

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 7,206

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Seventy-First Year

PRICE TEN CENTS

Township Schools Enroll 3990, Drop Of 60 Pupils

Local News Bulletins

NEAL REUNION

The annual Neal Family Reunion will be held Sunday beginning at 10 a. m. at the Byrd Hut at Patterson Springs.

NEW SCHEDULE

The Driver License Office of the State Highway Patrol Station in Shelby will begin new office hours effective September 1.

LEGION MEETING

Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion, will hold regular meeting Friday at 8 p. m. at the Legion Hall.

KIWANIS MEETING

Miss Mary Nolan, Kings Mountain teacher who taught in the American Elementary Schools of Germany last year, will speak to local Kiwanians at their Thursday meeting.

LEGION DANCE

A dance for members and guests will be sponsored by Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion, Saturday night from 8:30 until 12 p. m.

LEGION MEETING

Regular monthly meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock, according to announcement of J. T. McGinnis, Jr., commander.

ATTEND MEETING

George Thomasson, president of the Kings Mountain Lions club, and Eugene Gladden, secretary, were among 90 Lions attending the District 31-C cabinet advisory meeting at Cleveland Country Club at Shelby Sunday.

RADIO PROGRAM

Sunday morning services during the month of September will be broadcast from First Wesleyan Methodist church via Station WKMT.

PRAYER MEETING

The Kings Mountain Prayer Band will conduct a cottage prayer meeting at the Converse Hutchins home in Midpines community Saturday, September 3 at 7:30 p. m.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday noon totaled \$174.42, including \$117.47 from on-street meters, \$14.95 from off-street meters, and another \$42 from over-parking fees.

Legion Will Get 76-Millimeter Gun

Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will get a 76-millimeter cannon as "decoration" for the exterior of the post building on East Gold street.

Informed by Congressman Basil L. Whitener that a 155-millimeter cannon wasn't immediately available but that the anti-tank gun was, the Legion Post executive committee voted Tuesday night to accept the smaller gun, which, however, is 13 feet long, six feet wide and six feet high.

While the weapon is a gift, it will still cost the Legion Post \$319, including a \$75 demilitarization charge and \$244 packing and freight charge from the Anniston, Ala., Ordnance Depot.



SCHOLARSHIP - Michael Thomas McKee, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. McKee, has been granted a scholarship to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

McKee Granted UNC Scholarship

Michael Thomas McKee, recent graduate of Kings Mountain high school, has been awarded a scholarship to attend the University of North Carolina. The scholarship is awarded on a semester basis of \$175 and is renewable for a four-year period for a total value of \$1400.

Richardson Property Leased

Tennessee Production Company, of Houston, Texas, has leased the Richardson property at the corner of East King and Gaston streets and expects to erect a service station on the site in the near future.

Number Fun Begins As New Phone Directories Foretell Dial Arrival

Many Kings Mountain telephone subscribers began to digest their soon-effective new dial telephone numbers this week, as new telephone directories were received.

NEW DIALING AID

Seven Southern Bell telephone operators will begin calling subscribers Thursday to ask if patrons think they'll need dialing instruction before the dial system cutover September 11.

Subscribers with two numbers in sequence had the option of asking for rotary service, whereby the second number rings automatically if the first number is in use.

Insurance Rates Escalating For Out-Side City Citizens

Agents To Ask City To Assure Fire-Fighting

Owners of outside city limits property formerly enjoying "protected suburban" fire insurance and extended coverage rates face a major increase in these insurance costs on expiration of present policies.

Wesley Bush, of the C. E. Warlick Agency and spokesman for Kings Mountain agents, aid all agents were notified last week-end by the North Carolina Fire Rating Bureau that the "protected suburban" rate is revoked as far as Kings Mountain is concerned as of August 25.

It means that properties in this category will be covered at the Class 10 or "country rate", a minimum jump in fire and extended coverage on frame buildings from \$3.50 per \$1,000 to \$6.20 per \$1,000.

Property adjacent to the city, prior to August 25, date of the revocation, earned the "protected suburban" rating when it was located within 1000 feet of a fire hydrant.

Kings Mountain insurance agents, meantime, are making a survey of properties in this area and expect to request that the City of Kings Mountain give blanket fire-fighting coverage to these areas, which, Mr. Bush said, would result in return of the "protected suburban" rate.

