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Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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Morgan, Palmer Say "No" To School Secessionists

County Board Re-iterates Prior Action

Legislative efforts to circumvent the May 1960 township school consolidation decision have failed.

Senator Robert Morgan and Representative Jack Palmer, in a joint statement following a meeting with the county board of education, said they would not introduce in the General Assembly legislation which would provide legal machinery whereby a portion of the residents of the consolidated Kings Mountain district could secede.

The legislation had been sought by losers in the consolidation election, who, through the courts and otherwise, have sought to abrogate the May 1960 election.

The legislative delegation based their decision, they said, on:

- 1) Advice of the attorney-general, who had offered the opinion that local "secession" legislation would be illegal;
- 2) Advice of the state superintendent of public instruction that the consolidation election was properly conducted and legally binding;
- 3) Refusal of any elected board of education or the board of county commissioners to endorse the disidents' request; and
- 4) Determination by the legislators, after hearings conducted to hear views of both groups, that the legislative effort was merely another to defeat the will of the majority.

Prior to the statement of the legislators, the county board of education reiterated a prior decision declining to add the disident by adopting a formal statement noting requests by the disidents and declaring the board had no jurisdiction in the matter. The attorney-general had informed the board that the territory on which the disidents now are a part of the Kings Mountain school administrative unit.

Some 175 citizens favoring the consolidation from the adjacent areas and Kings Mountain attended a hearing at the County courthouse last Saturday on invitation by the legislative delegation.

James Mullen, Gastonia lawyer, reviewed the history of the consolidation movement and denied categorically allegations of A. A. Powell, attorney for the disidents, that defendants in litigation seeking to abrogate the election result had agreed not to oppose another election on the matter.

Mullen also noted, in his opinion, on a legal point under argument, that he feels the customary procedure allowing plaintiffs to re-enter complaints within a year after taking a voluntary non-suit, does not apply to election situations.

Mullen characterized the disident effort as continuing "beating an old dead horse."

Mullen also produced statements from Bethware, Park Grace and Grover school committees that cooperation was not involved in their initial petition for the consolidation election, as the disidents had charged.

Several individuals commented. Hill Lowery, Bethware committee chairman, said the disidents reminded him of some church groups, saying, "If they can't run it, they try to tear it up."

John Cheshire, Jr., asked, "Where is the rule of majority?" Dr. W. P. Gerberding suggested that many citizens didn't support the election of President Kennedy but support and pray for him. He further suggested

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Two High Schools To Replace Five

Two high schools are expected to replace five in Number 4 Township for the school year beginning next September.

Superintendent B. N. Barnes, of the expanded Kings Mountain district, said Wednesday the current board's general plan for immediate high school consolidation is to combine the student bodies of Grover, Bethware and Kings Mountain high schools into one unit and the student bodies of Davidson and Compact high schools into another.

He anticipates no final decisions on other consolidation details prior to seating of two new members of the board of education from areas adjacent to the city limits.

Meantime, student residence data is being compiled and studied by county and state school transportation officials, Mr. Barnes said.

23 Seek City Posts; McAbee Out For Mayor; Filing Over

17 Challenge Six City Hall Incumbents

Twenty-three candidates are seeking the six City Hall elective positions.

The four-man mayor's race suddenly expanded to five Monday afternoon, as Brooks McAbee used the last filing day to enter his candidacy.

The new and fourth challenger, a resident of 825 Second street, is a Kings Mountain native and an employed of General Miss Corporation, Charlotte.

Mr. McAbee was the lone addition of the past week to the candidate list.

With races now set, all candidates are expected to increase their politicking paze in the effort to secure enough votes to win on May 9. At least three candidates seek every position.

The ace finds all six incumbents seeking re-election. Mayor Glee A. Bridges is seeking a fifth consecutive term, while Commissioners Ross Alexander, Boyce Gault, Luther Bennett, Ben H. Bridges and R. Coleman Stroupe are seeking re-election to third consecutive terms.

Two registration days remain. The full list of candidates for laws:

For Mayor — Glee A. Bridges, incumbent, Garland E. Still, Kelly Daxin, David Saunders, and Brooks McAbee.

