

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 7,206

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PRICE TEN CENTS

Board May Ask Vote Before Merger Decision

Home S. & L. Buys Herndon Apartments Property

City-Wide Sale Starts Thursday

Local News Bulletins

VISITING SPEAKER

Rev. Wayne Ashe of Gum Springs Baptist church, Lylesville, N. C. will be visiting speaker at Macedonia Baptist church Sunday for both morning and evening worship services. Dinner will be served on the grounds at close of the 11 o'clock service.

AT CONFERENCE

B. N. Barnes, superintendent of city schools, is attending the annual conference of North Carolina school superintendents at Mary Hill college. He expects to return Friday or Saturday.

AT PARTY MEETING

Mrs. J. E. Liptford, county Democratic vice-chairman, was among Cleveland County Democrats attending a party luncheon at Raleigh Tuesday. She was accompanied by a niece, Mrs. J. L. Davenport.

Seventh Grade Up At Central?

The Central school plant will house three seventh grades, eight eighth grades and the high school during the coming term, if present tentative plans are approved.

Without formal action, the board of education indicated approval of the plan Monday night, in line with efforts the past several years to remove majority of elementary pupils from the Central plant.

Supt. B. N. Barnes told the board that addition of another teacher for the coming term adds to the space problem. The plan will require use of West school auditorium for two classrooms and will require use of a portion of East school auditorium for another temporary classroom.

Preliminary analysis of the pupil-by-grade population indicates the proposed arrangement will be more manageable, Mr. Barnes said.

Mrs. Norman In Church Post

Mrs. Mary Brower Norman of the Antioch community has replaced Mrs. F. A. McDaniel, Jr., as secretary of Kings Mountain Baptist church.

The replacement, a result of Mrs. McDaniel's recent resignation, was effective August 3.

Mrs. Norman, a native of Pennsylvania, was educated in the Prospect Park, Pennsylvania schools. She is the mother of two sons.

Mrs. Norman is the wife of the late Max Norman. She is a member of Antioch Baptist church.

Intangibles Tax Rebate Is \$9190

The city received \$9,190.34 from the State of North Carolina this week, the check representing the city's share of 1959 intangible taxes.

It was a new \$1700 bonanza for the city, which had budgeted only \$7500 from this revenue source. Last year's rebate is \$7510.

City Clerk Joe McDaniel said the intangibles check is credited like ad valorem taxes, with \$2361 accruing to the general fund, \$2830 to debt service, and \$3997 for capital outlay.

Eighteen Firms Are Promoting Weekend Event

Kings Mountain merchants were busy Wednesday marking down prices, preparing for the semi-annual city-wide sales event beginning Thursday and continuing through Saturday.

This year's "Special Sale" promotion is featuring end-of-summer bargains and some back-to-school wear.

Sixteen businesses are participating in the event with two associate sponsors.

Cooper's, Inc. is featuring an animal circus in conjunction with the special promotion.

The promotion is directed under the co-chairmanship of W. S. Fulton, Jr. of Fulton's Department Store and J. Kennon Blanton of Storch's. Both agreed that the price and time is right and Kings Mountain folk would do well to shop local stores this weekend and take advantage of the many bargains.

Participating in the promotion are Belk's Department Store, Bridges Hardware Company, Cooper's, Inc., Dellinger's Jewel Shop, Eagle's 5-10-25c Stores, Fulton's Department Store, Keeter's Department Store, Kings Mountain Drug Company, Kings Mountain Loan & Finance Company, Medical Pharmacy, McGinnis Department Store, Page's Men's Store, Plonk Brothers and Company, Rose's 5-10-25c Stores, Storch's, and Winn-Dixie.

Associate sponsors include the Kings Mountain Herald and Radio Station WKMT.

Wilson, Hullender Injured Saturday

Jerry Wilson and William (Bill) Hullender, injured in a freak accident at the Kings Mountain Mica Company office early last Saturday morning, are reported recuperating satisfactorily.

