

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 7,206

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PRICE TEN CENTS

Telephone Service Becomes Dial Operation Sunday



PRESIDENT GETS DIXON — Kelly Dixon, of Kings Mountain, was greeted by President Dwight Eisenhower at the White House last week, as the Kings Mountain Congressional candidate joined 135 other Republican Congressional aspirants in a two-day conference to acquaint the candidates with GOP aims and policies.

Bethware Fair Opens Wednesday



ACCEPTS CALL — Rev. Wayne Ashe of Lilesville has accepted the call to become pastor of Macedonia Baptist church.

Ashe Accepts Macedonia Call

Rev. Wayne Ashe of Lilesville, N. C. has accepted the August 21 call of the congregation of Macedonia Baptist church as their pastor and he and his family will move to Kings Mountain on September 23.

Rev. Ashe, a native of Bryson City attended Gardner-Webb College, Carson - Newman and Southeastern Seminary.

Prior to accepting the pastoral post at Macedonia he had served for the past six and one-half years as pastor of Gum Springs Baptist church, Lilesville. Before going to Lilesville, Mr. Ashe served at Berea Baptist church, Mooresville.

Mrs. Ashe is the former Myrtle Gibby of Belmont.

The Ashe's have one son, Steve, age 13, who will be an eighth grade student at Central school.

Mr. Ashe will finish his duties at Gum Springs church on September 25 and will assume his pastorate here September 26th.

The Macedonia church has been without a resident pastor since Rev. T. A. Lineberger accepted the call of Pleasant Hill Baptist church in Morganton last November.

Rev. S. L. Lamm, professor at Gardner-Webb College has been serving as interim pastor for the local church.

Community Staging 13th Annual Event

The 13th annual Bethware Community Fair, billed by Fair officials as one of the community's "bigger and better" fairs, opens Wednesday for a four-day run.

Again offering prizes for exhibitors, plus entertainment for the young folk, the event will be held on the Bethware School Grounds.

The Bethware Progressive Club, which sponsors the fair, announces a full program of events, including:

Opening Day Wednesday the fair will officially open at 4 p. m. with games and contests for children in the afternoon. Drawing for prizes will begin at 9:30 p. m. and a fireworks display will follow.

Children's Day on Thursday will feature reduced Midway rides for the kiddies. All exhibits will

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Stallings Resigns At Mauney Firms

Charles Mauney Will Become General Manager

Sam H. Stallings, Jr., general manager of Mauney Hosiery Company, Inc., and of Carolina Throwing Company, has resigned to become an active partner in the Smithfield insurance agency of his late father, it was announced this week, by W. K. Mauney, Jr., president of the two firms.

Concurrently, it was announced that Charles F. Mauney, Kings Mountain native currently with E. I. duPont de Nemours, of Kinston, will succeed Mr. Stallings.

President Mauney told employees in a notice posted last week, "It is with sincere regret that it has become my duty to inform you of the resignation of Sam H. Stallings, Jr., as general manager. . . . We give credit to him for many improvements in our operation and policies today which could have been the difference between our being in business today or out of business several years ago. It is going to be hard to replace him. . . ."

Mr. Mauney said Mr. Stallings' departure date is indefinite and that he will remain with the firm for several weeks to acquaint his successor with the work.

Mr. Stallings will assume the management of Sam H. Stallings & Son, a general insurance agency in Smithfield.

He came to Kings Mountain as an industrial engineer for Phoenix plant of Burlington Mills in 1948 and joined Mauney Hosiery Company as general manager January 1, 1952. He assumed the same duties with Carolina Throwing Company on its formation in June 1955.

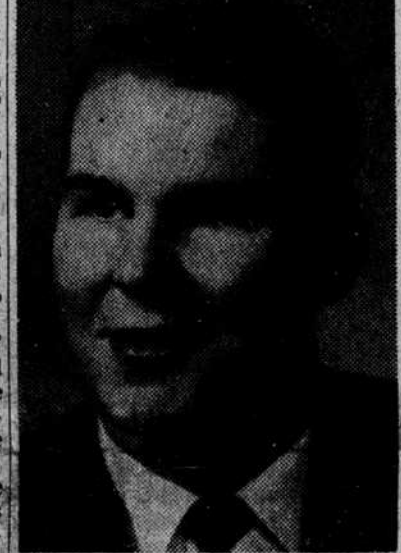
Mr. Stallings is a past president of the Kings Mountain Lions club, a member of Central Methodist church, a Mason, and recipient of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service award for civic work. He was first president of the Kings Mountain United Fund, Inc.

Mrs. Stallings is the former Peggy McConnell, of Wilmington. They have five children, Pat, Sandy, Bob, Greg and Pam Stallings.

Charles F. Mauney will join Mauney Hosiery Company of October 1.

He joined DuPont's dactron manufacturing firm at Kinston on graduation from North Car-

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MANAGER CHANGE — Sam Stallings, above, for the past nine years general manager of Mauney Hosiery Company and Carolina Throwing Company, has resigned. He will be succeeded by Charles F. Mauney.

