

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

This figure for Greater Kings Mountain is derived from the 1955 Kings Mountain city directory census. The city limits figure is from the United States census of 1960.

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Board Designates Central Plant Area High School



CITY GETS SAFETY AWARD — Mayor Kelly Dixon and Chief of Police Martin Ware, flanked by N. C. State Motor Club officials Hughston Smith, Shelby, left, and Hugh Cranford, Charlotte, right display the traffic safety award presented by the officials last week. The award was made for "traffic safety improvement and service rendered to the motoring public for 1960. There were no in-city traffic fatalities during 1960. The lone fatality since January 19, 1959 this year occurred 95 days ago at the W. Gold rail crossing.

Local News Bulletins

MEETING POSTPONED
Second meeting of the Kings Mountain area planning group seeking to alleviate problems of the aging has been postponed one week to the evening of July 27. The meeting was first scheduled for Thursday night at the Woman's club.

LIONS TO HEAR MOSS
John H. Moss, president of the Western Carolina League, will address members of the Kings Mountain Lions club at their Tuesday night meeting at the Woman's Club at 7 o'clock. Mr. Moss will discuss player recruiting and other phases of professional baseball management, according to announcement by Dr. George W. Plonk, who arranged the program.

SUPPER
A ham and spaghetti supper with all the trimmings is being sponsored by the Senior Youth Class of Penley's Chapel Church, Saturday, July 22 in the recreation building. Serving will begin at 5 o'clock. Adult plates are \$1, and plates for children under 12 years are 50 cents.

HOMECOMING
Homecoming Day services will be held at the Tabernacle of Love on Second Street Sunday. Picnic dinner will be served at 1 p. m. and special singing will be a feature of the day's activities. Singers from other churches are invited.

PROMOTED
Fred W. Kiser of Hopkins, Minn., has been promoted to Senior Test Engineer at Motec Industries, Inc. (formerly Minneapolis-Moline). He is the son of A. S. Kiser of Kings Mountain.

POSTPONED
The July meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary, originally scheduled for tonight, has been postponed, according to announcement by auxiliary officials.

METER RECEIPTS
Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$132.35. City Clerk Joe McDaniel said, including \$103.35 from on-street meters, \$18 from over-parking fees and \$11 from off-street meters.

TO CONVENTION
Martin Harmon, Herald Editor, and Mrs. Harmon will attend the 89th annual convention of the North Carolina Press association in Charlotte which begins Thursday evening. Mr. Harmon is a member of the nominating committee of the Weekly North Carolina Press association, NCPA affiliate.

Twins Are Born To Two Couples

Two sets of twins were born in Kings Mountain last week. Mrs. Jack Chaney gave birth to twin girls shortly after midnight Thursday in the driveway of the Chaney home on Woodside drive. Mr. and Mrs. Chaney have three other children.

Mrs. Robert Hope gave birth to twin daughters Friday at Kings Mountain hospital. The Hopes are also parents of three other children.

Dr. Bumgardner Back From Peru

Dr. Harvey Bumgardner, Kings Mountain native and North Carolina State college professor, has recently returned from a five-week trip to Peru, where he appeared at a symposium on problems of animal production and consulted with Peru agriculture officials.

While in the South American country, Dr. Bumgardner judged the poultry at the Peru National Livestock exposition. His consultations with personnel of the Peru National Agriculture Experiment station covered three weeks.

At the symposium on animal problems, he discussed "Application of Genetics of Poultry Production." Dr. Bumgardner delivered the address in English, with simultaneous translation being made in Spanish.

His trip to Peru was co-sponsored by the International Cooperation Administration and the Soybean Council of America.

Dr. Bumgardner has been a member of the State College faculty since 1955, shortly after receiving his PhD degree from (Continued On Page Eight)

Miss Kings Mountain On Busy Schedule At Contest; Escorts Merely Cabbies; Parade On T-V Thursday

GREENSBORO — It's a "rat race" but fun. Accompanying Miss Kings Mountain to the state beauty competition I find a pleasant task.

And, there are 74 other lovelies vying for the Miss North Carolina title, besides.

