

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 7,206

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Superior Stone Founder Murdered

Local News Bulletins

KIWANIS CLUB
Rev. M. D. DuBose, pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist church, will be the speaker at the Thursday night meeting of the Kiwanis club.

SPEAKER
John Butcher, ministerial student from Bessemer City, conducted Wednesday night prayer services at First Presbyterian church.

BUILDING PERMITS
Permits were issued this week to Junious Hayward to alter his one-story house at 210 W. King street.

BOARD TO MEET
The Kings Mountain City Schools Board will meet in regular session at Kings Mountain high school Monday night at 7:30.

ATTENDED CONFERENCE
City Schools Superintendent B. N. Barnes attended a Superintendent's Conference at Mars Hill Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

Catholic Priest To Talk Tuesday

Father Thomas P. Clement, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Shelby, will be presented Tuesday night at 7:30 at Kings Mountain Baptist Church to speak in the current series of "This I Believe."

Monday evening at 6:45, a half hour radio program will be presented over radio station WKMT in which Father Clement will answer questions propounded to him in the studio via telephone.

Trinity Sets Church School

Trinity Episcopal Church will hold Vacation Bible School at West Elementary school beginning on Monday.

The school will be operated daily through Friday from 8:3 to 11 a. m. under direction of two student ministers, John Butcher of Berkeley Divinity school and Lawrence Larson of The General Theological Seminary.

Worship, study and games will feature the week's activities. The two seminarians have already held successful schools this summer at Bessemer City and High Shoals.

Mrs. Suber's Father Dies

Funeral rites for J. Claude Polk, 81, of Rockingham, father of Mrs. S. R. Suber, Jr., of Kings Mountain, were conducted Wednesday at 4 p. m. from the home, interment following in Eastside cemetery.

Mr. Polk, who had visited the Subers here 10 days prior to his death, succumbed August 4th in Rockingham.

Surviving in addition to his daughter here are three daughters, Mrs. W. A. Gordon of Greensboro, Mrs. Ted Barrow of Raleigh, Mrs. Sam Corpening of Coatesville, Pa.; two brothers, Ted Polk of Hamlet and Julius Polk of Erie, Pa., and three sisters, Mrs. Rosalie Bennett of Wadesboro, Mrs. Gertrude Williams of Pittsboro, and Mrs. Sally Abernathy of Mebane.

Funeral Rites Held Tuesday For Ragland

Funeral services for William Trent Ragland, Sr., 64, of Raleigh, founder of Superior Stone Company, were held in Raleigh from the Church of the Good Shepherd Tuesday morning.

Mr. Ragland was found shot to death at a cabin he owned near Cary Sunday morning by police, seeking to tell him his Cadillac had been involved in a wreck.

Police meantime arrested a Florida hobo, just released from Polk prison camp that morning, on a charge of shooting Mr. Ragland to death with a .22-caliber rifle owned by Mr. Ragland. Also found dead was Mr. Ragland's dog.

At his death, Mr. Ragland was chairman of the board of Superior Stone division of American-Marietta Company. The company he founded, which he had served as president until 1954, was recently merged with American-Marietta. He had been succeeded as president of Superior by his son, W. Trent Ragland, Jr., also of Raleigh.

Mr. Ragland organized Superior Stone Company in 1939. The company, which produces gravel for highway building and other construction, had its first plant in Red Hill Va., near Charlottesville. The Kings Mountain operation was the company's second. Work on obtaining title to Kings Mountain's rock deposits was begun in the fall of 1939 and actual production operations began the following summer.

Since that time, Superior has opened quarries in many parts of North Carolina and other states.

Lloyd Burton Walker, 25, the alleged assailant, was given a sedative at Rex Hospital in Raleigh before being lodged in Wake County jail. Wake County Solicitor Lester V. Chalmers said he would seek the death penalty on a charge of murder. Police theorized that robbery was the motive for the shooting, as Walker had \$256 on his person when apprehended.

