

Population	
Greater Kings Mountain	10,320
City Limits	7,206

The figure for Greater Kings Mountain is derived from the 1955 Kings Mountain city directory census. The city limits figure is from the United States census of 1950.

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PRICE TEN CENTS

Local News Bulletins

NO ACCIDENTS

City Police Desk Sgt. Earl Stroup reported no auto accidents within the city limits of Kings Mountain during the past week.

NO FIRES

City firemen received no calls to douse fires during the past week. Fireman McKee said, "It seems we've gone out of the business — but I'm glad."

PERMIT ISSUED

City Building Inspector M. H. Biser issued a permit Thursday to Percy Card to build a one-story garage on Edgemont Drive. Contractor for the structure, to cost an estimated \$350, is Marion Dixon.

FAIRVIEW LODGE

Regular communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM will be held Monday night at 7:30 at Masonic Hall, Secretary T. D. Tindall has announced.

KIWANIS CLUB

Report of delegates to the Key Club convention will feature the program to be given by the Kiwanis club Thursday at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's club. Advisor B. S. Peeler, Jr. will lead the program.

JUNIOR CLUB

Members of the Junior Woman's club will gather Tuesday evening to complete a house-to-house canvass in the current calendar project. Members should gather back at the clubhouse to give reports at 9 a. m.

APPOINTED

Mrs. Luther Joy, Merchants Association secretary, has been appointed a member of the attendance and publicity committee of the Southern Consumer Credit Clinic to be held in Charlotte September 13-14.

LEGION MEETING

Otis D. Green, Post 155, the American Legion, will hold its regular meeting Friday night at 8 o'clock at the Legion Hall, according to announcement by Commander J. T. McGinnis, Jr.

COMMUNION

St. Matthew's Lutheran church will observe full communion on Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour. Dr. W. P. Gerbering, pastor, will bring the message, "Feeding the Tree."

CAKE SALE

Wives of members of the Cleveland County Rescue Squad will sell homemade cakes Saturday beginning at 9 a. m. at Bridges Hardware. Proceeds will go to the current building fund of the Rescue unit.

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

HOME COMING

Members of Antioch Baptist church near Grover will observe Homecoming Sunday after worship services. A revival will follow beginning on Monday. Rev. A. C. Martin is pastor of the group. Visiting evangelist at the revival services, to be held nightly at 7:30, is Rev. Vernon McAbee, pastor of Piedmont Baptist church. Special music will be directed by Ed Neal, choirmaster.

AT CONFERENCE

Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, member of the Governor's Committee on Education and Recreation, attended the Governor's Conference on Aging held last Thursday and Friday in Raleigh.

MCGILLS OF GASTON

McGills of Gaston will hold their annual reunion Wednesday, August 17th, beginning at 11:30 a. m. at Bethel Church, Arden. Picnic lunch will be served at 12:30. George McGill of Wallace is president of the clan.

UNDERWENT OPERATION

Franklin Harry, Grover man, underwent an operation last week at Charlotte's Presbyterian Hospital and, according to a Minette Mills spokesman, is doing well. Mr. Harry is expected to be released from the hospital within a week or ten days.

Plans Are Jelling For Bethware Fair

Annual Barbecue Preceding Event To Be August 17

A Community Barbecue will be held as a kick-off feature to the Bethware fair on Wednesday, August 17, at 6 p. m. at Bethware school. Tickets are on sale at \$1.50 each from Stokes Wright, fair secretary, at Rt. 3, or at phone 793-R-2.

The 13th annual Community Fair will begin at Bethware school grounds on Shelby Highway September 14. To run through September 19, the fair will include its usual features of exhibits, booths, rides, games, and fireworks.

Official fair catalogues will be released soon and distributed to patrons and advertisers in the event. Wright is also sending complimentary tickets to each advertiser. The Bethware Fair is approved by the N. C. Department of Agriculture, and is a member of the North Carolina Association of Fairs.

The fair will open on Wednesday, September 14 at 4 p. m., featuring games and contests especially for children. Drawings for prizes and fireworks displays will be regular nightly features.

On Thursday, children's day will be observed and judging classifications of all exhibits and departments will be determined. Midway rides and shows will feature in the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday festivities.

The fair will open at 1 p. m. on each day except the initial one. Drawings will be held after 9:30 on each night. The fair will close at midnight.