Both men were struck by steel fragments from a high speed grinder which suddenly disintegrated.

Wilson is hospitalized with a fractured jaw, and severe facial cuts, and five missing teeth. Hullender was given emergency treatment for a lacerated finger and three fractured toes.

Paul Lancaster, plant manager, said investigation hasn't revealed a plausible reason for the grinder disintegration.

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CANDIDATE DIXON WITH CANDIDATE NIXON — Kelly Dixon, Kings Mountain Republican candidate for 11th district Congressman, shakes hands at the GOP National convention in Chicago with Republican Presidential Candidate Richard M. Nixon. Mr. Dixon reported on convention activities last week at a meeting of the Kings Mountain Young Republicans club and at a meeting of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night.

Cleveland GOP To Meet Saturday

Whammy Toll 21 In 14-Day Period

Five more victims have been added to the toll of "whammy" runners in the Kings Mountain area.

Last Tuesday the machine was placed on East King at Go-forth Street and in about two hours Officers Enos Freeman and Ellis King had issued speeding charges against five unwary motorists.

The toll for speeders thus far caught by the whammy has now reached 21 in the past two weeks.

KIWANIS CLUB

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Finance Firm Plans To Build New Offices

BY MARTIN HARMON

Home Savings & Loan association completed arrangements Wednesday for the purchase of the Herndon Apartments property on West Mountain street, with future aim construction of new association offices.

Announcement was made by A. H. Patterson, executive vice-president of the association.

The property was purchased from Frank Little, of Hendersonville, a former Home Savings & Loan employee.

The apartment house occupying the property was originally built as a residence by M. E. Herndon, former Kings Mountain citizen, now of Charlotte.

Purchase price was not announced.

Mr. Patterson said definite plans for building new offices have not been made. The association owns the building it now occupies at the corner of West Mountain and Cherokee streets.

The Herndon Apartments property fronts 115 feet on West Mountain street and is 275 feet deep. It adjoins Kings Mountain postoffice on the west and Kings Mountain Woman's Club on the east.

Home Savings association, founded in 1923, showed total assets of \$3,856,948 at June 30. It had reserves of \$327,682 and undivided profits of \$17,947. First mortgage loans totaled \$3,389,593.

Other officers of the association are Dr. J. E. Anthony, president; G. A. Bridges and J. H. Thomson, vice-presidents; Thomas A. Tate, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Emily A. Herndon, assistant secretary-treasurer. Jake A. Dixon is manager of the firm's Bessemer City branch office.

Many Students Get 18 Units

Recommendation by the State Board of Education that high schools begin requiring "as soon as practicable" 18 course units for graduation won't have any immediate effect here, Superintendent B. N. Barnes said this week.

"Many of our seniors are already graduating with 18 units," Mr. Barnes said.

He noted that many high school students enroll for five subjects annually, rather than the customary four, while summer school population has continued to increase. Many of the summer school students are enrolling for extra work, rather than make-up work, he said.

The State Board recommended that the two added units be required in math and world history.

Annual Barbecue Next Wednesday

The Annual Bethware Community Barbecue will be held Wednesday at Bethware school at 6 p. m.

The Barbecue, held each year as a kick-off to the Bethware Community Fair, is a project of the Bethware Progressive Club and under the direction of Stokes Wright.

Tickets are on sale at \$1.50 each from Mr. Wright. They may be obtained from him at his home on Route 3 or by phone at 793-R-2.

The 13th annual Bethware Fair will begin on September 14. It will run through September 19 and will feature the usual exhibits, booths, rides, games, and fireworks.

Official fair catalogs are being distributed to patrons and advertisers.

COURT OF HONOR

Court of Honor for Kings Mountain district Boy Scouts will be held Thursday at 7:45 p. m. at Central Methodist church, it has been announced.

Teachers Named By School Board

1960-61 Faculty Near-Complete; Three Vacancies

The city schools faculty is virtually complete, following election of ten teachers in the past week.