Mrs. Ruth D. Duval, who lives near the Ragland cabin, identified Walker as the man who had broken into her home earlier Sunday morning. She told police she'd chased him away with a hammer.

Surviving in addition to his wife and son Trent, are another son, W. B. Ragland, of Raleigh; a sister, Mrs. Edgar B. Neff, Little Rock, Ark.; and five grandchildren.

The final rites were conducted by Rev. James Dick, the pastor, assisted by the Rev. Gary Moulter.

Employees of Superior Stone Company served as honorary pallbearers.

FIRM CLOSED WEEK

Fite's Shoe Service will be closed during the week of August 16-22, while the owner Fite is on vacation.

Annual Audit Shows City's Assets \$2,260,880 At June 30 Year-End

The annual city audit report, compiled by A. M. Pullen & Company, Charlotte accountants, confirms preliminary year-end figures of the city clerk.

The report shows the city's book value, or "surplus" with reserves, at \$1,593,505, against total assets of \$2,260,880. Liabilities include long term bonded debt of \$639,000.

July Jobless Pay Claims Drop To 855

Employment in Kings Mountain appeared at a high for the past several months through July, reports of the North Carolina Employment Service office for the periods indicate.

During July, only 855 claims for unemployment compensation were filed here, an average of 214 per week, compared to a total of 3019 for the month of July 1958, an average of 274 per week.

Meantime, the state employment service office reported, there were 123 job applicants listed during July, orders for employees to fill various jobs, and 69 place merits of employees in jobs.

The placement figure also contrasted sharply and favorably with July 1958, when the employment service could find employment for only 33 job applicants.

The increased employment trend continued from June, when 966 claims for unemployment compensation were filed, an average of 242 per week, down 38 from the previous month.

Mrs. McDaniel's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Ada Brown McDaniel, 77, were held Sunday at 2:30 p. m. from Kings Mountain Baptist church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. McDaniel, widow of Galtier Hoyle McDaniel died Friday morning after suffering a heart attack. She had been in declining health the past several years.

A native of Cleveland County Mrs. McDaniel was the daughter of the late Marion L. Brown and Rebecca Dellinger Brown. She was a member of the Kings Mountain Baptist church.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Jack Arnette with whom she made her home on Shelby road; Mrs. E. E. Marlowe, and Mrs. A. L. Hill, all of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. C. L. Hope of Gastonia; three sons, F. A. McDaniel, Sr. and Dean McDaniel, both of Kings Mountain, and Robert McDaniel of Greensboro; 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The final rites were conducted by Rev. M. D. DuBose, assisted by Dr. Paul Ausley, pastor of First Presbyterian church, and Rev. Herbert Garmon, pastor of Central Methodist church.

BEAM REUNION

The 35th annual John Teeter Beam family reunion will be held August 13 at New Prospect church near Shelby. Picnic dinner will be spread at 1 o'clock and Everett Beam, clerk of court of Stanley County, will deliver the address. The Johnson Family Singers will present the afternoon program.

Two former Kings Mountain school teachers are ready to work overseas next school year.

Miss Louise Kiser, daughter of A. S. Kiser of Kings Mountain leaves Friday by plane for New York. On Saturday she sails via the U. S. N. S. Geiger for Bremerhaven, Germany.

Miss Mary Nolan, daughter of A. V. Nolan of Shelby, leaves from New York on August 25th for Paris, France, where she will also teach in the dependents school of the U. S. Army for a year.

Miss Kiser has taught at West Elementary school the past five years. Miss Nolan is a former North Elementary teacher.

Moore To Speak At Union Service

Rev. George Moore will conduct Sunday night's union service at 8 o'clock in Resurrection Lutheran church.

Sunday night's service will be the last in a series of summer union services which have been sponsored by the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association with six churches in the community participating.

Crazy Days Sale Begins Thursday

City Retailers Collaborating In Sales Event

Kings Mountain retail merchants are collaborating this weekend in presenting a second annual "Crazy Days" sales event, beginning Thursday morning and continuing through Saturday.

