

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City limits 8,008

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Local News Bulletins

P-TA MEETING

The North Elementary School Band under the direction of Joe Hedden will present a musical program at Tuesday's meeting of the P-TA at 3 p. m. in the school auditorium. Miss Willie McGall's third grade will present the devotional.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday totaled \$102.82, including \$92.60 from on-street meters and \$10.22 from off-street meters. City Clerk Joe McDaniel reported.

LODGE MEETING

An emergent communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AP&AM will be held Monday night at 7:30 at Masonic Hall, according to announcement by T. D. Tindall, secretary.

P-TA FATHER'S NIGHT

Father's Night will be observed by East School P-TA at the regular meeting Tuesday night at 7:30 at East School auditorium.

PERMITS ISSUED

M. H. Biser issued two permits this week for alterations to real property in Kings Mountain. Friday a permit was issued to J. P. Mayhew to make alterations of \$3,000 to his home on Grace Street, and Wednesday a permit was issued to Paul Ham to make a two-room addition to his home at 607 Floyd Street at an estimated cost of \$5,000.

Church To Note 10th Anniversary

Resurrection Lutheran church will celebrate the 10th anniversary of its organization at special services on Sunday.

After the morning worship service picnic dinner will be served to members of the church, former members and friends of the congregation. An exhibit will depict 10 years growth of the local church.

As a mission development of the United Lutheran Church in America, Resurrection in March 18, 1951 with Rev. Vance Daniel as the first pastor. First services were held at West School on February 4, 1951.

Upon the formal organization of the congregation in 1951, Mr. Daniel was called as the first pastor. He served in that capacity until November, 1953. After his resignation the Rev. R. Douglas Fritz accepted a call to be the second pastor of the young congregation. He came to Kings Mountain on January 1, 1954 and served here until November 16, 1958. The present pastor, the Rev. Wendell Moore, began his ministry in Kings Mountain on February 11, 1959.

For the period prior to organization, and for some time later, services were held in West School. Construction of the church building was begun in 1951 and the first service was held in the new building on December 2, 1951. The interior, with complete furnishings, was completed in 1953. At a later date the interior of the education wing was completed. The parsonage for the church was started in 1954 and completed in 1955. At the present time the steeple for the Colonial style church building is under construction, and should be ready to lift into place at the brick tower next month.

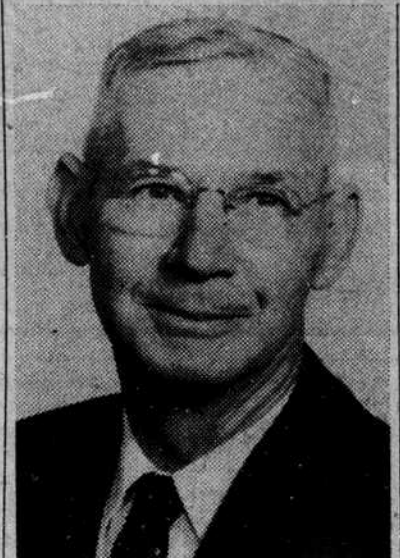
There were 31 adult members and 33 children listed as members on the date of organization. Since that time the membership has increased to the present total of 262. The congregation is active in all phases of the work of the church. There are three Circles in the work of the United Lutheran Church Women, one men's organization of United Lutheran Church Men, a Sunday School for all members, two Luther League groups for the young people, one Boy Scout troop, and one Cub Scout pack.

In planning the observance Mrs. George Plonk and Mr. Carl Goforth are in charge of invitations. Mrs. Ed Goforth and Mrs. A. J. Slater are in charge of the dinner arrangements. Mr. Paul McGinnis and Mr. E. K. Whitener are in charge of the display and publicity.

Referring to the history of Resurrection Lutheran Church and to the observance of the anniversary, Pastor Moore noted the purpose of the celebration. He said, "It is, above all else, an opportunity to look back on the past and to look forward to the future."

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Bennett Making Re-election Bid



CANDIDATES — John W. Gladden, at top, is a candidate for Ward 2 city commissioner. Luther T. Bennett, below, has filed for re-election to a third term.

15 Candidates Now In Field For City Posts

Luther T. Bennett, two-term city commissioner from Ward 3, filed his notice of candidacy for re-election last weekend.

He was the lone additional entry in a field now numbering 15 candidates for the six elective city offices.

Prime political question remaining was whether the remaining three incumbents, Commissioners Boyce Gault, Ward 2; Ben H. Bridges, Ward 4, and R. Coleman Stroupe, Ward 5, will offer for re-election.

