

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 7,206

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Local News Bulletins

MRS. NEILL IMPROVED

Mrs. B. S. Neill is a patient at Charlotte Memorial Hospital. She became ill on Saturday. Her condition was reported improved Wednesday.

MRS. KENNEDY IMPROVED

Mrs. R. M. Kennedy is recuperating at home from a major eye operation. She was reported improved on Wednesday.

CHURCH PROGRAM

Midwest Baptist church will sponsor a program of gospel singing at the church January 2nd at 7 o'clock p. m. Eastside Baptist Trio, Brackett Trio, and others will participate and other interested singers are welcome. The public is invited.

ON DEAN'S LIST

Miss Janice Moore, student at King's Business College, made the dean's list for the past quarter. Miss Moore is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Moore of Kings Mountain.

MASONS

An emergent communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM for work in the second degree will be held Monday night at 7:30 p. m. at Masonic Hall, Secretary T. D. Tindall has announced.

LEGION MEETING

Regular meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will be held on Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the post building. It was announced by Commander J. T. McGinnis, Jr.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$113.31, including \$91.80 from on-street meters and \$21.51 from off-street meters. Over-parking fee payments totaled \$37, City Clerk Joe McDaniel reported.

NEW PLANT MANAGER

Jack Barham, formerly Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph company plant manager, at Lincoln, has become plant manager here, succeeding W. F. Love, who has transferred to Gastonia. It was announced this week by E. Floyd Farris, manager.

New Tax Bites To Start Friday

Paychecks issued subsequent to Thursday will be snipped by new tax bites:

- 1) Federal social security tax rates advance by one-half percent for both employer and employee, bringing the total tax to six percent on all wages and salaries up to \$4800 annually. The rate has been a total of five percent.
- 2) North Carolina's new income tax withholding plan becomes effective January 1, and employees will find this bite added to their customary tax accounts withheld.

P. F. Hege, of the Shelby office of the state Department of Revenue, said this week that employers who have not been assigned state identification numbers should contact the office in the county courthouse, or call Huxley 7-4591. Withholding tax tables are also available. Mr. Hege added he said efforts had been made to contact all employers directly.

Kings Mountain To Welcome New Year, Decade Thursday

Citizens Plan Traditional New Year Fetes

Kings Mountain area citizens will celebrate the demise of one decade and the beginning of another Thursday, as 1959 expires at midnight.

The event will be celebrated at numerous semi-public and private parties. At least two churches, First Baptist and Central Methodist, will hold New Year's Eve watch services.

Kings Mountain Country Club will hold its traditional New Year's Eve party, featuring an 8 p. m. dinner, dancing until 1 a. m., with an early breakfast to follow. Music will be furnished by the Delmonicoes, a Shelby dance band.

The American Legion post will hold a New Year's Eve dance, beginning at 9 o'clock. Hague Sisk and his orchestra will furnish the music.

Though hardly a majority, some Kings Mountain area citizens will enjoy a New Year's day holiday.

Majority of retail stores, financial firms and governmental offices will be closed on Friday. Most grocery firms will be open on regular schedule, they have announced.

City hall offices will be closed, as will the postoffice. Also closed will be Kings Mountain Military Park.

Some retail firms indicated they would be at work, even though not open for regular business. January 1 is traditional inventory-taking day, and some firms said they would utilize the day to complete the chore.

Majority of industry will be operated on regular schedule.

Jaycee Contest Nearing End

Kings Mountain's Young Man of 1959 will be named at the January 19th meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce which is still accepting nominations.

Any young man of the community — 21 through 35 years of age may make a nomination. A judging committee will base its decision on three points: contributions to the general community welfare during the year; evidence of leadership ability; and evidence of personal or business progress. The winner need not be a member of the Jaycees.

The winner is announced at the Jaycees' annual Bosses' Night banquet in January.

Bob Goforth is receiving nominations and his address is route 3, Box 416.

B. F. Maner is Jaycee president.

Baptists To Hear Horace Eason

Horace Eason, vice-president of Union Bank and Trust Company of Shelby, and past state Brotherhood secretary, will speak to the Brotherhood of First Baptist church and men of other churches in the Kings Mountain area Monday night, January 4, at 7:30 p. m. in First Baptist church fellowship hall.

Mr. Eason will launch the First Baptist Brotherhood motto for year of 1960, "Lift Christ Up in 1960."

Mr. Eason is well known for his endless work in investigating and organizing many Brotherhoods throughout the State. He is active, not only in Brotherhood work, but in various religious and civic activities and organizations and is on the board of directors of the Kiwanis club of Shelby.

