

Population

Greater Kings Mountain
City Limits 10,320
8,008

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Local News Bulletins

IMPROVING

Judy and Michael Coxey, children of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Adam Coxey, critically injured in an automobile accident June 13 which proved fatal to their parents were said much improved at Kings Mountain Hospital Wednesday morning.

ON DEAN'S LIST

Judy Cooper and Charles David Sellers, Kings Mountain students at Lenoir Rhyne college, were listed on the dean's list for the semester just ended.

FAIRVIEW LODGE

Fairview Lodge 339 AF & AM will hold an emergency communication Monday, June 26 at 7:30 p. m. at the Masonic Hall, according to secretary T. D. Tindall.

OPTIMISTS MEET

The Optimists Club of Kings Mountain will meet for its regular weekly session Thursday at 7:30 p. m. at Grace Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Speaker for the evening will be newly elected Mayor of Kings Mountain, Kelly Dixon.

ON DEAN'S LIST

Two Kings Mountain students at Appalachian State Teacher's college have been listed on the dean's list for the spring term. They are Mitchell Ann Lynn, junior, and William Clyde Gorrill, freshman.

NO WRECKERS

City Police officers reported no automobile accidents within the city limits during the past week.

NO PERMITS

City Building Inspector M. H. Biser issued no building permits the past week.

FALSE ALARM

City Fireman C. D. Ware said Wednesday morning the department had only one alarm, it a false one, during the past week.

SALE

The Young Adult class of Penley's Chapel Methodist church is sponsoring the sale of hot dogs with accessories and homemade cakes Saturday from 10 a. m. until 6 p. m. in the church fellowship hall. Delivery service may be obtained by calling 739-2127.

KIWANIS CLUB

Miss Louise Kiser, a former Kings Mountain teacher, will show slides of her trip to the Holy Land at Thursday night's Kiwanis club meeting at 6:45 at the Woman's Club. Miss Kiser, who now teaches in the Mecklenburg County Schools, is the daughter of A. S. Kiser of Kings Mountain.

BIBLE SCHOOL CONTINUES

Vacation Bible School is continuing at Macedonia Baptist church through Friday. The Macedonia school is held daily from 5 to 8 p. m. Rev. Wayne Ashe, pastor, has announced that commencement exercises will be held Sunday evening at 7 p. m. at the regular worship hour.

TO INSTITUTE

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JOINS STAFF

Miss Norma Kay Toms of Forest City will join the staff of Bessie's Beauty Shop on Monday, according to announcement by Miss Bessie Bumgardner. Miss Toms was formerly employed as a beautician in Cliffside.

Twelve Scouts Seek 'Sponsors'

Want to sponsor a Boy Scout at camp?

If so, Otis C. Falls, Jr., Troop 91 Scoutmaster, will be happy to furnish all details.

Twenty-seven of the 50-plus Scouts in Troop 91 are planning summer camp activities. Of this group, 12 will need financial assistance in order to attend camping sessions.

Sponsors may contact Mr. Falls or Jack Hauser.

Newton Rumored On Highway Board

N & O Newsman Says Shelbion Will Be Named

Clint Newton, of Shelby, is being appointed a member of the newly-created 16-man State Highway and Public Works commission, the Herald learned early Wednesday afternoon.

Woodrow Price, of the Raleigh News & Observer-Times staff, had just learned from what he termed "the horse's mouth" the names of the 16 the Governor is expected to appoint when he returns from the National Governor's conference at Honolulu.

Paul Younts, of Charlotte, is also to be a member of the new commission.

Mr. Newton was an area manager for Governor Sanford in the 1960 primary and general election campaigns. Mr. Newton's area included five counties.

Mr. Newton resigned several weeks ago from the State Alcoholic Board of Control, a position to which he had been appointed by Governor Luther Hodges. He was replaced by Jack Mabry, of Shelby.

Board Names Committeemen

Members of the district school Advisory Committees were appointed by school board members at Monday night's session at Central High School. The action was virtually a reappointment of present members.

The Bethware school committee consists of Hill Lowery, Tom Hamrick, Stokes Wright, Gene Hoyle and Harold Herndon.

Two members of the Park Grace committee, James and Harold Cloninger, were reappointed and (Alec Owens was elected to fill the post of J. T. Malcolm who resigned when he moved to Florida.

Luther Jamerson, Andrew Brown, Sr., Roy Bell, Elijah Ross, and Clarence Adams were reappointed as the Compact School advisory committee.

The board deferred action on appointment of members to the Grover school committee in the absence of Holmes Harry, board member from Grover.

In other action the board:

- 1) Heard a report from Supt. Barnes that Dr. J. L. Pierce, Director of the State Division of School Planning and Dr. Proffitt, principal of Western Carolina College lab school have made a survey of the entire physical setup of the city administrative unit and upon formal request will make a recommendation of, in their opinion, the best organization of the newly consolidated schools.

