

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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Local News Bulletins

REGISTRATION

New students who will enter the high school this fall are encouraged by Principal Harry Jaynes to register prior to opening day, particularly those who have recently moved into the community.

OPTIMIST

The Optimist Club of Kings Mountain will meet in regular weekly session Thursday at 7:30 P. M. at Grace Methodist Church fellowship hall.

NO FIRES

City Fireman T. C. McKee said Wednesday morning the department had no alarms during the past week.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$122.45, including \$96.15 from on-street meters, \$14 from over-parking fees, and \$12.30 from off-street meters, City Clerk Joe H. McDaniel, Jr., reported.

AUXILIARY MEETING

Officers of Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion Auxiliary, will be installed at the regular Thursday night meeting at the home of Mrs. P. G. Ratterree, 404 West Gold Street.

AT MONTREAT

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Ausley are attending the Bible Conference at Montreat this week. Dr. Ausley is pastor of First Presbyterian church.

SESSION MEETING

New members will be received at First Presbyterian church Sunday morning in a special meeting of the session at 10:30.

BROADCAST

Sunday morning worship services during the month of August will be broadcast via Radio Station WKMT from East Gold Street, Wesleyan Methodist church.

Hedden, Phifer In Dance Band

Joe C. Hedden, city schools band director, and Wendell Phifer, Jr., string bass, are members of a newly organized 15-piece dance orchestra wearing the title "Knights of Music."

The orchestra, organized by Dick Buse, personnel director of Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, will specialize in featuring the rhythms of the thirties and early forties.

The Kings Mountain band director is an alto saxophone player and two members of the aggregation are well-known in Kings Mountain. Lewis Cathey, of Gastonia, is a veteran band master himself, remembered here with his orchestra at Stag Club dances in the late thirties and early forties, and Reggie Norris, trumpet, was a member of the Cathey band of that era.

The orchestra, claiming to produce "The Best Sound in Town by the Best Band Around," made its debut last Friday night at the Cleveland Country Club.

Buse himself is not a musician. Other members of the band are Homer Hawthorn; Shelby band director, trumpet, Don Deal, Bessemer City band director, alto saxophone; Bill McKee, Gastonia, tenor saxophone; Tony Anthony, Gastonia; baritone sax; Leary Cloer, Gastonia, oboe; Frank Putnam, Shelby, trumpet; Ted Gregory, Gastonia, trombone; Clyde Moss, Gastonia, piano; and Bob Trevanthen, drums.

Future booking for the band is an August 25 public dance at Shelby's city park, a fundraising project of the Shelby Jaycees.

Linda Biser With D. C. Paper

Miss Linda Biser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Biser, is in Washington, D. C., where she is employed by the Washington Post and Times-Herald as a copy girl.

Miss Biser, a rising senior at University of North Carolina School of Journalism worked part-time at the Herald during her senior year in high school and during the following summer. Until she went to Washington, she had been a reporter for the Shelby Daily Star.

Miss Biser will return to Chapel Hill in September, her father said.



BETHWARE FAIR QUEEN — Miss Judy Watterson has been named Miss Bethware Fair of 1961. Miss Watterson, an honor student at Bethware high school, is a rising senior. She is a daughter of Mrs. Will Watterson and the late Mr. Watterson.

Annual Barbecue To Be Wednesday



LIONS SPEAKER — Senator Robert Morgan of Shelby will address Kings Mountain Lions at their Tuesday night meeting at 7 o'clock at the Woman's club. The program has been arranged by J. Ollie Harris.

WIN BERMUDA TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Trost have won a trip to Bermuda in October, result of a contest conducted by Maryland Life Insurance of Baltimore and won by Mr. Trost, insurance agent for the company. Other insurance agents qualifying and their wives will join them on the trip.

City Contracts Electrical Survey. Completion Date Is Mid-December

A survey of Kings Mountain's electrical distribution system was approved by city commissioners Thursday night and will begin immediately. The survey is scheduled for completion by mid-December.

Mayor Kelly Dixon commented, in presenting the proposal for the survey, "The city's electrical system is in critical condition and we are in the position that we must have someone to tell us what to do about it."

The survey, contracted to Southeastern Consulting Engineers, Inc., of Charlotte, will cost the city \$3,500.

Ray D. Conn and Frank Stone, representing the engineering firm outlined a detailed survey proposal. The survey will include:

- 1) Plotting present facilities on a map, outlining circuits, secondaries and loads carried.
- 2) A study report of the entire present electrical system, noting overloads and weak areas.

