

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 7,206

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City Board Seeks Vote On City Manager System

Gault Brothers, City, Stroupe Deny Allegations

City of Kings Mountain, co-defendant in a \$5,000 damage action with C. J. Gault, Jr. and Boyce H. Gault and R. Coleman Stroupe in a boundary line dispute, has denied allegations of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bailey (Casey) Jones that the city allowed the other defendants to encroach on Jones property.

Messrs. Gault and Mr. Stroupe have also denied allegations that they encroached on an alleyway, which the Jones contend was accepted by the city for a permanent alley, and have further replied, in answer filed in Cleveland Superior Court that the Jones have themselves encroached on the alley.

The City of Kings Mountain further denies that it has accepted the alleyway (famously known as Stroupe Alley) as a permanent alley.

The Jones contended, in their complaint filed recently, that the city had accepted the alley as a permanent alley and that they would not have purchased property on the alley in 1941 had this not been true.

In their answer the Gault Brothers say, "That in 1955, the defendants... constructed a store building on their three (3) lots and that before said building was constructed the defendants secured L. B. Falls, a registered Engineer, who surveyed out said lots and according to his survey and according to our measurements, the western wall of said building is only 85.2 feet from the western edge of Piedmont avenue and therefore lacks approximately 15 feet of extending to the alleyway; that instead of these defendants encroaching upon the alleyway, the alleyway is encroaching upon the property of the defendants to the extent of approximately 15 feet."

Mr. Stroupe contends: "That the defendant, R. C. Stroupe, has never encroached upon said alleyway and has not constructed his dwelling house on any part of said alleyway, but in fact lacks some 12 to 15 feet extending to the alleyway."

The Gault-Stroupe answer continues: "That as these defendants have been informed and therefore believe and allege, the plaintiffs have encroached upon the western half of said alley by using same to park his car and for a part of his front yard."

All defendants ask that the litigation be dismissed and that the Jones be taxed with the costs of the action.

Davis and White are attorneys for defendants, while E. A. Harrell is attorney for plaintiff.

Mr. LeRicheux's Rites Thursday

Funeral rites for William (Billy) LeRicheux, 95, will be held Thursday at 4 o'clock from Central Methodist church.

Mr. LeRicheux succumbed Tuesday at 5:10 p. m. following an illness of several months.

A native of England, Mr. LeRicheux operated a dray during the horse and buggy days in Kings Mountain. Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles LeRicheux, he was a member of Central Methodist church. His wife, Lizzie Catherine Dover LeRicheux, died in 1929.

Mr. LeRicheux is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Glenn Smith, Kings Mountain; two granddaughters, Mrs. Frank Price, Kings Mountain, with whom he made his home; Mrs. Everett Davis, Gastonia; five great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

The final rites will be conducted by Rev. James B. McLarty. Interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

St. Matthew's Schedule Changes

St. Matthew's Lutheran church will begin its summer schedule Sunday. Sunday School will be at 8:45 with morning worship at 10 a. m. This Sunday Communion will be offered immediately after the regular Morning Service; the final Holy Communion Service for two months.

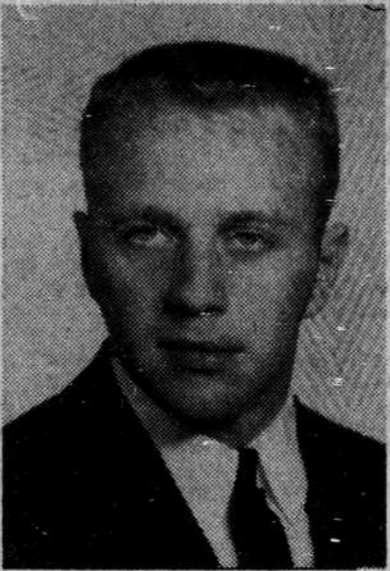
Vacation Bible School begins Monday for six days, June 8-13. The teachers: Mrs. Ben Bridges, Mrs. L. E. Hinnant, Mrs. Floyd Queen, Mrs. W. K. Mauney, Jr., Mrs. J. E. Herndon, Jr., Miss Louise Kiser, and Miss Donna Cheatham.



ANITA MCGINNIS



PALMER HUFFSTETLER



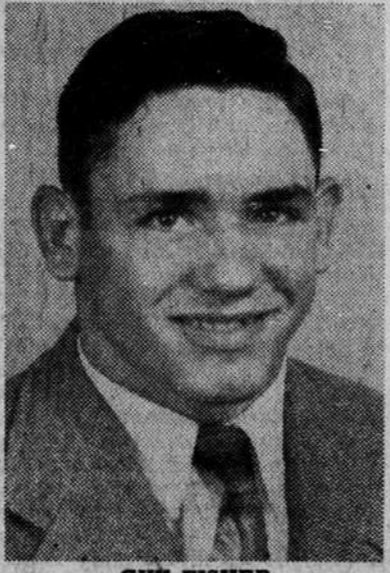
CHARLES YELTON



GEORGE HORD, JR.



