

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 7,206

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WOMAN'S CLUB DRIVE UNDERWAY — Four members of the Junior Woman's Club are pictured above as they map plans for the club's annual Clothing Closet drive to secure clothes for the needy of the community. Left to right are Mrs. John H. Gamble, Mrs. Bill Bates, Mrs. Bill Jones, and Mrs. Charles Alexander. Mrs. Jones is chairman of this year's project. Last year, over 1000 garments were distributed locally via the appeal.

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Suicide Ruled In Booth Death By Pistol Shot

Walter Robert Booth, 34, resident of route 1, died Wednesday at 12:45 p. m. in Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte, of a self-inflicted pistol wound in the head.

Booth allegedly shot himself between 1:30 and 2:30 p. m. Tuesday at his residence and was found by his wife when she returned home.

Cleveland County Coroner J. Ollie Harris ruled the wound self-inflicted Wednesday afternoon.

Cleveland County Chief Deputy Sheriff George Allen said the bullet lodged at a point back of the neck and entered through the top of the head. According to Allen, Booth had apparently cleaned the pistol prior to the shooting. Cleaning materials were found in the room next to Booth.

Booth reportedly had been in a depressed state for several days. He did not work Monday or Tuesday at his job at Bridges Texaco Service Station, suffering from a throat infection.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 3:30 from Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church with the Rev. Dale Thornburg officiating. The body will lie in state from 3:00 until 3:30 p. m.

A native of Cleveland county, Booth was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Carl Booth. He was a member of Chestnut Ridge Baptist church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Lou Chambers Booth; a daughter, Patricia Ann of the home; and a brother, Arthur, of Mooresboro.

Slater Proceeding To Expand Operations With Dye Addition

Cheshire Elected C of C President



Membership Names New Officers

John Cheshire, Jr., Kings Mountain oil distributor, was elected president of Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce at a membership meeting last Thursday.

Warren Reynolds, realtor, was elected first vice-president, B. S. Peeler, Jr., lumberman was named second vice-president, and Dr. L. T. Anderson, chiropractor, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Seven directors were elected. They are:

B. F. Maner, insurance man, Grady Howard, hospital administrator, Fleece R. McCurdy, dry cleaner, Glee E. Bridges, hardware man, John H. Moss, owner of a public relations firm, J. Wilson Crawford, realty broker and builder, and Martin Harmon, newspaperman.

Mr. Cheshire, in a brief talk following his election, said, "I believe we can work hard this year and show that we can help the community."

He said he would like to see the community slogan "The Historical City" changed or expanded, perhaps to be "The Historical City with a Future." He suggested that history alone puts too much emphasis on the past.

He pointed to the advantages of the Kings Mountain area in climate, transportation and other facilities and said he felt the Chamber of Commerce could earn its way in helping to build a better community.

Dan Weiss, retiring vice-president, presided at the meeting.

The officers were elected by acclamation, the directors by ballot.

Carl H. Swan is retiring president.

C. T. Bennett's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Clyde Thomas Bennett, 55, were held Friday at 3:30 p. m. from Resurrection Lutheran church, of which he was a member.

Mr. Bennett, Kings Mountain brick manufacturer and former contractor, died suddenly Wednesday of a heart attack at his Phifer Road office. He was the owner of Bennett Brick and Tile Company and a prominent Carolina 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.

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City, Slater Sign Contract For Service

BY MARTIN HARMON
Contract has been signed between the city and Slater Manufacturing Company for sewer service to Slater's proposed dyeing and finishing plant.

Albert J. Slater, owner and president of the firm, said Wednesday his firm is moving ahead on plans for adding to its Kings Mountain operation and added, "In fact, we're looking over the blueprints right now."

Mr. Slater and his family occupied over the weekend the residence at 414 Hawthorne Road which he recently purchased from Dr. Paul V. Nolan, former Kings Mountain physician.

Slater will build an addition to its York Road plant to house the dyeing and finishing operation and will use both new equipment and equipment it now uses at its Patterson, N. J., plant.

Mr. Slater told the city commission that moving of the dyeing and finishing operation here would up the employment potential of his firm to 150.

He declined to estimate cost of the addition.

The firm manufactures plush goods for the toy trade and also weaves casket linings.

The city-Slater contract specifies that the Slater firm will be furnished city sewer service and, in turn, will build a holding tank to regulate the flow of effluent into the city disposal system leading to the new sewage disposal plant on McGill creek. Slater contracts to pay certain additional necessary costs to the city for handling the Slater outflow.

