

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.

Bennett And Stroupe Win Re-Election To Board

Lowery Hasn't Called Meeting, Denies Switch

BY MARTIN HARMON
Hill Lowery, chairman of the Bethware school committee, said Wednesday he has not yet called a meeting of the several Number 4 Township school committee chairmen, the group which has the task of carrying a political arrangement for a merger of the township and city schools.

Mr. Lowery also declined to say when he would summon the group together, noting that the Bethware committee meets this week and that he expects to see the opening game of the Legion Junior Baseball season here Friday night. Indication was that he will call no meeting before next week.

Mr. Lowery did tell the Herald Wednesday that assumption by some citizens that he had changed position from favoring to opposing the proposed schools merger has no basis in fact.

"I haven't switched," Mr. Lowery said. "I never did say I favored a merger without reservations."

Several proposals are being discussed for a political system which will be suitable to all of the schools which would be effected by the merger. These include, in addition to Kings Mountain city schools, Park Grace, Grover, Bethware and Compact in the county system.

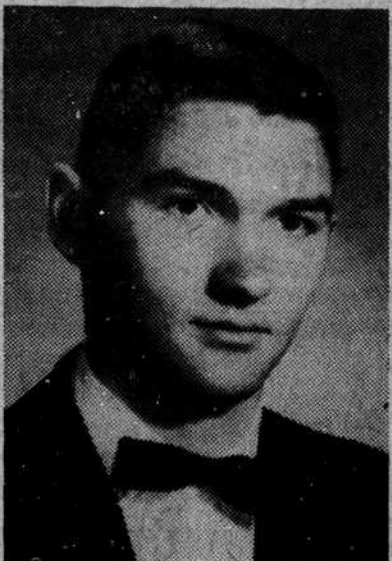
One group favors expansion of the present Kings Mountain board of education to seven members, with two to be added from the present county school area.

Supt. B. N. Barnes, of the city system, has suggested a seven-man board with two to be elected from the present city district, two from the present county district, and three to be elected at large.

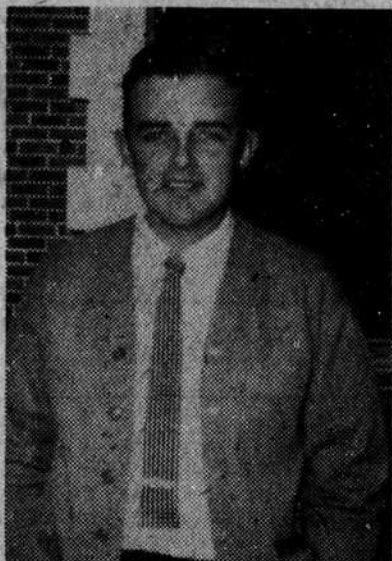
Dr. P. G. Padgett, member of the city board of education, suggests a seven-man board, with three from what is now the Kings Mountain district and four from what is now in the county district.

Eugene Patterson, recently retired member of the Bethware committee, commented Monday, "I see no need to argue about representation. I'm interested in better schools, not representation."

The merger contemplates eventual construction of a new consolidated township high school, which school officials say can be had within three to four years, provided funds are provided.



LUTHER BARNES



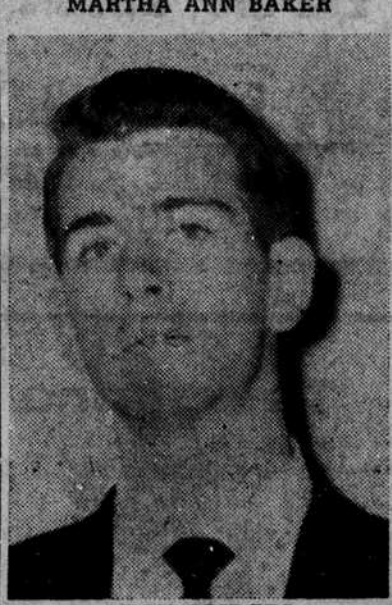
DEAN WESTMORELAND



MARTHA ANN BAKER



CHRISTINE STILL



DEAN BRIDGES



RICHARD SPENCER



MRS. HILDA GOFORTH



DEWITTE BLANTON

Local Area Students Graduating From Colleges And Universities

Kings Mountain area students are among the vast number of graduates of junior and senior colleges and universities this season.