Most of the guessing was that they will. Like Commissioners Ross Alexander and Bennett, all are completing their second terms.

Mr. Bennett's expected entry into the race brings to three the number of candidates seeking the Ward 3 position, Corbett Nicholson, former city gas superintendent, and Clayton Kelly, auto store credit manager, having previously filed.

Contests still haven't developed for two commission jobs. John W. Gladden is the lone candidate to date for Ward 2 Commissioner and J. Elmer Rhea is the lone candidate for Ward 5 commissioner.

The mayoral and Ward 4 races thus far are the most crowded, both equally, with four candidates for each position.

Challenging Mayor Glee A. Bridges, who seeks re-election to a fifth term, are Garland E. Still, a former mayor, David L. Saunders, onetime commissioner, and Kelly Dixon, who took his first bow in politics last November as Republican candidate for 11th district Congressman.

In Ward 4, Paul W. Ledford, Willis Bagwell, Norman King and Clinton Wood are candidates for the position now held by Ben H. Bridges.

There is a minimum of speculation on whether more candidates will be forthcoming. Chief speculation during the past few days listed T. J. (Tommy) Ellison as a likely additional candidate in Ward 3, a position he has held formerly.

Other speculative conversation listed as a likely candidate Roy Brown, who sought the Ward 4 post two years ago.

Commissioner Bennett is an overseer of Phenix plant of Burlington Industries and Grace Methodist church Sunday School superintendent. He is a former director of Kings Mountain hospital.

City Attorney J. R. Davis said Col. Roy Thompson, of the adjutant general's staff, indicated approval of a time extension of 30 days or more to enable the city to deposit the \$24,500 local share of the federal-state-local project.

Mr. Davis informed the city commission Tuesday night of his conversation with Col. Thompson and added that he had asked the official for a letter setting forth the specific time the deposit would be required.

Meantime, the commission launched another route whereby it might assure armory building funds, by adopting a resolution to issue \$19,000 in bonds for that purpose, in spite of the opinion of the bond attorneys.

The resolution will open the way for a "friendly" legal action in which a taxpayer will seek to prevent the issuance of the bonds. In this manner, the city would take the action to the state Supreme Court and obtain a ruling on whether armory expenditures are a necessary public expense.

It was on this grounds, Attorney (Continued On Page Eight)

Palmer To Ask Fast Enactment Of School Election Amendments

Endorsement of city election amendments by Park Grace, Grover, Compact and Bethware school committees were conveyed to Rep. Jack Palmer Wednesday and the Cleveland representative planned to seek a speedy up in passage of the bill.

The amendments are necessary to enfranchise, for school trustee representation and voting, citizens of the four school areas which voted last May to consolidate with the Kings Mountain district.

Rep. Palmer said Monday that he would have introduced the bill earlier, but wanted the text checked by local school officials for correctness.

He said he would seek suspension of the rules in obtaining passage in the House of Representatives and would ask Senator Robert F. Morgan to seek similar treatment in the Senate. Meantime, the city commission has postponed calling the May 9 city and school trustee elec-

tion, pending passage of the enfranchising amendments.

Under new law, which would be continued by the amendments, the City of Kings Mountain conducts the school elections, therefore is charged with responsibility for naming election officials, printing of ballots and canvassing of returns.

Deadline for the city's passing resolution to set the election is March 25. City Attorney J. R. Davis told the commission.

The proposed amendments, in addition to providing the establishment of voting precincts at Park Grace and Bethware schools and at Grover fire station, would provide for election of two school trustees on May 9 who reside in the new school district areas adjacent to the city limits. One would be named for a six-year term, and the other for a four-year term.

New registration would be required for residents of the school district residing outside the city limits.



WINNER — Sandra Plonk, high school junior, won the District 4 Women's Clubs sewing contest for students in Boiling Springs Tuesday. She was sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club.

Sandra Plonk Contest Winner

Sandra Plonk, Kings Mountain high school junior, is winner of the District 4 Vogue sewing contest for students sponsored by the Federation of Women's Clubs.

Miss Plonk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wray Plonk, represented the Junior Woman's club in competition with students from Cherryville, Dallas, Forest City and Fallston.

As district winner, Miss Plonk will go to Henderson April 5 for State competition. Mrs. Thomas M. L. Moss, of Shelby, was winner in the clubwoman division of the district contest held Tuesday in Boiling Springs.