Mr. Barnes reported he filed formal request for the recommendation June 12 in a letter outlining all considered plans for the consolidation. Plans listed for white schools are:

- Plan A: Transfer all high school pupils from Grover and Bethware High Schools to the Kings Mountain High School plant and transfer from the Kings Mountain High School building the 7th grade (2 sections) and whatever number of

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New Books Given To Local Library

Autographed copies of James Thronburg's "Man on the Moon" and Dr. Allan E. Barkley's "Hanseland" have been presented to Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library.

Mr. Thronburg is a Kings Mountain native, son of Mr. and Mrs. Y. F. Thronburg.

Dr. Barkley autographed his gift copy as a gift from Dr. N. H. Reed, Kings Mountain optometrist, and from himself.

Synod Appoints Mrs. McGill

Mrs. Lena Ware McGill, Kings Mountain school trustee, has been appointed to the board of trustees of Erskine college by the Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church.

Mrs. McGill was named to a five-year term expiring in 1966. She had served a previous term on the board several years ago and retired only recently as president of the college's Alumni association.

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School Bill Is Ratified

Senate Bill 426, amending Chapter 559 of Public-Local laws of 1955, was ratified into law Monday night.

The bill, introduced by Senator Robert Morgan on June 3, was requested by the Kings Mountain board of education on advice of bond attorneys.

It was labeled an "insurance" bill to assure the board of education it will be legally empowered to offer a school construction bond election on a district basis, in event county-wide bond financing is not continued.

The statute applies to Alamance, Burke, Franklin, Gates, Orange and Pitt counties, as well as to Cleveland.

Funeral rites for James Crowder Ware, 59, were held Wednesday at 2 p. m. from El Bethel Methodist church of which he was a member.

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Friday — Busy Day At City Library

Friday, June 9th was a record "check-out" day at Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library, Librarian Mrs. Charles Dilling reported.

Mrs. Dilling noted that on Friday some 224 books were "checked out" from the book shelves to Kings Mountain area readers.

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Brown Doubts Shelby Support For School Bonds

Malcolm Brown, superintendent of Shelby city schools, told the Herald Wednesday he and members of his board of education are of the opinion that Shelby district citizens would be likely to vote against any school construction program, county-wide or Shelby district.

"I would certainly be unhappy to see Kings Mountain and county district citizens supporting a county-wide bond issue, only to see Shelby folk defeat it. It would delay Kings Mountain and the county at least a year," Supt. Brown said.

Mr. Brown was commenting on a story in the Tuesday Shelby Star, in which Max Hamrick, county auditor, had projected some figures on possible tax rates under a \$4.5 million county-wide bond issue for school construction.

Asked to explain his thinking on the "why" Shelby district should receive \$170,000 more than a student per capita share of the funds, Supt. Brown said Shelby district citizens will have paid their \$1,250,000 debt by that amount and feel they should be reimbursed. He also noted the interest tab will have reached \$100,000 by the projected voting date, guessed other election expenses totaled about \$250.

"We have only recently voted bonds and my telephone has been jangling enough to convince me that it is going to be hard to explain to Shelby citizens why they should support another sizeable bond issue," Supt. Brown continued.

Supt. Brown does not like the student per capita agreement between the three school units on capital expense. He says that capital funds should be expended on basis of need. Supt. B. N. Barnes of Kings Mountain district likes the per capita sharing, thinks it both practical and fair.

The current student population division is:

- Shelby, 26.26 percent; Kings Mountain, 24.48 percent; county, 49.26 percent. Per capita division of \$4.5 million would give Shelby \$1,181,700, Kings Mountain \$1,101,600, and the county \$2,216,700.

Auditor Hamrick gave these estimates:

- On a \$4.5 million bond issue the county tax rate could be expected to escalate 40 cents in the first year principal payments came due. He estimated that Kings Mountain's rate, on a \$1,100,000 bond issue might require a 50 cents rate.

Supt. Barnes said he had not penciled tax rate possibilities on Kings Mountain district financing, but that Trustees Fred W. Plonk and Holmes Harry had

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Committee Shears \$110,000 From City Budget Requests

Industrial Firms Announce Summer Holiday Schedules

Many Employees To Vacation July 1 To 10

Many Kings Mountain industrial employees will get vacations the week of July 1-10 — the traditional "Fourth of July" vacation — but some won't, a partial survey of Kings Mountain firms showed Wednesday.

Firms closing for the week include Neisler division of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, Mauney Hosiery Company, Lambeth Rope Corporation, Bonnie Cotton Mills, Mauney Mills, Inc., Slater Brothers, Inc., and Phenix plant of Burlington Mills.

Carl F. Mauney, of Carolina Throwing Company, said plans for this firm are still indefinite. Craftsman Yarns, Inc., still in the process of re-equipping, expects to operate on regular schedule.

At least three firms will provide vacation pay.

Lambeth Rope Corporation will provide a week's pay, and James Amos, Massachusetts Mohair controller, said vacation payments will total \$40,000.

