

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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County Grange To Hear Caldwell

Local News Bulletins

ON DEAN'S LIST

Robert B. Early has been named to the Dean's List for the second semester at Belmont Abbey college, Belmont, N. C., recently announced by the Rev. Anselm Biggs, O. S. B., Academic Dean. A rising junior at the Abbey, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake W. Early of 403 East King street.

AT CONFERENCE

Sam S. Weir, Jr., representative of Metropolitan Life Insurance company, is in Virginia Beach, Va., for a business conference with officials of the Company at the Cavalier Hotel. Mr. Weir, had an exceptional sales and service record last year and is among the top-ranking members of the Metropolitan's staff of almost 30,000 field representatives in the United States and Canada.

FAMILY NIGHT

Dixon Presbyterian church will hold family night Thursday with supper to be served at 6:30 p. m. A meeting of Presbytery's Church Extension committee will follow.

BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School, for children, young people and adults, will be held at Dixon Presbyterian church Monday and continuing through Friday. Classes will be held from 6:30 until 8:30 each evening. Rev. James Mann, pastor, will serve as superintendent of the school.

AT ROTC CAMP

James Allen Pressly is among 1550 ROTC cadets who reported to Fort Bragg June 17 for a six-week training session. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Pressly and a pre-medical student at Davidson college.

NO FIRES

City Fireman C. D. Ware said Wednesday morning the Kings Mountain Fire Department had no alarms during the past week.

ON DEAN'S LIST

Miss Norma Kay Hamrick, rising senior at Guilford College, was listed on the dean's list for the semester just ending. Miss Hamrick is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Hamrick.

City Police Nab Escaped Convicts

Two escaped convicts, Gerald Blakenship, 19, and Douglas C. Culpepper, Jr., 22, were taken in by city police officers. Enos Freeman and R. B. Carrigan Friday night as the two escapees walked along the road on W. King Street.

R. B. Carrigan said Wednesday he and Mr. Freeman were patrolling and noticed the two, clad in prison khaki, and burdened with cigarette packages and other articles, and stopped to inquire.

The two gave false names at first and denied having escaped from a road gang, but Saturday admitted their escape from State Comp No. 24 in Virginia.

Blankenship was serving 10 years for breaking and entering, larceny, and previous escape. Culpepper, who reportedly has a long record, was serving 10-13 years for breaking and entering.

They were arrested near the Wisby-Washly laundrette just inside the Kings Mountain city limits.

Questioned about the supply of cigarettes, chewing tobacco, aspirin, cigars, razor blades, and shoe strings they had, the two admitted taking them from a store in Virginia near the prison camp. However, they said, they did not break in. Someone had already entered the store before they arrived. They merely took advantage of the situation and made off with the aforementioned supplies.

The two men told Desk Sergeant William Roper they were headed for California when caught.

Township Group Host To County At Bethware

Harry B. Caldwell, Master of the North Carolina State Grange, will address members of Cleveland Pomona Grange at Bethware school Thursday night.

Number 4 Township Grange will be host for the event, beginning at 8 o'clock.

The county's unit includes three other community sub-groups: Belwood, Number 1 Township, and Palkville.

Mr. Caldwell, of Greensboro, is also chairman of the federal advisory committee on agriculture. Also here for the Tuesday night event will be Virgil Settle, of Elk, State Grange special deputy.

The Number 4 Township group was organized last spring.

The Grange is a fraternal order embracing the whole family. It was founded in 1867 by seven Masons.

According to the National Grange brochure, the Grange serves as a legislative force, as an education too, as a voice for rural citizens, as a community service organization, and as a social and recreational organization.

The Grange is politically non-partisan and non-sectarian.

Plans For Aging To Be Formulated

Representatives of Kings Mountain civic and service organizations and Kings Mountain ministers will meet at the Woman's Club Thursday night at 8 o'clock to discuss plans for participation in a county organization to alleviate problems of the aging.

Civic and service organizations have been asked to send two representatives to the meeting, which is being sponsored by the Woman's Club.

Members of the Woman's Club committee are Mrs. George H. Houser, Mrs. Paul Hendricks, Mrs. Paul Mauney, Mrs. O. W. Myers and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney.