For Ward 1 Commissioner — Ross Alexander, incumbent, Ray Cline and C. H. (Cat) Houser.

For Ward 2 Commissioner — Boyce H. Gault, incumbent, Eugene Goforth and John W. Gladwin.

For Ward 3 Commissioner — Luther T. Bennett, incumbent, T. J. Ellison, Clavon Kelly and Corbett Nicholson.

For Ward 4 Commissioner — Ben H. Bridges, incumbent, Paul W. Ledford, Willis Bagwell, Norman King and Clinton Wood.

For Ward 5 Commissioner — R. Coleman Stroupe, incumbent, J. Elmer Rhean and Hazel L. Gill.

For school trustee (two positions open) — H. O. (Toby) Williams and Holmes Harry.

Wayne L. Ware's Rites Conducted

Final rites for Wayne L. Ware, 72, were held Sunday at 4 p. m. from Boiling Springs Baptist church, interment following in Cleveland Memorial Park at Shelby.

Mr. Ware, prominent farmer and owner and operator of Mountain View Farms in the El Bethel community, suffered a heart attack on his farm Thursday and died Friday night at Kings Mountain hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Ware. Through the years, he had established

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No Opponents For Williams, Harry; Finish Determines Length Of Term

H. O. (Toby) Williams, Patterson Grove farmer, and Holmes Harry, Grover textile man, were virtually assured of election as Kings Mountain board of education members Monday.

No other citizens of the school district areas adjacent to the city limits became candidates for the two positions to be filled by the filing deadline at 4:30 Monday afternoon.

Results of the election, however, will be minor, if not major important.

Amendments to the city election laws, recently enacted, provide that the candidate seeking greatest number of votes will be elected to a six-year term as school trustee, with the second runner being elected to a four-year term.

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CANDIDATE — J. Elmer (Zip) Rhea is among the candidates for Ward 5 commissioner. He opposes the incumbent, R. Coleman Stroupe, and Hazel Lee Gill.

Two More Days For Registering

Two more Saturdays remain for citizens to register for the May 9 city and school trustee elections.

A re-check of the state and city statistics Wednesday by City Clerk Joe McDaniel and the Herald showed that registration books are to be open for four consecutive Saturdays preceding the election.

The books will be open for registering voters on Saturday and again on Saturday, May 6. The final Saturday, May 6, will also be challenge day when interested citizens may examine the poll-books.

Registration activity was slow again last Saturday.

In-city registering increased slightly over the previous Saturday, with 62 new voters being recorded. Greatest activity was in Ward II, where Mrs. H. R. Parton reported 16 new voters. Mrs. Paul Cole listed 15 in Ward IV.

Reports on outside-city registering for the school trustee election were incomplete, but, considering the fact a new registration had been ordered, few citizens had bothered to record their names. Mrs. Frank Ware, at Bethware added 75 names to the pollbook, while Mrs. James Cloninger, at Park Grace, added 36.

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Kiwanis Ladies Night Thursday

L. Alex Clark, Charlotte area sales manager for Armour & Company, will make the feature address at the annual ladies' night banquet Thursday of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club.

Mr. Clark, who is a brother of Mrs. Carl Mayes, is making a "return" speaking engagement to the club. He first addressed the civic club last year and is returning due to "popular demand". B. N. Barnes, chairman of the ladies' night committee, said, Mr. Clark has been associated with the Charlotte company for 25 years.

B. S. Peeler, Jr. will be toastmaster for the evening program, James Amos will welcome guests and Mrs. Charles Alexander will make the response. Dr. W. L. Pressly will present Mr. Clark and Rev. H. D. Garmon will give the invocation. President Charles Neisler will provide, and Pattie Howard will furnish dinner music.

Mrs. I. B. Goforth, Sr. will serve the meal at 7 p. m.

Members of the ladies' night committee in addition to Mr. Barnes are George H. Mauney, John L. McGill, J. C. Smathers, and B. S. Peeler, Jr.

The banquet annually attracts a large crowd.