For some, the commencement season activities were conducted last weekend. Many more will graduate this weekend.

Among the graduates: Christine Still, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Still, received her bachelor of arts degree from Convalescent College at Spartanburg, S. C., in exercises Monday. Miss Still majored in art.

Martha Ann Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Baker, was graduated magna cum laude Sunday from Appalachian State Teachers' College, Boone. She received a bachelor of science degree in English.

Mrs. Hilda B. Goforth, wife of H. A. Goforth, received her bachelor of science degree in grammar school education from ASTC, Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Lester Ragan, Kings Creek, S. C., and one half-brother, J. Y. Hamrick, of New Jersey.

Burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Luther Barnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Barnes, was graduated Sunday from Wingate Junior College. Others graduating from junior colleges were: Dean Bridges, Richard Spencer, Bill Greene, and Fairlyce Davis, all of whom graduated from Gardner-Webb College.

Priscilla Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred O. Thomas, received the A. B. degree in elementary education and psychology from Carson Newman College May 19.

First Baptists To Let Contract On New Church

First Baptist church will begin construction of a new \$255,000 church plant in the immediate future.

Members of the congregation, at the Wednesday night business meeting, were expected to award contract to John W. Craig, Charlotte, following recommendation by the building committee headed by W. B. (Bill) Logan.

Groundbreaking at the site on West King and Sims streets has been scheduled for Sunday, June 7, with special exercises to feature the event.

Plans call for two buildings to be connected by an arcade.

The temporary sanctuary will seat 500 people. The educational unit will provide for a Sunday school attendance of 600.

First units to be constructed are on the east side of the property.

The building nearest King street will be of brick and will contain space on the ground floor for a temporary sanctuary, classrooms, ladies' parlor, and kitchen. Two adult departments and the young people's department will be on the second floor.

The rear building will be of window wall construction. Included on the ground floor will be four nursery departments, two departments for beginners, and one primary department, plus an office suite (pastor's study, church office, educational director's office, and work room) library, choir room, and rest rooms. On the second floor will be two departments each for Juniors, intermediates, primaries, one for a married young people's class plus rest rooms and storage closets.

Both buildings will be air-conditioned and will be equipped with venetian blinds, adequate storage space, and folding wood doors to make space more flexible.

Fenced play yards will be provided for the children, and kitchen facilities will enable the ladies' parlor to be used for class and/or circle gatherings. Other features will include: projection booth for visual aids; motorized screen (electrically operated) above the pulpit; dimmer switch controls on lights in the sanctuary; a call system in the sanctuary so that parents needed in the nursery will be notified immediately by signal light.

Other bids received were: Waddel, \$279,900; Carpenter, \$277,900; Laxton, \$269,000; Morrison, \$264,462; Atlantic, \$262,600; Mitchem, \$262,110; Ramsey, \$262,000; representing firms in Charlotte, Rutherdorf, and Cleveland County.

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City Gas Bill To Escalate

The city's natural gas bill is going up by six percent soon, but Mayor Glee A. Bridges says that very few city customers, will have to pay more for natural gas.

The Federal Power commission has already approved the request of Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation for the increase and approval by the North Carolina Utilities commission is also anticipated.

Mayor Bridges said that the city, with a growing customer list, will be able to absorb the increase with the only exception those customers who buy gas on an interruptible contract basis.

Brown Resigns School Position

E. Lawson Brown, Central school principal for the past three years, resigned Wednesday to accept the superintendency of Davidson County schools.

Mr. Brown will become administrative officer of a 340-teacher school system with 24 plants, including three Negro schools and seven high schools, four of them large consolidated units.

