

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 7,206

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Tentative Tax Rate Unchanged From Last Year Kings Mountain Virtually Assured Of New Armory

City Board Annexes Plonk Estate Property



WINS SCHOLARSHIP — Dean Bridges, Kings Mountain ministerial student, has won a scholarship from the Order of the Eastern Star.

Bridges Wins OES Scholarship

Dean C. Bridges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Bridges is one of three student recipients of a \$500 grant which Bridges will use in preparation for Baptist ordination. The scholarships are part of an educational program established in the past year under the planning of Mrs. Mildred Fisher, and Dr. John Bender, members of the Order of Eastern Star.

Bridges, now a student at Georgia State College, graduated from Kings Mountain high school in 1957, and graduated from Gardner-Webb University where he served as president of the Freshman class and the Marshall Society, and entered Carson Newman University. He was co-chairman of the Summer Student Missionary Fund and a nominee for the campus BSA presidency. He is presently employed by the International Harvester Company.

In 1957, Bridges was awarded an EASTARL Scholarship by the Grand Chapter for religious leadership training. He has continued to receive this award for the past three years.

NO LEGION MEETING

Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion, will not hold a regular meeting Friday night due to Legion Baseball schedule, Commander J. T. McGinnis said.

Most Local Textile Plants Take Vacation; Stores Close On 4th

A big portion of Kings Mountain citizens will be on vacation next week, as majority of textile plants close for the week beginning July 4th.

Closing of the week will be Phoenix Plant of Burlington Industries, Mauney Mills, Carolina Throwing Company, Massachusetts Mohair's Margrace and Pauline Plants, Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company, Park Yarn Mills, Sadie Cotton Mills, Bonnie Mills, and Lambeth Rope Corporation.

At Mauney Hosiery Mills some knitters, loopers, and inspectors will work regular shifts, officials reported.

All eligible employees at Phoenix Plant will receive vacation pay, based on length of service, and this same policy applies to majority of the textile firms.

Two plants, Craftsman Yarns and McDaniel Hosiery, will operate on regular schedules next week. Several other firms had not decided Wednesday whether

A 33-acre tract of land, formerly the R. S. Plonk estate but now owned by J. Wilson Crawford, was annexed to Kings Mountain Tuesday at a special session of the City Board of Commissioners.

The meeting was held at public hearing on the issue.

However, the annexation was contingent on the further annexation of an adjacent tract owned by Arey Oil Company.

Mr. Crawford plans a restricted housing development on the property and presented the board of commissioners a topographical map Tuesday showing proposed street layouts.

Mr. Crawford told the board he would furnish the city with a topographical map showing all streets, grades, and drainage; stake all streets, including cut and fill stakes; furnish the city with a street profile; deposit with the city the owners portion of street assessments before grading on the streets is started; and deposit with the city before utility work is started all fees for water, sewage, and gas taps.

In return he asked that the city grade and surface the streets and put water, sewage and gas to all lots.

The board said they would not require the money deposit until work could be started on the grading, paving, and utilities, but specified the work would have to be staggered in with already scheduled street and utilities plans.

Mr. Crawford said the development would be of homes in three price brackets, and said he thought Kings Mountain would be proud of the development effected.

A petition was also received at the session to annex a tract owned by R. S. Plonk heirs, T. M. Plonk acting as agent and representative.

The tract, as described in the petition, is as follows:

BEGINNING at a point at the southwestern intersection of Highway No. 74 with a 50 foot unnamed street and runs thence with said unnamed street N. 51-55 W. 265 feet to a stake; thence N. 82-38 E. 457.5 feet to a stake in Arey Oil Company's line; thence S. 2 W. 200 feet to the right-of-way 230 feet to the beginning corner and being the unsold part of the R. S. Plonk Estate and same is to be annexed to the corporate limits for business purposes and not residential.

R. J. Arey, President of Arey Oil Company, Inc., of Shelby petitioned Wednesday morning for the annexation of the company plot, which is the site of an Arcon service station, into the limits of Kings Mountain.

Public hearing on the annexation of the Plonk and Arey property is scheduled for the regular board session July 14.

Their establishments would shut-down for the entire week.

Employees of Grover's Minette Mills took a vacation last week. Operations were resumed on Monday.

Majority of retail businesses will also close Independence Day only. Stores were closed Wednesday afternoon and will be closed the Wednesday afternoon following the Monday holiday.

The postoffice will be closed along with city offices on Monday.

In general, drug stores and service stations will be the principal business establishments open.

Aubrey Mauney, Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company official, in commenting on his firm's plans to take a vacation next week, noted that "many of the mills customers" take this time of the year to vacation and it's a good time for employees to have a respite from work.

Some citizens had already made plans this week for treks to the beaches and mountains.