VETERAN TEACHER HONORED — Don Parker, veteran teacher and high school coach, is receiving from Harry Jaynes, president of the Kings Mountain chapter of the National Education association a certificate attesting to

Parker's recent election by the Kings Mountain NEA to life membership in the national association. B. N. Barnes, superintendent of schools and only previous recipient of the honor, looks on.

Local News Bulletins

LEGION DANCE
American Legion Post 155, is sponsoring a dance for members and guests Saturday beginning at 8:30 p. m. The dance will be the final one scheduled until fall, spokesman for the Legionnaires said.

AT SYMPOSIUM
Carol Jean Goter and Kay Broadwater, high school juniors, attended the Science Symposium held recently by Duke University, North Carolina State college, and UNC. The symposium was held in Durham.

CLEAN-UP DAY
West School P.T.A. has set Wednesday at "Clean-Up-Fix-Up Day" at West school and members are asked to gather garden tools and be present at the ground at 2:30.

RAINBOW PROGRAM
Rainbow Girls will honor their mothers at a special Mother's Day program to be held Tuesday evening at 7:30 at Masonic Hall.

OUTING
Rainbow Girls and their invited guests will meet at 7:30 p. m. Saturday at Masonic Hall to go on an outing and hayride, Mrs. D. E. Tate, advisor has announced.

Band Concert Re-scheduled

Due to conflict of other functions, the Kings Mountain high school band concert, previously scheduled for Thursday night, has been re-scheduled to Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. at Central auditorium.

Bandmaster Joe Hedden said that a Thursday night Kiwanis ladies' night banquet plus dress rehearsal for the senior class play, had necessitated re-scheduling.

The Sunday afternoon concert will be free and the band will play a varied selection of music, including selections used in the recent district contests at which the band won a II rating.

Local Students Win In Forensic Meet

Four Kings Mountain high school students participated in the Western North Carolina Activities' Association Forensic meet held Monday in Lincoln.

Margaret Smith placed third in the poetry division, Sandy Campbell placed second in the oratory contest and Jimmy Owens placed third in the declamation division.

Parker Elected NEA Life Member

Local Teachers Honor Veteran Teacher, Coach

Don Parker, veteran high school teacher and coach, has been honored by his teaching cohorts to a life membership in the National Education association.

Mr. Parker is the second Kings Mountain teacher to be honored with a life membership. Superintendent B. N. Barnes having been elected life member several years ago.

Mr. Parker is completing his 21st year as a high school teacher at Fletcher, Mars Hill and, since 1943, at Kings Mountain high school. He teaches social studies and geometry and guidance. In addition to his teaching duties, Mr. Parker is head coach of boys basketball and assistant football and track coach.

He was graduated from Maryville college in Tennessee in 1938 and for eight years was a professional baseball pitcher.

Mrs. Parker is the former Nelle Steppe. They have two sons, Don Parker, Jr., with the air force at Keesler AFB, Miss., and James (Punch) Parker, high school senior.

Jaycees Ladies Night Tuesday

An entertainment program by a Charlotte dance team will feature Tuesday evening's annual ladies' night banquet of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Jaycees will also install new officers during the program to begin at 7 p. m. at the Woman's club.

Mr. and Mrs. William Curtin, associated with the Arthur Murray Dance Studio of Charlotte, will exhibit ballroom dancing and invite audience participation in a "contest." Jaycee President Robert H. Goforth said.

The Curtins have presented similar shows in New York and in many cities throughout the two Carolinas.

John Brock of Shelby, a national Jaycee director, will install the new officers, and two district officers will be present: Henry Whitesides of Gastonia, outgoing District 3 vice-president, and Cliff Reeves of Gastonia, the incoming district officer. Other guests, in addition to wives of Jaycees, will be representatives of the various civic clubs.

Mr. Brock will install James Lybrand as president; Bill Allen Sparks as second vice-president; John Lutz as secretary; John Warlick as treasurer; Bob Pearson as Jaybird; and David Kincaid, Rev. Thomas Droppers and Raymond E. Goforth as directors.

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