday from 1 until 8 o'clock p. m.

All members are asked to participate in the voting at the lodge on Bessemer City road. The nominations are:

For governor - Gaither Ledbetter and Thomas Bearden.

For junior governor - B. F. Henderson and George Newton.

For prelate - Dennis Goforth, James E. Woodward, and John Righer.

For treasurer - G. B. Bridges and Dave Russ.

For three-year trustee - J. M. Queen and Willie Grace.

The membership will also vote on sending Horace Brown, alternate, and Fred Dixon to the national convention in Fairmount, Pa., in August.

Local Employees Among Majority Getting More Pay

Phenix Plant employees of Burlington Industries are among the "vast majority" of Burlington's 55,000 workmen who have received upward wage adjustments.

Supt. Ben Grimes confirmed the fact, following a statement by Vice-Chairman J. C. Cowan, Jr., in Gastonia Tuesday night, in which he said his company had been making adjustments since the wage increase movement was launched by Cannon Mills.

Mr. Cowan explained that Burlington's vast 31-division textile operation actually includes 12 separate textile businesses. Using as an example the full-fashioned hosiery industry, he commented that much of the industry is being liquidated, as seamless hose take top place in women's apparel taste. Obviously, he said, those full-fashioned hose manufacturers can raise wages.

Mr. Cowan spoke at a press dinner which his company gave at Gaston Country Club.

He reviewed Burlington's 1958 operations, which showed a three percent decline in sales, but a 25 percent drop in profits.

The outlook is brighter for 1959, he said, and predicted that profits for the first half of the fiscal year will be better than the comparable record last year. He said the profits dip was due to heavy competition within the industry resulting in low profit margins and mentioned wistfully the cartel nature of the steel industry which can regulate production to demand more readily than others and can control prices.

"There's no danger of such a situation in textiles," he noted. "Burlington sales represented only about five percent of the national total last year."

Attending the dinner from Kings Mountain were Supt. Ben Grimes and Personnel Manager R. B. Payne of the Phenix plant, Martin Harmon and Neale Patrick of the Herald staff.

THREE FIRES

City firemen doused three fires last week, two grass fires of no damage on Wells street and Landing street. The other was a trash fire on the Dean Buick parking lot Sunday at 3:55 p. m. It started when the Jaycees, conducting a paper drive, set fire to some paper collected that could not be used, the fire spreading to an oil dump. Fireman C. D. Ware said it amounted to nothing and no damage was reported.

Over-Crowded Hospital Asks Aid Of County For 25-Bed Expansion

Kings Mountain hospital officials took their problem of overcrowding to the county board of commissioners Monday and felt they found a sympathetic ear.

The hospital board of directors says it needs 25-additional beds which would be contained in a wing estimated to cost \$225,000.

Specifically, the delegation attending Monday's session, which included George W. Mauney, president, Grady Howard, administrator, George H. Mauney, a director, and Dr. George W. Plonk, staff member, asked the county to underwrite between \$55,000 to \$60,000 of the estimated cost. President Mauney said the North Carolina Medical Care association has indicated it will view an application for state matching funds with sympathy. It is anticipated that the federal government would also share a sizeable portion of the construction costs.

President Mauney told the commission that Kings Mountain Hospital has available some \$15,000 to 20,000 for building. These are funds originally given by Kings Mountain industries for building a hospital and were left unspent when the county built the original 24-bed plant via bond funds.

Both President Mauney and Dr. Howard testified to the fact that many times patients must



BANQUET SPEAKER - Dr. Harvey Bumgardner, Kings Mountain native, will be featured speaker at Tuesday's Lions club Farmer's night banquet.

Lions To Fete Area Farmers

Dr. Harvey Bumgardner, N. C. State College professor, will make the principal address at the annual Farmer's Night banquet of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night.

A native of Kings Mountain, Dr. Bumgardner, a poultry specialist, will relate his experiences in Poland last summer and will also show slides he made in his travels.

Edwin Moore, chairman of the Farmer's Night committee, said he expected some 100 guests for the gathering.

The meeting will begin at 7 o'clock.

No New News On Gymtorium

No final word has yet been received on efforts by Architect J. L. Beam to pare the proposed Davidson school gymnasium to specifications to meet the city schools building budget.

Supt. B. N. Barnes said he had talked with the architect on Tuesday and that he had not received replies from the low general contractor bidder, A. A. Ramsey & Son, of Shelby.

Mr. Barnes noted that the school board has 30 days in which to make a decision, but expressed hope the full 30 days would not be required.

The schools had budgeted \$75,000 for the Davidson project, and low bids on the desired plan totaled \$107,000.

Air Express Can Be Slow Freight

Like program chairman who get fidgety when a speaker is late, businessmen expecting special shipments for sales promotions get fidgety, too.

"Did your orchids come?" Humes Houston was asked Monday morning, a couple hours after the beginning of Kings Mountain Drug Company's annual pre-inventory sale.

"Just don't mention orchids," Mr. Houston muttered under his breath.

Not on time, but better late than never, the orchids scheduled to be given to the first 300 lady customers during the sale, arrived from Hawaii in the afternoon.

Late in the morning, a Douglas Airport air expressman called to ask what the drug firm wanted to do about an orchid shipment. He was informed to "put 'em on a bus".

Then he didn't know whether he could do that or not. He was told, "Find out." Yes, he could. The orchids had been at the airport for well over 24 hours.

"I don't believe air express is so good," Druggist Charlie Blanton opined.

Likely Action: Referendum Or Reversal

The city board of commissioners was to meet Wednesday night at 8 o'clock with the question of fluoridating the city's water supply a major item on the agenda.

The board had scheduled a public hearing on the question after Dr. J. E. Anthony had stated unequivocal opposition to fluoridating the water supply and numerous citizens had stated opposition to board members.

Whether the hearing would attract a large crowd was not known.

Expected to attend was Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, county health officer. Dr. Anthony said he didn't expect to attend, as his views had already been made public.

Meantime, board members were still getting comments, largely in opposition.

It was likely the board would take one of two actions Wednesday night: 1) to reverse the previous decision to proceed to fluoridate; or 2) take another informational poll, as was conducted in 1957, on the question of fluoridation at the May 12 election.

In 1957, Kings Mountain citizens voted about 2 to 1 in favor of fluoridation.

Local Musicians In Choral Group

Five high school students will participate in the state musicians meet for choral directors and students to be held in Greensboro during the weekend.

Charles Ballance, band and chorus director at Kings Mountain high school, said the local musicians will leave Thursday and be in Greensboro for rehearsal and concerts.

Don Craig is directing the chorus, which will include the following local students and chorus members: Patsy Foster, first soprano; Martha Raines, second soprano; Frankie Gladden, alto; Darnell Spurling, tenor; and J. W. Goines, bass.

Jerry Patterson, Bethware high school piano student of Mrs. Martin Harmon, will go to Greensboro Saturday to participate in the senior high school state piano contest.

Former Foote Men Now At Pittsburgh

Some 20 former Foote Mineral Company employees are now employed at Pittsburgh Plate Glass's Shelby subsidiary, one of them told the Herald Wednesday.

The total would be about 25 percent of the number discharged by Foote recently due to forthcoming expiration of the company's contract with the Atomic Energy Commission.