Senate Group Approves \$104,000 For Construction

Kings Mountain citizens can be "pretty well assured" of getting a new National Guard armory building, according to a report Wednesday to Mayor Glee A. Bridges from Major Sheldon, head of the state National Guard Engineering Department.

The Senate Appropriations Committee approved spending \$104,000 for the construction Friday and added the appropriation to its list where the House committee had made no allowance for this unit.

Major Sheldon attributed the appropriation to the efforts of Senator Sam Ervin.

The armory building will be constructed on a three-way share plan between the city, county, and federal funds.

Kings Mountain's board of commissioners committed its part some time ago. The Kings Mountain share would amount to some \$20,000, and can be obtained either from non-tax funds or a bond issue.

The bond issue will not require a vote, since commissioners have the power to issue up to two-thirds of the previous year's net debt retirement in bonds without a vote of the people.

County commissioners have also indicated the county's proportional share is forthcoming.

The new armory will be constructed at the present site, but with an enlarged plot. The city some months ago purchased the Fleetie McCurdy property adjoining the present armory site for the construction.

Consolidation Hearing Set Friday Morning

A hearing for Kings Mountain School Board, Cleveland County School Board, and the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners is set for Friday morning at the southwestern intersection of Highway No. 74 with a 50 foot unnamed street and runs thence with said unnamed street N. 51-55 W. 265 feet to a stake; thence N. 82-38 E. 457.5 feet to a stake in Arey Oil Company's line; thence S. 2 W. 200 feet to the right-of-way 230 feet to the beginning corner and being the unsold part of the R. S. Plonk Estate and same is to be annexed to the corporate limits for business purposes and not residential.

The board has been under a temporary injunction, halting completion of plans to consolidate No. 4 Township schools with the Kings Mountain City Administrative Unit.

The protesting group contends the May 14 consolidation election was not conducted in a legal manner.

Meantime, neither city nor county schools can make plans for the '60-'61 school term. Kings Mountain school board members last week admitted they were stymied, and J. Horace Grigg said Wednesday the county school program had been greatly hindered by the action.

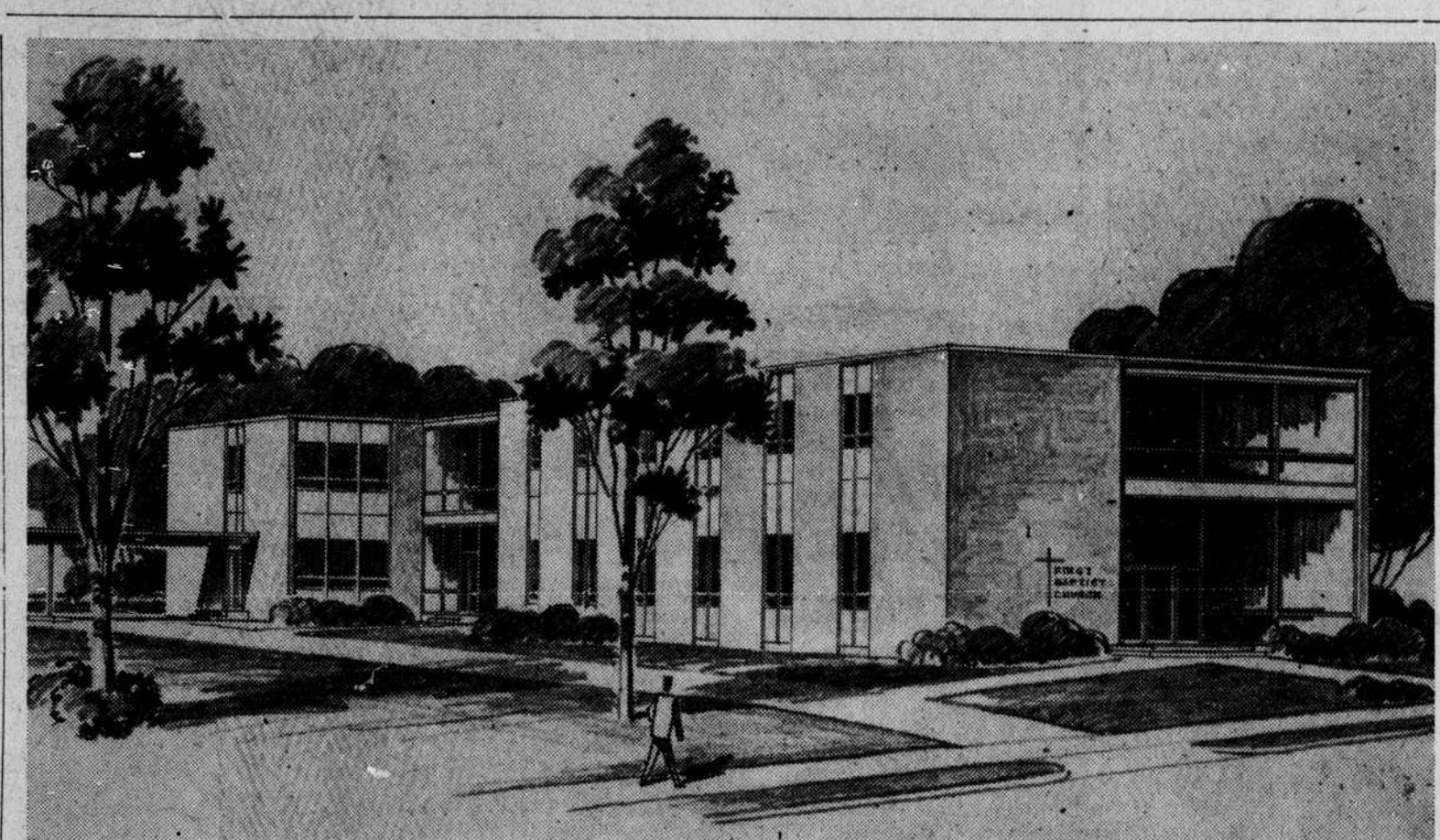
The decision of Judge Froeberger is expected to be appealed to Superior Court, thereby tying up plans until the court session in the fall.