Club Picnic On July 4th

Annual Lake Montonia club picnic for members, their families and guests will be held July 4th.

The all-day event will feature numerous contests for children and adults, including swimming, fishing, horseshoe pitching and shuffleboard.

Picnic supper will be served at 7 p.m. at the picnic area.

One feature of the July 4th party will be a contest which will award trophies to the person catching the largest bass (by weight count) from the lake. This contest will be open from 5 a.m. Tuesday until 6 p.m. when winners will be announced.

The event customarily attracts a large crowd.

Savings & Loan Firms Will Pay Record Semi-Annual Dividend

Kings Mountain's two savings and loan associations Friday will pay record semi-annual dividends of \$130,159 to shareholders.

Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association will distribute \$55,344.50 to 1,460 holders of optional savings accounts and full-paid shares. Dividends to shareholders at the rate of four percent per year include \$29,034.62 to holders of optional savings accounts and \$36,309.88 to holders of full-paid shares.

Home Savings & Loan association will distribute dividends to approximately 2,500 investors totaling \$74,815, including \$38,773.33 to optional savings accounts holders and \$36,041.67 to holders of full-paid shares. Dividends are payable at the rate of four percent per annum.

Payments on savings accounts since July 1, 1960 at the two financial institutions will total \$255,015.65 to over 3,900 investors. First Union National Bank will also distribute semi-annual dividends to savings account holders on Friday but these figures were not available Wednesday.

Palmer Says Assembly Did Excellent Job

On balance, the 1961 General Assembly did a very excellent job, Rep. Jack Palmer of Cleveland, told members of the Kings Mountain Lions club and their guests Tuesday night.

Summarizing the work of the recent session, Rep. Palmer detailed the major legislation enacted, pointing out items he favored and opposed, and noted some legislation he felt should have passed which didn't.

He termed the legislature "a public education Assembly," but noted that the program, in the main, is long-term. Immediate benefits, he noted, are provisions for 1407 additional teachers for the coming year, provision for increased clerical assistance to schools, and adoption of a teacher merit pay pilot plan.

Rep. Palmer, noting he had served on the Appropriations committee and its sub-committee, said he opposed the sales tax on food at every opportunity, and late in the session favored exemption of milk and bread effective in 1962. He felt, he said, the estimate of \$50 million income from the food tax law by \$15 to \$20 million and had preferred a tobacco tax. He supported a crown tax "reluctantly," he noted, pointing out that coffee tea and other beverages are competitive. After all amendments were beaten, he favored the final bill.

On other matters: 1) The House met its re-apportionment mandate and it was passed by the Senate, while the Senate re-apportionment action was only taken.

2) The alternates on Congressional re-districting were to a) pare the districts by one or b) let all 11 Congressmen run state wide. The Far East and Far West said nay to the at-large plan and it was quickly apparent that GOP Rep. C. R. Jonas would be assigned to Reids, Kitchin, Whiteaker, "The House would have welcomed Lincoln in this district, but the Senate declined," he added.

3) Small loan legislation he supported pared the interest and service charges from a maximum of \$54 per \$100 to \$26.10 on the initial \$100, with declining rates on additional amounts.

4) Highway safety laws were tightened through the point system bill and plugging loopholes in the compulsory liability insurance law. At the same time, he praised the section which will provide cheaper rates for safe drivers and decried the Assembly's failure to adopt the drunkometer bill and the mechanical inspection bill. He commented, "I regard a driver's license as a privilege, not a right."

5) He urged support of the amendment, to be considered this autumn, for court system improvements. Provisions will require the Assembly, by 1971, to set up a uniform system of lower courts with comparable court costs throughout the state, and magistrates will be appointed by the Superior Court judge on recommendation of the clerk of court. The magistrate would become salaried, rather than fee-based.

6) The "blue law" won't make much difference in Cleveland county or elsewhere, wasn't meant to pass before 1963, its introducers thought.

Guests at the meeting included

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Moody Rules Valid Petition Would Be For Full District



GRADUATES — Guy Allan Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyer Murray, graduated recently with B. S. Degree in business administration from Bowling Green University. He also studied at Western Kentucky State college. Mr. Murray has accepted a position as Epidemiological Investigator for Public Health, State of Tennessee.

