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 Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
 City Limits 8,008
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School Officials Move To Speed Bond Election

Newton Says 74 To By-Pass North

Local News Bulletins

RALLY DAY
 First Presbyterian church will observe Sunday School rally day Sunday, with a special program starting at 9:45 a. m. A total of 21 members will be promoted and 53 will receive perfect attendance awards, it was announced by Dr. Paul Ausley, the pastor.

BIDS WANTED
 Mayor Kelly Dixon is seeking bids from painting contractors for painting of city hall courtroom and the police department offices. He said Wednesday only one bid has been received.

TO TAX SEMINAR
 City Clerk Joe H. McDaniel, Jr., will attend a tax seminar at Fayetteville Friday. The seminar will be conducted by the North Carolina League of Municipalities.

METER RECEIPTS
 Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday totaled \$112.56, including \$89.16 from on-street meters, \$9 from over-parking fees, and \$14.40 from off-street meters, City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., reported.

JOINS FIRM
 Curtis George has joined the insurance firm of Liberty Life Insurance Company, Mr. George is a graduate of Kings Mountain high school and Etne college. He assumed his new duties this week.

FIRE
 City firemen doused a blaze behind Modern Dry Cleaners on N. Piedmont Avenue Wednesday about 7:00 p. m. Some ashes had been dumped behind the firm and blazed up in the breeze. No property damage was reported.

OPTIMIST MEET
 The Optimist club of Kings Mountain will meet in regular weekly session Thursday at 7:30 p. m. at Grace Methodist church fellowship hall.

JOINS SHELBY FIRM
 A. C. (Red) Dellinger, salesman since 1955 with Victory Chevrolet Company, has joined Crawley Chevrolet Company, Shelby, in the same position. He began his new duties Monday.

ENLISTS
 James Edwin Odums, son of Mrs. Aileen Miller of 216 N. Sims street, has enlisted in the regular Army for three years. Pvt. Odum attended Kings Mountain high school.

REUNION
 Annual reunion of the descendants of the late Robert B. and Frances Dixon will be held Sunday at Bethlehem fellowship center. Picnic lunch will be spread at 1 p. m.

KIWANIS PROGRAM
 Dr. Harvey Bumgardner of Raleigh, professor at N. C. State College, will report on his trip to Peru at Thursday's meeting of the Kiwanis Club. The club convenes at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's club.

GOSPEL SINGING
 Methodist Men will sponsor a program of gospel singing Saturday night at 7 o'clock at Penley's Chapel Methodist church. Various groups of singers will participate and the interested public is invited.

WEST P-TA
 West School Parent-Teacher Association will hold the initial meeting of the fall at the school auditorium Monday at 7:30 p. m.

DOING WELL
 Little Linda Styers, 21-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Styers struck by a car last week, was reported in good condition by her mother last weekend.

Commissioner Tours Rural Roads Of Area

J. Clint Newton, 12th division highway commissioner, said here Saturday that U. S. 74 definitely will by-pass Kings Mountain to the north.

While plans aren't yet final, there is no question but the one time idea to tie in the U. S. 74 by-pass with Interstate 85 to the south has been shelved.

Comm. Newton said he hasn't seen any of the several surveys, but guessed U. S. 74 would move northward in the vicinity of Carver's service station and would connect with present U. S. 74 in the vicinity of David's Baptist church and Bethware school.

He did not guess the time factor involved but said several sections are being scheduled by the highway commission in advance of the Kings Mountain by-pass.

Otherwise, Comm. Newton spent Saturday morning with a Microbus auto tour through Number 4 and part of Number 5 townships, checking on secondary roads to determine those most eligible for paving.

He noted that the principal change in the highway set-up, as enacted by the recent General Assembly, concerns secondary roads.

"The General Assembly agreed with the Governor that traffic checks number of homes, churches, schools and other factors are not the sole ones in determining the need for paved secondary roads," Commissioner Newton noted.

He added, "I feel the road-paving in a county should also be balanced. If we pave a road in the west, one should be paved in the east, and if one is paved in the north, then one should be paved in the southern part of the particular county."