The consulting engineers will then map out as many as six or more functional systems which would solve the city's electrical (Continued On Page 8)

Annual Event Is Prelude To 14th Fair

Members of Bethware Progressive Club will be hosts next Wednesday at the annual pre-fair barbecue to catalog advertisers and other friends of the fair.

Barbecue dinner will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 at Bethware school, Secretary Frank Hamrick announced.

The Progressive Club, sponsor of the fair, have entertained at barbecue dinners each fair year. This will be the fourteenth.

Mr. Hamrick also announced that the Cleveland County Life-Saving and Rescue Squad, Inc., will be in charge of food concessions at the September 13-16 event, and that the Cleveland County Auxiliary police squad will be in charge of auto parking.

Mr. Hamrick also urged area farmers to make plans for exhibiting at the fair and for competing for the long list of prize awards and he invited would-be commercial exhibitors to contact him for space reservations.

Miss Judy Watterson, Bethware High School honor student and a rising senior, has been named Queen of the forthcoming fair. She is a daughter of Mrs. Will Watterson and the late Mr. Watterson. Until his death, Mr. Watterson was a member of the Bethware Progressive Club and frequent fair official.



CHAPLAIN — Rev. H. S. Garmon, pastor of Central Methodist church and chaplain of the Kings Mountain fire department, was elected chaplain of the North Carolina Firemen's Association and of the Fire Chief's Association at the 74th annual conference of Fire Chiefs in Goldsboro last weekend.

School Pupil Assignment Plan Detailed

C Of C Supports Water Rate Cut

Blanton Says Industry-Getting Would Be Aided

BY DAVID BAITY

Reduction of water rates to outside-city industrial users was requested of city commissioners Thursday night by Paul Ledford, former city commissioner and employee of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Co., and Charles Blanton, president of Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Blanton, in presenting his request, noted that he did not know Mr. Ledford would be present for the same purpose.

Blanton said he was present to promote a favorable industrial climate for the Kings Mountain business community—for present industries and also for prospective ones.

Noting the 50 per cent higher rate for water sold outside the city, he commented "Kings Mountain hasn't a particularly low rate in city or out, compared with neighboring communities."

He said, according to a survey made recently, a new business locating in a Kings Mountain suburban community would pay practically twice the water bill it would if it located outside Shelby.

Mr. Ledford, in his comments, noted simply that he felt outside-city rates were excessive and would like to see them pared. He said the rates are not conducive to obtaining new industry and added that new industry would bring more revenue to Kings Mountain than water profits.

City Clerk Joe McDaniel lists the principal outside-city industrial water user as Massachusetts Mohair Plush Co. with a consumption rate ranging from four to nearly six million gallons per month.

He notes the firm's water bill ranges from \$1290 to \$1800 per month.

"A one-time good customer was Foote Mineral Company, but McDaniel said, the firm now consumes only from one to fifteen thousand gallons of water per month—little more than used by good residential customers."

The board agreed to a special meeting at a later date to discuss the proposal in full detail with a Chamber of Commerce committee and interested citizens present.

Mayor's Office Being Refurbished

Mayor Kelly Dixon was seeing callers Wednesday at odd City Hall corners, and for good reason. The mayoral office is being renovated, with installation of wainscoting, new ceiling, and with fresh paint.

Other city work underway as reported by the Mayor:

- 1) Installation of curb-and-gutter on Henry street will begin Thursday.
- 2) Streets in school areas are being re-painted with directional and other safety instructions in anticipation of school opening.

The Mayor reported paving completed on Crescent Circle, Mitchell street, and in the Davidson pool parking area.

He also reported the recreation commission has installed lights at the Davidson pool playground area.

Facts Are Listed For Area Students

Area students will use the following entrances on opening day to secure registration information at the Kings Mountain Central plant.

Seniors: will enter the front door.

Juniors: will enter the East student door.

Sophomores: will enter the West student door.

Freshmen: will use the center entrance in the vestibule of the auditorium.

Eighth graders: will enter through the North entrance, doors near the playground.



EAGLE SCOUT — Larry Patrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Patrick, has been awarded the Eagle Scout badge, highest award in scouting.

Patrick Wins Eagle Award

Henry Lawrence (Larry) Patrick, Jr., was awarded the coveted rank of Eagle Scout at Thursday's Kings Mountain Court of Honor meeting of the Piedmont Boy Scout Council.

Young Patrick is 12 years old, making the honor doubly rewarding for having earned his Eagle at such an early age. He has been a Boy Scout 18 months and in the period has earned his ranks and 29 merit badges, eight more than the required 21 for the Eagle badge. He already has the requirements for a Bronze Palm award which he will receive next January while still at the age of 12.