In another action at the Monday night session, the commission voted to make a 1955 Ford formerly used by the police department to advertise for sale the 1949 Plymouth which Fire Chief Pat Tignor has been using.

C. T. Bennett Will Probated

The late Clyde T. Bennett bequeathed a major portion of his estate to his wife, Etta Bell Bennett, and to his minor sons, according to his will filed for probate Wednesday.

To Mrs. Bennett, her husband bequeathed all of his personal property, excepting Bennett Brick & Tile Company personal property, all real estate, excepting Bennett Brick & Tile Company real estate, and Bennett Brick & Tile Company until his sons reach 21 years of age.

Special provisions were made for Doris L. Bennett, a nephew, and J. R. Dixon, both close business associates.

Specifically stating his wish that Bennett Brick & Tile Company continue in operation, Mr. Bennett directed that Mr. Dixon, as long as he remained associated with the company, receive one-fourth the net profit of the firm, or his present salary, whichever proves to be greater, and that he receive \$100 per month for life at such time as he may leave the company, as long as the profits attain \$600 per month. He would receive a pro-rata payment should the profits be less than \$600 per month.

Doris L. Bennett is to receive one-fourth the firm's net profits, or his salary, whichever is the greater, as long as he remains with the firm. If he remains with the firm until the Bennett children are 21, he is to receive one-third undivided interest in the firm and real estate, with the remainder to go to the children at that time. Should he leave the firm prior to the youths' reaching 21, the firm will become the property of the children.

Named as co-executors were Mrs. Bennett and B. S. Neill, president of First National Bank. The value of the estate was estimated at \$150,000. The will was dated May 10, 1951, and witnessed by J. E. Stowe and Joe H. Withers.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$113.02, including \$98.95 from on-street meters and \$14.07 from off-street meters. Another \$21 was derived from over-parking fees, City Clerk Joe McDaniel said.

Kings Mountain United Fund Donations Top \$10,000 Mark

Local News Bulletins

AT CONFERENCE

Attending the fall conference of the North Carolina Music Educators association held at Greensboro this week were Charles Ballance, city schools band director, Mrs. Richard McGinnis, public schools music teacher, and Mrs. Martin Harmon, piano teacher.

CAKE SALE

Kings Mountain Chapter No. 123 Order of Eastern Star will sponsor a sale of homemade cakes, pies, and cookies Saturday beginning at 9:00 a. m. in the building formerly occupied by Griffin's Drug Company and at Bridges Hardware Company.

GIRL SCOUTS

Members of the Girl Scout Neighborhood committee will gather for a regular meeting Tuesday at 10 a. m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran church. All Scout workers are invited to attend.

KIWANIS CLUB

Regular meeting of the Kiwanis club will be held Thursday night at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's club. No program has been planned for the meeting.

MAUNEY ELECTED

Aubrey Mauney, of Kings Mountain, was elected last week a Piedmont Council representative to the National Council, Boy Scouts of America. He was also named a member-at-large on the Piedmont Council executive board.

THANKSGIVING MUSICAL

Students of East Elementary school will present a musical program on the Thanksgiving theme Friday night at 7 p. m. in the school auditorium. The program is under direction of Mrs. Dick McGinnis, music supervisor in the city schools.

BUILDING PERMIT

City Inspector J. W. Webster issued a permit Tuesday to Frank Adams to alter his one story frame house on York Road. Estimated cost of repairs to the dwelling is \$2000.

HARMON HOME

M. L. Harmon, who underwent an eye operation at a Charlotte hospital last week, returned home Friday. His physician said Tuesday his condition was satisfactory.

GOLF LESSONS

P. C. Card, manager of Kings Mountain Country Club, said group lessons for golf beginners will begin Saturday morning on the club course. A class for ladies will be conducted at 9:30 and for children at 10 o'clock. The classes will be conducted each Saturday morning.

Two Schools 100 Percent Contributors

Kings Mountain's United Fund, reported lagging last week increased to \$10,211 — past the halfway mark — according to reports compiled this week. The week's gain approximated \$2700.

Meantime, directors of the United Fund organization held a dinner session Monday with a Carolina United Fund official to determine ways and means of bringing the campaign for \$18,000 to a successful conclusion.

Sam Stallings, president of the United Fund organization and campaign chairman, announced figures Monday on divisions which have completed their work.

"Some of the figures make very good reading," he said, "and indicate that citizens are quite willing to give. It appears that completion of solicitations would swell the total considerably."