Comm. Newton, prior to his appointment as a member of the highway commission, was a member of the Alcohol Board of Control.

W. Gold Extension Work Will Begin

Work to extend W. Gold street from Juniper street to Phifer road will begin within the next few days, Mayor Kelly Dixon said Wednesday.

Mayor Dixon said that all rights-of-way deeds are now in hand and have been recorded. The Mayor also reported receipt of a petition for the paving of Blanton street and added that playground equipment for both the Deal street and Davidson playground areas are being repaired and will be re-installed soon.

Dickson Report On Mauney Mill Line Expected

Field work on a 10 inch waterline to Mauney Mills has been completed by W. K. Dickson, Charlotte water engineer and service to the firm is expected within days.

The waterline was approved by city commissioners as they met in regular session Thursday night at City Hall.

The waterline will service the old plant, plus a new addition facing on Cansler Street. Mauney Mills officials installed a sprinkler system in the plant for fire protection, but found insufficient water pressure operate it.

The board was undecided as to route the waterline should follow, but suggested more immediate service could be given the firm if the line were laid parallel to Railroad Avenue.

Wesley Bush, Kings Mountain insurance agent and resident of the Chesnut Hill section, told the board the Railroad Avenue route would not, in his opinion, alleviate the low-pressure situation in Chesnut Hill.

He suggested the board consider laying the line down Gold Street and out Cansler Street, tying the Mauney Mills line in on Cansler Street. This, he said, would give sufficient pressure to both areas.

The board felt the same could be achieved by the Railroad Avenue route, subsequently running the line down Pine Street and tying in the Cansler Street line.

The Railroad Avenue route was approved, subsequent to approval by the water engineer.

The low-pressure question posed in the aforementioned areas prompted a statement from (Continued On Page Eight)

Mrs. Parton's Rites Conducted

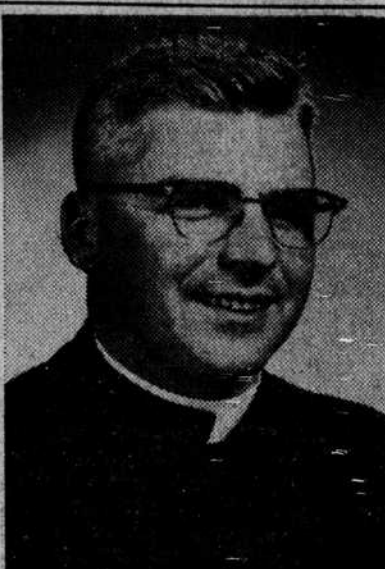
Funeral services for Mrs. Ethel Woody Parton, 68, of E. King Street were conducted at 2:30 p. m. Sunday at Central Methodist church, with the Rev. Herbert Garmon officiating.

Mrs. Parton died at Kings Mountain Hospital Friday. She had been in ill health for some time and seriously ill for five weeks.

She was a member of Central Methodist church, a leader of Circle 5, and a life member of the W.S.C.S. She was a past member of the Woman's Club and for many years she was an election registrar.

Survivors include her husband, H. R. Parton; a daughter, Mrs. Tom L. Trout; a son, Stephen Linwood Parton, of Gastonia; three brothers, Horace L. Woody of Lake Junaluska, Floyd W. Woody of Canton, and Jonathan H. Woody of Waynesville; two sisters, Mrs. B. R. Davis of Waynesville, and Mrs. L. G. Welch of Sewell, N. J.; and three grandchildren.

Interment was in Gaston Memorial Park. Pallbearers included Paul Walker, Eugene Goforth, Fred Wright, Jr., Arthur Walker, Hilliard Black, and Floyd Payne. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Men's Bible Class of Central Methodist Church. Members of the Daughter's of Wesley Bible class served as flower attendants.