"We cordially invite all men of the Kings Mountain area to attend," Rev. B. L. Raines said in announcing the program.

Moose Distributed Baskets To Needy

Members of Kings Mountain Moose Lodge 1748 distributed Christmas gift baskets to 11 needy families.

Charlie McCarter, chairman of the project, said the Christmas charity project was cleared through the Cleveland and Gaston county welfare departments.

Other committee members were Will Grice and Charlie Randall.

New Year Watch Rites Planned

Two Kings Mountain churches are arranging watchnight services on New Year's Eve.

Both First Baptist church and Central Methodist church are scheduling special services, with the Baptist prayer service for all age groups to begin at 7:30. A special program will be held at 11:30 p. m. at the Baptist church and Methodist youth have arranged a program to begin at 11 p. m. at Central Methodist church.

Groups which will participate in the season of prayer at First Baptist church will include: Sabbath schools from 8:15 to 9:05; Junior RA's from 9:05 to 9:30; Women's Missionary Society from 9:30 to 10 p. m.; Brotherhood from 10 to 10:30 p. m. and Intermediates and Young People from 10:30 to 11 p. m. Showing of a film, "All For Him" will begin the service at 11 p. m. after which all age groups will participate in the program, "Old Year Out — New Year In" from 11:30 to 12:05.

At Central Methodist, the service is under sponsorship of the youth of the church and all young people of the community are especially invited to attend. Rev. Heibert Garmon, pastor, and Rev. W. C. Sides, pastor of Grace Methodist church, will have charge of the services which begin at 11 p. m. and continue until midnight when a service of communion will conclude the program.

Lutherans Set Special Service

St. Matthew's Lutheran church will begin the New Year with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Sunday at 11 a. m. The meditation will be on "Provisions for our Journey" based on the several journeys of the Holy Family surrounding Christ's birth.

All Christmas services at St. Matthew's had record attendances. Thirteen new members were received the past two Sundays, two adults and four children by Baptism.

The annual meeting of the congregation will be held January 10.

Members Of Life-Saving Crew Pay Dues For Privilege Of Giving Aid

Members of the Cleveland County Life-Saving and Rescue squad, based in Kings Mountain, pay weekly dues for the "privilege" of helping to alleviate tragic and disastrous events.

A voluntary, non-profit organization, the life-saving crew had no direct means of public support until it was included as a participating organization in Kings Mountain's first United Fund campaign. Even with this financial help, Capt. Nicholson says, funds would be insufficient to operate "on call," as it is the policy of the organization to do.

In effect, the dues of members furnish automotive operational expenses for a vast variety of emergency activities — from rushing a patient to a hospital, delivering blood to a critically ill patient, or rescuing well-diggers.

City, County Tax Listing Starts Monday

Annual city and county tax listing will begin in Kings Mountain and Number 4 Township on Monday.

Due to the fact the New Year's holiday falls on Friday, the tax lists in this township won't begin their work until January 4.

Schedule will follow that of former years, it was announced jointly by J. W. Webster, city tax lister, and Conrad Hughes, Number 4 Township tax lister.

Both Mr. Hughes and Mr. Webster will be at City Hall courtroom from 8 a. m. to noon, and from 1 to 5 p. m., Monday through Fridays for the month of January.

On Saturday's beginning January 9, Mr. Hughes will be at R. E. Hambricht's store in Grover to accommodate citizens of the Grover area.

Both listing officials asked citizens to attend their listing business early.

They noted that it is customary for many citizens to wait until the end of the listing period, with consequent jam-ups and longer-than-desired waits. Early listers usually can accomplish the chore in a matter of minutes.

All citizens are required to list properties for taxes. Though real property valuations are automatically carried forward, sales and other transfers of property should be noted, it was pointed out. In addition, persons are required to list personal property, including automobiles, furniture, jewelry, household furniture and appliances, dogs, guns, and other articles of value.

Men between the ages of 21 and 50 are required to list for poll taxes.

NO WRECKS

The National Safety Council's prediction that 350 persons would be killed in highway accidents during the Christmas holidays proved true, but Kings Mountain contributed not even a minor auto bump to the tally. No auto accidents were recorded within the city limits since December 21.

Headline Review Shows 1959 Was Busy Year Here

A survey of news events of the past 12 months reveals a busy year for Kings Mountain area citizens, amid the customary mixture of work, play, success, failure and tragedy.

Major events including the letting of contract on the Kings Mountain - Grover section of Highway Interstate 85, announcement by Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph company that the community could expect dial service in September 1960, and the approval by the county of bonds to provide a 25-bed addition to Kings Mountain hospital.

