

Population

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City Limits 7,206

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Local News Bulletins

HOLY COMMUNION

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at St. Matthew's Lutheran church at morning services Sun. at 10 o'clock, Dr. W. P. Gerberding, the pastor, has announced.

PROMOTED

Bill Throneburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Y. F. Throneburg, has been promoted by Allegheny Ballistic Laboratories, of Cumberland, Md., from the position of research assistant to project engineer.

ROTARY CLUB

Joseph Whisnant, Shelby attorney, will present a program on wills at the Thursday meeting of the Kings Mountain Rotary club. The club convenes at 12:15 at the Country Club.

NO FIRES

City Fireman C. D. Ware said Wednesday morning the department has had no calls since July 9.

ATTENDS WORKSHOP

Mrs. Martin Harmon, city schools piano teacher, attended the Frances Clark piano workshop held in Charlotte Tuesday.

JOINING MCGINNIS

Clay (Mud) Boston will join McGinnis Furniture Company as assistant credit manager on August 1, it was announced this week by the management.

HOME COMING

Antioch Baptist church near Grover will hold Homecoming services on Sunday. Picnic dinner will be spread on the church grounds following the morning worship service. Special song services are planned for the afternoon.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts from on-street meters totaled \$115.61 for the week ending Wednesday at noon. A defective key prevented opening of the Cherokee street parking lot meters, City Clerk Joe McDaniel said. In addition, the recreation commission which now gets all parking meter revenue received \$8.60 in contributions from persons who had parked too long.

Life Saving Courses Given

Life Saving Courses, under sponsorship of the Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter, are being completed by a number of Kings Mountain citizens.

The courses have been under direction of W. Donald Crawford, water safety chairman for the local chapter, assisted by Dewey Bookout, Roger Blackwell, and Bill Cashion, the latter of Taylorsville.

Registering for the senior course were Floyd Morris, Jimmy White, Ann McMackin, Jack Beam of Shelby, Bill Lowery of Shelby, Pat Ware, DeWayne Caldwell, and Dale Gilliland. This course was completed at Maple Springs and Deal Street pool and certificates, pins, and emblems presented to the students completing the 17 hour course on Saturday.

The 15-hour course for Juniors was completed by these students: Dwight Foster, Billy Patterson, Tommy Dean, Paul Reynolds, Joe Patterson, Michael Ivey, Jimmy Grant, Lamar Fletcher, Vincent Mowery, Carol Jean Goter and Judy Morris.