City Tentative Budget \$697,213

The city board of commissioners last week adopted tentatively the 1961-62 budget calling for receipts and expenditures of \$697,213.

The commission ratified tentatively the recommendation of its study committee by 4-0 vote. Commissioner Ben H. Bridges, who along with Mayor Kelly Dixon, City Clerk Joe McDaniel and Public Works Supt. Grady Yelton, serving on the committee, was absent.

Anticipated receipts include these major estimates: sale of utilities \$415,000; current taxes \$136,500; prior years' taxes, \$15,000; Powell street aid fund \$31,433; intangible taxes \$9,190; privilege licenses \$5,500; street improvements assessments \$9,000. Carried forward as a receipt item is \$40,000 in cash surplus.

The profitmaking electrical department is expected to spend \$192,897. Next major departmental expense is for capital outlay work, such as streets, equipment, water and sewer lines, curbing and gutters, and sidewalks, at \$106,446. The water and sewer department is expected to spend \$62,333 and the general department \$57,479. The city expects to spend \$79,862 for streets and \$44,780 for operation of its police department and recorder's court. A contingency fund of \$33,199 is also included.

The tentatively adopted budget provides no increases or decreases in salaries and wages. Salaries of city officials and department heads follow (portion of the gross salaries of the mayor, city clerk, and assistant clerk are paid by the natural gas system):

Mayor, \$4,200 with \$600 auto expense allowance; commissioners, \$300 each; city attorney \$1,200; city clerk \$4,280; assistant clerk \$3,355; billing clerk \$2,775; chief of police \$4,280; fire chief \$300; superintendent of public works \$4,891; recorder judge \$2,100; solicitor \$1,200; electrical superintendent \$4,891; cemetery superintendent \$3,669.

The budget for capital outlay includes \$2,100 for an electrical (Continued On Page Eight)

Aroma Of Mash Costly To Pair

The officers were taking a Sunday ride and the mash had an aroma, which wafted into the officers' nostrils.

They turned around at first distance, went the other way, but there wasn't any odor. Then they turned around again and picked up the rich smell.

That's the reason Fred Ware, 49, and Fletcher Johnson, 50-year-old Negro, both of Route 1, lost their 800-gallon copper still and wound up under arrest and booked for manufacture and possession of utensils for manufacturing illegal whiskey.

Ware and Johnson were arrested at the site of the still, on Dixon road about six miles south of Kings Mountain about 8:30 Monday night.

Talking part in the raid were Constable Charles W. Ford, and Deputies C. A. Huffstetler, B. A. Williams, Dale Costner, and J. W. Norman.

Holiday Nearing For Many Here

Many Retailers Get Two Days For Fourth

Kings Mountain merchants and industries have completed July 4 vacation schedules and the announcements show Kings Mountain employees will have a variety of "time off".

Financial institutions will observe the July 4 holiday but will be open for business Wednesday morning, July 5.

Grocery supermarkets of the community will close all day Tuesday, July 4, but will be open all day Wednesday, July 5.

Other merchants plan to be closed July 4 and 5, opening for business Thursday, July 6.

The Herald will be published on July 4 and production facilities of the plant will be closed Thursday through Saturday.

Many Kings Mountain industrial employees will celebrate the "Fourth of July" during a vacation period running July 1-10, but some won't, a survey of firms showed this week.

Closing for the week are Neisler Division of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, Mauney Hosiery Company, Lambeth Rope Corporation, Bonnie Cotton Mills Mauney Mills, Inc., Slater Brothers, Inc., Phenix Plant of Burlington Mills, Saddle Cotton Mills and Kings Mountain Mica Company.

Plans are indefinite at Carolina Throwing Company and Elmer Lumber Company.

Craftspun Yarns, Inc., still in the process of re-equipping, expects to operate on regular schedule.

Park Yarn Mills will close Monday and Tuesday, but reopen Wednesday, July 5.

Several firms plan vacation pay.

Lambeth Rope Corporation will provide a week's pay and vacation payment at Massachusetts Mohair will total \$40,000, according to comptroller James A. Amond.

Phenix Plant of Burlington Mills employees are to receive vacation pay based on length of service with the firm.

Kings Mountain Mica Company will also provide a week's pay.

