

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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Local News Bulletins

PERMIT ISSUED
City Building Inspector M. H. Biser issued a permit last Wednesday to J. Wilson Crawford to build a one-story frame and brick residence at 913 Sharon Drive. Estimated cost of the six-room structure is \$12,500.

HEADS COMMITTEE
Thomas L. Kesler, Chief Geologist of Foote Mineral Co., has been named chairman of the nominating committee of the Society of Mining Engineers of the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers. He also is a member of the Institute's Hal Williams Hardinge Award Committee. The Society is the professional organization in the United States for engineer and geologists in the mines industries.

CLASS REUNION
The Grover high school graduating class of 1951 will hold a class reunion Saturday evening at 7 o'clock, with dinner to be served at Renn's Cafeteria in Grover.

METER RECEIPTS
Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday noon totaled \$131.61, including \$96.01 from on-street meters, \$23 from over-parking fees and \$12.60 from off-street meters. City Clerk Joe McDaniel reported.

BIBLE SCHOOL
Vacation Bible School at Chestnut Ridge Baptist church begins Monday and continues throughout the week with classes to begin at 9 a. m. Preparation Day will be held on Saturday with a parade to feature the activities.

Craig Sheppard's Rites Conducted

Final rites for Craig A. Sheppard, 73, were held Friday at 4 p. m. from Second Baptist church of which he was a member and former deacon. Interment was in the Antioch cemetery near Grover.

Mr. Sheppard died suddenly of a heart attack Wednesday at 7 p. m. at his home at 717 Gantt street. He was returning from the funeral of a brother-in-law in South Carolina and the attack occurred as he entered his home.

Sheppard was a native of Cherokee County, S. C., and a retired employe of Mauney Mills. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sheppard.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Florence Reba Limbaugh Sheppard. His first wife, Mrs. Katie Moss Sheppard, died in 1946.

Other survivors include three sons, Elmer of Shelby, James Limbaugh of Kings Mountain and Robert Limbaugh of Greenville, S. C., and six daughters, Mrs. Geneva Arrowood of Cherryville, Mrs. Maude Proctor, Mrs. Ruth Rigdon and Mrs. Nettie Kimbrough, all of Greenville, S. C., Mrs. Texie Hicks of Danville, Va. and Mrs. Ellen Aiken of Norfolk, Va.

Also surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Mirmie Harry and Mrs. Sally Neal of Bessemer City and Mrs. Rhoda Hayden of Laurens, S. C., 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Dixon's Rites Conducted
Funeral rites for Mrs. Dessie Blanche Dixon, 70, wife of W. E. Dixon of route two, were held Tuesday at 4 p. m. from Bethlehem Baptist church of which she was a member.

Mrs. Dixon died Sunday afternoon after an illness of over a year. She was a native of Cherokee County, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mauney Stewart. She was a member of Bethlehem Baptist church.

She is survived by her husband, three daughters, Miss Ovedia Dixon at home; and Mrs. George Furtenberry of Grover; and two sons, Robert Dixon of Charlotte and Boyce Dixon of the U. S. Army stationed in Hawaii; two brothers, Forrest Stewart of Charleston, S. C., and Edward J. Stewart of Kings Mountain; and 13 grandchildren.

The final rites were conducted by Rev. Norman Brown, assisted by Rev. W. G. Camp. Interment was in the church cemetery.



RECEIVES DEGREE — The Kings Mountain college students pictured above are receiving diplomas this week. At top, left, is Richard Spencer who is graduating with BA degree in sociology from Limestone college at Gaffney, and at top, right, is Curtis George, son of Mr. and Mrs. John George, who graduated with BS degree from Erskine college. Below, left, is John McGinnis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. McGinnis, who won his AB degree in business from Lenoir Rhyne college at Hickory, and, below right, is Dennis F. Troutman, awarded the degree of doctor of dental surgery from UNC School of Dentistry at Chapel Hill. Dr. Troutman is married to the former Patsy Harmon of Kings Mountain.

Armory Low Bids Totaled \$135,368

Kings Mountain Firm Is Low On Plumbing

Bids were opened at the Kings Mountain Armory site of the Kings Mountain National Guard Unit on Thursday. The new armory will be built on the site of the present armory at the corner of Phifer Road and Mountain Street.

Mayor Kelly Dixon, Commissioner Ben Bridges, and City Clerk Joe McDaniel, representing the City of Kings Mountain were present and approved the bids on behalf of the city. Captain Samuel H. Houston, company commander approved the bids for the National Guard unit.