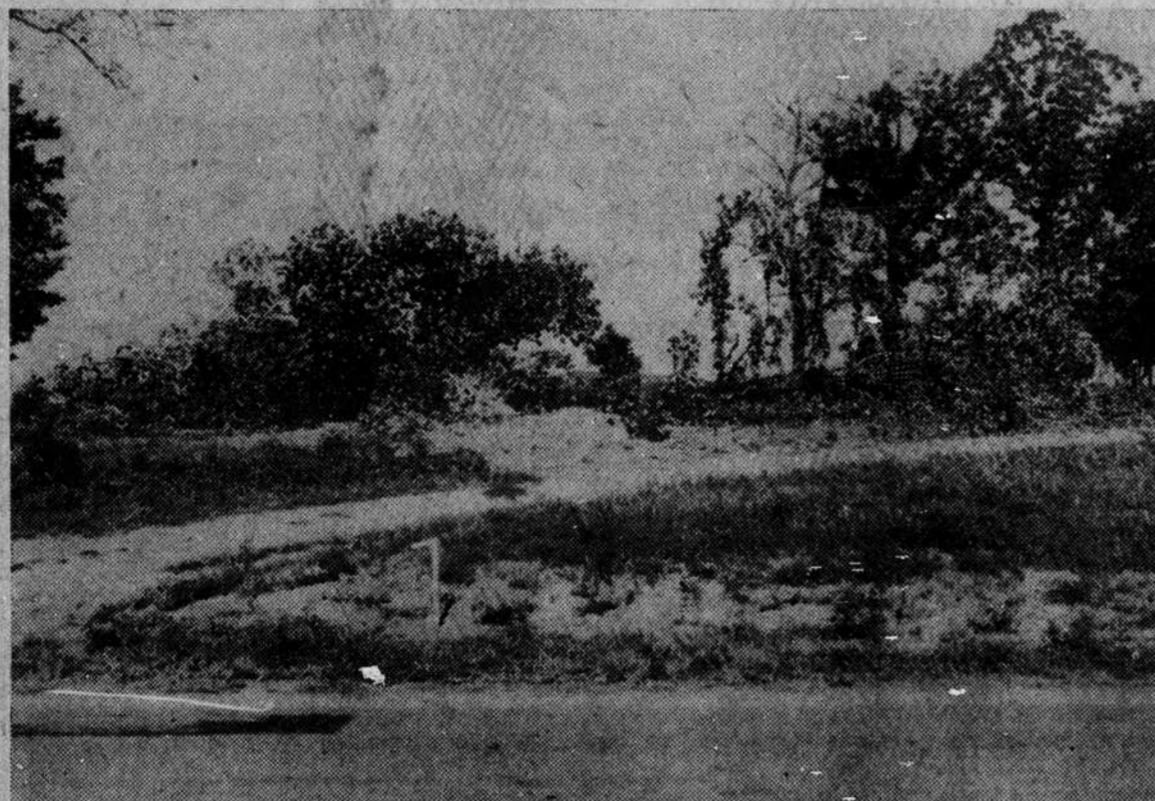
Included in the instructions were: safety rules, adapting swimming strokes for life saving purposes; check systems for swimmers; latest ARC methods of resuscitation, including class-work, knowledge tests and practical tests. Prevention as well as forms of rescue was stressed.

Merchants Picnic Set For Wednesday

Annual employee-employer picnic of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association will be held on Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

Mrs. Ida Joy, Merchants secretary, said advanced reservations are being received, and a large crowd is expected.

Women of Bethany ARP church are preparing the meal which will be served on the church grounds.



HIGHWAY WORKMEN FELL TREES — Pictured is the Craig Falls property on the East side of York road after workmen on the Interstate 85 project had felled seven trees. Mr. Falls complained that the workmen invaded his property in spite of the fact they have no right-of-way agreement and no verbal permission to proceed. He had refused their offer for damages as "insulting". The property shown is near the bridge crossing present U. S. 29. Pennington Photo

Probable Cause Found On Rape Charge; No Bond

BY BOB EARLY
Roosevelt Williams, Kings Mountain Negro, charged with rape of a minor, was bound over to the October session of Superior Court following a preliminary hearing in the Monday session of City Recorder's Court.

Williams, who is charged with "having carnally known and abused a female under the age of ten," has been held in custody since his arrest on July 16. The Williams hearing had been originally scheduled for July 20 but deferred when the defendant asked time to secure legal counsel.

Williams is alleged to have raped a 5 year old Negro girl at her home on July 15. Witnesses for the state told the court Monday that he had been staying at the home of the child while the mother of the house was at work at the Silver Villa. In testimony an 11-year-old sister said that Williams, drinking, had at first attempted to force her to bed with him by threatening her with a butcher knife and a belt. She said that when she screamed and ran he left her alone. Later, she said, he forced the 5-year-old girl into the bed with him and closed the bedroom door.

The witness testified further that she and her brother heard the child crying and tried to enter the room but the door was locked.

A physician's report, as stated in court, said that the child had been attacked sexually.

Attorney for the defense, Joe Mull of Shelby, questioned witnesses in an attempt to free the defendant from charges. He intimidated in his questioning that the alleged incident could have happened under other circumstances and that the defendant could be facing charges for which someone else was responsible.

The victim of the alleged crime was in tears throughout the hearing.

Defense attorney Mull requested.

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Highway Official Draws Lady's Ire

Workmen Move On Highway Job Minus Agreement

"If you don't get off my property, I'm going to get a gun and shoot you off!"

The recipient of this verbal blast was a representative of the State Highway commission, and the forceful language came not from a rough and irate man, but from a pretty young woman who has a basic understanding of property rights.