To emphasize the "crazy" designation, virtually all the participating merchants are offering one or more items at ridiculous prices.

There is a minor catch. None of the particular's salespeople can sell the special bargains. The Salesman will be Mayor Glee A. Bridges, who, in effect, will be a floating salesman during the three days of the sales event. The Mayor will visit all the stores at one or more times during the sale. The would-be purchaser should make his purchase offer to the Mayor in the particular store at the particular time.

Some of the special "Crazy Days" bargains include: a \$15.98 suit for \$1.98; an electric frypan, \$14.98 value, for \$1.27; a \$249 living room suite for \$79.95; and a \$12.95 electric fan for \$3. There are numerous other "Crazy Days" bargains as ridiculous as advertised in today's edition of the Herald on page 10, first section.

There is one exception to the mayoral offer. Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association is participating by offering silver dollars to all former account owners who re-open accounts during the three-day event.

In addition to the extra specials, all retail firms are offering many bargain purchases. Summer goods have been slashed to less-than-cost prices in many instances, and, in addition, some special purchase bargains are available in merchandise for the approaching fall season.

Furniture stores have pared prices heavily for the three-day period, as have hardware, jewelry and novelty firms.

J. C. Bridges is chairman of the Merchants Association's advertising and promotion committee of the Merchant's Association, sponsor of the sales event, and other members are Eugene McSwain and J. Kennon Blanton.

Mr. Bridges commented, "The success of last year's Crazy Days sale indicated that the buying public appreciated the efforts of the merchants to provide unusual bargains. We feel this week end's event will be even better."

Two Teachers In New Posts

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SPEAKER — Dr. George Staples, chaplain at Davidson college, will fill the pulpit Sunday, August 16 and August 23 at First Presbyterian church in the absence of Dr. Paul Ausley who is on vacation.

Mr. Ledford's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Lee F. Ledford, 82, retired farmer of route two, were held Wednesday at 4 p. m. from Bethlehem Baptist church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Ledford died Tuesday morning after an illness of several years. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Webb E. Ledford and a Baptist.

Married twice, his first wife was the late Lillie Long Ledford. His second wife, Ida Crocker Ledford, survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Marvin O. Ledford of Winston-Salem and Lawrence Ledford of Kings Mountain; one daughter, Mrs. Charles H. Moss of Kings Mountain; two brothers, Plato Ledford and T. C. Ledford of Lawndale; and three sisters, Mrs. Jules Gales of Morganton; Mrs. J. Van Proctor of Connelly Springs, and Mrs. June Mitcham of Shelby; four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

The final rites were conducted by Rev. Norman Brown, assisted by Dr. Paul Ausley and Rev. Julius Hoffmann.

Mrs. Jackson's Rites Conducted

Final rites for Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Bookout Jackson, 83, of Dallas, former resident of Kings Mountain, were held Friday at 3 p. m. from First Wesleyan Methodist church in Gastonia, interment following in Armstrong Memorial Park.

Mrs. Jackson, widow of Sylvester Jackson, died last Wednesday night at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Floyd Blalock in Dallas.

She is survived by her daughter; one son, Max Jackson of Dallas; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Ida Kiser of Bessemer City; one brother, John Bookout of Dallas; and three sisters, Mrs. George Short of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Ben Lewis of Forest City, and Mrs. J. J. Grayson of Belmont. Also surviving are five grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Baird's Daughter Is Seriously Ill

Mrs. Mabel Baird Lampley, of Shelby, daughter of Fred Baird, owner of Baird Furniture, is in serious condition at Presbyterian hospital, Charlotte, after becoming ill at 10:15 Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Lampley, a 1958 graduate of Queens college, was reported in a coma Wednesday morning.

Her illness was described as identical to a similar one she suffered while a student at Queens in November 1958, when she suffered a slight cerebral hemorrhage.

Mrs. Lampley is a niece of Dr. W. L. Pressly and a cousin of Mrs. John C. McGill, of Kings Mountain.