TWO MEMBERS OF CATHOLIC TEAM — Rev. Thomas P. Clements, left, is priest in charge, and Rev. John Wall are two of the three Catholic priests who are serving Kings Mountain's recently-created Christ the King parish. The third is Rev. Andre Corbin. The Kings Mountain parish is also serving several Catholic missions in Gaston county. (Photo by Carlisle Studios)



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Kings Mountain Separate Parish

Parish Also Serving Some Gaston Missions

Establishment of Christ the King parish, effective September 1, was announced this week by Rev. Thomas Paul Clements, priest in charge.

For some years Kings Mountain's Catholic families attended Mass either at Gastonia or Shelby, but in recent years Kings Mountain has been a mission of St. Mary's, Shelby, with Mass having been offered at the American Legion hall one day weekly.

In July, following purchase of the former Associate Reformed Presbyterian property, a missionary apostolate center was established here by the Rev. Vincent S. Waters, D. D., Bishop of the Catholic diocese in Raleigh.

Assisting Rev. Mr. Clements here are two recently ordained priests, Rev. John Wall, native of Greensboro, and Rev. Andre Corbin, native of Springfield, Mass.

Current schedule calls for use of the educational building Tuesdays for a school of religion and holding of Mass at 11 a. m. Sundays.

Open house will be observed on October 28, feast day of Christ the King, Rev. Clements said.

Rev. Mr. Clements has moved into the Piedmont avenue rectory, which has been renovated. Ongoing Catholic missions in Gaston county, now being administered by the Raleigh diocese, will be served also by Kings Mountain, as mission center. The priests will be in Kings Mountain Sunday evening, Mondays, and Wednesday mornings in preparation for the week's work.

Rev. Wall is serving the Dallas and Spencer Mountain churches, while Rev. Corbin works in the Cherryville mission.

"The parish concept in the Catholic church is service to a designated area. Therefore, census work, hospital visitation, instruction classes and Bible teaching for children guides our time while on the Missions," Rev. Clements noted.

The advice came against the background of Gastonia showing highest incidence of radioactive fall-out in the eastern United States, following the Russian renunciation of atomic testing.

Said Mr. Harris: 1) all families should maintain in a sheltered place a five-gallon demijohn of fresh water, changing it every six weeks. 2) all families should maintain in a sheltered place a quantity of canned foodstuffs, vitamin pills, and other necessities.

Negro Transfer Bids Are Denied

Youths' Mother Hasn't Decided What To Do

"I haven't decided what to do yet", Mrs. Mable Jackson Davis, mother of two Negro high school students denied transfer from Compact to Central school, said Wednesday afternoon just as the postman was delivering the letter informing her of the board of education's Monday night decision.

Mrs. Davis, widow of Arthur Davis, late employee of Superior Stone Company, reiterated in part her reasons for asking the transfer for Leroy Hastin Davis, 10th grader, and Lela Inez Davis, senior.

"They're crowded down there. They don't like going to the country and they don't like riding the bus either."

In her formal request for her children's transfer, she had contended that Compact wasn't the nearest high school, that was unfair for her children to travel miles when another high school was nearer, that Central is a city high school and her children reside within the city, and that assignment of her children was based on race, not convenience.

The board of education denied the transfer request unanimously, with all members present and voting. Trustee H. O. (Tohy) Williams moved denial for the reasons: that the assignment plan was adopted for the orderly and efficient administration of the Kings Mountain public schools, that the board is working at a disadvantage because of over-crowded conditions resulting from the July 1 merger, that has been necessary to assign many students to schools not nearest their homes, and that travel to and from school is furnished from a point near the Davis home at 112 N. Watterson street.

Mrs. Davis' other three children, Mable Lou, Euzellia and Harley Davis, attend Davidson elementary school and are quite happy at Davidson, Mrs. Davis said.

The board also declined to act on requests to release six students to out-of-district schools, as follows: B. C. Queen, high school senior, who asked release to Number 3.

Robert Williams, whose father, Willis Williams, asked his son's release from Compact to Lincoln in Gaston County.

Barbara White, who asked release to Number 3. Steve and Stan Queen, whose mother, Mrs. Jesse Johnson asked her sons' release to Number 3.

