

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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PRICE TEN CENTS

Expanded School System Enrolls 4164 Pupils

Local News Bulletins

SALE Women of the Ladies Bible Class of Grace Methodist church will serve hotdogs and homemade cakes all day Saturday beginning at 11 a. m. Saturday morning in the church fellowship hall.

SERVICE A special communion service for Kings Mountain students going away to college will be held at First Presbyterian church Sunday, Sept. 3rd, at 7:30 p. m. All students in the community are invited to participate. Dr. Paul Ausley, pastor, said.

EARLY COMMUNION SERVICE Saint Matthew's Lutheran church will observe an early communion service Sunday at 9 a. m. There will be no sermon. The regular Sunday morning worship service will be held at 11 a. m. with a sermon by the pastor, Dr. W. P. Gerberding. All communing members of the church are urged to attend.

PHILLIPS ON WKMT Sermons of Rev. J. W. Phillips, pastor of First Wesleyan Methodist church, will be broadcast via Station WKMT, Kings Mountain, at 11 a. m. Sundays during September.

ON VACATION Mrs. Charles Dilling, librarian at Jacob S. Mauney Memorial library is on vacation this week and resumes her duties Tuesday. In her absence, Miss Judy Cooper is serving as librarian. The library will be closed Labor Day.

HARRIS TO TEXAS J. Ollie Harris, Jr., will leave for Houston, Texas, Thursday, where he will join Bob Harris Enterprises, Inc., realty developers. He has been associated with his father, J. Ollie Harris at Harris Funeral Home and is a former salesman for Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company. Mrs. Harris and their son, John Harris, will go to Houston when a residence is obtained.

NO FIRES Kings Mountain Fire Department had no alarms during the past week, according to a report Wednesday morning by Fireman T. C. McKee.

PERMIT ISSUED A permit was issued Thursday to Marion Johnson by City Building Inspector M. H. Biser to build a one-story frame house on Bennett Drive. Estimated cost of the five-room structure, contracted by Eico Industries, Inc., is \$6,000.

LEGION MEETING Regular meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will be featured Friday night at 8 o'clock by a civil defense film "The Night of Trial", a film prepared and distributed by Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company, according to announcement by Adjutant J. H. McDaniel, Jr.

HAYES REUNION The Hayes family reunion will be held here Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moss and family on Grover road. Picnic lunch will be spread at the noon hour.

KIWANIS CLUB Kings Mountain Kiwanians will see two films on Civil Defense at their Thursday night meeting at the Woman's club. The club convenes at 6:45 p. m.

DUNLAP REUNION Descendants of John James Dunlap will gather for the annual family reunion Sunday at Antioch Methodist church near Oden. S. C. Picnic lunch will be served at the noon hour and a program will follow in the afternoon.

METER RECEIPTS Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$125.49, included \$96.24 from on-street meters, \$16 from over-parking fees, and \$13.25 from off-street meters. City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., reported.

Powell Says Merger Dissidents Won't Appeal Riddle Decision

Attorney Says Reversal Won't Aid Main Aim

Denial of petition for writ of mandamus to dissident patrons of the Kings Mountain consolidated schools will not be appealed to the state Supreme Court, according to a statement Wednesday afternoon by A. A. Powell, attorney for the dissidents. The writ, brought to force the Kings Mountain board of education to call an election in the rural area of the city administrative unit on revoking a 20 cents per hundred dollar property valuation supplementary school tax, was denied by Superior Court Judge H. L. Riddle, Jr., of Morganton, in an order signed August 1.

Attorneys for the dissidents, after the denial, indicated they had laid groundwork for an appeal. Attorney Powell said Wednesday the group had decided not to appeal for several reasons. "The appeal would be expensive; if granted, the election would be expensive; and furthermore, all the group would accomplish if the election went in their favor would be relief from the 20 cents tax," he said.

Mr. Powell explained the dissidents in the outlying rural area would still be in the Kings Mountain Administrative unit and no closer to their original objective of merging with No. 3 High school near Earl.

Prepayment Notices Mailed Area citizens who last year prepaid 1960 county ad valorem taxes and others who have requested pre-payment notices should receive them Thursday or Friday, County Tax Collector Robert Gidney said Wednesday.

Normally pre-payment notices are mailed by mid-August, Mr. Gidney noted, but delay has been occasioned this year due to late shipment of tax forms for this area. Special forms had to be obtained due to the area school merger.

"We regret the delay in mailing pre-payment notices to Kings Mountain area citizens," Mr. Gidney said, "but it simply couldn't be helped. Citizens receiving notices will be accorded full two percent discount granted in August if they return checks immediately."

Mr. Gidney said some \$300,000 in county taxes have been credited and reported a heavy mail influx of pre-payments Wednesday.

The pre-payment discount specified by law is two percent in August, one percent in September and one-half of one percent in October.

City law provides the same discount schedule. City Tax Collector, M. H. Biser reported Wednesday that pre-payments on city tax bills for 1961 totaled \$54,165, against an estimated levy of \$168,000.