Employment improved considerably during 1959, but niggardly appropriations by a federal bureau forced closing of the Kings Mountain office of the State Employment security commission.

It was a successful year in sports, with the American Legion Juniors advancing farthest ever into elimination play and with the high school Mountaineers getting a one-third claim on the conference championship.

A continuing news story — and still unsettled — is possible consolidation of Number 4 Township high schools.

A Kings Mountain citizen, Bob Hall, got a wife via Congressional aid, when a special bill was passed waiving bars to his fiancée's immigration from Korea.

In spite of the curtailments necessitated in lithium production due to wind-up of government contracts and the bankruptcy of Scranton Lace Corporation, parent of Craftsman Yarns, Inc., business generally was prosperous. Lithium Corporation began consolidation of all its operations at the nearby Bessemer City road plant, and Slater Manufacturing Company began consolidating all of its operations here. Winn-Dixie Stores and McGinnis Furniture Company occupied new buildings and there were numerous other business renovations and expansions.

City politics, a spring season event, found citizens retaining the city administration in toto, but disappointing longer and staggered terms of office for elective officials. Citizens also turned thumbs down on a proposal to floundrate the city's water supply. J. R. Davis retired as a school trustee and was succeeded by Mrs. Lena W. McGill.

The city observed its 85th corporate birthday and Aubrey Mauney was elected president of the Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church of America.

Feature Herald headlines of the year were:

JANUARY

Bids Asked On Local Section Of Interstate 85 Expressway; Moore Baby Boy Is Derby Winner; Mr. and Mrs. Mauney Give Building To Lenoir-Rhyne; School-Desired Property Valued At \$7894; Jaycees Will Make DSA Award At Bosses Night Banquet Tuesday; City Office Elective Terms May Be Lengthened, Staggered; Maner Is Winner of DSA Award; Political Winds Are Still Chilly; Ernest J. Mauney, 34, Died Wednesday Of Leukemia; Mother's March Thursday Night; Red Cross Bloodmobile Will Pay Visit On Monday, Donors Needed.

FEBRUARY

Mayor Glee A. Bridges Is Seeking Re-Election; Davis Retiring From School Post; Fruit Grower Cameron Ware County Fanner Of '58; Moore Accepts Lutheran Call; Political Rumor Mill Beginning To Grind Out A Few "Probables"; Election System Change Hearing To Be Thursday; Alexander Assis Re-election, Mrs. McDaniel School Post; Colfaxe, Church Beneficiaries; Of Mauney Will; Inquest Set In Shuford's Death; Youth Found Dead At Home Monday; Vote Likely On Four-Year Terms At May Election; Still Enters Mayoral Race, Ellison, Bennett Lock Horns; Values Of Appraisals Group Accepted by School Board; Maner Wins City Insurance Fight, One Agent To Write All Coverage; Religious Census To Be Conducted Sunday; Grover To Get Resident Doctor;

Transaction was completed last week. Consideration was not announced.

Hamrick Buys Bridges Interests

David Hamrick has purchased the undivided interest of Glee A. Bridges in several business properties in which he and Mr. Bridges were co-owners. It was reported this week.

Mr. Hamrick purchased the interest of Mr. Bridges in a warehouse on Gold street, in the buildings on Cherokee street occupied by Saunders Cleaners and Stowe Radio and T.V., and in two lots adjacent to the Cherokee street buildings.

S & L Dividends Again Set Record

Auto License Tags To Go On Sale

State auto license tags will go on sale Saturday and city auto licenses will go on sale Monday at City Hall.

The new 1960 tags for both state and city feature black letters on a yellow background. City tags sell for \$1.

All North Carolina vehicles must exhibit the new tags by February 15. The city follows the same schedule.

The city sold about 1700 auto license tags during 1959.

Local Exchange Has 3225 Phones

If telephone business is a barometer of business generally, as it is usually considered along with post office receipts, parking meter receipts and other barometers, Kings Mountain and Cleveland County established new records for business activity in 1959.

E. Floyd Farris, Southern Bell manager, reported a gain of 1400 telephones in the county during 1959.

The year end total showed 3225 telephones on the Kings Mountain switchboard and a total of 15,815 in the county.

In 1938, Kings Mountain had only 397 telephone subscribers. Two years ago the number had reached 2721, up from 1839 in 1952.

To expand and improve service, an average of over \$172,000 was spent every working day of the year on telephone construction in North Carolina, Farris said.

In meeting the state's telephone needs the company gained more telephones in 1959 than in any previous years, adding approximately 53,000 phones. This is an increase of nearly 10 per cent over 1958.

Southern Bell's total outlay on construction and expansion in the State was over 28-million in 1959. The payroll for its approximately 5,500 employees in the state amounted to 26-million.