Wharton Youth Drowning Victim

Robert (Bobby) Wharton, 17 year old Kings Mountain youth, drowned accidentally about noon Saturday in Little Swan Lake in Gainesville, Fla.

Efforts by Wharton's father and another brother to aid the young swimmer were futile. The other member of the Wharton party, the youth's mother, was on the shore at the time.

Futnam County Sheriff's Deputy Allen Patton, who investigated, said the youth drowned near the shore of the lake in water about eight feet deep when his diving mask became flooded.

The Whartons, enroute to Tampa, Fla., where their son was to enter Florida Christian College, had stopped in Gainesville for a visit with another son, William Wharton, director of admissions at the University of Florida.

Mr. Wharton transferred from the postoffice in Hollywood, Fla., to the Kings Mountain postoffice more than two years ago. Bobby Wharton was an honor graduate in the 1960 class at Kings Mountain high school.

Funeral services for young Wharton were held Monday morning at 11 o'clock from Jones-Johnson Chapel in Gainesville. Evangelist Forrest M. McCann, pastor of the 14th Street Church of Christ, officiated, and interment was in Hillcrest Memorial Park.

In addition to his parents and brother, Wharton is survived by his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Wharton of Middleburg, W. Va.

Postmaster: Charles Alexander and Mrs. Alexander and Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Ford went to Gainesville for the services.

KIWANIS MEETING
Football Coach John Gamble will be guest speaker at the Thursday meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club. The club convenes at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's club.

Funeral Rites For Mrs. Suber Held Saturday

Funeral rites for Mrs. Artie Parlier Suber, 75, were conducted Saturday at Harris Funeral Home.

Mrs. Suber succumbed at Kings Mountain hospital at 1:10 p. m. last Thursday, following a stroke of paralysis suffered a week earlier. She had been in ill health for several months.

A native of Taylorsville, she was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John T. Parlier, but had lived most of her life in Kings Mountain. She was wellknown in Kings Mountain, having been active in the operation with her husband, Sam R. Suber, in the restaurant business some years ago. She was a former member of the Woman's Club and a member of First Presbyterian church.

She was first married to Richard Thomas Cansler, who died in 1918.

Surviving are husband, and six children, Mrs. Nell Cranford, Mrs. Joe Foster, Mrs. Coman Falls, Mrs. Humes Houston, Robert Suber, Jr., and Mrs. Carl Weisner. Ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren also survive.

The final rites were conducted by Dr. Paul K. Ausley and Rev. Herbert D. Garmon.

Pallbearers were Hunter Allen, Harry Page, Ted Gamble, Glee A. Bridges, N. M. Farr, E. S. Peeler, Jr., Carl Finger and George H. Mauney.

Interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Rites Conducted For Mrs. Oates

Funeral rites for Mrs. Laura Mae Oates, 79, were held Monday at 2:30 p. m. from Harris Funeral Home Chapel, interment following in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mrs. Oates died suddenly Saturday night at her home after an illness of several years.

Widow of Charles A. Oates, Mrs. Oates was a native of South Carolina, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morrison. She was a member of the Kings Mountain Baptist church.

Surviving are two sons, C. C. Oates of Clearwater, Fla., and Rufus S. Oates of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Mrs. V. A. Hoyle of Chapel Hill and Mrs. Maude Steele of Charlotte; two sisters, Mrs. T. M. Davis of Donalds, S. C. and Mrs. D. T. Majors of Greenville, S. C. Also surviving are five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The final rites were conducted by the Rev. Marion Dubose and the Rev. B. L. Raines. Active pallbearers were W. T. Weir, Harold Crawford, Eugene Roberts, A. W. Kincaid, W. F. McGill and Yates Harbison.

Attack Fatal To M/Sgt. Stroup

M/Sgt. Arvell Lee Stroup, 40, died Saturday of a heart attack while stationed with the Armed Forces in Labrador.

Word of the Kings Mountain serviceman's death was received Sunday by his sister and two brothers who live here.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

A Kings Mountain native, M/Sgt. Stroup was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Stroup. He was a Mason and member of Grace Methodist church. He was a veteran of 18 years service duty in the Air Force.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Clara Hutchins Stroup of Greenville, S. C.; one step-son, Jimmy Hutchins, also of Greenville; one step-daughter, Mrs. Raleigh Shehan, of Gastonia, formerly of Kings Mountain; four brothers, John Stroup of Gerton, N. C., Luther Stroup of Fairfield, Calif., George and Walter Stroup, both of Kings Mountain, and two sisters, Mrs. Ervin Ellison of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Paul Whitesides of Hickory.

BOUND OVER
Ben Thrift, of Kings Mountain, was bound over to Superior Court Tuesday on charge of first degree murder of his wife, Mrs. Dona Jolley Thrift. Judge Rueben Elam ordered the defendant held without bond.