New Surplus Guess \$60,000

City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., took a new look at potential accounts payable in the fiscal year ending Friday and found some pleasant news.

The city should end the fiscal year with a cash surplus of about \$60,000, rather than the earlier estimated \$40,000 which the commission used in its budget deliberations.

As is required by law, surplus is carried forward into the forthcoming budget, already tentatively adopted, and which must be adopted finally not later than July 28.

Mr. McDaniel declined to guess what purpose the additional \$20,000 might be put to use.

Fourth Of All Voters Required For Tax Vote

Ralph Moody, assistant attorney-general has informed attorney for the Kings Mountain board of education that 25 percent of the voters in the full consolidated district must petition for an election on the supplemental tax, if the petition is to be valid.

J. R. Davis, the attorney, said the attorney-general referred to the General Statutes 115-120 and added that the Moody ruling jibed with his own opinion.

Some 900 dissidents to the school merger have petitioned for another election on the district supplemental tax of 20 cents per \$100 valuation, but request the election in the annexed areas only.

Mr. Davis said he understood the board of education might convene Thursday to act on the petition. However, Chairman Fred W. Plonk, and Supt. B. N. Barnes could be reached late Wednesday afternoon.

Speculation continued on what action the dissidents might pursue.

Supt. Barnes said Tuesday that, when presenting the petition was presented, A. A. Powell, one of the dissidents' attorneys, indicated no particular haste in the Kings Mountain board's action. Since, however, George Hamrick, another of the dissidents' attorneys, had called requesting action prior to July 1.

On July 1, beginning of the fiscal year for all the state's governmental units, state law prescribes physical consolidation of any merged districts.

Last year, the dissidents obtained a temporary injunction late in June. The result was to forestall physical consolidation last July 1, though the injunction was squashed.

Troop 91 Scouts At Schiele Camp

Twenty-seven Troop 91 Boy Scouts left for a five-day stay at Schiele Scout Reservation on Lake Lanier Monday.

Family vacations and Little League baseball lowered the number attending, Scoutmaster Otis Falls, Jr., said.

Accompanying the group is Bill Cashion, former assistant Scoutmaster and recently appointed Kings Mountain's first Explorer Post advisor.

Accident Fatal To Jud C. Beason

Jud Clay Beason, 44, of Missoula, Montana, father of Mrs. Marshall Lockridge of Kings Mountain, has died in a hit-and-run accident.

Full details of the accident were not available Wednesday.

Survivors besides Mrs. Lockridge are four other daughters including Mrs. Frank Holtzclaw and Mrs. Otis Green of Cliffside; one son; his mother, Mrs. Pink Beason of Cliffside; three sisters, including Mrs. Lee Harrison of Mooresboro; and one brother.

Sandy Myers Trains For Pageant: One Lass Of Seven At Davidson

Sandy Myers, Miss Kings Mountain of 1961, is preparing for her entry in the Miss North Carolina Contest at Davidson College. She is one of seven girls attending summer classes with some 185 boys at the school.

And, she reports, three of the seven girls are married, making the competition less stiff.

"It has been quite an experience, so far," the perky five-foot, three-inch beauty noted last week.

"Everybody (the boys) are so attentive. They treat us girls like queens — carrying our cafeteria trays, books, and opening doors for us. I'm afraid Woman's College just won't be the same for me this fall."

City Rehiring Nicholson

Subsequent to his resignation, Mr. Nicholson entered the restaurant business and also did part-time gas service work.

Grady Yelton, superintendent of public works, also currently holds the position of gas superintendent.

Mr. Nicholson was a candidate for Ward 3 commissioner at the May 9 election and was a close second in a four-man field. However, he declined to call a runoff against the front-runner, T. J. Ellison, who was subsequently seated as a commissioner, succeeding Luther T. Bennett.

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RETURNING TO CITY — Corbett Nicholson will re-join the city as natural gas system superintendent. He will resume his duties not later than August 23.

Man Abandons Car On Tracks

An unidentified man drove his car some 20 feet up the north bound railroad tracks at the Linwood Road railroad crossing Friday at 8:50 p. m. and when witnesses to the strange occurrence at the scene asked him why, he turned and walked away.

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