Fair officers are Dale Vollbradt, president, Harold Ford, second vice president, Myers Hambright, manager, Cameron Ware, assistant manager, Stokes Wright, secretary, Mrs. Lamar Herndon, assistant secretary, Bill McDaniel, treasurer, Buford Ware, assistant treasurer, Lamar Herndon, superintendent of grounds, Grady Scism, superintendent of parking, Tom Hamrick, assistant superintendent of parking, Stokes Wright, superintendent of parking admissions, E. C. Lovelace, assistant superintendent of parking admissions, Jim Yarbrough, superintendent of tickets, D. P. Putnam, Dale Vollbradt, assistant superintendents of tickets, R. G. Franklin purchasing agent, William Powell, assistant purchasing agent; superintendents of construction, Ladies Department: J. W. Rayfield and Eugene Patterson; Agriculture Department, Grady Scism, and A. L. Putnam; Board of Directors: J. W. Rayfield, Garrison Goforth, Holland Horn, Ben Hamrick, Lamar Herndon, E. G. Lovelace, Frank Hamrick, Eugene Hoyle, Tom Hamrick; Department directors: agriculture department, Boyd Harrelson, Willis Harmon, assistant director, Jim Yarbrough, assistant director, Randall assistant, Eugene Patterson, assistant; Horticulture department, Cameron Ware, director, J. W. Patterson, assistant, Tom Hamrick, assistant, Edwin Moore, assistant; Farm and machinery department, Holland Dixon, director, Charles Goforth and Lamar Herndon, assistants; school exhibits, Mrs. Hal Morris,

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Dixon: Nixon And Other Leaders May Advance GOP Cause In State

BY MARTIN HARMON
Republican Presidential Candidate Richard M. Nixon may make as many as two addresses in North Carolina during the upcoming campaign, Kings Mountain GOP Congressional Candidate Kelly Dixon said this week on his return from the Republican National convention.

Mr. Dixon said state party leaders anticipate three major speeches by party leaders in North Carolina with President Dwight Eisenhower, Vice-President Candidate Henry Cabot Lodge, Rep. Walter Judd, the convention keynote, and Senator Thurston Morton, the national chairman, are on the state's list of possible speakers.

Candidate Dixon, who opposes Democratic Incumbent Basil L. Whitener, of Gastonia, for the 11th Congressional seat, said he hoped to announce soon the identity of his district campaign manager.

"Then we'll organize down to the precinct level," he added.

The GOP has already scheduled a district rally for Gastonia and expects to announce the date and arrangement details soon. GOP Governor Candidate Robert Gavin, of Sanford, has been asked to make the principal address.

Commenting on his convention trip, Mr. Dixon, who has guessed Mr. Lodge would be the vice-presidential candidate well in advance of the convention, said, "The North Carolina delegation was very well pleased with the choice of Mr. Lodge. Two or three delegates favored Senator Goldwater, but pulled over when they heard Mr. Nixon's choice."

"The North Carolina delegation was delighted with the platform in its final form," he continued. "We really got more than we thought we might."

Mr. Dixon will make a report on the convention at a watermelon slicing of the Young Republican Club, to be held Thursday night at 7:30 at the home of his son, Jake Dixon, chairman, at 205 N. Sims Street.

Barnes Reports Two Teachers Post Resignations

City Schools Supt. B. N. Barnes announced Wednesday morning two more resignations from the school system's teaching staff.

Charles A. Helms, teacher of driver's education and social studies at Central high school, this week tendered his resignation.

Mr. Helms is resigning to enter Appalachian State Teachers college for work on a Master's degree.

Davidson School also has another vacancy, with the resignation of Mrs. Mae Shuford, third grade teacher.

In her letter of resignation to Supt. Barnes, Mrs. Shuford stated that due to "physical conditions, I feel that I can no longer teach."

Mrs. Shuford's resignation is effective August 29.

Supt. Barnes said the school board has not yet had a chance to meet since Chairman F. W. Plonk is on vacation. However, Mr. Barnes is busy lining up prospects to fill the teaching vacancies and has some definite recommendations to make to the board in a few cases.

He said the board would meet soon to elect teachers and do school budget work.

Board Sets Dumping Fees

The city board of commissioners met in brief special session Wednesday afternoon and set fees for use of the city dump by outside city citizens.

The board voted to offer use of the city dump, off Highway 29-85, to Park Yarn Mills for \$50 per year, and proffered use of the dump for three families at Kings Mountain National Military Park for \$25 per year.

The board also revised slightly its agreement with J. Wilson Crawford concerning provision of city facilities for Mr. Crawford's planned residential development in West Kings Mountain.

In a stated effort to speed the project, the board deleted its prior agreement to install curb-and-guttering.

The board further authorized the Mayor to 1) obtain right-of-way deeds to streets in the development, 2) push out street rights-of-way, 3) obtain cut sheets on cuts and fills, and 4) obtain other necessary information prior to letting of contract for grading the streets.

The board explained it has a problem of raising money for the project. The city previously had agreed to grade and surface streets in the Crawford development.