Brenda McSwain, who asked release to Number 3. Dr. P. G. Padgett commented, "We've enough problems legally and no grounds on which to honor these requests." Mr. Williams and Mrs. J. L. McGill concurred.

In other actions Monday night, the board: 1) Deferred for further study (Continued On Page Eight)

Circus Coming! Cowboys, Animals, Trapeze Artists Here On Saturday

Hoxie Brothers circus will show here twice Saturday at the Deal street ballyard under sponsorship of the Kings Mountain Lions club.

The two-hour show will include both matinee and evening performances and features a three-ring arrangement under a Big Top designed to seat 1500 persons per performance.

District Issue Would Provide High School Plant

By MARTIN HARMON
 Kings Mountain board of education will speed the offering of a bond issue for building of an area high school, board members indicated informally Monday night.

Mrs. John L. McGill posed the question of "when", meantime urging haste and obtained quick concurrence from other members.

H. O. (Tohy) Williams noted that the high school population will increase by about 180 pupils (169 seniors, 349 eighth graders) for 1962-63 and Holmes Harry, of Grover, said he felt it time to move toward attaining a new high school plant.

Chairman Fred W. Plonk said he felt selection of an architect should proceed immediately for advice in selection of possible sites.

At the moment, the board of education has under option a tract of about 73 acres on Phifer Road.

To the question of minimal time for building and occupying a new high school plant, Superintendent B. N. Barnes said, "Not less than two years." He added it could require more time than that.

The board of education, months ago, retained the New York bond attorney firm of Mitchell, Pershing, Shetterly and Mitchell. Legal roadblocks first delayed physical consolidation of area schools until July 1. Since that time, school officials have been pressed to effect the promised physical consolidation of the schools.

Initially, there was hope that county-wide school construction financing would be continued, but Shelby district officials have indicated they feel county-wide financing not feasible at this time, particularly in view of Shelby district's building their own recently-occupied plant on a district basis.

Normally, Supt. Barnes noted, it requires about three months to complete legal details for a bond election, as the election must be advertised and the registration books opened.

Earliest likely date, therefore, is in December. Amount of the issue was not discussed Monday night but a figure of \$1,100,000 was mentioned months ago as likely cost of a new high school plant.

The board of education has an unexpended balance of about \$250,000 in its capital outlay fund.

McGill Service Held Monday

Funeral services for Thomas Pressley McGill, 83, were conducted Monday at 4:00 p. m. from Harris Funeral Home Chapel, Dr. W. L. Pressley, pastor of Boyce Memorial A.R.P. church, officiating.

Mr. McGill, resident of 205 S. Gaston street, succumbed Saturday at 10:45 p. m. at Broughton Hospital after several years illness.

A native of Gaston county, he was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John T. McGill. He was a member of Boyce Memorial A.R.P. church and a retired merchant.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Harmon McGill; two sons, Ned A. McGill, of Gastonia, and Earle McGill, of Blacksburg, S. C.; one daughter, Mrs. W. O. Weir, of Jacksonville, Fla.; two brothers, N. F. McGill, of Kings Mountain, and J. D. McGill, of Albemarle; two sisters, Mrs. Earl Carpenter of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. J. O. Ross, of Charlotte; and four grandchildren.

Pallbearers included elders and deacons of Boyce Memorial A.R.P. Church Lewis Hovis, J. L. McGill, W. S. Fulton, Jr., Menzell Phifer, Garrison Goforth, and James Crawford.

Interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Gilbert Graduates From Orlando School

Tommy Gilbert graduated recently from the School of Medical Technology at Orlando, Fla. and he and his wife and three-month-old son are now living in Kings Mountain.

Mr. Gilbert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom L. Gilbert of Orlando, former Kings Mountain residents. He is a graduate of Kings Mountain high school and is married to the former Jane Byars, also of Kings Mountain.

Committee in charge includes Wesley Bush, Odus Smith, Martin Harmon and Grady Yelton.

There's a "Canine Capers" act, featuring performing dogs, Col.