COURT OF HONOR

Court of Honor for Kings Mountain district Boy Scouts will be held Thursday night at 7:45 p. m. at Central Methodist church.

Mrs. Webster's Funeral Rites Thursday At 4

Funeral rites for Mrs. Ruby Bennett Webster, 39, who died Tuesday night, will be held Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock from First Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Webster, prominent in civic, religious, and community affairs, succumbed in Charlotte.

The Deal Street Pool will be closed all day Thursday in respect to Mrs. J. W. Webster who died Tuesday night. Her son, Noel, is a member of the pool staff.

Memorial Hospital at 11:15 p. m. following a serious illness of six weeks. She was the wife of J. W. Webster, city tax collector.

A Kings Mountain native, Mrs. Webster was the daughter of the late Jesse Bennett and Mrs. Lorena Hull Bennett who survives. She was active in the Kings Mountain Woman's club and taught in the Sunday School department of the First Presbyterian church of which she was a member.

She is survived, in addition to her husband and mother, by a son, Noel B. Webster; one brother, William Bennett of Kings Mountain; and her grandfather, Tom Hull, also of Kings Mountain.

The body will be taken to the home, 506 E. Ridge street, at 9 a. m. Thursday morning and will lie in-state at the church 30 minutes before the funeral.

Dr. Paul Ausley, the pastor, will officiate at the final rites. Interment will be in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Intangibles Tax Record \$7510

The city got a sizeable check from the State of North Carolina this week — \$7510 — representing a record payment from state revenue department receipts on intangibles taxes.

The total was nearly \$1,000 over the \$6539.07 received for 1958-59 and \$1010 over the amount the city estimated it would receive in the recently adopted budget.

Intangibles receipts, collected by the state, are divided among state, county and municipal governments via legal formula.

Intangibles taxes are levies on money on deposit, in banks, shares of stock held by individuals, bonds, notes and other capital assets or debts.

Biggest hunk of intangibles came from levies on shares of stock. This 25 cents on the \$100 market value tax brought in \$4,987,562.

The levy on postal savings deposits brought in \$1,527,974.

The levy on accounts receivable in excess of those payable totaled \$1,189,207.

Mecklenburg and its communities got the biggest hunk on intangibles, a total of \$987,013. Guilford got: \$837,691, Forsyth got \$683,334, Buncombe got \$445,145.

McGills Of Gaston Reunion Wednesday

McGills of Gaston will gather for their annual reunion at Bethel church arbor, off Cherryville Road next Wednesday at noon.

Dr. Laura Plonk, of Asheville, director of the Plonk School of Creative Arts and a member of the clan, will make the principal address.

Miss Willie McGill, historian, will make a report on vital statistics. Following the program, picnic dinner will be served.

Other clan officers are William Lawrence Plonk, president; Norman McGill, vice-president; and Miss Ava Ware, secretary.

Petitioners Ask U.S. 74 By-Pass

Court Cost "Terms" Decried By Auditors

The city board of commissioners has been advised again by its auditors to discontinue the time payment plan in collecting city court fines and costs.

A. M. Pullen & Company auditors also suggested that the clerk keep a columnar record of bonds deposited.

Other suggestions concerned bookkeeping improvements in the tax collector's department which are:

1) Review and correction of tax levies for typographical errors before recordation of the levy on the city books.

2) Written releases for each individual change in taxes after the levy has been recorded, with a monthly submission of these releases to the city treasurer.

3) Maintenance of control over charged off taxes for a minimum of three years.

Mayor's Salary Upped \$1300

Mayor Glee A. Bridges was voted a \$1300 raise for the current year at a short special session of the board of commissioners Monday.

City Recorder Judge Jack White was voted a \$300 raise.

The Mayor's gross from the city for the current fiscal year will be \$6,000, including \$4200 in salary from the city, \$1200 from the natural gas system, and \$600 in travel expenses.