"But the judges keep them well occupied. No chance for a fella to talk to 'em."

"And there'd be no time for dates, anyway."

The 75 contestants began Tuesday a rigid schedule, 5 a. m. rising bell and 12 midnight curfew.

Escorts (like Me — who was chairman of this year's Kings Mountain Jaycee contest) arise at 7:30 a. m., transport the contestants, with chaperones, to the various places. Miss Kings Mountain's mother, Mrs. Gordon Myers, is accompanying her.

Sandy Myers had breakfast with the judges Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock, returned that afternoon for a final interview with the nine men and women who will choose Saturday a successor to Ann Farrington Herring. Miss North Carolina arrived in Greensboro Wednesday morning, as did Miss America, Nancy Ann Fleming.

Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company honored the beauties at a banquet Tuesday.

The Thursday morning parade at 10 a. m. will be televised via Greensboro television stations.

Kings Mountain Is Presented Safety Award

The City of Kings Mountain was presented the N. C. State Motor Club's Traffic Safety Award Thursday "in recognition of its outstanding record of traffic safety improvement and service rendered to the motoring public."

The distinction was accorded Kings Mountain for its record of having no motor-vehicle fatalities within the city limits during 1960 and for a period of more than two years. The last traffic fatality was recorded Jan. 19, 1959.

At the award ceremony, the framed gold certificate was presented to Mayor Kelly Dixon and Chief of Police Martin Ware by Hugh Crawford, Charlotte division manager, and Hughston Smith, district manager from Cleveland County on behalf of "The South's Largest Motor Club" and the National Automobile Association, with which it is affiliated.

"It is a real privilege and a pleasure to present the City of Kings Mountain with the N. C. State Motor Club's award for its exceptional accomplishment in traffic safety," said Mr. Crawford. "To go for more than two years without a fatality calls for the finest kind of teamwork on the part of city officials, law enforcement officers and the public in general."

Mr. Smith commended the Kings Mountain Herald for the part it plays in the traffic safety effort through the forceful manner in which it consistently brings safety messages to the public's attention.

City To Ask Bids On Stadium Fieldhouse

BY DAVID BAITY

City Stadium may be equipped with a fieldhouse in the near future. City Commissioners Thursday night voted to let bids for the proposed structure.

Charles A. Neisler, Kiwanis Club president, told the board the club has considered the project, but finds cost is prohibitive for the Kiwanis Club alone. They need the city's help, he said.

Mayor Kelly Dixon presented the proposal which included a committee to serve as a stadium commission to study long range plans of stadium improvements such as parking area and a new entrance.

Board members decided a fieldhouse is needed immediately but tabled action on the stadium committee. They noted they were not dismissing the project, but felt first things must come first.

Commissioner Eugene Goforth noted during discussion that the stadium is used mostly by athletic teams of the city schools and recent consolidation may change the outlook in the near future — if the proposed new high school will be equipped with an athletic field.

However, he noted, the city stadium will always be in use and definitely needs a field house now.

He suggested officials of the schools be consulted about plans for the new high school before investing money in a long range project.

A budget calling for \$112,531.61 in expenditures was adopted officially by the board of city commissioners Thursday night as they met in regular session at City Hall courtroom.

A property tax of \$1.50 per \$100 property valuation will be levied on Kings Mountain citizens. The tax includes 29.7 cents for the general fund for general expenses incident to the proper government of the city, 38.8 cents for debt service, 76.5 cents for capital outlay, and 5 cents for the recreation fund.

During the 1961-62 fiscal year (Continued From Front Page)

Another honor the Kings Mountain Scout has won was that of receiving the Webelos Award, highest award given to a Cub Scout.

He is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Plonk and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Pollock, all of Kings Mountain. He is a member of Resurrection Lutheran church.

Tommy Plonk joined two other Kings Mountain Eagle Scouts and his Scoutmaster, Sherman Perry, along with eight Scout and another Scout leader, Friday for two weeks of roughing it a long the old Sante Fe Trail and Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico.

The Kings Mountain Scouts are first cousins and virtually the same age. Tommy Plonk turned 14 in April, and Billy and Joe Patterson, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Patterson, observed their 14th birthday last Sunday.