Answer to the question as to who will operate the Grover, Bethware, Park Grace, and Compact schools is unknown at this time. Mr. Grigg said he believes the judge will direct the decision at the time he gives a decision on the injunction.

However, he said, if the county is given jurisdiction of the schools, he thinks it most practical to operate them as separate schools in last year's manner.

J. Edwin Moore, county school board member, said Wednesday it is neither economical nor practical to effect a temporary consolidation of the Grover and Bethware school with No. 3 school, and he was very much against such a measure. He said his opinion is echoed by W. H. Lutz. He also indicated C. D. Forney, Jr., would not be in favor of such a move.

Mr. Forney could not be reached Wednesday for a statement.



BAPTISTS TO OCCUPY NEW CHURCH — Pictured above is the handsome new First Baptist Church which members will occupy on Sunday. Ribboncutting ceremonies will begin at 9:30 followed by regular services of morning worship. Ground was broken for the new building June 7, 1959.

Kings Mountain Bank Merger Is Completed

The First National Bank of Kings Mountain was officially merged Friday with the First Union National Bank of North Carolina.

Officers were elected at a meeting of members of the Board of Directors of the new bank at their meeting in Charlotte.

B. S. Nell, former president of the First National Bank here, was made senior vice president. Other Kings Mountain officers are R. S. Lennon, vice-president; L. E. Hinnant, assistant vice-president; W. G. Jonas, assistant cashier; Mrs. Helen R. Blanton, assistant cashier; and Mrs. Louise C. Lybrand, assistant cashier.

Members of the Kings Mountain Board of Directors will be the members who have served on the board of the First National Bank of Kings Mountain. They are Dr. L. P. Baker, G. A. Bridges, J. E. Herndon, Jr., R. S. Lennon, W. K. Mauney, B. S. Nell, Paul M. Neisler and Frank A. Summers.

Carl G. McCraw of Charlotte will continue as president and chief executive officer of the bank and all other officers of the system were re-elected.

A certificate approving the consolidation of the bank under First Union National's charter was issued by the Comptroller of the Currency in Washington as of the close of business on Friday.

'Love The Lord And Work Hard' Says 99-Year Old Mrs. Whisenant

BY ELIZABETH STEWART

"Just love the Lord and work hard," Mrs. Theodocia Whisenant says is her secret for long life.

And "Grandma" Whisenant, as she is affectionately called, should know. She's 99.

In the late twilight of life, Mrs. Whisenant lay in her bed in her old family homeplace on Gastonia highway, talked with longtime friend, W. D. Weaver and smiled to the reporter question, "How do I live to be 100?"

Her sparkling disposition belies her age, although her hair is silver and her eyesight failing. Confined to a wheelchair the past five years since she suffered a fall. Mrs. Whisenant still loves to chat with friends and attend church when she can. She never misses the annual homecoming at Antioch Baptist church.

Helping Mrs. Whisenant reminiscence were three of her five daughters who live nearby.

"My philosophy has always been not to worry but to look up and be happy," they believe.

And Mrs. Whisenant, they agreed, can look back over many

First Baptist Occupies New Sanctuary Sunday

The congregation of First Baptist Church will occupy its handsome new quarters at 603 West King street on Sunday, and ribboncutting ceremonies will mark the grand opening.

Rev. B. L. Raines, pastor, said the first service will begin at 9:30 a. m. followed by an appropriate service in the sanctuary. Groups will assemble for Sunday School at 9:45 and return to the sanctuary at 10:50 to be seated by ushers for the morning service. Morning worship services will be broadcast via WKMT during the month of July.

