

Population

Greater Kings Mountain	10,320
City Limits	7,206

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WOMAN'S CLUB HONORS TEACHER — Mrs. John E. Gamble, left, is shown above as she received an engraved plaque from the Junior Woman's club for service rendered during her term of office as president of the women's organization. The award, presented by Mrs. Charles Alexander, was given as a feature of the Teacher's Night banquet given by the local club during the observance of American Education Week. Mrs. Gamble is teacher of home economics at Central high school. Mrs. Alexander is Junior Woman's club president. (Photo by Pennington Studio)

Slater May Expand Operations Here

Clyde T. Bennett Died Wednesday

Heart Attack Preves Fatal To Brickmaker

Clyde Thomas Bennett, 55, Kings Mountain brick manufacturer and former contractor, died suddenly at 3:30 Wednesday afternoon, after suffering a heart attack at his Phifer Road office.



He remarked to Ken Roberts that he felt faint, then crumpled to the floor. Rushed to Kings Mountain hospital, he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Owner of Bennett Brick and Tile Company, Mr. Bennett was a prominent Carolinas contractor until a year ago when he virtually suspended this business due to his health. He had been an active builder since the thirties. He formed the brick and tile concern in 1945 and had expanded it several times since its formation.

Dyeing Plant May Be Added; President Buys Residence Here

Slater Manufacturing Company may concentrate all of its operations here.

Conversations have been underway for the past two weeks between Albert J. Slater, owner and president of the firm, and city officials concerning city services required by Slater to add a dyeing and finishing plant to its present York Road weaving plant.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges, confirming the talks, said the verbal agreements concerning city utilities—gas, water and sewage services—are quite satisfactory to the city board of commissioners, though these agreements haven't yet been formalized.

Ralph A. Johnson, manager of Slater's Kings Mountain plant, said his company would have no statement concerning the possible expansion of the Kings Mountain operations until final agreements are formalized.

He did say that Mr. Slater has purchased the former Crescent Hill residence of Dr. Paul V. Nolan and expects to occupy it next week.

Slater specializes in the manufacture of plush for tops and linings for coats.

Mayor Bridges said Mr. Slater had told the city commission that added transportation costs attendant to manufacturing the goods here and finishing them in Patterson, N. J., had hampered sales in a highly competitive field of textiles.

Mayor Bridges said the board was told consolidation of the Slater operations here would mean a potential employment of 150 persons.

C Of C Meeting Thursday Night



ELECTED — Dr. W. L. Pressly is new chairman of the Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library board. Officers were elected Friday.

Election Set For Officers And Directors

Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce will hold a re-organizational meeting at City Hall courtroom Thursday night at 7:30.

Principal item of business will be election of seven directors and new officers.

A group of 24 members have been nominated for the seven directorships. Officer nominees are John Cheshire, Jr., president; Warren E. Reynolds, first vice-president; B. S. Peeler, Jr., second vice-president; and Dr. L. T. Anderson, secretary-treasurer.

The director nominees are Wilson Crawford, Jonas Bridges, Bob Maner, Hilton Ruth, Glee A. Bridges, John Dilling, Carl P. Finger, Ed Goter, Ben T. Goforth, Martin Harmon, Tom Tate, Charles Blanton, Wilson Griffin, Grady Howard, Paul Lancaster, Fred W. Plonk, Fleete McCurdy, Hoyle D. (Snooks) McDaniel, Dan Weiss, Odus Smith, Gene Timms, Charles E. Dixon, Wesley Bush and John H. Moss.

Directors are to be elected by ballot.

Nominations for the office positions will be invited from the floor, according to Warren E. Reynolds, who headed the nominating committee.

At a previous membership meeting attended by more than 25 percent of the membership, the organization had voted unanimously to continue the organization and to re-organize it.

All members are being urged to attend the Thursday night meeting.

Library Board Elects Pressly

Dr. W. L. Pressly, pastor of Boyce Memorial ARP church, was elected chairman of the library committee of Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library Friday.

Other officers, named at the regular committee meeting, were Mrs. Hunter Neisler, vice-chairman, and Mrs. J. N. McClure, secretary. Other members of the board are Mrs. W. T. Weir, Haywood E. Lynch, Mrs. John Cheshire, and Mrs. Tolly Shuford.

Mrs. Charles Dilling, librarian, reported that a record number of books had been read by patrons during the past six months and the circulation reports for that period were: May, 1245; June, 1483; July, 2489; August, 2137; September, 1452; October, 1506 for a total of 10,312. The board expressed itself as well pleased with the report.