Lt. Elbert McPhaul, state engineer for the Adjutant General's Department and Donald Holloway, of Lt. McPhaul's office, approved the bids for the State of North Carolina.

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Word "Facade" Eliminates Glynda

Glynda Lynn, 13, Kings Mountain spelling champ, missed the word "facade" Wednesday and was eliminated in the fifth round of competition in the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D. C.

The East school seventh grade, as regional spelling champ, is sponsored by the Charlotte Observer. She and her mother flew to Washington for the contests on Saturday.

Seventy-three contestants are entered in the national contest and 43 were still in the running after the fifth round. The first 55 who stumble during the 34th annual contest win \$50 each and other prizes total over \$5,000.

Commencement Exercises Friday; Pfeiffer President Is Speaker

Dr. J. Lem Stokes, president of Pfeiffer college at Misenheimer, will address the 1961 graduating class of Kings Mountain high school in commencement exercises Friday.

The program, which will feature presentation of diplomas to 104 seniors, will begin at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium.

Principal Harry Jaynes will award diplomas and Herman Campbell, Jr., will introduce the speaker. Class president Clifford Kircus, Jr., will present the class gift to the school. A group of students, Priscilla Williams, Rebecca Powers, Marcia Moore, Paula Almond, Glenda Stroupe, Charlene Yates, Clifford Kircus, Jr., Jerry Adams, Billie Jones, Larry Smith, Herman Campbell, Jr., and James Fisher, will sing "No Man Is An Island." Diana Hamrick will sing "The Lord's Prayer" as the benediction.

Dr. Stokes became Pfeiffer president in July, 1953. During his administration the school has increased in enrollment from 150 to nearly 900 and has moved from a junior college status to an accredited senior college. During this time more than \$2 million have been expended in the erection of new buildings and in the expansion of the old ones, and approximately \$1 million have been added to the endowment.



SPEAKER — Dr. J. Lem Stokes, president of Pfeiffer college, will be commencement speaker at Kings Mountain high school.

Faculty and staff have increased from 27 to more than 100.

Born in Songdo, Korea, the son of missionary parents, Dr. Stokes' early schooling was pursued under the tutelage of his mother. He was graduated from the Seoul Foreign College, earned his A. B. (Continued on Page Eight)

ARP-Catholic Transaction Is Completed

The Boyce Memorial ARP church property at Piedmont avenue and King street became the property of the Roman Catholic church Wednesday.

Check for the balance of the \$50,000 purchase price was delivered to N. F. McGill, ARP trustee, and deed to the plant was conveyed.

Rev. Thomas Clement, already at work on the former manse, said the new Catholic church will be called Christ the King Catholic church. He has been assigned responsibility for the church, along with St. Mary's in Shelby, and Church of the Immaculate Conception, Forest City.

Meantime, Rev. Andre Corbin will come to Kings Mountain June 5 to serve as assistant pastor.

Rev. Clement said he hoped it would be possible to hold initial services in the church by mid-month.

Meantime, the ARP church has removed all of its retained personal properties with the exception of the organ, which is to be removed on Friday, and will hold services Sunday for the first time in West School, which it is renting from the board of education as temporary quarters until it constructs a new plant on Edgemont avenue.

Plans for the new structure are nearing the completion stage, church officials said this week. J. L. Beam and associates, of Cherryville, is architect.

Bloodmobile Back June 13

Kings Mountain Baptist church will again be host to the Red Cross bloodmobile when it returns for a June 12 collection.

On the recent visit, Kings Mountain Baptist church was the collection center and more than 200 persons donated blood.

"We are most appreciative of the invitation to use the church's air-conditioned quarters," Mrs. O. W. Myers, Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter blood program chairman, said.

Goal for the upcoming visit is 180 pints.

In spite of the recent large collection, the community was still tagged with a 59 pint deficit through April 30. Use estimates indicate that a collection of 180 pints would assure the chapter of completing the year with the blood books balanced.

"This would be an outstanding achievement for Kings Mountain and should be a challenge to every individual, every industrial and civic organization to put forth every effort. It is not only a matter of civic pride, but community responsibility. Last year, a number of chapters reached the yearly quota, while many others attained a 95 percent goal," Mrs. Myers said.

Mrs. Harmon's Uncle Succumbs

Funeral rites for J. Archie Willis, 69, of Woodruff, S. C., uncle of Mrs. Martin Harmon, of Kings Mountain, will be held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at First Presbyterian church in Woodruff.