Mr. Stallings had high praise for faculty and employees of East and North schools. Both these schools became members of the "100 percent club" as all members of the staff, from principal to cafeteria employees, made a donation to the United Fund.

Most lagging of all divisions is the commercial firm group, with only \$407 reported. Of the total, \$275 came from service stations, oil distributors and their employees.

Following is the latest compilation on divisions and firms (Continued On Page Eight)



MISS BETHWARE — Barbara Yarbrough, senior at Bethware school, has been named "Miss Bethware" by the student body. Miss Yarbrough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Yarbrough, is a cheerleader, a homecoming attendant, and member of the FHA, Monogram, and Science clubs.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

The Kings Mountain Catholic church will sponsor a spaghetti supper Sunday from 5 to 7 p. m. at the American Legion Hall with tickets available at \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children. The project is under the direction of the church's building committee and young ladies of the Catholic Youth Group are serving the meal.

Hospital Admits 18,000 Patients Since Doors Were Opened In 1951

More than 18,000 patients, exclusive of newborn babies, have been admitted for treatment at Kings Mountain hospital since it admitted its first patient on April 1, 1951.

The average number of patients per year exceeds 2500.

Now a fully-accredited 50-bed hospital, the institution opened as a 22-bed establishment, result of a county-wide hospital improvements bond election which provided \$160,000 for building the Kings Mountain plant and \$240,000 for improvements to the Shelby plant.

Since the original construction, three major plant expansions have been made. A year after it opened, a 12-bed addition was built and, in 1953, a nurse's home was constructed. The last addition, including 14 beds and expanded service facilities, was built in 1955.

Business Manager Grady Howard says the total plant investment now exceeds \$600,000.

The funds have come largely from tax sources, including county, state, and federal governments, but numerous gifts have been made to the hospital.

Major one was a bequest by the late Miss Lottie Goforth of her entire estate for the building of a hospital here. The bequest is credited as the impetus for building Kings Mountain hospital. The

second addition to the hospital bears Miss Goforth's name and her portrait is prominently displayed at the hospital. Other gifts included gifts of land, now a part of the hospital site. W. A. Williams, former county hospital trustee, gave two acres of the hospital site and a half-acre of the property was donated by Blackmer & Company. A more recent donation was a gift of stocks used in purchasing surgical equipment, by Mrs. Kate Falls Frazier, widow of the late Dr. O. G. Falls. Still other gifts have come from local industrial firms and individuals. Numerous hospital rooms are "memorial rooms," having been outfitted by various individuals, families and organizations.

Kings Mountain hospital numbers 70 employees with an annual payroll of about \$150,000. It showed a 90 percent census, exclusive of newborn, for the year ending September 30, which hospital officials regard as an unusually high occupancy rate.

In contrast to majority of the nation's hospitals, the Kings Mountain plant has seldom shown deficits, and these have been small.

On December 12, citizens of the county will consider a bond issue for a fourth plant addition which would provide 25 additional beds, increasing the plant to 75-bed capacity.

Rites Thursday For Frank White

Funeral rites for Frank Morrow White, 39, of 212 Walker street, will be held Thursday at 3:30 p. m. from Temple Baptist church.

Mr. White died suddenly Tuesday night at 11 p. m. while at work at Celanese Corporation of America's Rock Hill, S. C., plant where he was a tester in the acid recovery department. He was formerly an overseer at Neisler Mills plant of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company.

A native of Cherokee County, S. C., Mr. White was the son of Haskell Howard White of Kings Mountain and the late Mrs. Marie Mitchell White. He was a member of the A.F.P. church of Blacksburg, S. C. He was recipient of the Silver Star while serving with the Army during World War II.

Surviving are his father, his wife, Mrs. Grace Ledford White; one son, Richard Morrow White; two daughters, Vickie Kay and Trina Lynn White, of the home; three brothers, Howard White of Forest City, Robert White of Grover, James White of Washington, D. C. and four sisters, Mrs. Marvin Blackwell, Mrs. A. M. Shillinglaw, Mrs. Clayburn Turner, all of Blacksburg, S. C., and Mrs. R. B. Turner of Gastonia.

The body will remain at Harris Funeral Home until 30 minutes before the funeral. Rev. Jack Weaver, assisted by Rev. J. G. Braxley, will officiate at the final rites. Interment will be in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Yule Club Checks To Total \$90,000

First National Bank will mail 1959 Christmas club checks totaling approximately \$90,000 next Tuesday.