VERNON TATE



GUY FISHER



DELVIN HUFFSTETLER



WILLIAM GREENE



JUDY JENKINS



EDDIE GOFORTH

Baptists Set Groundbreaking

Groundbreaking ceremonies will be held Sunday for the \$255,000 plant to be built by First Baptist Church.

The ceremony will include, besides the groundbreaking, hymns, prayers, and other rituals.

An invitational prayer will be offered by Dr. E. V. Hudson, interim pastor since the resignation of former minister, Aubrey T. Quakenbush.

The group's newly elected pastor, Rev. B. L. Raines, will deliver a brief address. Actual groundbreaking will be done by W. A. Williams, member of the church building committee.

The new church plant will be erected on the corner of W. King and Sims streets. First to be built will be a combined temporary sanctuary and educational unit, which will later be used solely for educational and administrative departments.

PARKING METERS

City parking meters returned \$138.28 for the week ending Wednesday at noon. Off-street meters returned \$20.71, and on-street meters \$115.57.

Ten More Area Students Graduate From Colleges And Universities

Many Kings Mountain students are receiving college degrees in commencement season activities.

Among the graduates: George Hord, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Hord, received the A. B. degree in journalism from the University of North Carolina. He is now a member of the staff of the Raleigh Times.

Delvin S. Huffstetler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Huffstetler, former residents, was graduated from the University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy with the bachelor of science degree. At UNC he was a member of the NCPA and APHA student branches. He has accepted a position with Rex Hospital in Raleigh.

Anita McGinnis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul McGinnis, Charles Yelton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Yelton, and Guy Whicker Fisher received degrees from Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory. Both Yelton and Fisher received A. B. degrees in business administration. Miss McGinnis was graduated cum laude with an A. B. degree in sociology.

Palmer Huffstetler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Huffstetler, former residents, a student in the School of Law at Wake Forest, received his bachelor of arts degree from Wake Forest college. Mr. Huffstetler is married to the former Mary Ann Beam of Kings Mountain.

Jim Caveny, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Caveny, and Eddie Goforth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bun E. Goforth, received their degrees in commencement exercises at Western Carolina college. At WCCU, Mr. Goforth was a member of Kappa Sigma Kappa, social fraternity. Mr. Caveny has received a fellowship for graduate study in mathematics at the University of Kentucky next year.

Judy Jenkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jenkins of Mayo, S. C., former residents, received her bachelor of science degree from Limestone college at Gaff.

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Local News Bulletins

GRADUATED

Peggy Wren Craig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Craig, formerly of Kings Mountain, was graduated with honors from Decatur, Ga., high school. She plans to enroll in September at Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga.

HOSPITALIZED

Mrs. Charles Carpenter, Jr. entered Presbyterian Hospital at Charlotte Tuesday where she underwent major surgery. She was recuperating satisfactorily Wednesday, Mr. Carpenter reported.

ON TV PROGRAM

Mrs. Margaret McLarty Cochran, who appears professionally as Eileen Fulton, will appear in the True Life television series Saturday at 12 noon on "Darlen Original" on NBC. Viewers may see the show via WSOC-TV Channel 9, Charlotte. Mrs. Cochran is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. James McLarty.

LODGE MEETING

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

RECEIVES DEGREE

Ruth Lorraine Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon L. Adams, Kings Mountain, was awarded the Bachelor of Arts Degree by Johnson C. Smith University on June 1.

Permissive Plan, Not Mandatory, Being Sought

BY MARTIN HARMON

The city board of commissioners moved to call an election on a modified city manager system last Thursday night, as it instructed City Attorney J. R. Davis to draw a proposed bill and seek General Assembly action ordering the election.

Mr. Davis forwarded the proposed bill to Senator Robert Morgan and Representative Jack Palmer Saturday, as well as to Claude Love, assistant attorney general.

Mr. Davis had included one section on which he particularly sought the attorney general's opinion. The section, Number 4, making the employment of a city manager permissive, rather than mandatory, provides that an elected mayor may serve as both mayor and city manager.

Otherwise, the bill modifies the "Plan D" city manager form of government almost exactly as did the proposal which the electorate defeated by eight votes at the 1953 city election. Under the specific modifications, the city commission would retain authority to employ or appoint the city attorney, city clerk, city treasurer and city tax collector, record of municipal court, and solicitor of city court. It provides that the mayor will have the right to vote in event of the votes only.