Mr. Willis, a veteran newspaperman, died early Tuesday at Charlotte Memorial hospital.

He had retired from the Charlotte Observer, where he served as farm editor, in 1952 due to ill health. Since he had served as part-time advertising aid to a Charlotte bank.

In 1912, he was elected to the S. C. House of Representatives from Laurens County while he was 20 years old. He had to wait until his 21st birthday to take his seat because of the constitutional age requirement.

A graduate of Wofford College, Willis also studied at Heidelberg University in Germany. He began his newspaper career in Key West, Fla., and later served in Atlanta, Birmingham, Albuquerque, N. Mex., Greenville, S. C., Chicago and New York. He came to Charlotte as farm editor of the News and then moved to the Observer in 1948.

Surviving are his wife, the former Annie Lou Erby; sisters, Mrs. Ostale Owens and Mrs. Lola Moore of Greycourt, S. C., and Mrs. Maud Willis of Owens, S. C.; brother, Vernon Willis of Owens.

IN NEW POSITION
Robert H. Goforth, bookkeeper at Hoke Electric Company, joined the staff of Shelby Supply Company Monday. He is succeeding at Hoke Electric by Bob Huhender.

Board Of Education At Work On Arrangements For '61 '62



NEW ADMINISTRATION — The six men in the picture above will manage City of Kings Mountain affairs for the ensuing two years. The picture was taken shortly after oathing by the May 23 run-off winners. Left to right are T. J. Ellison, Ward 3, Eugene M. Goforth, Ward 2, Ben H. Bridges, Ward 4, Mayor Kelly Dixon, J. E. (Zip) Rhea, Ward 5, and Ray W. Cline, Ward 1. Mr. Rhea was elected mayor pro tempore.

State Team To Give Advice On Problems

Kings Mountain's board of education, already coming to grips with the physical problems of consolidating the expanding district system, will get some advisory help next week from a team from the state department of public instruction.

Superintendent B. N. Barnes said he had been notified by Dr. Charles Carroll, state superintendent, that a group of officials will come here either June 8 or 9 to survey the situation and offer recommendations on the basis of prior experience in other parts of the state.

"We'd requested help several weeks ago and are glad they're coming," Supt. Barnes said.

Basic problems, Mr. Barnes noted, are:

- 1) Assignment of pupils;
- 2) Utilization of facilities for best use; and
- 3) Concurrent transportation problems.

An early idea of the board of education was that the Grover plant would be utilized for all district eighth graders. L. W. Alexander, of Newton, area bus route supervisor, in two visits here during the past week expressed doubt the plan would be feasible, both from standpoint of available buses and operating costs. He also pointed out that the plan might prove unsatisfactory to patrons, particularly Grovers, due to too early departure hours.

Negro leaders have also asked the board of education for an early meeting to discuss plans for assignment changes in their schools, which include the Compact and Davidson units. Additionally, by the area merger, about 90 pupils now attending Washington school are effected, Supt. Barnes said.

Under the present school transportation arrangement, school districts are required to buy their own buses. After the initial purchase, the state pays maintenance expense and replaces them. The Kings Mountain district will inherit the buses previously assigned to the area by the county district and Mr. Alexander has indicated will require a minimum of three additional buses.

Under the state statute, the physical merger of the district will occur July 1, beginning of the state's new fiscal year.

Administration Sworn, Organized

Graduation Day Continuous Here

For the past seven years, every graduation season has been one of personal importance to the Paul H. McGinnis family.

In 1955, Anita McGinnis was graduated from Kings Mountain high school and four years later won an A. B. degree in sociology at Lenoir-Rhyne college.

Paul McGinnis, Jr., received a B. S. in chemical engineering from North Carolina State in 1956, won the M. S. degree at State in 1958, and added a doctorate in chemical engineering, also at State, in 1960.

John McGinnis, junior member of the family, got his school diploma in 1957, picks up his college diploma, an A. B. in business administration, at Lenoir-Rhyne this weekend.

J. E. Rhea Is Elected Mayor Pro Tem

Remaining members of the newly elected city administration took office last Thursday morning.

A large crowd assembled to see Mayor Kelly Dixon and Commissioners Ben H. Bridges, Eugene M. Goforth and J. E. (Zip) Rhea sworn into office by Judge Jack White and, later, to be photographed. Hubert Carlisle, former Kings Mountain photographer now of Shelby, also took movie film of the new commission in session for the Greenville, S. C., television station. These films were used on news broadcasts later in the day.

After the formalities, the commission met in brief special session.