B. N. Barnes, superintendent, said three vacancies remain and anticipates no difficulty in filling them. Still needed are two teachers for eighth grades and a driver's education teacher. Mr. Barnes said he has copious applications.

The board also approved a local funds budget for the coming year, which includes \$147,438 for current expenses, and an additional \$214,574 in the capital outlay budget. Supt. Barnes said the law requires budgeting of the capital outlay funds, little of which is expected to be spent pending settlement of the school

OPENING CONFIRMED

Kings Mountain children will answer first-day bells for the 1960-61 term on Tuesday, August 30. The board of education formally set the opening date at Monday night's special session. Teachers will report on August 29 for initial meetings, opening day will be an abbreviated session largely devoted to distribution of textbooks and assignments, and the first full-day session will be on Wednesday, August 31. The same schedule will be followed by Park Grace school in the county system.

merger election litigation. He estimated about \$14,000 will be spent during the year for school furniture and other capital outlay items. He noted that the city schools have a \$50,000 capital outlay credit with the state, which would make a total of more than \$264,000 available for construction of buildings, classrooms and other capital requirements.

The Monday night elections completed the Davidson school faculty.

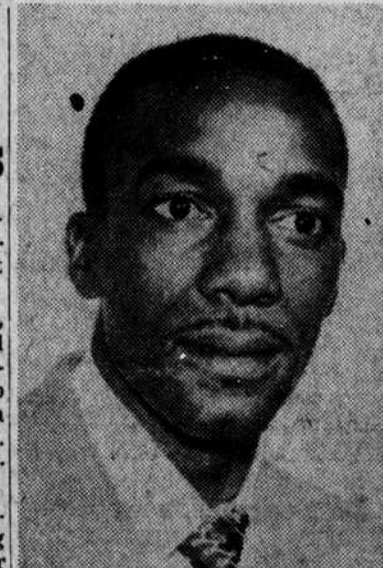
Monday night's session brought another resignation. Mrs. Elizabeth L. Morrison, an eighth grade teacher, resigned due to ill health.

Newly elected teachers are: Mrs. Donald N. Bridges, of Shelby, eighth grade.

F. L. Larsons, former superintendent of Cherryville schools, high school mathematics.

Mrs. Virginia S. Hinnant, Kings Mountain, special teacher of pi-

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PRINCIPAL — Connie L. Allison, of Yanceyville, has been elected principal of Davidson school. He succeeds J. A. Gibson, who resigned to become principal at Rowland.

Bank Merger Plan Announced

Plans for the merger of First Union National Bank of North Carolina with National Bank of Commerce of Gastonia were announced Wednesday by Carl G. McCraw, president of First Union.

Kings Mountain's First National became a unit of First Union National of North Carolina several weeks ago.

Like the Kings Mountain merger, this one, which will bring First Union's total resources to more than \$170,000,000 will be effective when approved by the Comptroller of the Currency and stockholders of both banks.

National Bank of Commerce directors approved the merger proposal Tuesday and First Union directors acted at a Wednesday morning meeting.

According to the tentative merger plan, Joe Reading, chairman, and Miles Rhyne, president, of the Gastonia bank, will become officers of First Union National. Mr. Reading will be chairman of the Gastonia unit and Mr. Rhyne will be executive vice-president. There will be no changes in operational personnel, with the same board of directors, officers and employees, Mr. McCraw added.

First Union National had assets of \$153,371,000 at June 15, and National Bank of Commerce had assets of \$16,185,000.

It was pointed out that First

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Early Election Would Provide "If And When" Contingency

By MARTIN HARMON

Kings Mountain's board of education may ask the county commissioners to set a date for a high school plant bond election prior to the settlement of litigation challenging validity of the May 14 school merger election.

This possibility was discussed informally at Monday night's special session of the Kings Mountain board.

Chairman Fred W. Plonk pointed out that proceeding with a bond election in the near future would "save a year," at a time when pressure for classroom space is increasing rapidly.