The verbal action occurred Friday afternoon on York Road where contractors are in process of building a link of Interstate 85, a project that call for improving the approaches, entrances and exits from this big road N. C. 161, better known locally as the York Road.

Mrs. Joyce Falls Cashion had made a hurried trip from her home in Taylorsville to find a construction crew at work on her property and some adjoining property of her father, Craig Falls. The crewmen were at work, minus right-of-way agreement, and minus verbal permission to proceed. In the process, the crewmen had cut a water line which served two dwellings owned by Mrs. Cashion and her husband Bill Cashion, Taylorsville high school football coach.

The threat worked momentarily. The highway commission representative summoned Plumber Ben T. Goforth to repair the water line and left for the day.

Craig Falls reports, however, that the crewmen returned to the scene this week, moved a couple of out-buildings of the Cashions and burned seven trees felled on

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TRINITY RECTOR — Rev. Thomas Droppers, rector at Trinity Episcopal church here, assumed his duties here recently. He is a native of New York.

Rector Assumes Trinity Post

Rev. Thomas Droppers, Episcopal Rector, has assumed his duties at Trinity Episcopal church, and he and his wife are occupying a new home near the church site on Phifer road.

A native of New York, Mr. Droppers was educated in the public schools of Delmar, N. Y., received his A. B. degree from Hamilton College, and his bachelor of sacred theology from General Theological Seminary.

He served as a student minister at St. Paul's church, Endeville and also trained at Southern Town and Country Institute in Valle Crucis, N. C. He was a student minister under the clinical training program at the South Carolina State Mental Hospital in Columbia, S. C.

Ordained a Deacon in May 1956 in the Cathedral of All Saints, N. Y., Mr. Droppers was ordained a Priest in December that year by Grace and Holy Innocents' Church of Albany. Before coming to Kings Mountain he was assistant at St. George's church in Schenectady, N. Y.

Mrs. Droppers, whom he married in June this year, is the former Mary Ellen Anderson of Northfield, Ill.

Dixon Revival Is Continuing

Revival services are continuing this week at Dixon Presbyterian church, with George Harper, Jr., assistant pastor, leading the evangelistic series.

Bible School, with classes for all ages, is being held nightly through Friday at 7 o'clock each evening. The commencement program for the Bible School will be held on Sunday during the regular Sunday School hour.

The revival, which will also be concluded on Friday evening, begins each night at 8:15 p. m. Arnold Jackson is directing the song service.

City Adopts \$624,567 Budget For 1959-60; Tax Rate \$1.50

Hayes Renews Bond Business Complaints

Ernest Hayes, professional bondsman, renewed his complaint to the city commission Monday night that when prisoners request his bonding services he doesn't hear about it.

Mr. Hayes said he had two city jail prisoners in the past month who had told him they requested his services. He said he hadn't been called. He also complains that Corbett Nicholson, another licensed bondsman, does bonding business while on duty as city gas superintendent.

The commission summoned Charles (Bud) Ware, city desk sergeant.

Sgt. Ware, obviously riled, declared, "I'm not going to call you everytime someone is arrested." However, he contended that he'd called Mr. Hayes everytime a prisoner has asked.

Mr. Hayes said he'd never been called, then the sergeant said he wasn't sure he ever had called him.

One of the instances, Mr. Hayes contended, involved the July 23 arrest of Willie Clinton on capias. Hayes said he had been told by Clinton that he'd asked for Hayes' services and been told the judge would have to be contacted, since he was arrested on a capias. Meantime a cousin had contacted Hayes, who said he'd gone immediately to City Hall, arrived at 4:29 p. m., and found the prisoner already released on bond signed by Corbett Nicholson.

Sgt. Ware's arrest sheet showed Clinton discharged at 4:27 p. m. Ware said Solicitor George Thomasson had set the bond.

Comm. Boyce Gault interposed that Clinton had told him he'd requested Mr. Hayes' services.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges then pointed out that a prisoner usually wanted out of jail, would call one bondsman, but use another if he happened in.