Mrs. Helen R. Blanton, assistant cashier in charge of the bank's Christmas club, said the total payments will set a record. The Christmas Club checks will go to 825 persons who joined the club last year. Mrs. Blanton said the completion rate on club contracts was high.

The payment next week will mark the ninth annual completion of the bank's Christmas clubs, which began in 1950. The first club payment, in 1951, slightly exceeded \$6,000. It has continued to grow since.

Mrs. Blanton announced that the 1960 club is now open. She said some 100 persons have already enrolled for the coming year.

A person joining the Christmas club contracts to pay to the bank a stated amount each week for 50 weeks.

A person may join for as little as 50 cents per week. Other contracts are at \$1, \$2, \$3, and \$5 per week, or multiples thereof. "We hope to top the 100,000 mark in 1960, our tenth Christmas club year," Mrs. Blanton said, "and we'd very much like to see memberships reach 1,000 individual accounts."

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Board Ordered Bonding Change

The city board of commissioners voted Monday night to allow police department desk sergeants to release persons arrested for misdemeanors on their own recognizance where bond normally does not exceed \$50.

The action specified that the desk sergeants use their own discretion on whether to release a person arrested.

The board action of Monday's special session apparently was an extension of the issue concerning bonding of persons arrested by city policemen.

The action was taken in the absence of City Commissioner Ross Alexander, who, several weeks ago, purchased a bonding license, after the commission had told former Bondsman Corbett Nicholson, also the city's gas superintendent, that he should forsake one or the other function. Mr. Nicholson told the board at that time that he would relinquish his sideline bonding activities.

The bonding controversy was projected last summer when an other bondsman, Ernest Hayes, charged that all of the city's bonding business was being channeled to Mr. Nicholson.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges said there is some doubt that the action of the commission will prove legal. He summoned Recorder Judge Jack White to the session and Judge White also expressed reservations concerning legality of the resolution. Judge White suggested, the Mayor said, that the North Carolina attorney general be queried for an opinion.

Desk Sergeant Ralph (Babe) Ware said Wednesday he and the other desk sergeants, Gene Ware and Jackie Barrett, haven't yet had occasion to use their new board-granted discretionary authority.

Bob Hall, Miss Pak Set Wedding Date

Wedding bells will ring next month for Bob Hall, Kings Mountain mining engineer, and Miss Jae Seun Pak, of Korea, whom he met in Taegu in 1955.

The four-year courtship, which began while Hall was stationed with the Army in Korea and Miss Pak was a clerk-typist there, has had several assists from Cupid. Both the U. S. Senate and U. S. House have passed special bills to permit Miss Pak to enter this country.

The prospective bridegroom was notified this week that his fiancée, whom he last saw in January 1957, will arrive in Seattle, Washington on Monday where she will be met by his mother and accompanied to the Hall home in Deer Lodge, Montana. The wedding will take place in the Presbyterian church there next month.

Mountaineers To Play Hilltoppers In Loop Playoff Contest Thursday

BY NEALE PATRICK

The Mountaineers and R. S. Central Hilltoppers begin a "replay" of the Southwest Conference football season here tonight.

These two teams which finished in a three-way tie with Shelby for the top position in the league meet here in the first of two possible games which will determine the playoff championship of the Southwest Circuit for the 1959 season.

Game time is 7:30 at City Stadium and a new admission price for adults will be in effect.

The price of the ticket has been set at \$1.50 by the WNC-HSAA which is supervising this game. That price for adult tickets is in effect for all post-season and playoff games conducted by the Association. Student tickets will remain 50 cents. Season tickets here, of course, will not be acceptable at the game tonight.

Tonight's playoff contest between the Mountaineers and the Hilltoppers is the first of a series of games involving the three teams which deadlocked for the league title.

Shelby gained the right (by draw) to meet Northwest champion Hickory on Friday night. If Shelby loses that game, the Lions will return to play the winner of the KM-RSC contest next week.

If a Kings Mt.-Shelby game develops, it will be played here at City Stadium next Tuesday night at 7:30. If the game is between Shelby and Central, it will be played Wednesday in Shelby.

Tonight's game pits two teams which are as close as Jayne Mansfield's knit sweater.

Kings Mountain and Central battled to a 6-all tie in Rutherfordton a couple of weeks ago, and they have identical records against the other six Conference opponents.

Both teams defeated the same four league foes — Forest City, Chase, Cherryville, and Belmont. Both lost one touchdown game.

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