Both tax officials said they anticipated a heavy pre-payment rush through Friday. Gas Cut-On Fee Is Now Cut Rate Natural gas heating customers can save money during September by ordering service cut-ons, it was announced this week by Corbett Nicholson, gas system superintendent. During September the cut-on fee will be \$1. Customarily it is \$3.

Water Cost Study Asked By Bridges



Ben H. Bridges, member of the city board of commissioners, said yesterday he had asked City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., and M. H. Biser, tax supervisor, to collaborate on a statistical analysis of city water costs.

He also said he hopes study will be a preface to a general discussion of water service problems, including rate schedules, for industrial customers.

Comm. Bridges added that industrial customers known to have service or rate problems will be invited to meet with the commission with the hope that the problems can be solved.

Annual Meeting Of UF Thursday Annual meeting of Kings Mountain United Fund, Inc., will be held at City Hall Thursday night at 8 o'clock, it was announced this week by Bob Manner, president.

All member-contributors to the fund are invited to attend, Mr. Manner said. Agenda for the annual meeting includes reports by officers and election of directors for the coming year.

Other officers are J. C. Bridges, vice-president, Wesley Bush, secretary, and R. S. Lennon, treasurer. Directors include the officers, J. Ollie Harris, Rev. H. D. Garmon, and W. S. Fulton, Jr.

President Manner reported that \$12,531 representing 75 percent of the 1960-61 budget had been paid to the several participating organizations. He added that he anticipates additional income from contributions will enable the United Fund to pay from eight to ten percent more to these organizations which will make results of the United Fund's second year comparable to the first one.

Participating organizations and (Continued On Page Eight)

Assets included physical properties at purchase or estimated price of \$2,305,608, the cemetery perpetual care fund of \$30,495, cash totaling \$56,118, securities totaling \$32,116, accounts receivable of \$38,300, and taxes receivable of \$15,453 after reserves for losses.

As of June 30, water and sewer lines claimed biggest share of the city's capital investment at \$684,390. Street and paving equipment was valued at \$578,226, and water and sewage disposal plants and equipment at \$527,069. City

Operating Profit Of Gas System Was \$73,892

City natural gas system gross revenues set a new record in the fiscal year ending June 30, as did gross operating profits. Figures revealed in the annual audit of A. M. Pullen & Company, Charlotte, show gross revenues of \$174,371, and gross operating profit of \$75,892.

Sales of natural gas accounted for \$171,697, and other revenue was \$2,674. Major expenditure was purchase of gas from Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation, totaled \$80,141. Labor and administrative expense total \$1,866, supplies cost \$2,793, and the system paid its engineer \$1,800.

Gas sales came from these sources: Residential sales \$88,840, small commercial customers, \$25,101, large commercial customers, \$9,641, interruptible contract customers, \$39,781, and public building customers, \$8,333.

On June 30, gas system revenue bonds outstanding totaled \$380,000, with \$10,000 payable during the upcoming fiscal year.

The system had \$150,500 invested in Kings Mountain's two savings & loan associations. Assets at June 30 totaled \$710,108.

Customers at year end totaled 719 up from 620 the previous June 30. Fall-Out Shelter Inquiries Up Some Kings Mountain citizens, spurred by the hotter Berlin cold war and by the call-up of 76,000 reservists, have indicated interest in building fall-out shelters. J. Ollie Harris, civil defense director for the city, reported this week.

Mr. Harris said he had supplied ten to 12 citizens with civil defense booklets detailing several different plans for construction of fall-out shelters. Another spur to shelter-building came from Look Magazine this week, which made some frightening estimates of possible casualties should shooting war begin and atomic and hydrogen missiles be employed.

Mr. Harris says he has a good supply of the instruction booklets and welcomes inquiries for them. Dathia Sanders several months ago completed construction of a fall-out shelter at his residence on Dixon road.

Employment Service Pared The county board of the state employment service has discontinued its Tuesday morning itinerant service here due to insufficient activity, Manager John Fleming said Wednesday.

Mrs. Violet Dixon has been conducting the Tuesday morning service for several weeks on an experimental basis. Mr. Fleming said the Tuesday afternoon spot point service and Thursday general service will continue, with employment service representatives at City Hall courtroom.

Don't Follow Fire Wagon Too Closely Following a fire truck within a block is a violation of city statute, Fire Chief Pat Tignor noted this week, and future violators will be hailed to court. Chief Tignor noted that at a recent fire volunteer firemen had to park their autos a block away from the blaze.

Two Negro Students Seek Central Entry

Two families asked admittance of three high school students, but the parents of the one high school child asked that the application be returned, Fred W. Plonk, chairman of the board of education, said Wednesday afternoon. Application of one family for admission to Central of two high school students remains among a total of unusually small number of transfer applications within the district.

Chairman Plonk reported that a total of only 19 transfer applications and one of these was filed in error. One student had asked for assignment to a school to which he was already assigned, Mr. Plonk reported.

Chairman Plonk declined to release the name of the parents of the Negro children who seek admittance to Central high school, nor the names of the children, pending a meeting of the board of education.

He said no action has yet been taken on any transfer applications, guessed the board would convene in special session for action on the applications within a week to ten days. He noted that this is customary board policy and that, to solve grade load problems, students often are asked to attend other schools.