Mr. Hayes rejoined, "If a prisoner hasn't been informed that a bondsman is coming, he very well may use another. But it's no accident."

Comm. Ross Alexander said, "I feel you have a full right to be in City Hall and to do business. He also has a right to be called." He added he didn't think it wrong for Mr. Nicholson to be a bondsman, stating he'd heard no complaints about Nicholson's work as gas superintendent.

Sgt. Ware said, "If you'd come up here sometime you might get some of 'em."

Mr. Nicholson, present at the session, said, "On Saturday night I stay here all night. Hayes doesn't stay up here."

The commission, on the Mayor's suggestion, instructed Police Comm. Luther Bennett to investigate and report to the board.

As he left the meeting, Mr. Hayes said, "I'm disappointed. You don't believe but one side."

Auto Repossessor Gets City Property

We'll have our attorney contact their attorney."

City Clerk Joe McDaniel was talking to Jake Early, city recreation director via telephone. Mr. Early was reporting that a Gastonia loan company had refused to turn over to him Babe Ruth league baseball equipment which the loan company had acquired while repossessing an automobile.

The auto had been the partial property of a Babe Ruth League coach and the baseball gear, property of the city recreation commission, reposed in the trunk when the representative of Domestic Loan & Finance Company "pulled" the car it had under mortgage. "I don't anticipate we'll have any great trouble claiming the baseball equipment," Mr. McDaniel noted.

Funeral Friday For W. M. Gantt

Former Grocer Died Tuesday Of Heart Attack

William McKinley Gantt, 60, prominent Kings Mountain businessman, died Tuesday night at 11:30 at Kings Mountain hospital after suffering a heart attack.

Mr. Gantt, who had been in declining health for sometime, had been hospitalized the past ten days, though his condition had appeared improved before the fatal attack.

Born in Gaston County on March 25, 1899, Mr. Gantt was the son of the late Andrew Gamewell and Diane Clark Gantt. A realtor and retired grocer, he was also vice-president of Kings Mountain Savings and Loan Association and a member of the official board of Central Methodist church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Zella Dennis Gantt; one daughter, Mrs. Gerald Edward Gantt of Brockton, Mass., two brothers, John and Columbus Gantt of Kings Mountain and three sisters, Mrs. B. A. Smith of Kings Mountain; Mrs. Mae Weir of Hamstead, N. C., and Mrs. Myrtle Smith of Wilmington.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock from Central Methodist church, with the Rev. H. D. Gannon, the pastor, and the Rev. J. E. McLarty, a former pastor, to officiate. The body will lie in state at the church one hour prior to the services. Interment will be in the mausoleum of Sharon Memorial Park, Charlotte.

KIWANIS CLUB

W. T. Robinson, manager of public relations for Carolina Freight Carriers Association of Cherryville, will address Kings Mountain Kiwanians at their Thursday meeting. The club convenes at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's club.

McCurdy Says Meter Plan Changes Minor and Won't Effect Motorists

BY MARTIN HARMON

There's already a change in the parking meter set-up, since the city formed it out to the city recreation commission, but it won't effect motorists or their tempers.

In the interest of putting a few more coins into the rather unfilling recreation commission coffers, the commission this week told Roger Blackwell, their meter "officer," to cease the practice of putting a five-cent coin for an hour's parking in the meters when motorists have over-stayed their time.

However, they're still putting the regular request on the motorists' windshields which say, in effect, "You're over-parked and won't you put a dime in this envelope?"

Several years ago, the City of Kings Mountain, plagued by motorists' complaints about paying a dollar for over-parking by a minute or three, adopted the courtesy nickel system, a system borrowed from the Town of Smithfield. Under the plan, the meterman put in a nickel, then put the envelope request on the over-parker's windshield. The merchants of the community, via the Kings Mountain Merchants association, stated the meter officer to the nickels, paid for the printed forms and other necessary tools, and were able to break even, financially, on the new system.

Meantime, the city continued to derive about the same amount of revenue from its parking meters, parkers "moved on" when their business was done, and the police department and city fathers escaped the ire of many a motorist.