A member of Boy Scout Troop 1 of First Presbyterian church, he serves as senior patrol leader. He is a member of First Presbyterian church, an honor-roll school student and will enter the seventh grade this fall.

The oldest of three children, young Patrick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Patrick. His mother is the former Mary Helen Hambright and his grandparents are Mrs. G. D. Hambright, Kings Mountain, and Rev. and Mrs. P. D. Patrick, Decatur, Ga., formerly of Kings Mountain.

Larry's father received his Eagle award in 1937 as a member of the same troop of which he now serves as troop chairman. Henry McKelvie is Troop 1 Scoutmaster and Manley Hayes is assistant Scoutmaster.

Member Drive To Be Launched

Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will launch its 1962 membership campaign at a free-for-members-only barbecue supper at the post hall Saturday night from 6 to 7:30 p. m.

Announcement was made by H. O. (Toby) Williams, vice-commander, who is ex-officio chairman of the membership campaign.

The post currently numbers 354 members, Adjutant Joe H. McDaniel Jr., reports.

Vice-Commander Williams noted that any post member signing as many as ten new or renewal members for 1962 will qualify for the Post Go-Getters Club and be honored at a dinner. In turn there are district and state department awards awaiting posts who qualify for membership campaign honors. Dues are \$4 per annum.

Veterans of World War I, World War II, and the Korean War are eligible for membership. The inclusive dates are:

World War I—April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918.

World War II—December 7, 1941, to September 2, 1945.

Korean War—June 25, 1950, to July 27, 1953.

Alston Bridges will be caterer for the dinner.

Resolution Spells Out Prior Plans

Kings Mountain board of education formalized by official resolution Tuesday its previously announced pupil assignment plan for the 1961-62 school term.

Principal changes from the assignment plans of previous years implement the consolidation of the merged Kings Mountain administrative unit's two high schools, the consolidated high school at Kings Mountain Central replacing Bethware, Grover and Kings Mountain high schools, and the consolidated high school at Compact replacing the former Compact and Davidson high schools.

Principal Harry Jaynes of Kings Mountain high school estimates an enrollment of more than 800, up about 300 from the former Kings Mountain high school.

Principal L. L. Adams, at Compact, anticipates an enrollment of about 185 students at the merged high school, including 105 from the former Compact school, 60-62 from the former Davidson high school, and about 20 students, who, prior to the merger, would have attended Washington school.

The assignment plan anticipates these school operations:

- Central plant, eight eighth grades and Grades 9-12.
- Compact plant, grades 1-12.
- Grover plant, grades 1-8.
- Bethware plant, grades 1-8.
- East plant, grades 1-7.
- North plant, grades 1-7.
- West plant, grades 1-6.
- Davidson plant, grades 1-8.

Other major changes in the fact that 1961 "graduates" of West school are assigned to Park Grove school.

Former Washington school elementary pupils, not yet completing the eighth grade, will attend Davidson elementary.

The board noted that the state-approved transportation plan makes no provision for transporting elementary pupils to Central school. Transportation will be provided former West sixth graders to Park Grove and former Davidson high school students to Compact. Transportation of former Washington pupils to assigned schools will be provided, as will be transportation arrangements in vogue to other schools last year.

Text of the board of education resolution, published as a legal notice of page 6, this section, follows:

Children are assigned to the same schools they attended last year. Pre-school children are assigned to the schools in which they were registered. The following exceptions are made to this assignment:

1. Children in grades 9 through 12 who last year attended the Central School, Grover School, Bethware School or have registered to attend the Kings Mountain High School are assigned to Kings Mountain High School.

2. Children in grades 9 through 12 living in Kings Mountain Administrative Unit who last year attended the Davidson School and the Washington School or have registered to attend the Davidson School, Washington (Continued On Page 8)

Stadium Study Committee Named

Advisory Group Includes Moss, Rhea, Williams

BY MARTIN HARMON

Mayor Kelly Dixon appointed a three-member city stadium advisory committee Wednesday.

He named John Henry Moss, president of the professional Class D Western Carolina League, J. E. (Zip) Rhea, Ward 5 city commissioner, and H. O. (Toby) Williams member of the Kings Mountain district board of education to serve as a committee to study stadium needs, and possibilities, and to recommend improvements, if feasible, to City Stadium.

Possible improvements to City Stadium would be in addition to construction of a small fieldhouse, which the city commission has already approved as a cooperative project with the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club.

Mayor Dixon said Wednesday that work on the stadium fieldhouse plans and specifications is well underway.