Miss Plonk's winning costume, which she designed as "the ideal costume for the high school student's dress-up wardrobe," was white and she wore it with color accents. The two-piece suit of white nubby cotton had elbow length sleeves, hip-length box jacket and sheath skirt. Beneath the jacket she wore a blouse of blue and white printed polished cotton, with round collar styled to be worn out over the jacket.

Her hat, also self-made, was a pillbox which exactly matched her blouse. To vary the costume, Miss Plonk had made an extra hat and collar of mulberry red hand-screened cotton print. The collar, detachable, can be easily added to or removed from the round neck of the jacket.

Mrs. John H. Gamble, home economics teacher at Central school, Mrs. Wray Plonk, and Marian Plonk also attended the district contest.

Miss Plonk, as local and district winner, will receive prizes from the Junior Woman's Club. Scholarships are awarded winners in state-wide and national competition.

Frank Errigo, Atlanta district manager of Parke, Davis & Company will make the principal address at the March 24 annual banquet of the Kings Mountain Merchants association, it was announced this week by President Charles Blanton.

The annual banquet, to be held at the Woman's Club will be an employer-employee affair and ticket reservations should be made by telephoning the merchants association office.

A veteran entertainer and speaker, Mr. Errigo was third runner-up in National Toastmaster's club contests.

Mr. Blanton described him, "A humorist, with a point."

Tickets to the banquet are \$2 each.

Recently-elected officers of the association will be installed at the banquet.

GRASS FIRE

City firemen were called to Fairview Street Wednesday afternoon to douse a grass blaze. No damage was reported.

Action Deferred On Sunday Blue Law Referendum Issue

Pastors Say Law Adequate, If Enforced

The city board of commissioners deferred action Tuesday night on setting up a referendum on Sunday prohibitions after the Kings Mountain Ministerial association decided that the current statutes are adequate, if enforced.

While a majority of the city commission say they favor a referendum, on the Sunday blue law question, there is little agreement on what question, or questions, should be asked the voters in a city-wide referendum on the issue.

Commissioner Ben H. Bridges suggested the referendum might be posed on two questions: (1) Favoring or opposing Sunday amusements; and (2) favoring or opposing Sunday business operations.

The commission had previously asked the Ministerial association to consider the matter and voice its ideas on the referendum.

The ministers convened Monday morning, with 14 present, and Dr. Paul Ausley, president, reported, unanimously adopted the following statement:

"The Ministerial Association examined statutes now on the law books of Kings Mountain and find that they are adequate, if enforced, to meet our present situation. Therefore, we re-affirm the resolution presented to the City Council in December which is:

"Be it resolved that, 'We, as Ministers appreciate the Lord's Day and we deplore anything that takes away from the main emphasis of this day which is set aside for the proclamation and reception of the gospel.'

"We further affirm, that we who constitute the Ministerial Association, are not a law making group nor do we speak for our congregations and, therefore, feel that the present text of the Blue Law presented to our City Council should be decided in a referendum by the people of Kings Mountain."

Commissioners noted Tuesday night that the present ordinances relating to Sunday activities are both ambiguous and, perhaps, out-of-date.

Following is the text of the city code book on Sunday regulations:

"SECTION 1. Sunday Regulations. It is unlawful to open any store on Sunday for the purpose of buying or selling merchandise, and it shall be unlawful for the proprietor of any store to permit anyone to enter said place of business on Sunday, with the exception of the clerks; if any store shall be found open on the Sabbath, it shall be prima facie evidence that the same was opened by the proprietor for the purpose of selling merchandise; provided, further, that drug stores may remain open for the purpose of filling doctor's prescriptions only. Provided further, that no soft drinks be sold between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Sunday.

"SECTION 2. Motion Pictures on Sunday Prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, or employee or officer or officer thereof, operating a motion picture show or theatre in the City of Kings Mountain to operate on the Sabbath Day, or to show any picture or conduct any performance in the same to which the public is admitted, whether for an admission fee or without an admission fee."

Open House Set At Faith Baptist

Faith Baptist Church will hold open house in its new educational unit on Sunday afternoon.

The first unit is one of four which the congregation expects to complete in a building program now underway.

Visitors are invited to inspect the new building during the hours of 2 and 5 p. m., the pastor Rev. Play Payne said. The new educational unit houses the Sunday School department, nursery through young people.

The building of brick construction, fronts Cleveland Avenue.

Members of Faith congregation occupied the educational unit the first week in January.

"We invite the community to visit our new plant on Sunday afternoon," Mr. Payne added.