Fleete McCurdy, of the recreation commission, said Wednesday there is no intent to "bust" the system and that the new arrangement will be a volunteer one. "We merely will save putting in the nickels."



SUCCUMBS — W. M. Gantt, retired Kings Mountain grocer, died Tuesday night. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 4 p. m. in Central Methodist church.

Union Service At St. Matthew's

Sunday night's union service will be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

Dr. W. P. Gerberding, the pastor, will deliver the message at eight o'clock. Dr. Gerberding's theme will be "To Nineveh via Joppa, the story of Jonah as a foreign missionary. The choir will sing "The King of Love my Shepherd Is" by Shelley.

Schedule for the remainder of the union service series will include:

Sunday, August 9th, at First Presbyterian church with Rev. M. D. DuBose, pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist church, to deliver the message.

Sunday, August 16, at Resurrection Lutheran church, with Rev. George Moore to deliver the message.

Budget Provides Mayor \$600 Raise, Judge White \$300

The city board of commissioners formally adopted a 1959-60 budget Monday night calling for expenditure of \$624,567, up by \$2629 from the tentatively adopted budget, and retained the same tax rate of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation.

The additional \$2629 was an increase in the budget for capital outlay spending and was derived from more cash surplus than was originally expected.

The \$1.50 tax rate — expected to return the city \$140,000 — will be divided as follows: general fund 32.5 cents, debt service 44.5; capital outlay 68 cents, and recreation fund five cents.

Last year no tax was levied for the general fund, the city enjoying a larger cash surplus.

The addition to the capital outlay fund means that the city is earmarking \$80,531 for capital (or long-term) purchases during the year which began July 1. These are the proposed expenditures: water and sewer installations, \$10,700; paving of streets, \$15,975; curbing, guttering, and sidewalks, \$48,608; adding machine, \$409; city hall air-conditioning plant, \$2,000; and fire alarm signals, \$209.

Majority of city employees will make the same salaries as last year, the budget indicates. However, the appropriations call for a \$600 raise for the Mayor and a \$300 raise for the judge of city court. City Clerk Joe McDaniel said commission action to effect the increases are necessary before they are effective. Via the budget, Mayor Glee A. Bridges salary will be \$4200 from the city, another \$600 for travel expense, and \$500 salary from the gas department, for a total of \$5300. He grossed \$4700 last year. Judge Jack White would receive \$2100 rather than the \$1800 last year.

Other budget items:

1) The city anticipates spending \$16,000 less in its street department, principally in the maintenance account.

2) Budget for the general department is off \$1500, with a \$3315 saving anticipated from insurance purchases and an increase of \$1,800 for civil defense. (Only \$20 was spent for civil defense last year.)

3) Water and sewer department expenditures will be off \$2,000 this year.

4) Electrical department expenditures are expected to increase \$10,000, half of it for power purchases, another \$700 increase for meters, another \$2300 for transformers, and an additional \$1350 for line hardware and light fixtures.

5) Debt service, a fixed cost, will be \$3,000 less than last year.

6) Principal receipts drop is anticipated on street assessments. The city collected \$24,308 in this category last year, thinks it will receive only \$12,000 from this source during 1959-60.

Linwood Carrier Service Available

Plans are being completed to introduce city delivery service to citizens living in the Linwood Section, according to announcement by Postmaster Charles Alexander.

Mail service (foot delivery to the door) will be available to citizens who live in the 200-900 blocks of Groves street; 800-900 blocks of Rhodes avenue; 600-800 blocks of Linwood road; 800-900 blocks of Monroe Avenue; 800-900 blocks of Katherine Avenue; and 600-800 blocks of Jackson street.

To receive this service, those patrons who have not numbered their houses must do so, Mr. Alexander pointed out. In addition, a mail receptacle must be installed.

Patrons, presently being served by the route 1 carrier, may, if they desire, retain their present rural boxes and city delivery will be made to them, in lieu of front porch delivery.

"As soon as the foregoing conditions are met by residents living within the specified sections, city delivery service will be initiated," Mr. Alexander added. "Patrons having questions concerning city delivery service are invited to contact the postmaster."