The \$300 increase will raise Judge Jack White's pay to \$2100 for this fiscal year. (The salaries are paid monthly and were made retroactive to July 1.)

The Mayor received a gross of \$4700 for the year ending June 30, including \$3600 in salary from the city, \$600 in travel expense money, and \$500 from the gas system.

The board also raised the salary of Gas Superintendent Corbett Nicholson to \$4800 from \$4500.

The commission approved a petition for installation of sidewalk on the south side of Parker street, from Dilling street to Deal street, and authorized the Mayor to sign a petition for installing sidewalk and curb and gutter on Deal street between Ridge and Parker streets.

United Fund Unit Meets Thursday

The local unit of the United Fund will hold a special session Thursday night at First National Bank to work out organizational plans, according to an announcement Wednesday afternoon by Sam Stallings, chairman of the group.

Mr. Stallings said the officers and directors will work on by-laws and a constitution and take steps toward obtaining a charter of incorporation.

Other officers are J. C. Bridges, vice-president; Wesley Bush, secretary; and R. S. Lennon, treasurer.

ASSUMES DUTIES

Miss Anita McGinnis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul McGinnis, has joined the staff of the Catawba Welfare Department. Miss McGinnis is a recent graduate of Lenoir Rhyne College.

Presbyterians Oppose Widening Of King Street

Two petitions, in opposition to another being circulated asking the widening of King street rather than by-passing the city with U. S. 74, are being circulated currently.

One of the opposing petitions is from property owners along King street.

The other is a general petition from Kings Mountain citizens. The latter was circulated Sunday morning at First Presbyterian church, where the church session and women of the church have adopted resolutions opposing the widening of King street, J. H. Thomson, clerk of the session, said Wednesday.

Haywood E. Lynch, a member of First Presbyterian church, has the petition from King street property owners. He said Wednesday that signatures already obtained indicate much opposition from residents along King street and he expressed the opinion that this petition would represent a majority of front-footage along the street when the sign-up work is completed.

The State Highway Commission, several weeks ago, adopted a resolution committing funds for a U. S. Highway 74 by-pass of Kings Mountain. Meantime, W. F. Babcock, director of the commission, said the resolution was "technical", being required to begin surveys. He said nothing is "fixed" and that highway commission members will await survey and other engineering results before coming to a final decision.

At the same time, he indicated favor for a U. S. 74 by-pass to the south, with ingress and egress to Interstate 85, now under construction.

Mr. Thomson commented that widening of King street "would ruin" the First Presbyterian property at the corner of King and Gaston. He said widening by 18 feet would destroy the churchyard trees and put the highway "right up to the church door."

Text of the petition opposing widening of the street from property owners along Kings follows:

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Korean Bride Bill Passed By House

The pretty fiancée of a Kings Mountain mining engineer will apparently get to come to America from Korea to be married.

Bills to allow Miss Jae Seun (pronounced Jason) Pak to enter the United States have already been passed by the U. S. Senate and on Wednesday by the House Judiciary Committee.

The bill provides Miss Pak, 22-year-old Korean national, will have to become Mrs. Robert Lewis Hall within three months after arrival, or be deported. Mr. Hall had written Montana Senator James E. Murray for help in bringing Miss Pak to this country.

The special bill passed the U. S. Senate several weeks ago. Senate Committee approval virtually assures its passage in the House.

Bob Hall met and became engaged to Miss Pak while stationed with the Army in Korea but was returned to the U. S. for discharge before they could be married.

He last saw his fiancée, a clerk-typist at the army base at Taegu, in January 1957 when he left to go home to Deer Lodge, Mont.

Immigration regulations spelled a 10-year wait, so he contacted Sen. Murray for help.

Mr. Hall came to Kings Mountain to work at Foote Mineral Company 10 months ago after graduating from Montana School of Mines.

Jaycee Members Te Sell Kleenex

Kings Mountain Jaycees will conduct a house-to-house Kleenex sale on Thursday and Friday nights.