Under the present city policy, Mayor Glee A. Bridges said, the city answers fire alarms outside the city limits for property owner who guarantees payment of a fire-fighting fee for each call.

Wreck Fatal To Airman Gantt

Donnie N. Gantt, 29-year-old airman 2/c was killed Sunday, August 21 in a two-car automobile collision in Germany. Gantt was a passenger in one of the cars involved in a wreck near Munich.

The airman was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Edward Gantt of 620 Phenix Street. He had been in Germany for a year and a half.

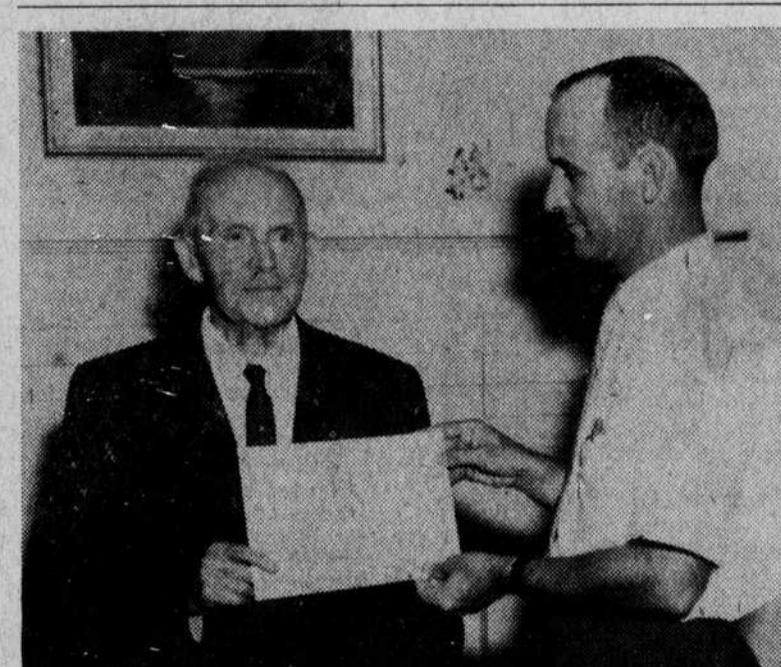
Gantt formerly lived in Gaston county and was a graduate of Tryon High School.

Survivors, in addition to his parents, include a brother, Eddie F. Gantt of the home, and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Annie Strickland.

Luneral services will be conducted Friday at 4:00 p. m. from Penley's Chapel Methodist church with the reverends L. W. Huffstetler, W. C. Sides, and Playe Payne and an Air Force chaplain officiating.

It will be a full military funeral. The body will lie in state for an hour prior to the services.

Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.



PRESENTED MASONIC SERVICE AWARD - M. L. Harmon, left, is pictured receiving from I. C. Davis, master of Fairview Lodge, A. F. & A. M., a certificate emblematic of Mr. Harmon's more than 50 years of continuous membership in the Kings Mountain Masonic lodge.



M. L. Harmon, 50-Year Mason, Gets Certificate

M. L. Harmon, Sr., retired grocer, recently was presented a certificate and pin emblematic of more than 50 years of continuous membership in Fairview Lodge A. F. & A. M.

The presentation was made by I. C. Davis, master of the lodge, in brief ceremonies at Mr. Harmon's home. Attending the ceremonies were Thomas Tindall, past master, and Manley Hayes.

Mr. Harmon was initiated into the Fairview lodge on June 4, 1907, and became a master Mason on July 9, 1907, and has maintained continuous membership since.

Born near Waco on October 31, 1874, he came to Kings Mountain 20 years later and has lived here since.

He attended Erskine college and is an elder of Boyce Memorial ARP church. He once operated the Dilling Mill Store and later managed the former grocery department of Plonk Brothers & Company. He retired at the beginning of 1949 at the age of 74.

Mrs. Harmon is the former Eunice Plonk. They have one son, Martin Harmon.

Two half-sisters of Mr. Harmon are Mrs. Minnie Crawford and Mrs. T. P. McGill.

Prepayments Reported Heavy

City and county tax collectors were getting writer's cramp Wednesday after a busy session of writing tax receipts to taxpayers beating the deadline on the maximum two percent discount.

County Collector Robert Gidney laughed that he's handled about all the money he could at the present time as he reported prepayments on the estimated \$1,300,000 county levy for 1960 as more than \$700,000.