Phenix plant of Burlington Industries will observe the week of July 2-8 as a vacation week, it was announced by Supt. Ben Grimes, Jr. The plant will close at the end of operations on Saturday July 1 and will resume operations on Monday, July 10, he said.

Mr. Grimes said that all eligible employees are to receive vacation pay based on length of service.

Gilstad, Ramseur At Boys' State

Claire Gilstad and Bill Ramseur are at Chapel Hill this week, where they are representing Kings Mountain at annual Boys State, sponsored jointly by the University of North Carolina, the American Legion and the Institute of Government.

The representatives were driven to Chapel Hill Sunday by D. Morrison, commander of Otis D. Green Post 155, and Gene Gibson.

Childless couples don't qualify, age do couples under 36 years of age. Also, it has been found preferable to have school-age children in the host family.

For the past three years, Kings Mountain has enjoyed the company of foreign visitors. Graeme Reeves, of New Zealand, lived at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Padgett, Pierre Dasen, of Switzerland, lived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Plonk. Kirsten Zachow, of Denmark, lived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hovis.

Aim of the program — operated under the name of American Field Service — is to build international understanding through living together.

Tom Trott is current chairman of the Kings Mountain committee.

Arthur Smith Show Saturday

Arthur Smith and his Crackerjacks will appear in person at Central High School auditorium Saturday at 8:00 p. m. for a show sponsored by the Optimist Club of Kings Mountain.

Proceeds from the program will go to further the Optimist Club boys work.

The program will feature the entire cast of the WBTV program including the Crackerjacks, Brother Ralph and Cousin Phud, the Oostroads Quartet, Tommy Felle, Little Wayne Haas, and Ray and Lois Atkins in addition to songs and instrumentals by Arthur and Sonny Smith.

Optimist President Dean Payne urges all local citizens to attend the show, commenting the program should afford a highly entertaining evening and also noted the proceeds go to the Boys Work fund.

Admission to the program will be \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for students.

The board would also like to know which school registration

Commission May Consider Budget Friday

The city board of commissioners may convene Friday night to adopt tentatively its 1961-62 budget, shorn by \$110,000 from initial requests and in balance at \$697,213.

City Clerk Joe McDaniel, on the pairing committee along with Mayor Kelly Dixon, Comm. Ben H. Bridges and Public Works Supt. Grady Yelton, gave these estimates the committee will recommend to the commission:

Departmental disbursements— Cemetery, \$8,089, up about \$1,000 over the year ending next week;

Administrative \$22,560, off \$250;

Sanitary, \$79,862, off \$250;

Police court — \$44,780, same as 1960-61;

Fire, \$19,979, up \$250;

General, \$57,479, off \$700;

Water & sewer, \$62,336, up \$3,000;

Electrical, \$192,879, up \$3,000;

Debt service, \$30,000 principal, \$13,915 interest and commissions, off \$1400;

Capital outlay, \$106,446, up \$5,000;

Contingency fund, \$33,199, up \$13,000.

The axe fell on \$4980 in new paving, \$3100 in sewer lines, \$32,000 in water lines; \$8700 in curb-and-gutter installations, \$15,000 for a payloader, \$5300 for an air compressor, \$650 for a pavement breaker, \$650 for the \$5000 request for an electrical system survey. Also eliminated were \$11,000 asked for street re-surfacing and \$300 in stone for paving.

The police department had asked for about \$62,000.

In the capital account, additions were four hydrants, two radiotelephones for the police department and stone for Alexander street.

Next year's big money, as usual, will come from sale of utilities, the committee estimating that this year's \$402,000 sales will increase to \$415,000. Estimated tax collections, at \$145 per \$100 valuation, are \$151,000. Powell full street mileage is pared slightly to \$31,433. Big item, too, is the estimated surplus of \$40,000, the clerk foresees at June 30.

Another item unbudgeted that may loosen the budget a bit is the \$10,000 expected from the county as a reimbursement on the National Guard Armory project.

In spite of the cut in request for an electrical system survey, the survey is anticipated. The balance will come from dividends on utilities deposits previously earmarked for that purpose.

It's Quieter With 85 Open

Residents and business citizens who live on Kings street and S. Battleground avenue found it unusually quiet Monday morning.

The quiet was produced by the State Highway department, as it opened a two-lane strip of Interstate 85, eliminating the detour through Kings Mountain.

The quietude produced mixed emotions.

Service stations along the route had found themselves back in fast business for several weeks, and other businesses such as drug stores and restaurants also could note a difference in their gross volume.

For the average motorist, the highway patrol and police department, there was considerable relief, the southbound turn at Battleground and King was a considerable traffic hazard.

All of the increased business wasn't free.

One service station operator commented, "We've lost some of our hometown customers. The place was so clogged, they couldn't get in."

Interstate 85 was closed to low-bridges three feet under four bridges, a highway department spokesman said. It was a national defense order to assure highway accommodations of major weapons.

The spokesman declined to estimate cost of the change.