It is anticipated that more new books will be added to the library reading list next year via United Fund contributions, as \$1000 in the United Fund budget goes to the local library for books.

Rosenstengel To Leave Foote

William E. Rosenstengel, Foote Mineral Company engineer, has resigned to accept a position as assistant plant engineer at Collins & Aikman Corporation's Roxboro plant.

Mr. Rosenstengel has been associated with Foote here since May 1954. He, his wife and three daughters live at 114 North Piedmont Avenue.

Collins & Aikman is a textile firm, with several plants in North Carolina and other states.

United Fund Drive Lagging

Kings Mountain's United Fund campaign was reported lagging this week with few reports to add from last week.

Chairman Sam Stallings placed the total of cash receipts and pledges at \$7,500, only a slight gain from the previous week and less than half the \$18,000 quota.

"Industry and industrial employees have been quite good, but we are disappointed in reports from commercial business houses and their employees," Mr. Stallings commented.

He said that only one of 12 United Fund solicitors in the commercial business division has filed a completed report. "This one was very good," he commented.

Of nine industrial firms agreeing to offer employees a payroll deduction plan, eight have completed their work, he added.

Mr. Stallings said the campaign directors will make an effort in the next few days to launch a campaign clean-up.

He reported that several cities in the Carolinas have met or exceeded their United Fund quotas, among them Anderson, S. C., which topped a \$139,300 goal, Spartanburg, S. C., which raised 112 percent of its quota, Winston Salem, which raised 104 percent of its quota, and Asheville, also reported at 101 percent of its quota.

Mr. Stallings again asked that solicitors complete their work.

Beneficiaries of the United Fund campaign, Kings Mountain's first aggregate appeal, are the Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cleveland County Life-Saving Crew, special education fund, city recreation commission, city schools band, Davidson school band, and Jacob S. Mauney Memorial library.

Next Wednesday Last Half-Holiday

Wednesday, November 18, will mark the final mid-week half-holiday for majority of Kings Mountain retailers.

Following custom in vogue for the past several years, the merchants will remain open all day on the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving and they will continue on a full six-day week through the Christmas shopping season.

Paving Contract Due By June 30

The State Highway commission expects to let contracts for paving of 9.1 miles of Interstate 85 from Kings Mountain to the South Carolina line prior to June 30 next year.

This piece of highway work appeared in the listing furnished by Director W. F. Babcock. The Babcock report was a revised scheduling of highway work for the next 30 months and was made, he said, under the federal government's new contract controls, made necessary by shortage in the federal highway trust fund.

On interstate highways the federal government reimburses the states for 90 percent of their outlays.

Also effected are planning schedules for other roads.

Listed in the 1961 fiscal year list was the first letting of the U. S. 74 by-pass project, grading and structure for four miles.

TEEN AGE NIGHT

Teen Age Night will be held at the Country Club Saturday, with activities scheduled from 8 to 12 p. m. Each member may bring a guest and refreshments will be served at no charge. Reservations should be made by noon Saturday.

School Officials To Begin Work To Establish Merger Area Lines

District committeemen from No. 4 Township schools will be working with County Schools Superintendent J. Horace Grigg this week in efforts to determine metes and bounds of a special school bond district in which a bond election will be held to obtain monies for the construction of a consolidated high school.

The special school bond district and election were recommended by Assistant Attorney General Claude Love some weeks ago as a means to further the proposed consolidation of No. 4 Township schools with the Kings Mountain City Administrative Unit.

Supt. Grigg said Wednesday afternoon that he had already conferred with Edwin Moore, a district committeeman, and the group will be working out the bounds of the proposed new school district. "Presently a portion of No. 3 and No. 5 Townships are included in the No. 4 Township district. Also a small area of No. 4 Township is included in the No. 3 Township district. We must somehow determine the overall bounds, and when they are set, then the dis-

Mr. Morrison's Rites Conducted

Final rites for John Robert Morrison, 63, were conducted Wednesday at 3 p. m. from St. Matthew's Lutheran church, of which he was a member.

Mr. Morrison died of a heart attack Monday at 5:45 p. m. while at work at Bonnie Cotton Mills where he was an overseer on the second shift.

A Cleveland County native, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Cora Dare Mitehan Morrison; two sons, Luther Morrison of Kings Mountain and Robert L. Morrison of Charlotte; four daughters, Mrs. J. C. Mullinax, Mrs. Eugene Camp, Mrs. Foley Cobb, Jr., all of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Gary Willis of Fayetteville; one brother, Lee Morrison of Gastonia; and a sister, Mrs. Mamie Clark of Mount Holly. Also surviving are 12 grandchildren.