Tentative plans are being made to hold open house on the afternoon of July 17, provided Mr. Raines said the expected progress can be made in the direction of sowing lawns, landscaping, further developing of the parking area, and in connection with some few minor items within the building itself.

The new church is composed of two units: the first is 48 by 106 feet and contains the sanctuary on the first floor and educational space there and on the second floor for young people and adults. The second unit is a two-story structure 48 by 114 feet and provides educational space for nursery groups through intermediates. Both units are airconditioned throughout.

Ground was broken for the new building on June 7, 1959. The work has been under the direction of Wilbur, Kendrick, Work-

Baptists Set Service Schedule

Kings Mountain Baptist church has announced a change in its schedule of services.

Rev. M. D. DuBose, pastor, said Sunday School on Sunday morning would begin at 9:30 a. m. beginning Sunday, July 3rd. The morning worship service will get underway at 11 o'clock.

Mid-week prayer services will be held on Wednesday nights, the pastor continued.

Both First Baptist and Kings Mountain Baptist churches have shared the same quarters for over a year and the former church is occupying a new building on Sunday.

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Bell Injured In Two-Car Crash

Bill Bell, 26-year-old Kings Mountain man, was hospitalized with multiple cuts on the legs and back after a two-car wreck on U. S. 74 east of Shelby near the Buffalo Creek Bridge around 3:30 p. m. Saturday.

Highway Patrolman A. D. Kimbrell said the wreck occurred when Bell's car and a car driven by Kenneth Porter Crotts, 40, of Shelby collided as one attempted a left turn and the other approached in the left lane at a high rate of speed.

Bell's car collided with the Crotts' car and traveled over 200 feet across the median strip and the west-bound lane and overturned in the highway, Kimbrell said.

Kimbrell charged Bell with reckless driving. Damage to his car was estimated at \$1,500 and to the Crotts car at \$250.

Mr. Bell is a patient at Cleveland Memorial hospital.

Funeral Today For Herman Tate, Gunshot Victim

Funeral rites for Herman C. Tate, 56, who died Saturday of accidental gunshot wounds, will be held Thursday at 4 p. m. from Second Baptist church.

Rev. Albert Hastings, assisted by Rev. P. T. Brock, Rev. C. C. Parker, and Rev. O. R. Costner will officiate, and interment will be in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Tate, a former Kings Mountain citizen, was an overseer at Rex Mill No. 2 in Gastonia where he and his family lived in the Ranlo community. The accident occurred at Southern Hardware Supply Company where Tate, an amateur gunsmith, was adjusting the stock on a rifle he had purchased there Friday. Gaston Coroner W. J. McClean said death was instantaneous and he ruled the shooting accidental.

Prior to 1945, Mr. Tate was choir director at Second Baptist church here and he and his wife were in demand for special singing by various churches. They appeared together on radio and made records. His wife, Mrs. Minnie Odell Tate, died in 1958.

Mr. Tate was a native of Rutherford county, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Vance Eugene Tate. He was a member of Ranlo Baptist church.

Surviving are three sons, Robert Howard Tate of Lowell, Billy C. and Curtis Tate, both of Ranlo; four daughters, Mrs. W.

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Terry Sanford Carries Kings Mt. And Cleveland County In Primary

BY NEALE PATRICK

Kings Mountain and Cleveland County helped nominate North Carolina's next Governor in Saturday's second Democratic primary.

Terry Sanford was the firm choice of the voters here and throughout the county in his run-off clash with Beverly Lake.

The youthful (42-year-old) "Man on the go" carried both Kings Mountain boxes and led 17 of the 28 precincts in Cleveland County. Sanford's margin in the West Kings Mountain box where he polled 391 votes to Lake's 270 was one of the most conclusive in the county. Sanford's lead in the East Kings Mountain box was smaller, 292 votes against 226 for his opponent. The 391 votes in West KM was the third highest box total for Sanford in the county, trailing two big Shelby boxes.

Total count for the two precincts in Kings Mountain showed Sanford with 683 and Lake with 496... a margin here of 187 votes.

Sanford made only a slight increase in his vote in the second primary over his total in the May voting. He drew 670 votes from the two local precincts in the first primary, compared to Lake's 249.

The big margin for Sanford here last Saturday, however, helped him gain the lead in Cleveland County which he carried by slightly less than 600 votes.

The sandy-haired attorney from Fayetteville amassed a total vote of 5,084 in Cleveland County, topping Lake's 4,444 total.

Both county totals were up from the May primary when Sanford gained 4,046 and Lake 2,585 votes.

By the figures, it would appear that Lake drew more of the Larkins and Seawell voters in the second primary.

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