FOOTE WINS SAFETY AWARD — E. R. Goforth, left, general superintendent, and N. O. Johnson, plant manager, of Foote Mineral Company's Kings Mountain operation display the North Carolina and United States Department of labor plaque signifying completion of the third consecutive year of operation without lost-time accident.

Youngster Found After Big Search

Ward 5 Precinct At West School

Ward 5 citizens will vote at West school in this year's city election.

Asked by Victory Chevrolet Company, the Ward 5 voting place since creation of the ward system in 1939, to find new quarters, the city commission voted last week to use West school as the Ward 5 polling place, after Schools Superintendent B. N. Barnes said he felt the voting could be handled without interfering with school schedules.

School Board Meets Monday

Kings Mountain School board will meet in regular session in the superintendent's office Monday night at 7:30.

Mrs. Wanza Y. Davis, secretary to Supt. B. N. Barnes, in his absence Wednesday, said a definite agenda had not yet been disclosed to her and she felt the meeting would be a routine business session.

Citizens Still Arguing Tax Bill; City Guesses Annual Cost \$18,000

Governor Terry Sanford's proposals for removing sales tax exemptions continued to get major attention here and throughout North Carolina this week, and the City of Kings Mountain added its voice to those in opposition.

Specifically, the city reacted like many citizens when faced with a new tax.

The commission Tuesday night adopted a resolution urging the General Assembly to leave municipalities exempt from paying sales tax, as they are under the current statute.

In the absence of a copy of the proposed tax law, City Clerk Joe McDaniel estimated the city's annual bill, if not exempt from the sales tax, might reach \$18,000.

Mr. McDaniel said he arrived at the guess by subtracting payroll expenses from both the city and natural gas system operations and using the remainder of expenditures-as subject to the tax.

It was noted that this amount represents a city ad valorem tax rate of 16 to 17 cents per 100 valuation.

Though not completely unanimous, there continued to be evidenced here heavy opposition to imposing the sales tax on food

Youth Lost On Mountain Tuesday Night

Steve Powell, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Powell, Sr., slept safely in his bed Tuesday night after being lost for more than three hours atop the pinnacle of Kings Mountain.

Rescue squads from Kings Mountain, Grover, Shelby, and Gaston, the Kings Mountain Unit of the National Guard and numerous local citizens were called out to search for the youngster who strayed from a group of seventh graders on an outing at the mountain. Several state patrolmen also joined in the search.

Young Steve was found by his brother, Jay Powell, Jr., and Klaus Kopruch about 7:00 p. m.

The three youngsters, in approaching darkness, remained atop the mountain, built a fire, and waited for searchers to reach them.

Young Powell was attending a seventh grade outing at the

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Foote Wins Three-Year Safety Award

Foote Mineral Company's Kings Mountain plant has been awarded a plaque for completion of three consecutive years without a lost-time accident.

The plaque, awarded by the North Carolina and United States Department of Labor, was presented recently at a plant safety meeting.

Individual safety pins were also given to 23 employees.

Receiving pins for 10 years were Dennis L. Goforth, E. R. Goforth, and Ernest C. Maples.

Awarded five-year pins were Hilliard Black, H. M. Broadwater, R. Wray Canipe, Taft Clark, J. Verlin Connor, Timmons C. Goforth, R. C. Flow, T. W. Gordon, W. E. Hurst, N. O. Johnson, Erich Kopruch, D. R. Smith, John O. Van Dyke, John O. Ware and C. F. Wilson.

Two-year pins went to Robert F. Caveny, Earl O. Hollifield, R. W. Hurlbut, S. K. Peeler, Jr., and James W. Rushing.

Country Club Meeting Tuesday

Annual dinner meeting of stockholders of Kings Mountain Country Club, Inc. will be held Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at the American Legion building.

Principal business of the stockholders will be consideration of a proposal endorsed by the directors for instituting a staggered term arrangement for directors, as well as election of 12 directors for the coming year. Dr. George W. Plonk, president said yesterday.

Annual reports will be heard from Dr. Plonk, from James A. Lybrand, secretary, and L. E. Hinnaud, treasurer.

Committee chairmen to make reports are Paul M. Neisler, Sr., building and greens committees; Dr. P. G. Padgett, house committee; John McClure, membership committee; and George H. Houser, social committee.

Retailer's Easter Schedule Given

Easter closing schedules for Kings Mountain retail merchants were announced this week and conform with the association's by-laws, President Charles D. Blanton said.

The merchants will suspend the Wednesday half-holiday on March 29, Wednesday immediately prior to Easter.

The retailers will close on Monday April 3 for a holiday and will also be closed the afternoon of Wednesday, April 5.