Trinity Sets Bible School

Trinity Episcopal church on Phifer road, will begin its Vacation Bible School next week, with classes from August 8-17.

The school will be held Monday through Friday the first week and Monday through Wednesday the second week. Classes will begin each day at 9 a. m. and end at 11:30 a. m. All children beginning at the age of four years will be welcome.

The Lord's Prayer will be the theme for study. Work will be done to gain understanding of Christian prayer and worship. The daily program will include a short service of prayer and worship, classes, refreshments, games and songs.

The School will be under the direction of the two student preachers at the church this summer: James Nako and Sterling Minturn. Mr. Nako is a Midler at the Seabury - Western Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois; Mr. Minturn is a Midler at The General Theological Seminary in New York City. Both men have been trained for Bible-school work at the Southern Town and Country Institute, Valle Crucis, N. C.

Merchants Set Annual Picnic

Kings Mountain merchants and their employees will gather for the annual picnic Wednesday evening at 7 p. m.

Tickets, at \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children, are on sale in the association office.

Women of Bethany A.R.P. church will serve the meal. The church is located on York road near McGill's store.

The picnic attracts a large crowd of merchants and their employees.

Tentative City, Park Grace School Opening Is August 30

Transfer Request Deadline Set By County Board

In the wake of several applications for release from county district schools to attend Shelby and Kings Mountain district schools, the county board of education this week deferred action on all applications until August 15.

In addition, the county board set August 15 as the final date for accepting applications for transfer to other districts.

Of the applications for transfer received by the county board this week, 14 were from Number 4 Township schools, including eight from Grover district and six from Bethware district. One sought transfer to Shelby district and the other 13 to Kings Mountain district.

Of the total seeking to attend Kings Mountain schools, an estimated seven want to attend Kings Mountain high school.

J. Horace Grigg, county schools superintendent, said two of the applications were to attend schools already being attended by brothers and sisters."

Under previous informal agreement among the three district superintendents, transfer applications have been approved almost unanimously, on the basis that a child should attend the school of his choice, where possible. Mass transfer applications might prevent continuance of this policy, Mr. Grigg indicated.

Adding that the county board would seek to treat all transfer applications by the same yardstick.

He termed the present number of transfer applications "about normal," said all of the Kings Mountain area applications did not indicate discontent over the school merger election, now pending final decision in Superior Court.

Bethware FFA At White Lake

Twenty members of the Bethware chapter of Future Farmers of America are at White Lake FFA camp this week.

The White Lake establishment, near Whiteville, is owned and operated by the North Carolina FFA, under the supervision of the state Department of Vocational Agriculture.

Leaving for White Lake by bus Monday were William Wright, Jerry Marlowe, Dennis Beaty, Gene Graham, Ricky Goforth, Stan Queen, Robert Ledford, Steve Queen, Bruce Scism, John Rayfield, Norman Webster, Arnie Horn, Nolan Scism, Paul Scism, Bill Leil, Kenneth Cash, Eddie Herndon, Principal R. G. Franklin, Agriculture Teacher Myers Hambright and the Ham-bright family.

The group will return home Saturday afternoon.

Taxes Cheapest During August

Cleveland County citizens may prepay 1960 taxes in August and obtain the maximum discount of two percent.

However, the tax collector's aren't anxious to receive payments for the next few days.

Both the county board of commissioners and the city board of commissioners adopted budgets and tax rates near the end of July and both tax offices are racing to prepare tax notices.

County Tax Collector Robert M. Gidney said the county office will follow its usual policy, mailing notices by August 10 to all persons and firms which prepaid 1959 taxes. Meantime, advance payment will create a double-bookkeeping situation, requiring both temporary and permanent receipts.

He noted that taxpayers who didn't prepay tax bills last year and who wish to prepay 1960 bills should call his office. Notices will then be mailed.

M. H. Biser, Kings Mountain tax collector, said his office will continue the custom of mailing all tax notices as quickly as they are completed. The city office has already accepted some prepayments.



MS CHAPTER GIVES GIFT — Pictured above as they presented a wheelchair, to W. F. (Billy) Houser are two representatives of Multiple Sclerosis Chapters in Cleveland County and North Carolina. At left is Mrs. C. R. Mullis of Charlotte, chairman of the state chapter of the National Foundation, and Mrs. Margaret Meagher of Shelby of the County Chapter. Mr. Houser is one of five Cleveland County men who are victims of this dread disease. The Margaret Meagher Women's club of Shelby has been instrumental in fund-raising for MS during the three years the state and county chapters have been organized. Kings Mountain recently participated in a fund drive for multiple sclerosis.