Cleveland County came in for its part. Conversion of Kings Mountain to the dial system, now underway, will require an expenditure of over \$440,000. Many new cable projects have been completed during the year at an expense of around \$325,000 with more than 135,000 feet of cable placed. Advalorem taxes amounted to over \$30,000 for the year in this county.

During the year the company paid nearly 18-million in taxes on its North Carolina operations. Over 6-million of this total was paid locally to the state, cities, and counties with the balance being paid to the Federal Government in income taxes.

The company also collected from telephone users an additional 6-million for the Federal Government in excise taxes on telephone service in North Carolina.

December 31 Payments Up By \$23,735

Kings Mountain financial firms are paying year-end semi-annual dividend and interest payments totaling \$115,108, up by \$23,735 over the \$91,373 paid last December 31.

The increase reflects both increased savings accounts at the city's three financial institutions and increased dividend and interest rates.

Both savings and loan associations are paying dividends at a four percent annual rate for the final six months of the year. For both of these firms, both year-end and 1959 payments to savings shareholders set new records.

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Payments of \$61,502 by Home Savings & Loan association compared with dividends of \$51,030 in June, and the annual total of \$112,533 was well ahead of the association's 1958 total of \$91,373. Secretary-Treasurer A. H. Patterson reported.

Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association reported year-end dividends of \$49,106, compared to payments of \$42,572 in June, Secretary-Treasurer Ben H. Bridges, Jr., reported. Aggregate payments of \$91,678 for 1959 compared with total payments of \$79,236 for 1958.

First National Bank said total interest payments on savings accounts for the year ending Thursday approximated \$9,000, slightly up over last year's payments. Vice-President R. S. Lennon reported.

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Arthur Barrett's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Arthur Barrett, 60, were held Saturday at 3 p. m. from First Wesleyan Methodist church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Barrett succumbed Christmas Eve at 4:10 a. m. at Kings Mountain hospital after an illness of nine months. A Kings Mountain native, he was the son of James Luther Barrett who survives and the late Fallie Jane Neal Barrett. He was formerly employed at Minette Mills in Grover and a member of the First Wesleyan church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Grace Ward Barrett; two sons, James Richard Barrett of Washington, D. C., and Arthur Barrett of Kings Mountain; one daughter, Mrs. Clyde J. Bridges of Kings Mountain; five brothers, Charles, Theodore, Austin, and Gene Barrett, all of Kings Mountain, and two sisters, Mrs. Lackey Navey and Mrs. Yates Blanton, both of Kings Mountain. Two grandchildren also survive.

The final rites were conducted by Rev. J. W. Phillips, pastor of First Wesleyan church.

TV Bowl Action Schedule Given

Three of the country's first ten college football teams — including top-rated Syracuse — will be seen in Bowl game action on WBTV New Year's Day.

Seventh-ranked Georgia, Southeastern Conference champion, takes on Missouri in the Orange Bowl from Miami, Florida, at 12:45.

Following the Orange Bowl clash, Syracuse's undefeated Orangemen collide with the nation's fourth-ranked team, Texas, in the Cotton Bowl from Dallas at 3:30.

Missouri finished regular season play with a 6-4 won-loss record, Georgia posted a 9-1 mark, Texas lost once, winding up with a 9-1 season and Syracuse boasted the only unbeaten and untied team in the country.

On Saturday, January 2, Georgia Tech and Arkansas meet in the Gator Bowl from Jacksonville, Florida, at 2 o'clock, in a game to be carried on Channel 3.

Prospects Better Than Year Ago, Many Comment

Kings Mountain citizens can anticipate a prosperous year, a spot survey of business and industry officials indicated Wednesday.

Merchants, majority of them smiling after an excellent retail sales holiday season, anticipate continuing good business well into 1960.

The construction industry looks askance at the tight money situation and auto dealers, already once victimized by the steel strike, are wary of a late January resumption of the strike. Textile managers, however, look for better selling this year than they anticipated a year ago.

Some of the comments:

Al Maino, general manager of the Neisler division of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company: "The outlook is good. Orders are still being booked and we are trying to develop expansion plans. We also hope the City of Kings Mountain won't do anything to hurt us, and we shall operate on the assumption the city will be reasonable." (Mr. Maino alluded to recent talk concerning annexation of the Margrace plant into the city limits and recent increases in water rates.)

W. K. Mauney, secretary-treasurer of Mauney Mills: "Prospects look much better than they did a year ago. Of course, none of us know how long the situation will last. While demand is generally better for synthetic fibres than for cotton, there is a strong demand for some counts of cotton fibres."

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