Mr. Brown was unanimously elected by the Davidson County board of education Tuesday night. He will assume the post July 1.

He wrote the board of education:

"As you well know, I have had a difficult decision to make concerning leaving Kings Mountain. It has not been easy, but I feel that an opportunity exists at the present time in the Davidson County Schools which I should not bypass. It is with regret I write this resignation as Principal of Central School. My relationship with you, the school board, and the people, has been a wonderful experience for me. I am grateful for this. You presented me an opportunity to grow educationally, which I hope in turn has served a purpose in Central School and the city. I know I will never work with a finer administrative group.

"I appreciate you and the members of the Board of Education suggesting certain financial remunerations for me to remain in Central School. It is with regret I decline this offer.

"Thanks again for the many considerations."

Mr. Brown told the Herald, "It is with mixed feelings that my family and I make plans to leave Kings Mountain. Kings Mountain citizens have been more than kind to us and they have from the first day we arrived here. We all regret to leave."

Mr. Brown is part-time secretary to Dr. Paul Ausley, pastor of First Presbyterian church.

Rotary Club Honors Ladies

Kings Mountain Rotarians held the annual ladies' night banquet Monday-evening at the Kiwanis Club, with winners in the Kiwanis Talent Show presenting an entertainment program.

Included in the program was special music by Miss Sherry McDaniell, the invocation by Rev. George Moore, the address of welcome by Wilson Griffin, and the response by Mrs. Tom Trot. President Haywood E. Lynch recognized special guests.

The group sang the Rotary Song and closed the program by singing "America."

Officers of the club, in addition to Mr. Lynch, are: Tom L. Trot, vice-president; Jack H. White, secretary; Richard M. McGinnis, treasurer; and Charles E. Dixon, Sergeant-at-arms.

Union Services To Begin Here

Kings Mountain churches will begin the summer schedule of Sunday night union services on June 7, spokesmen for the Ministerial Association have announced.

As is customary, members of five city church congregations join in the services. One difference in the schedule for this summer is that ministers will preach from their own pulpits. Attendance will indicate if the schedule will continue throughout the summer months. "We anticipate a good deal of interest in these special services", a spokesman said.

The schedule for the month of June includes:

June 7 — at Central Methodist church, Rev. James McLarty to deliver the sermon.

June 14 — at St. Matthew's Lutheran church, Dr. W. P. Gerberding to deliver the sermon.

June 21 — at Resurrection Lutheran church, Rev. George Moore to deliver the sermon.

June 28 — at Boyce Memorial ARP church, Dr. W. L. Pressly to deliver the sermon.

Summer Band Class To Start June 8

Summer band sessions are slated to start June 8, Charles Ballance, band director, announced this week. However a minimum of 5 more pupils is needed, he said.

Tuition for the summer session will be \$10 for an 8 1/2 weeks course.

The high school unit will meet three nights each week. Mr. Ballance said, while the beginners and elementary unit will have an hour session five days each week.

1242 Citizens Brave Rain To Cast Ballots

BY MARTIN HARMON
Kings Mountain citizens Tuesday re-elected T. Luther Bennett and R. Coleman Stroupe, returning to City Hall all incumbents for the first time since 1945.

The other incumbents had been re-elected in the May 12 city election.

Mr. Stroupe, the Piedmont avenue barber, scored a "first" in city political history by bouncing off the ropes as a first election second runner for the second time. In 1957, Mr. Stroupe trailed W. Gurney Grantham, but overtook him in the run-off election. It was a repeat performance Tuesday. Charles E. Blalock had led Mr. Stroupe on May 12 by 56 votes. Tuesday's totals showed Stroupe the winner by 48 votes. The count for Ward 5 Commissioner was Stroupe 691, Blalock 643. Mr. Blalock led in Ward 1, 2 and 5, but his margin in three wards was too thin to overcome the heavy vote bulge Mr. Stroupe gained in Wards 3 and 4.