Bloodmobile Back For Visit Monday

Sow Gives Birth To Litter Of 18

A Yorkshire sow owned by Marvin Goforth gave birth to a litter of 18 pigs last week.

Mr. Goforth, who said he acted as veterinarian during the births, said the four-year-old Yorkshire was in labor six hours.

Sixteen of the pigs lived.

"Looks like she could have had two more," Mr. Goforth laughed.

Watterson Clan Reunion Sunday

Descendants of the late John W. Watterson and other related families will gather at Lake Crawford Sunday for their annual reunion.

Picnic lunch will be served. Committee on arrangements includes Mrs. W. O. Carter, Gastonia, Bun Watterson, Bessemer City; and W. L. Watterson, Kings Mountain.

Businessmen Want Free Telephone Service On Their Gastonia Calls

BY MARTIN HARMON
Some Kings Mountain businessmen would like, and feel the community should have, free telephone service to Gastonia.

W. K. Mauney, Jr., general manager of Mauney Hosier Company and Carolina Throwing Company, said Wednesday, "Most of the mills do much business with Gastonia suppliers."

He further contends that Gastonia county telephone subscribers have much more non-toll service than do Cleveland County telephone subscribers and added it appears that, with the forthcoming advent of dial operation and fact that Kings Mountain's long distance calls are handled from the Gastonia exchange, it should be a relatively simple technical matter to effect free service to Gastonia from Kings Mountain.

John Cheshire, Jr., president of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, agreed with Mr. Mauney on assessment of the volume of commercial traffic between Kings Mountain and Gastonia, and added that he felt free service to Gastonia would be highly beneficial.

Floyd Farris, manager of the Southern Bell Kings Mountain exchange, said he had no authority to make firm statements regarding the proposal.

He continued, however, "I regard the possibility of free service to Gastonia from Kings Mountain as a highly beneficial." (Continued on Page Eight)

County Schools To Begin Term On September 1

Kings Mountain and Park Grace schools tentatively will open for the 1960-61 term on August 30.

County schools, other than Park Grace, and including Bethware, Compact, and Grover, will open on August 31.

Kings Mountain and Park Grace school operate on identical schedules.

B. N. Barnes, Kings Mountain superintendent, said the opening date likely will be formalized at an anticipated board of education meeting next week.

In the county schools, teachers will gather for the first time at their respective schools on August 30, with children reporting for a "short" day to draw books and initial assignments on August 31. The first full school day will be on September 1.

The anticipated city and Park Grace schedules will be one day in advance of the county school schedule.

J. Horace Grigg, superintendent of county schools, said his faculties are virtually complete.

"There are many teachers we'd like to be able to place and can't," Mr. Grigg commented. "This county has always produced a good supply of teachers. We seldom have a shortage except in some particular subject. At the moment, for instance, one principal is seeking a commercial teacher."

Alexanders Bound Over

Dicie Lou and John Alexander were bound over to Cleveland County Superior Court after a preliminary hearing Monday in City Recorder's Court on charges of larceny of money and larceny of an automobile.

The plaintiff, Virgil L. Campbell, charged that the brother and sister team on July 27 had stolen \$127 from him and forced him out of his car. Both Alexanders entered pleas of not guilty.

Campbell told the court that he had asked the Alexanders to accompany him to South Carolina to get some beer and that after the return to Kings Mountain he was robbed by the Alexander woman and shoved out of his car. He said he proceeded to call the police and did not see his car again until 11 o'clock the next morning.

John Alexander, acting as his own defense, charged that Campbell was drunk on the day of the alleged robberies and that he had asked Alexander to drive him, along with the Alexander woman, to get some beer. Alexander said that Campbell became hostile and when he was threatened by Alexander, he jumped from the car and ran away, leaving the car at Alexander's disposal.

Alexander testified further that he had taken the car home because he could not find Campbell to return it. He said that he had not driven it since the afternoon Campbell left him.

Mrs. Peggy H. Alexander, wife of the defendant, testified that she had driven the car to South Carolina later the same evening and had left it there when it failed to operate.

Campbell had charged that his car was not only stolen but also damaged in excess of \$40.

Alexander, age 22, was freed on \$1000 bond. His sister was released on a \$500 bond.

Privilege License Penalty Applicable

Penalty of five percent applied Monday on 1960-61 city privilege licenses.

City Clerk Joe H. McDaniel, Jr., said \$355 in privilege license purchases were made last weekend in advance of the penalty date, bringing total purchases through last week to \$4250.25.

"The city budget anticipates income of \$5600 from this source during the current fiscal year. Mr. McDaniel said that some of the current \$1350 deficit could be attributable to transients, but he guessed about \$1100 of the total represented unpurchased licenses by local firms.