To a question by the Kings Mountain Herald concerning retention of the requirement that successful candidates attain majorities of the votes (rather than pluralities as was in vogue until 1951), Mr. Davis said it was his opinion the section repealing all laws and clauses in conflict with the proposed bill would mean that the 1951 bill setting run-off election machinery would be retained.

The act will not change the current method of electing five ward commissioners and the mayor.

Text of the bill follows:
AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM ELECTION IN THE CITY OF KINGS MOUNTAIN UPON THE QUESTION OF ADOPTING A CITY MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT, SAID ELECTION TO BE HELD AT THE DISCRETION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1: That at the discretion of the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners for the City of Kings Mountain and upon a resolution duly adopted by said Board, an election shall be held in the City of Kings Mountain, Cleveland County, after the notice required by GS 160-298 has been given, and there shall be submitted for determination by the qualified voters of the City of Kings Mountain the question of the adoption (in lieu of the present form of government) or a form of government for the City of Kings Mountain defined as "Plan D", as provided by part four of Article 22 of Chapter 160 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as modified by this act, which plan provides for a mayor a city council and a city manager.

The question shall appear on the ballot as follows:

For City Manager form of government under modified "Plan D".
Against City Manager form of government under modified "Plan D".

Section 2: That the said election (Continued On Page Eight)

Merger Meeting To Be Thursday

Township school officials will hold a third meeting Thursday night at 8 o'clock at Bethware school to discuss further plans for a merger of county district schools with the Kings Mountain city district.

Call of the meeting of the several school board officials was issued by IRL Lowery, Bethware chairman, after Mr. Lowery had cancelled a meeting of school board chairmen previously set for Tuesday night.

This committee of the committees had been given the task of presenting a recommendation on the political government of the expanded district.

Mr. Lowery was quoted as saying he felt a general discussion of the political arrangement in order.

Commercial Electrical Rate Pared In Base Schedule .2c



ELECTED — Mrs. Lena W. McGill was elected president of the Erskine College Alumni Association at last weekend's commencement activities held on the Erskine campus.

Mrs. McGill Heads Alumni

Mrs. Lena W. McGill was elected president of the Erskine College Alumni Association during commencement week end at the Due West, S. C. institution.

The Kings Mountain woman will serve a two-year term. John A. Cheshire, Jr., of Kings Mountain, was also elected a member of the board.

Alumni activities, held Saturday, celebrated the 100th anniversary of the founding of the woman's college. At the business meeting, Earl Barron, of Greenwood, S. C., gave the annual reports of the Living Endowment drive. He stated the goal for the year was \$75,000 and a total of \$118,000 had been received. Goal of \$100,000 was set for the year 1959-60.

The Class of 1909, which celebrated its 50th anniversary, received a challenge gift of \$1,000 and 100 percent class participation in the Living Endowment.

A record attendance of 400 marked the alumni activities held on the college campus.

Mrs. McGill is the wife of John L. McGill.

Hospital Directors Set Annual Meeting

Annual dinner meeting of the board of directors of Kings Mountain Hospital, Inc., will be held Wednesday night at Kings Mountain Country Club. Principal business, Business Manager Grady Howard said, will be election of officers for the coming year.

George W. Mauney has served as president since the institution became a non-profit corporation.

R. S. Lennon and Mrs. George Houser will join the board as new members.

Sterchi Officers Are Optimistic; Mikeal, Mrs. Neal Are Promoted

A. B. Mikeal, for the past two years credit manager of Sterchi's here, has been promoted to credit manager of a newly acquired Sterchi unit in Florence, S. C., and Mrs. Dewitt Neal, bookkeeper, has succeeded Mr. Mikeal.

J. Kennon Blanton, Sterchi manager here, made the announcement Monday, after a conference with C. S. LaRue, Sterchi's vice-president and treasurer, and W. E. Haase, Sterchi secretary and assistant treasurer, and Tom Driskill, of Charlotte, district manager. Mr. LaRue and Haase are from company headquarters in Knoxville, Tenn.

The company officials said Sterchi's was acquiring the Florence unit, a four-story furniture firm with three floors air conditioned, on Tuesday and had acquired another store in Scottsboro, Ala., the previous week. They said two more prospective additions to the chain are in the offing. The Scottsboro, and Florence acquisitions bring to 43 the number of stores in the Sterchi chain.

Vice-President LaRue said Sterchi's showed a 25 percent gain in sales during the fiscal quarter ended May 30 and commented that May was a much better sales month than May 1958. In Kings Mountain, it was noted that May sales topped comparable months for the past eight years.