Mrs. Blanton's Rites Thursday

Mrs. Florence Thomas Blanton, 75, died Sunday night at her home on York road.

Funeral rites have been tentatively for 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon at Kings Mountain Baptist church, pending arrival of relatives from Nevada. Burial will be in Mountain Rest cemetery.

The widow of Ed W. Blanton, she was the daughter of the late W. A. and Louise Deese Thomas.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. R. F. Henderson of Burlington, N.C., Mrs. Fred Reed of New York City, Mrs. Charles Paris of Las Vegas, Nev., and Mrs. F. L. Doggett of Pensacola, Fla., and two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, Edward D. Blanton of Concord and Bill B. Blanton of Las Vegas; one sister, Mrs. A. L. Sechrist of Kings Mountain; three brothers, C. K., W. A., and F. L. Thomas, all of Charlotte; 11 grandchildren.

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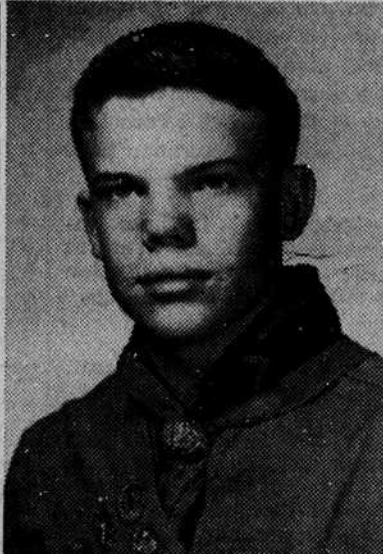
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Collectors Urge 1960 Payments

City and county tax collectors reminded this week that properties on which 1960 real estate taxes are unpaid will be advertised in August for sale in September.

County Collector Robert M. Gidney said advertising on Number 4 township properties for delinquent 1960 accounts will begin August 10. City Collector M. H. Biser, reporting a delinquent list of 272 Wednesday, said advertising will start August 17.

Both collectors urged payment of those bills, pointing out that not only would additional monthly penalties be saved, but also the charge for advertising.



EAGLE SCOUT — Tommy Plonk is recipient of the Eagle Award, highest award presented in scouting. He is a member of Troop 9.

Plonk Wins Eagle Award

Tommy Plonk, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Plonk, Jr., won the Eagle Award, highest honor in Scouting at Thursday's court of honor for district Boy Scouts.

Young Plonk, who will be a freshman in September at Kings Mountain high school, has been in scouting for five years, became a Cub Scout when that troop was organized at Resurrection Lutheran church and later became a member of Boy Scout Troop 9 at Resurrection.

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Rural Carrier Exams Saturday

A large number of Kings Mountain area citizens are expected to undergo U. S. Civil Service examinations for rural postal carrier Saturday.

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Negro Delegation Opposing Consolidation At Compact

Orr Threatens Possible Suits To Integrate

William Orr again threatened the board of education with a mission applications from Negro students Monday night.

He said, "Negroes live within two blocks of this (Central) school and we don't like carrying our students by buildings which are closer."

Essentially, however, Orr, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. George Edwards, were making a plea for continuance of Davidson high school, Orr and Mrs. Edwards particularly praising Davidson high, which had average daily attendance of 62 and three teachers last year.

Holt Accepts Mt. Gilead Post

Preston Holt, Grover teacher, has accepted the principalship of Mt. Gilead Elementary school in Montgomery county.

The Mt. Gilead school is a 170-teacher elementary unit with 470 pupils. Mr. Holt goes to Mt. Gilead from Shelby where he has been principal for one school year of Elizabeth Elementary school. Previously, Mr. Holt had been high school coach at Grover for five years.

Mrs. Holt, the former Theresa McSwain of Kings Mountain, will teach in the Junior high school at Mt. Gilead. She has taught home economics at Grover the past five years.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Holt attended Elon college. Mr. Holt did graduate work at UNC where he earned his master's degree and at ASTC. He served in the Army for two years, with 18 months duty in Germany, and is a first sergeant in the Kings Mountain National Guard. Mr. Holt has headed the summer recreation program at Grover for the past several years.