Mr. Bennett, retaining his Ward 3 seat against T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, had led the May 12 voting by 151 votes. Mr. Ellison whittled the Bennett margin slightly on Tuesday but not enough as Bennett repeated his May 12 performance by leading in four of the five wards. Mr. Ellison led in his home Ward 3, as he did May 12. The margin of the Bennett victory was 132 votes. The count was: Bennett 724, Ellison 591.

In spite of the rain that persisted throughout the voting day, a total of 1242 persons went to the polls, slightly more than half the 2176 who voted on May 12.

The election was conducted without untoward incident and the tallying was complete 45 minutes after the polls closed at 6:30.

Pools Will Open For 1959 Season

City swimming pools will open on Saturday for the season and will be open daily thereafter, weather permitting.

Already the pools have been open on weekends and City Clerk Joe McDaniel said Wednesday that 39 adults, 93 students, and 1068 child tickets have been sold this year. It means 1200 persons have used the Deal street pool already in 1959.

City Election Sidelights

Tuesday's rain forced a change in location for the Ward 1 precinct. It was cold and C. L. Black, Mrs. Nelle Cranford and Miss Margaret Kendrick moved into the City Hall lobby from the more exposed fire station.

Mrs. Annie Roberts Barrett, voting about 5:30 at Ward 4 precinct, remarked that she hadn't voted in a City Election since Tom Fulton ran. That would have been ten years ago, when Mr. Fulton was seeking re-election as Mayor. She further said she had voted for President Eisenhower in 1952 and before that hadn't cast a presidential ballot since she had voted for Woodrow Wilson. She also answered the "why" question: she doesn't believe in women's suffrage. That makes at least two Kings Mountain lady citizens of the same mind. The other is Miss Ruby Burrage, of the Belk's staff.

Charlie Blalock, who lost in a squeaky vote to R. Coleman Stroupe, had a rough day otherwise. His wife underwent an operation at Kings Mountain Hospital election morning.

Many folk underestimated or under-guessed Tuesday's total vote and it cost them coin. Mrs. Ruth Thomason, a Ward 2 judge, had wagered with a friend that the total would be closer to 600 than 800. The Herald editor is to collect a six-cent soft drink from Otis Falls, Sr., who also thought no more than 600 would go to the polls.

As it frequently happens, the Lions Club's ladies night banquet came on election day. The Herald provided the returns at 7:25. Tail Twister W. K. Mauney, Jr., read them to the assemblage. This time the Herald's count was right. It was in 1951 when the Herald adding machines disgorged a wrong total and, momentarily, had the late C. C. (Shorty) Edens elected commissioner. The check showed he'd been edged by Lloyd Davis by seven votes. 'Twas quite embarrassing.

Mrs. Paul Patterson, a Ward 5 judge, was doing double duty Tuesday. She was handling her election chore, also vending 60-cent bottles of vanilla for her church circle. She remarked the extract is good, that she wouldn't sell anything she wouldn't.

Bloodmobile To Return Here

The Red Cross bloodmobile will return to Kings Mountain June 15 in an effort to meet a heavy quota and erase a 244-pint deficit.

Bob Maner, chairman of the Red Cross blood program, said the June visit will be the final one for the fiscal year and the only opportunity to make up the necessary quota to fill the need.

Kings Mountain citizens are behind an estimated net consumption of 244 pints and it is anticipated donations will be enough to erase the deficit by June 30.

Red Cross officials are asking that recipients of blood who have not replaced their donations in the blood bank ask friends and relatives to make up the deficit.

The regional blood collecting unit will set up at the Woman's club. Donors will be processed from 11 a. m. until 5 p. m.

OFFICIAL RETURNS

City Run-Off Election

May 26, 1959

	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Ward 5	Total
WARD 3 COMM.						
Luther T. Bennett	82	96	123	148	275	724
T. J. Ellison	54	85	185	118	148	590
WARD 5 COMM.						
R. Coleman Stroupe	56	91	180	197	167	691
Charles E. Blalock	78	92	123	74	276	643

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