Superintendent B. N. Barnes added, "We need classrooms now," but agreed with Chairman Plonk and other members of the board's suggestion to postpone, "Who would know how to spend money for classrooms now?"

It is anticipated that the board will approve plans to use West and East elementary auditoriums for classroom space the beginning August 30 year. There will be two classrooms in the West auditorium, one carved out of the East auditorium.

Supt. Barnes offered the opinion that the bond election can be held, on original "if and when the school merger is approved" plan, once the county commission sets a date for it. Should the bond issue be approved and the courts rule against the May 14 election result, which favored the merger, the bond election would be null and void. Initial plans called for an election to determine whether the proposed merger area wished to issue \$1,100,000 in school district bonds for building of a high school plant.

Board members A. W. Kincaid, Mrs. John L. McChill and Dr. Phillip G. Padgett wondered aloud whether the county commission would set an election date. Supt. Barnes pointed out that the state attorney-general's office had recommended originally holding the bond election in advance of the merger election.

The initial plan was changed when both proponents and opponents of the merger with Kings Mountain petitioned the county board of education for 1960-61 consolidation, either with Kings Mountain or with other county school units.

The litigation challenging the election result brought a court order for retention of the "status quo" until the litigation is settled.

The suit is scheduled for trial in October in Cleveland Superior Court.

An appeal to the North Carolina Supreme Court is anticipated, regardless of the outcome of the case in Superior Court.

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Lynda Parton In Church Post

Lynda Woody Parton, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Parton of Kings Mountain, was elected president of the Synodical Young People's Christian Union of the ARP Church at a recent young people's conference at Bon Clark.

Miss Parton, a senior at Frank L. Ashley high school in Gastonia, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood Parton of Gastonia, former residents.

The conference was held at the church's assembly grounds near Hendersonville.

Miss Parton recently returned from Mexico after a month's workcamp she attended along with 20 other ARP young people from Virginia, Georgia, North and South Carolina and Tennessee. The group made the trip by bus. Miss Parton was a delegate from First ARP church of Gastonia.

McGills Of Gaston To Meet Wednesday

McGills of Gaston will gather for the annual reunion Wednesday, August 17th at Bethel Church Arbor, it has been announced.

President George McGill of Wallace will preside at the 11:30 a. m. business meeting. Picnic lunch will be spread at 12:30 and a large crowd is expected to attend.

Funeral Services Held On Monday For Conway Jackson Gault, Sr., 77

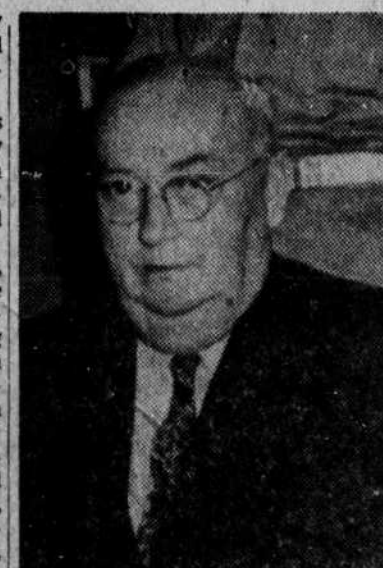
Funeral services for Conway Jackson Gault, 77, were held Monday afternoon at First Presbyterian church.

Mr. Gault died suddenly at his home on Parker street Sunday morning at 11:15. He had been in declining health since last October but had not been confined to bed.

A native of Union County, South Carolina, Mr. Gault came to Kings Mountain on May 8, 1922, to be associated with Dilling Mills Company, an association continued until 1930. He had previously been an overseer with Chadwick-Hoskins, Charlotte.

In the early thirties, he entered the grocery business. Several years later, his son, C. J. Gault, Jr., became a partner. On his retirement in 1953, Boyce Gault, another son, joined the grocery firm. The two sons now own and operate the firm their father founded. For some years, he had managed a Dixie-Home Store

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SUCCUMBS — Conway Jackson Gault Sr., retired merchant and textile man, died at his home late Sunday morning.