The Hols and two children, Teresa and Preston, Jr., will move from Grover within the next several weeks.

Former Teacher's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Miss Stella Lenore Patterson, 59, of Rock Hill, S. C., former Kings Mountain teacher and Kings Mountain native, were held Tuesday at 3 p. m. from First Associate Reformed Presbyterian church of Rock Hill.

Miss Patterson died Saturday in York County hospital following an illness of several months. She moved to Rock Hill with her family as a small child and was educated in the Rock Hill city schools and graduated from Winthrop college. A daughter of the late S. L. and Emma Ware Patterson, she taught school in North Carolina for 20 years and for the last 18 years had taught in Rock Hill.

She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, honorary society, and was a member of the Crippled Children's Board. She was a life-long member of the National Education Association, the American Association of University Women and the South Carolina Education Association, a past president of the York County Education Association, a past president of the literary group of the Rock Hill Woman's club and an active member and past president of the Rock Hill Little Theatre.

Miss Patterson was a member of the First ARP church and was superintendent of the beginners department of the Sabbath School.

Survivors include three brothers (Continued On Page Eight)

Harold England Signs To Appear On Dobie Gillis Television Series

Kings Mountain TV viewers who watch the Dobie Gillis show this fall will see a local actor, Kings Mountain native Hal England, in the role of Maynard's big brother.

Twentieth Century-Fox produces the Dobie Gillis series and England is signed up as a regular on the show starting in September.

Born in Kings Mountain in 1933, England is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. England, now of Camden, S. C. The Englands moved to Camden seven years ago where Mr. England joined the staff of an insurance company. Another son, Phillip, is a junior in Camden high school and daughter, Barbara, is a high school freshman.

Hal England began his acting career as a member of a road company called "Stalag 17" which picked him because of his strong Southern accent for the part of a bashful boy from the deep South.

His Broadway appearances have included the New York hits, "Say Darling," "Love Me Little," and "The Beggar's Opera." Last year in Florida he played opposite Paulette Goddard in a play called "Laura." His previous television shows include parts on "Camera 3," "Our American Heritage," "CBS Workshop" and "Kraft Studio." The West Coast break came when a casting director at 20th Century Fox saw him in the lead in the "Motormama" show and took him to California.



IN NEW POST — Preston Holt will assume new duties August 1st as principal of Mount Gilead elementary school in Montgomery county.

Bethware Fair September 13-16

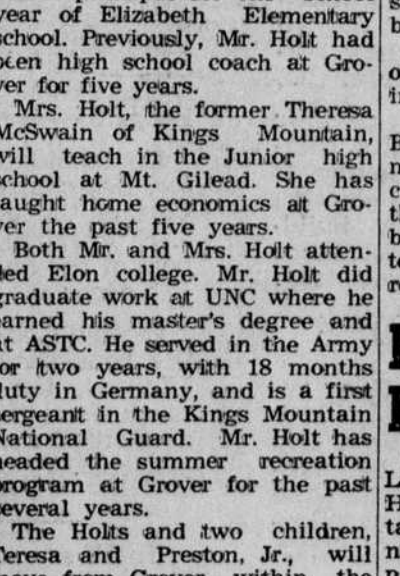
Preparations for the 14th annual Bethware Community Fair are underway.

The annual Number 4 Township event will be held at the Bethware school grounds September 13-16.

Fair officials are Stokes Wright, president, Frank Hambrick, secretary, Harold Ford, treasurer, and Myers Hambright, general manager.

Bethware Fair will offer more than \$300 in prizes for winning exhibits, Mr. Hambright said.

Work on the fair catalog is well underway, he reported.



ACTOR — Hal England, Kings Mountain native, has been signed as a "regular" on the Dobie Gillis TV show beginning in September.

Acting wasn't included in Harold England's plans when he entered the University of North Carolina to study law. While enrolled as a pre-law student, he became active in the Carolina Playmakers at Chapel Hill and from there it was but a step to the road show and on to Broadway.

As "Maynard's" big brother on the Dobie Gillis series, England will portray a "big wheel" in the "Silver Spoon Fraternity."