Though other members of the board of education were not contacted, and though Chairman Plonk declined to guess board action on the Negro children's admittance application, prior indications by the school trustees are that the Negro applications will be denied.

At the July session, when William Orr, a Negro patron, threatened the board with Negro applications for Central, there was no comment indicating Negro students would be admitted to Central for the 1961-62 term.

Several remarks concerned the fact that Central is crowded, and that while pupils who live within the city limits are being transported outside the city to school this year, as are Negro high school pupils to the merged Negro high school at Compact.

Ruth Little's Rites Thursday Ruth Elizabeth Little, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin H. Little of Asheville, former Kings Mountain residents, died Tuesday at 12:30 after a six-months illness.

Funeral rites will be held Thursday at 2 p. m. from Asheville's St. Mark's Lutheran church. Interment will be in Hickory. In addition to her parents, the child is survived by four brothers, Charles, Clay, Howard and William Little and one sister, Sally Jane Little. Her grandfather, W. H. Little of Hickory, also survives.

Before joining the Asheville Federal Savings and Loan Association, Mr. Little was associated with Home Savings and Loan Association here.

Most Local Firms Already Paying \$1.15 Minimum; A Few To Benefit The new minimum wage law, effective Sunday, will effect few Kings Mountain employees a Herald survey showed Wednesday afternoon.

Most Kings Mountain manufacturing firms have wage scales equal to the new minimum wage of \$1.15 per hour, the survey showed. Ten to twelve of 90 employees at Mauney Mills will get a wage hike, George H. Mauney reported. "There will not be a big change at Bonnie Mills," commented W. K. Mauney. He said the wage rate of most of the firm's 70 employees is already \$1.15 or more per hour.

A Lambeth Rope spokesman reported only two of the firm's 58 employees will be effected, and they are recently-hired learners. Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company reported 10 to 12 of their 75 employees will be raised by the new law. Sadie Mills also reported a

Load Problems At Minimum, Barnes Reports



Tuesday enrollment at the nine Kings Mountain area schools totaled 4164 pupils, less by 136 than school officials had guessed this year school population. Superintendent B. N. Barnes noted, however, that enrollment tends to increase through the school year, particularly during the first few days of school.

Supt. Barnes termed the opening successful. "We're crowded," Mr. Barnes commented, "but no more crowded than we anticipated. At the Central plant, creation of the second prefabricated building for vocational instruction will alleviate the space problem materially. Erection is scheduled to begin Thursday morning. At the same time, we have, without this added building, a classroom for every class and a teacher for every classroom."

The Central plant, with eight eighth grades numbering 237 pupils and all the district's 854 high school pupils has by far the largest one-plant population with 1091 pupils. Supt. Barnes noted that the building has housed larger numbers of pupils in previous years.

Under the new merger the population of the newly-merged Compact high school, which, on Tuesday, listed 200 pupils, up 13 from the anticipated enrollment. Compact elementary school listed 371 pupils.

Following are other Tuesday enrollment figures: Bethware elementary 393. East elementary 437. Grover elementary 395. North elementary 404. Park Grace elementary 207. West elementary 328. Davidson elementary 538.

Supt. Barnes reported what he termed surprisingly few load problems. Among them are East school second grade with 71 pupils, East third with 47, and East fifth grade with 72. On an average aim of about 30 pupils per room, the East plant finds its second and fifth grades with slight overloads for two grades each, but with a two-teacher underload in Grade 3.

At Park Grace school there are 79 seventh graders, with three seventh grades, for an underload. Mr. Barnes said it may be possible to obtain sufficient volunteer transfers from Park Grace seventh to other district schools to enable elimination of one of Park Grace's split-grade situation.

Conversely, there are only 16 third grade students at Park Grace. Points assigned for moving traffic violations include: eight for any felony, including homicide or assault, in the commission of which a motor vehicle is used; or highway racing or knowingly lending a motor vehicle to be used in highway racing; six points for driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotic drugs; failing to stop and render aid when involved in an accident resulting in bodily injury or death (hit-and-run driving); transportation for the purpose of sale of illegal intoxicating liquors by motor vehicle; or operating a vehicle during a period of revocation or suspension of license or registration.

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Legion Member Goal Is 361 Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, hopes to have 361 members for 1962 by November 11, two percent more than the 1961 membership.

To date, 55 eligible veterans have paid the \$4 annual membership fee for '62, Adjutant J. H. McDaniel, Jr., reported. Post members signing 10 new or renewal members will be honored at a steak dinner in Charlotte.

Mr. McDaniel said it is hoped that the annual district "Go-Getters" dinner will be held here. Vice-commander H. O. (Tohy) Williams is ex officio chairman of the membership campaign. 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. Merchants Observe Labor Day Holiday Kings Mountain merchants will observe Labor Day holiday Monday, with a few exceptions. Kings Mountain Drug Company will be open all day. Griffin Drug Company plans Sunday operating hours, and Medical Pharmacy had not decided Wednesday afternoon. All financial institutions will be closed, as will the post office. Mayor Kelly Dixon said Wednesday the city offices will be closed in observance of the holidays. County offices also will observe the day off.