Dr. W. P. Gerberding, St. Matthew's pastor, conducted the funeral rites, and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

R. L. Chaney's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Rev. Robert Lattie Chaney, 64, were held Tuesday at 4 p. m. from Second Baptist church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Chaney, a Baptist minister for 35 years, died suddenly at his home Sunday morning about 8:30. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

A native of Gaston county, Mr. Chaney was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Chaney. He had served pastorates at both East Side and Second Baptist churches in Kings Mountain. At the time of his death he was employed by Slater Manufacturing Company. He was a member of East Side Baptist church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Winnie Moss Chaney; four sons, Grady of Belmont, Johnny of Cherryville, Robert of Union, S. C., and Jack Chaney of Kings Mountain and seven daughters, Mrs. Clyde Gladden, Mrs. J. D. Rhea, Misses Peggy, Loretta, Dorothy, and Sherry Chaney, all of Kings Mountain.

Also surviving are four sisters, Mrs. Mark Haynes, Kings Mountain; Mrs. D. A. Bridges, Cherryville; Mrs. Grover Haynes, Gastonia; Mrs. D. A. Medlin of Charlotte; a brother, Rev. John Chaney of Knoxville, Tenn., 22 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The final rites were conducted by Rev. A. R. Hastings, assisted by Rev. B. F. Austin, Rev. W. P. Shytle, and Rev. W. H. Redmond.

Active pallbearers were J. O. Sellers, B. T. Brooks, Theodore Bennett, O. H. Johnson, Harry Stewart, and J. J. Black.

Ed C. Caldwell Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Ed C. Caldwell, about 75, were conducted from Boyce Memorial ARP church Tuesday afternoon, burial following in Bethany ARP church cemetery.

Mr. Caldwell, a Kings Mountain citizen for a half-century, had lived in Bessemer City for the past several years.

He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ben Caldwell and a bachelor.

Long interested in minerals and mining, Mr. Caldwell aided the late E. T. Platt in his work leading to the establishment of the Lithium Corporation of America plant on the Bessemer City road.

During the thirties, he was a circulation representative and part-time advertising salesman for the Herald.

He was a member of Boyce Memorial ARP church.

No close relatives survive.

Mr. Caldwell was found dead at his Bessemer City residence Monday morning. Death was attributed to a heart attack, thought to have occurred between 6 and 7 a. m.

Registration Books For Hospital Bond Election To Open Saturday

Registration books for the December 12 county-wide bond election for hospital bonds will be open at all county precincts Saturday.

The voters will decide whether the county will issue up to \$1,000,000 in bonds for a 25-bed addition to Kings Mountain hospital which architects estimate will cost \$275,000. If the voters supply the county funds, the remainder would come from state and federal funds.

A large registration is not anticipated, partly due to the fact of the history of light votes in bond elections of all kinds, partly due to the fact that the books were open in October for registration preceding the state-wide bond election.

Kings Mountain area registrars and polling places are:

Mrs. Nell Cranford, East Kings Mountain, at City Hall courtroom.

Mrs. J. H. Arthur, West Kings Mountain, at Victory Chevrolet Company.

Mrs. Broadus Ellis, Grover, at Grover fire station.

Mrs. J. D. Jones, Bethware, at Bethware school.

All of the registrars will be at the polling places all day Saturday to add unregistered citizens to the poll books, to handle transfers and to allow citizens to check their registrations. The books will also be open on two successive Saturdays, November 21 and 28.

Approval of the bond issue will enable Kings Mountain hospital to increase its patient capacity by one-third, from 50 to 75 beds. The addition will be beds only, the hospital having adequate service facilities, such as a dietary department and operating room facilities.

Many times in the past few years the hospital has been taxed by over-capacity patient loads, with the hallways having been used for bed space.

Business Manager Grady Howard said Wednesday that the hospital was virtually full.

He reported that, for the year ending September 30, the 50-bed hospital averaged 45 patients per day, or 90 percent capacity, exclusive of the newborn.

City Agenda To Include Gas Rates

The city board of commissioners will convene in regular monthly session Thursday night at 7:30.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges said Wednesday W. C. Edwards, of Greenwood, S. C., the city's gas engineer, is expected to be present and to make recommendations concerning city natural gas rates in light of an approximate six per cent wholesale increase the city supplier, Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation, is installing November 18.

Also expected to attend the session is Charles Harrison, Gastonia engineer, who is expected to make recommendations concerning air-conditioning of parts of City Hall.

Due for confirmation are street improvements assessments on several city streets.

Other scheduled business was labeled "routine".

Due to a scheduled Chamber of Commerce meeting in the city hall courtroom, the commission will meet in the second floor fire station quarters.