He noted, "Percentage-wise I don't anticipate the payments will top the 45 percent we have collected in some previous years and would guess it'll be nearer 40 percent."

Compact Only Township Unit To Record Gain

Bethware, Grover, and Compact Township schools in the county school system enrolled 1555 students during opening day Wednesday.

The township schools showed an overall decrease of 46 from last year's enrollment figures. Bethware and Grover schools showed a decrease in enrollment, but Compact school gained 22 students.

Park Grace school, which opened Tuesday, showed a 17 student decrease in enrollment this year. Enrollment totaled 157 as compared to 174 for the 1959-'60 school term.

The school has steadily decreased in enrollment for the past several years. The 174 total for 1959-'60 was four down from the 178 total for 1958-'59, which in turn was a 16 student drop from the 1957-'58 total of 194.

R. G. Franklin, Bethware school principal reported elementary enrollment at 382 and high school enrollment at 120, totaling 502.

"Our enrollment dropped eight from last year," Franklin said. He listed enrollment last year as 391 for elementary grades and 119 for high school, totaling 510. Franklin reported the two teaching vacancies at the school have been filled.

New teacher of eighth grade is Mrs. Louise B. Moore of Ellenboro. She came to Bethware from Mt. Vernon Elementary school in Rutherford county.

The seventh grade teaching vacancy was filled by Miles Hampton of Forest City. Mr. Hampton formerly taught at Green Creek Elementary school in Green Creek.

Mr. Franklin said tentative plans are being made to offer a new course, business law, in the school department, but could give no definite details.

Enrollment at Grover school dropped 43 from last year, according to J. Horace Grigg, County Schools Superintendent.

School first day enrollment this year is 556, 423 in the elementary department and 133 in the high school department.

Enrollment figures for the 1959-'60 term totaled 599, 467 in the elementary school and 132 in the high school.

"Of course, this doesn't mean the figure will remain such," Mr. Grigg said. Wednesday was not a full school day, therefore, some children did not come. He said the same remains true every year.

Compact school gained 22 students overall, although the high school enrollment dropped four.

Principal L. L. Adams reported enrollment of 101 in high school and 396 in the elementary department, totaling 497.

Last year the school had enrolled 105 in high school and 390 in elementary school.

Education Plant To Be Dedicated At Bethlehem Homecoming Sunday

Dedication of the new educational building of Bethlehem Baptist church will feature Homecoming Day services on Sunday.

Two former pastors, the Rev. Rhonda E. Robbins and the Rev. W. G. Camp, will deliver the addresses at the 10:55 a. m. service.

Picnic dinner will be served after the morning services, and former members and visitors are invited to attend.

Open house in the afternoon will give visitors an opportunity to visit the education building and newly renovated basement and auditorium. Church members will assist in tours of the plant.

The Rev. Norman F. Brown is pastor of the church.

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HEADS FUND - B. F. Maner has been elected president of Kings Mountain United Fund, Inc., and will direct its 1960 fund drive.

Maner To Head United Fund

B. F. Maner, Kings Mountain insurance agency owner, was elected president of Kings Mountain United Fund, Inc., at the annual membership meeting last week.

He succeeds Sam Stalling in becoming the fund-raising organization's second president, and, ex officio, its fund campaign chairman.

Other officers were re-elected, including J. C. Bridges, vice-president; Wesley Bush, secretary; and R. S. Lennon, treasurer.

In addition to the officers, other directors elected include Rev. H. D. Garmon, J. Ollie Hamis, Joe Austin and W. S. Fulton, Jr.

Retiring directors are Grady Howard, J. A. Gibson, Sam Stallings, George H. Mauney, and W. B. Grimes.

Treasurer Lennon informed the group that checks to nine participating organizations have been mailed representing 75 percent of the initially approved budget.

Incoming President Maner said about \$600 in pledges are expected to be paid and will bring the budget to 78 percent met.

President Maner announced that the directors will convene at First Union National Bank on September 8 for a budget session. Organizations participating in last year's campaign have been notified to present budgets and Mr. Maner said other charitable and eleemosynary groups desiring to be included in 1960 should present requests at the September 8 session.

Mr. Maner was instrumental in organizing Kings Mountain United Fund, Inc., which seeks to consolidate various fund appeals of local organizations.

He, with the Junior Chamber of Commerce, conducted a survey of business and industry to determine whether the United Fund idea had support in Kings Mountain. He was an active member of last year's fund-raising team.