Mr. LaRue, a veteran Sterchi official, said he is of French extraction and dates his ancestors in this country from 1670. He said his LaRue forebears landed at Staten Island in New York harbor, migrated to Virginia and other states, and that he was born in Indiana.

City Officials Say Hospital Chief Beneficiary

Eighteen business firms, and any other city commercial or industrial customers who might have reached the base rate bucket of consumption in the past two-plus years, will get a slight rate reduction effective with August billings.

The board of commissioners, in an effort to help Elmer Lumber Company, Inc., solve a building problem, voted Tuesday night to pare the base rate on usage in excess of 2500 kilowatt hours to 1.2 per kilowatt hour. The rate prevailing since the latter days of Bridges Administration II has been 1.4 cents per kilowatt hour.

The new base rate is higher by .24 cents per kilowatt hour than the former base rate prevailing.

Commercial customers pay \$41.84 for the first 2500 kilowatt hours of service per month. The rate revision puts commercial customers, after using 2500 kilowatt hours, on a par with residential customers, who get the 1.2 cents rate after using one-tenth that amount or 250 kilowatt hours.

While several business firms will be aided by the rate reduction, Kings Mountain hospital, city officials said, will benefit by about \$3,000 of the estimated \$4,000 annual reduction, based on present consumption.

The Elmer Lumber Company problem arises from plans of the company to build a new installation on a site cut by a Duke Power Company line. D. M. Peeler, president, told the board Duke refused to move the line free, unless his firm became a Duke customer. In turn, Duke would provide only one-line 440-volt service, which, in turn, would cost Elmer Lumber an estimated \$3800 to \$4000 for rewinding all the motors currently in use.

City commissioners said they did not wish to give away a major power customer which paid the city a \$1100 gross profit in the past year. In turn, Mr. Peeler said he preferred to remain a city customer, if rates aren't prohibitive, due to excellent service the city electrical department provides his firm.

Martin Harmon, Herald editor, suggested the rate cut might be the proper avenue to satisfy everyone.

Hunter Allen, electrical superintendent, estimated the 440-volt line service would cost the city \$4,000 to install.

After approving the rate reduction, the commissioners agreed that Elmer Lumber Company could receive from the city one-line, one-meter service, three-meter or four-meter service, at option of Elmer Lumber Company.

The company now has three.

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APPOINTED — Wilson Griffin, Kings Mountain pharmacist, has been appointed a member of the Cleveland County Welfare board, effective July 1, succeeding Dr. Nathan H. Reed.

Griffin Named To Welfare Post

Wilson Griffin, Kings Mountain pharmacist, has been appointed by the county board of commissioners to the Cleveland County welfare board. He will succeed Dr. Nathan H. Reed, effective July 1.

The appointment is for a three-year term.

Other members of the welfare board are Rep. Jack Palmer, Emmett Matthews, both of Shelby.

Dr. Reed had served as a member of the board for the past six years and was not eligible for reappointment.

Mr. Griffin is a navy veteran of World War II and a graduate of the University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy, where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega social fraternity. A Central Methodist, he is secretary of the church's official board, a director of the Rotary Club, a member of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical association and secretary of the Cleveland County Drug Association. He is past president of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Griffin is the former Sara Frances Spurling. They have a daughter, Myra Jane Griffin.

32 Students Get Honor Seals

Honor seals marked 32 diplomas received by high school graduates in commencement exercises Monday at Central school.

Graduates receiving the seals maintained an average of 85 during four years in high school, an average of A on conduct with no grade below B, and had participated in at least one extra-curricular activity.

Honor students were: Betty Jean Allen, Tillie Arrowood, Peggy Black, Mary Frances Bridges, Patricia Brooks, Elizabeth Brown, DeWayne Caldwell, Bobby Early, Patricia Foster, Judy Hope, Cordelia Houser, Joy Hudson, Betty Sue Kirby, Richard Lennon, Jr., Mitchell Ann Lynn, David Richard McDaniel, Gloria Ann McDaniel, Brenda Falls, Judy Medlin, Jackie Merrill, Linda Mitchell, Rebecca Ormand, Donald Parker, Jr., Gertrude Pearson, David Plonk, Graeme Reeves, Patricia Scruggs, Barry Smith, Donald Bignor, Carolyn Walker, Virginia Ramsey Wallace, and Robert Wilson.

Jaycees To Hold Paper Drive Sunday

Kings Mountain Jaycees will conduct a waste paper drive this weekend.

Area citizens who have waste paper to be collected should deposit it on the curb in front of their houses Sunday at 2 p. m. and members of the Jaycees will pick up the paper.

Others who desire the paper collected before Sunday should contact Bob Maner (phone 1380); Bob Goforth (368), or Wesley Bush (No. 9).