New Phone Book Almost Ready

A measure of the growth of Kings Mountain and surrounding area is the large increase in the number of telephone directories that will be distributed within the next two weeks to local subscribers.

Approximately 3585 directories will be delivered to homes and businesses in the county, according to E. F. Farris, manager for Southern Bell Telephone Company, compared with 3238 when the last directory was delivered.

The new telephone directory will have many new and changed listings and other helpful information. Enough new directories have been printed to supply every subscriber and to allow for future telephone expansion.

Mr. Farris asked that as soon as the new book is received the old directory be discarded and that the new one be used when looking up telephone numbers. "This helps avoid the possibility of getting wrong numbers and saves time for both the calling and called parties," he noted. "Information" should be called only when the number is not listed in the directory, he pointed out.

Lions Launch Fruit Cake Sale

Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club have launched their annual sale of fruit cakes.

The 1959 model cakes weigh three pounds and sell for \$3, slightly less than the \$3.25 for which the Lions offered a three-pound cake last year.

It's a new cake from last year's baked by a different firm and described by members of the Lions board of directors as "quite tasty". The directors sampled the cake before choosing it for sale this season.

Profits from the cake sale are used to further civic and charitable projects.

Local News Bulletins

KIWANIS CLUB

Swink Saunders, of Greer, S. C., governor of the Carolinas District of Key club International, will address Kings Mountain Kiwanians at their Thursday meeting at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's club. B. S. Peeler, Jr., has arranged the program.

EAST P-TA

East school Parent-Teacher Association will hold Father's Night at the Tuesday night regular meeting of the group at 7:30 at the school auditorium. Mrs. Bruce Thorburn, as guest speaker, will speak on "The Exceptional Child."

HAS OPERATION

M. L. Harmon, retired Kings Mountain businessman, underwent an eye operation at Charlotte Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat hospital Monday. His condition is reported as satisfactory.

CENTRAL P-TA

The regular meeting of Central Parent-Teacher Association will be held Wednesday at 3:30 p. m. in the school cafeteria.

SCHOOL BOARD GATHERS

Kings Mountain City School Board will meet in regular session Monday night at 7:30 at Central school. According to an announcement from the superintendent's office, the meeting will be a routine business session.

COURT OF HONOR

Boy Scout Court of Honor for Kings Mountain district Boy Scouts will be held at Central Methodist church Thursday night, November 12, at 7:45 p. m.

BAKE SALE

Members of the Order of the Rainbow will sponsor a sale of homemade cakes and pies Saturday beginning at 9 a. m. in the building formerly occupied by Griffin Drug Company.

BOOK FAIR CANCELLED

The Fine Arts Department has announced that the book fair originally scheduled for November 20th at the Woman's club has been cancelled. The fair may be scheduled at another time.

TO MEETING

Mrs. Charles Alexander and Mrs. Fltman Wilson represented the Junior Woman's club at a meeting of the county chapter of the Easter Seal Society in Shelby Monday night.

Bank Yule Club May Set Record

Final payments on the First National Bank's 1959 Christmas club are due Saturday.

Mrs. Helen R. Blanton, assistant cashier in charge of the Christmas club, said it appears the 1959 Christmas club will establish a record for total payments.

Morgan Says 1959 Assembly Was Stable

The state should continue a program of services commensurate with other states within the bounds of a sound fiscal policy, State Senator Robert Morgan, of Shelby, told members of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night.

Mr. Morgan, Speaker pro tempore of the Senate, declared the 1959 General Assembly a stable one, which did a conservative but effective job of balancing requirements for service against foreseeable income.

He said many states are holding emergency sessions of their legislative bodies in an effort to find funds to pay bills.

Sen. Morgan defended the state withholding tax, saying he feared a new method of collecting taxes much less than a new tax. "A tax is seldom repealed," he noted.

He also defended the state's welfare appropriation, increased over the previous biennium, but still insufficient to prevent a cut in certain payments.

"Parts of the welfare program," he declared, "and I emphasize parts of it, I regard as close to a national scandal."

He said that some 2200 Cleveland citizens receive welfare aid today as compared to 200 in the depths of the depression.

Sen. Morgan also defended the legislative appropriation for a new legislative building. He said the Capitol, present quarters for the legislative department, as well as the governor and council of state, was built beginning in 1831, at that time accommodating about 60 legislators. He guessed that better accommodations will cut the legislative session by 15 to 20 percent, with better facilities for committee sessions and hearings.

Sen. Morgan praised particularly North Carolina's mental health program, stating that only three states will rank higher than the state in this field following plant improvements.

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