Mr. Maner is a member of First Presbyterian church and a past president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and a recipient of the Jaycee "Young Man of the Year" award.

City Schools Opening Day Drop Is 14

Kings Mountain city schools opened for the 1960-61 term Tuesday and surprisingly to school officials, with a slight enrollment drop from last year's opening day.

The drop of 14 to 2278 pupils compared with 2292 enrolling on opening day in 1959.

The loss occurred in the high schools, where Central high school recorded Tuesday only 499 pupils, off 25 from last year, and Davidson high school registered 65 pupils, off five.

Concurrently, elementary school enrollment gained by 16, including 1506 pupils at Central, North, East and West schools, up 12, and 209 at Davidson elementary, up four from last year.

City Superintendent B. N. Barnes said he and Harry Jaynes, high school principal, were at a loss to understand the drop in high school enrollment. Only last week, Principal Jaynes had anticipated an increase in high school population.

"I don't know what happened," Mr. Barnes said. "Either they've moved out-of-town or didn't come opening day."

Enrollment frequently increases during the first few days of a school term.

By grades, Grade 8, as previously indicated, takes top enrollment honors in the city system, with 262 students. Second most populated grade is the first, with 228 youngsters attending school for the first time Tuesday.

In the high school, freshman classes are most populated with 187 students. The junior class is smallest with 113 pupils. There are 137 sophomores and 122 seniors.

Supt. Barnes said the potential overload in East school fourth grades has been alleviated. Initially, it was anticipated that 78 children would register for the fourth grade for an average of 39 pupils each, nine over the desired maximum. Through transfers to other schools, the East fourth grade populations had already been lowered to 35 and 36.

"We hope to alleviate this situation a bit more," Mr. Barnes added.

Wednesday was the first full class day. The school cafeterias opened and Supt. Barnes termed the opening satisfactory and smooth.

Two Polio Cases In One Family

By DAVID BAITY "Cleveland County has not officially been declared a polio epidemic area," but if it helps matters, let's call it that," said Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, county health official Wednesday afternoon.

"We have had 26 cases of polio reported in Cleveland County this year, which amounts to two-thirds of the cases reported in the state of North Carolina. This compares to only one case of paralytic polio reported in Cleveland County last year," he said.

But, Dr. Mitchell pointed out, this is not an all-time high. In 1948 some 102 cases were reported. That year was an epidemic period, he said, and was so severe in Cleveland and adjoining counties that a special emergency hospital was established in Hickory.

Dr. Mitchell does not feel the number of cases here reflects a negligence in the vaccination program. The Salk vaccine is administered through the Cleveland County Health Department and by private physicians, he said.

The health department has been diligent in acquainting Clevelanders with the vaccine and conducting vaccination campaigns.

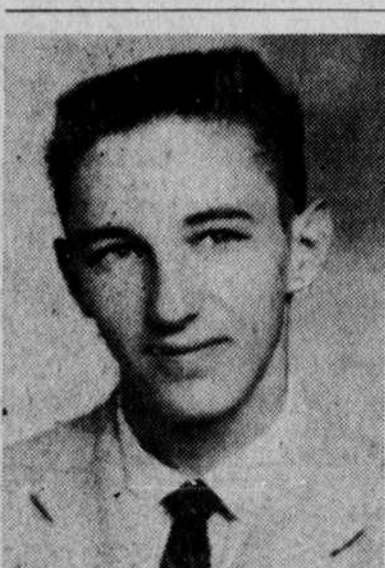
Of the 25 cases reported, ten cases had not had polio vaccine, Dr. Mitchell reported. Another five had been administered the full series of shots. The other ten cases had had one or two shots or the full series, but not in order.

Kings Mountain Cases Dr. Mitchell said Kings Mountain has reported two cases of polio, both last week.

The children are a brother and sister, Richard Keith Dellinger, age 9, and Kathy Yvonne Dellinger, age 2.

They are a son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Croyton Dellinger of route 1. Both are hospitalized at Kings Mountain Hospital.

Dr. T. G. Durham, associate of attending physician Dr. Paul (Continued On Page Ten)



GEOLOGIST - Eddie Simmons has accepted a position as a geologist with the U. S. Government and he and his family are moving to Tipton, Ga. A recent graduate of State College, Mr. Simmons has been employed this summer by the City of Gastonia. Mrs. Simmons is the former Patricia Foster.