Since the law specifies that city employes are unemployed from the moment a new commission is sworn, the commission acted immediately to retain all employes at same pay rates for an indefinite period.

Later, on motion of T. J. Ellison and Ray Cline's second, the board voted to pay Mayor Dixon for 30 days at the rate Mayor Bridges was paid, a gross of \$600.

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Margaret Jackson Wins Scholarship

Margaret Ann Jackson, high school senior, is one of eight Honor Scholars recently awarded scholarships by Mary Baldwin college in Staunton, Va.

All high-ranking students, the eight winners were chosen on merit as indicated by school records, college entrance examination scores, character, and qualities of leadership.

Miss Jackson will be among 190 freshmen enrolling at the Presbyterian institution in September.

The Kings Mountain student is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Wood Jackson.

All Is Quiet At City Hall

In contrast to a week ago, all was quiet yesterday at City Hall, the biennial election a matter of history, and the regular routine of city business resumed.

Mayor Kelly Dixon was out and about with Grady Yelton, public works superintendent.

Though the administration numbers only one holdover, there hadn't been a commission meeting since inauguration day and none had been scheduled.

This won't last long, said City Clerk Joe McDaniel, as work on the forthcoming year's budget is progressing to the point it demands commission attention.

To aid the commission, the clerk has prepared a folder for the mayor and each commissioner containing some important figures on departmental revenues and expenses for 1959-60, estimated receipts and expenses for the year ending June 30 on basis of 11 months' operation, as well as a digest of commission duties, requirements and prerogatives. The folder also includes a chart of the city's bonded indebtedness outstanding.

Union Services To Start Sunday

Union services to be held at various Kings Mountain churches Sunday nights during the summer are to begin this week. Seven churches will serve as hosts for the successive weekly services at 8 p. m.

The first service this Sunday, June 4th, will be held at the First Presbyterian church. Dr. Paul K. Ausley, pastor of the church, will deliver the message.

The following churches will participate in the series: First Presbyterian, Kings Mountain Baptist, St. Matthew's Lutheran, Central Methodist, Trinity Episcopal, Boyce Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian, and Resurrection Lutheran.

Although the schedule has not been completed, services for the first six weeks are as follows:

- June 4 — First Presbyterian
- June 11 — Kings Mountain Baptist
- June 18 — St. Matthew's Lutheran
- June 25 — Central Methodist
- July 2 — Trinity Episcopal
- July 9 — Boyce Memorial A. R. P. (service at Kings Mountain Baptist Church)

Applications Are Being Received For Rural Postal Carrier Posts

An examination for Rural Carrier for the post office at Kings Mountain, will be open for acceptance of applications until June 20, 1961, the United States Civil Service Commission announced today.

Postmaster Charles Alexander said he anticipated two appointments will be made, to succeed Carriers Lloyd Phifer and W. B. Logan, retired.

Substitute Carriers Ervin Hughes and Edwin Moore have been handling these routes for several months and have indicated they will take the examinations.

Armed services veterans will get a five-point advantage, while disabled war veterans will get a ten-point advantage.

Postmaster Alexander said law requires that the appointments be made from the persons placing the first three on the written qualification examination. Should the two appointments be made, it would have the effect of assuring that the appointments must be made from the top four qualifiers, as the exams will establish an eligible list.

Congressman Basil L. Whiteaker will make the appointments and has previously indicated he will endorse recommendations of the Democratic precinct committees in the Kings Mountain area, which includes Bethware, East and West Kings Mountain.

The precinct committees several weeks ago declined to approve transfer recommendations of Postmaster Alexander, a Republican appointee.

Applicants must take a written test. They must have resided within the delivery of the office for one year immediately preceding the closing date of the examination. In addition, they must have reached their 18th birthday on the closing date for acceptance of applications. There is no maximum age limit. However persons who have passed the age of 70 may be considered only for temporary renewable appointments of one year.

Complete information about the examination requirements and instructions for filing applications may be obtained at the post office for which this examination is being announced. Application forms must be filed with the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C., and must be received or postmarked not later than the closing date.

Mrs. Smith's Father Passes

Funeral rites for D. M. McGuire, 87, father of Mrs. Vernon Smith of Kings Mountain, were held Saturday morning at 11 o'clock from Brown Funeral Home of Seneca, S. C.

Mr. McGuire had been a frequent visitor here of the Smith family on Meadowbrook road. He had also visited with other members in his family in Augusta, Ga.

The Smiths went to Seneca Saturday for the final rites.