TWENTY YEARS WITH BELL — Mrs. Virginia McDaniel Arnette, chief operator of the Southern Bell telephone exchange here, will complete her duties at the Kings Mountain office with the cut-over to dial service. She joined Southern Bell in 1940, became chief operator in 1947.

Chief Operator 20-Year Veteran

Effective Sept. 11, Mrs. Virginia McDaniel Arnette, chief operator for Southern Bell Telephone's Kings Mountain exchange, will take a leave of absence from the company — two decades after she first donned a headset and asked, "Number, please?" for the first time.

There've been a lot of changes in telephone operation in the seemingly brief span of 20 years.

When Mrs. Arnette joined Southern Bell, she was one of four telephone operators here and worked under the direction of Mrs. Myrtle McDaniel, then chief operator.

Today, as manual operation nears the end of the line, Mrs. Arnette supervises a corps of 28. No longer do the onetime familiar requests, "call the doctor", "give me the drug store", "Sally owns residence", and "I want the Mayor" get honored with quick plug-ins. The answer now is, "I'll give you information," a subtle reminder that a telephone direc-

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More Than 100 Students Of Area Enrolling At Colleges, Schools

A Herald survey just completed showed over 100 students will attend colleges, junior colleges, universities, prep and finishing schools, and other institutions for post high school training this year.

For many, classes will begin next week for opening fall terms.

Students are sprinkled throughout states from North Carolina to Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky,

The Herald has made every effort to obtain the names of all Kings Mountain area students attending colleges and universities. However, recognizing the possibility of omissions, the Herald would appreciate the names of any students who may not have been included with this group.

Mississippi, and Tennessee from a total of over 40 schools.

North Carolina State College at Raleigh leads the field with 11 Kings Mountain students.

Ten students from this area favor the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill, eight will enroll at Lenoir-Rhyne, and seven each will attend Appalachian State Teacher's College at Boone, and Western Carolina College, at Cullowhee.

A number of students seek specialized training in the nursing and business fields while several are in graduate schools.

Southern Bell Reports System Ready To Change

Kings Mountain's Southern Bell telephone exchange will cut over to complete dial operation Sunday morning at 12:01.

Workmen were still busy at the new \$441,000 exchange on West Mountain street Wednesday, making final checkouts of equipment and putting finishing touches on the blinding itself.

Carl Stuckey, a representative of Western Electric company, equipment manufacturers, said, "We're ready."

The actual cut-over involves removing of block-outs now separating the old system from the new dial operation.

Manager Floyd Farris pointed out that the dial operation in Kings Mountain is the first all-number dialing.

He said, "The new system is easier, faster and more accurate than the combination of exchange and number dialing, eliminating confusion between use of letters and digits. Scientific experiments and actual usage have shown that all-number dialing results in fewer errors, and also contributes to more efficient and economical operation."

With the cut-over, the exchange's present staff of 28 operators will be eliminated. Only personnel in Kings Mountain will be members of the office staff and service personnel. Kings Mountain information and distance operators will answer calls at the Gastonia exchange.

The large 85 x 131-foot exchange building, constructed of reinforced concrete and brick, contains commodious business and service offices, lounges and plenty of expansion space.

With equipment currently installed, Kings Mountain's 3,245 telephones can be expanded to 5,000. Sufficient space is available for equipment additions to provide for 10,000 telephones here.

Growth in number of telephones has been great during the past two decades. In 1939, the Kings Mountain exchange listed 397 telephones. By 1947, the total was 897, and by 1952, 1839. A year later the 2,000-mark was passed.

Southern Bell occupied a portion of the quarters it is vacating in the Fulton building on September 1, 1955.

Southern Bell lists its new exchange investment as follows: lot and building \$166,960; inside equipment for dial operation \$248,500; and outside equipment, including cable and other costs, \$28,000.

The Kings Mountain exchange basic designation is 739. Full seven-digit dialing is required.

Mr. Farris noted that the "Code 704" designation has no present significance as regards Kings Mountain calling. It will be used in the future in long distance dialing.

"For the moment, ignore any use of the code number," Mr. Farris advised.

One Directory Error Reddens Bell Face

Compilation of a telephone directory is a tedious chore and, even with great care, errors are known to crop up.

While the recently distributed directory, to be put into use Sunday morning at 12:01 a. m., a few errors have been discovered. Manager Floyd Farris said Wednesday.

At least one phone number has been found to be incorrect. This is managed by putting the number on "intercept". When the number is called, an operator will ask, "Who are you calling?", then give the caller the correct number.

One error will be of little effect but does give Southern Bell folk a tinge of red countenance.

It is address error. The address of Southern Bell is listed in the new directory at 134 S. Cherokee street, which is the location of the quarters Bell is vacating after 35 years to 208 W. Mountain street.

WITH HIGHWAY PATROL
Robert Y. Green of Kings Mountain is one of 34 new highway patrolmen who will be graduated Friday at the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill. The ceremonies will follow 12 weeks of training. Mr. Green has been assigned to the Salisbury troop.