When ready, the Mayor is authorized by the commission to advertise for bids.

Mayor Dixon said the three-member stadium study committee, authorized by the city commission last week, will name its own chairman.

He noted that Mr. Moss is experienced in stadium management in several cities, that Mr. Rhea is a construction specialist, and that Mr. Williams, in addition to his longtime interest in sports, is also a member of the board of education, which contemplates in the reasonably near future building of a new high school plant, with conjunctive stadium facilities.

City Stadium was begun as a Works Progress Administration project prior to World War II. Initial plans called for a fieldhouse and permanent stands, but the advent of the national emergency and subsequently United States entry into World War II caused a cancellation of the federal appropriation and suspension of work, with little more than the playing field completed. Several city administrations have made improvements, including erection of permanent and temporary bleachers. Shortly after World War II, the Kiwanis Club made the city schools a gift of the present stadium lighting facilities.

The city rents the stadium on a virtual cost-of-lights basis, with the high school accorded first rental priority and the Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, second rental priority.

Dr. Plonk Heads Gaston McGills

Dr. George W. Plonk, Kings Mountain surgeon, was elected president of McGills of Gaston at the clan's annual reunion Wednesday at Bethel ARP Church arbor off Cherryville road.

The clan re-elected Norman F. McGill Jr., vice-president, and Mrs. Marriott D. Phifer, secretary. Both are of Kings Mountain. Dr. Plonk succeeds Miss Jean McArver of Gastonia.

Rev. George Moore, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church, addressed the clan and declared, "A sense of belonging is one of the most important needs of the soul."

He suggested that all need to feel the clan relationship, particularly in the current times of need and distress, and not merely annually.

Mrs. Moore said the family is the basic clan unit, that the church is the next clan and the state the third clan.

Mrs. Earl Carpenter, chairman of a committee to revise and update a clan historical booklet, said work is underway on the revision of the booklet which was published in 1940. Other members are Miss McArver, Miss Ava Ware, Miss Annie Lee Wolfe and Miss Nancy Plonk.

Members of the clan are descendants of the late John Thomas McGill.



TO GRADUATE — Ronald Layton, of Kings Mountain will receive his degree Friday from Appalachian State Teacher's college. He will join the Paw Creek schools faculty this fall.

Layton To Win College Degree

Ronald Layton, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Layton of Kings Mountain, will receive his bachelor of science degree Friday from Appalachian State Teacher's college at Boone.

Mr. Layton, a former three-letter spot star and president of the student body at Kings Mountain high school, entered the Air Force after high school graduation and served a four-year tour of duty, two of which were spent in Japan. He has studied three years at Appalachian and is receiving his degree following the summer school term just ended.

Mr. Layton, who has accepted employment with Mecklenburg County schools system, will teach at Paw Creek in September. He is married to the former Barbara Shirley of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and they have one son, Kent, age two.

ARP's To Hear Building Plans

Architect J. L. Beam of Cherryville will outline details of the church's current building program at Sunday morning services at Boyce Memorial ARP church.

The church congregation will gather for Sunday School and worship services at West School. Boyce Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian church has plans for building on Edgemont Avenue and Sunday's report from Mr. Beam will show the first step in the building program, Grady Patterson, member of the building committee, said.

Dr. and Mrs. Pressly, on vacation the past week, will return for the Sunday services and Dr. Pressly will fill the pulpit at Sunday services.

Eight Faculty Members Employed; Schools Purchase Still Property

Kings Mountain School Board members voted at a called meeting Tuesday to purchase a tract of land adjoining Kings Mountain High School property from Mrs. Garland E. Still for \$1900.

The board has been negotiating with Mrs. Still for the plot for some months and could not agree on price. A plot adjoining both the Still and school property was purchased from Mrs. D. H. Houser for \$1500 and Mrs. Still was offered the same for her lot.

Negotiations failed and the board instigated condemnation procedures against the property three months past.

Chairman Fred Plonk noted at the meeting Tuesday that Mrs. Still has agreed to sell for \$1900 and has produced a registered deed for an additional triangular plot which she feels merits the additional \$400 in price.

Chairman Plonk told the board the condemnation procedure, if pursued, would cost the taxpayers the additional sum and the school needs the property now.

He said the lot is a proposed site for the pre-fabricated buildings which will be used to house (Continued On Page 8)



BELK'S MANAGER — Bill H. Brown assumed management of Belk's Department Store here last week. The ten-year Belk's veteran came to Kings Mountain from the Mooresville store, where he managed the boy's wear department. He succeeds Hilton L. Ruth, manager of the Kings Mountain firm since 1940.