

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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Long Range Improvements To Stadium Are Urged

Bond Election In December Less Likely

Likelihood of a high school plant bond issue election prior to mid-January appeared less probable this week.

Board of Education Attorney J. R. Davis said Wednesday he has not yet received reply from a letter of more than two weeks ago to the school's bond attorneys in which he asked the New York firm to set up the bond election in late November or early December.

Meanwhile, the county board of education indicated at Monday's meeting they're aiming at a January date for a county district bond election for funds to build two major high school plants.

Kings Mountain board of education initially had indicated friendship to the idea of conducting the Kings Mountain district election conjunctively with the county's.

Superintendent B. N. Barnes said Wednesday afternoon he didn't know what will develop, though he said the Kings Mountain board will hold a special session next week at which some action might be taken.

Kings Mountain board holds option on one potential site, a 75-plus acre tract on Phifer road, this option expiring on December 22.

The Kings Mountain board of education has already petitioned the county board of commissioners for a \$1,100,000 bond election, and this petition has been approved.

"I frankly don't know," Supt. Barnes commented. "We may be ahead of the county district. At any rate, the board will meet again within the next week."

The board deferred for a week on Monday the commissioning of an architect for the proposed plant.

A time factor is also involved, as the bond election resolution must be advertised and registration books opened prior to the voting.

The city and county districts are using the same New York bond attorneys, Mitchell, Pershing, Mitchell and Shetterly.

Supt. Barnes and County Supt. J. H. Grigg spent Wednesday morning working on establishment of district boundaries.

Local News Bulletins

FIRES
City firemen answered two alarms this week, the first on Thursday at 8:55 a. m. to the Marvin Blanton home on Floyd Street to douse an oil stove blaze and the second on Tuesday at 8:45 p. m. to the Raymond Seism farm off Cherryville Road to douse a woods fire. No damage was reported in either fire.

OPTIMISTS MEET
The Optimists Club of Kings Mountain will hold its regular weekly meeting Thursday at First Baptist Church Fellowship hall (the old Herald building) at 7:30 p. m. The meeting will be the regular monthly business session.

NO PERMITS
City Building Inspector M. H. Biser issued no building permits during the past week.

FOOTE DONORS
Foote Mineral Company employees donated 10 pints of blood at the recent visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile and were among the top industrial groups visiting the blood bank. The firm's name was inadvertently omitted from a list of donors published in last week's Herald.

Home S & L Firm Open House Set
Home Savings & Loan association will open its new building on East Mountain street with open house festivities Thursday and Friday.

The open house event will begin at 2 p. m. Thursday, continuing until 8. The firm will also be open to welcome guests until 8 p. m. Friday evening. For full details see today's Herald, Section 2.

Junior Women Win District Community Service Award

Club Is Second In Three Other Competitions

Kings Mountain Junior Women's Club won the community service award Wednesday given annually by District 4 of the state federation of Women's Clubs for outstanding clubwork in 1961.

It is the second year the women's organization has won a major district award. The club won the Child Welfare Cup last year on basis of its service project at the local hospital.

The Junior club of 21 members staged a student sewing contest and fashion show last spring with the local winner, Sandra Plonk, also becoming District winner of the Vogue sewing contest. Collaborating with FFA Girls at Central school, the club supplied the draperies for the new wing of the hospital and those for the chapel. The club has continued a hospital service project for several years, supplying curtains and in 1960 renovating the hospital children's ward. The club won four awards of merit at the state convention for outstanding clubwork in 1961.

Mrs. Jacob Dixon and Mrs. Bill Tinsley represented the club at yesterday's meeting in Stanley.

Kings Mountain Juniors, also won three second-place red ribbons for yearbook, scrapbook and pressbook entered in competition with other clubs and an Honor club certificate. The Kings Mountain Senior club was also listed as an honor club. The community service award is a handsome silver bowl.

J. B. Harmon's Rites Thursday
Jerome Britte Harmon, 64, of Largo, Fla., Kings Mountain native, died Friday night of a heart attack at his home in Florida.

Graveside rites will be held Thursday at 2 p. m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery. The body arrived Wednesday from Florida and will lie in state at Harris Funeral Home chapel until the hour of service, Rev. A. A. Bailey and Rev. H. D. Garmon will officiate and interment will be in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Harmon was a retired employee of Southern Bell Telephone Company and son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jerome E. Harmon of Cleveland County. He was a member of Largo Methodist church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Edith Davidson Harmon; one son, Major J. B. Harmon of the U. S. Army in Hawaii; one daughter, Mrs. Charles Wysong of Jacksonville, Fla.; one brother, Harris Harmon of Bessemer City and one sister, Mrs. Sprunt Elliott of Macon, Ga. Also surviving are five grandchildren.

Registration Books Have Opened For November State Bond Election
Registration books for the November 7 state-wide bond election opened for the first time at all county precincts last Saturday and will be open again Saturday and on October 28.

North Carolina citizens will go to the polls to approve or disapprove any or all of ten proposals to issue a total of \$61,685,000 in bonds for a variety of state projects, from buildings for higher education to buildings for mental hospitals.

The ten proposed issues are: 1) \$2,558,000 for buildings in the State Capitol area. 2) \$1,110,000 for improvements at state correctional institutions. 3) \$1,008,000 for buildings at state educational institutions. 4) \$1,483,000 for buildings at community colleges. 5) \$2,565,000 for a building to house the Department of Archives and History and state library. 6) \$13,500,000 for improvements to state ports at Wilmington and Morehead City. 7) \$7,396,000 for improvements at state mental institutions. 8) \$500,000 to provide state

matching funds for local hospitals. 9) \$961,000 for capital improvements in the conservation and development of the state's natural resources. 10) \$289,000 for capital improvements at the state's agricultural research stations.

Kings Mountain area polling places and officials are: East Kings Mountain, at City Hall courtroom, Mrs. Nell Craton, registrar, Mrs. Ruth Thompson, judge, (one judge to be named). West Kings Mountain at West school — Mrs. J. H. Arthur, registrar, Mrs. Warren Herndon and Mrs. Charles Ballard, judges. Bethware at Bethware school — Mrs. John Jones, registrar, and Mrs. Leonard Gamble and Mrs. H. A. Goforth, judges. Grover at Grover fire station — Mrs. J. B. Ellis, registrar, Miss Ethel Martin and Mrs. J. C. Scruggs, judges. Waco — G. M. Murray, registrar, Mrs. Marshall Wolfe and W. L. Browne, judges. November 4 will be challenge day.



KIWANIS SPEAKER — Basil L. Whitener, 11th district United States Congressman, Gastonia, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their meeting Thursday night at 6:45 at the Woman's Club. Program Chairman Grady Howard announced.

51 Students Straight "A"

Fifty-one Kings Mountain high school students made "A" on all courses for the first six-week period, Principal Harry Jaynes reported this week.

The high school chapter of the National Honor Society honored the students at an assembly program on October 18, along with students scoring high on national tests.

The all "A" students were: 9th Grade — Joyce Bolin, Lynn Cheshire, Kenneth Bankowski, Peggy Bumgardner, John Alexander Neisler, Judy Morris, Senny Willis, Herschel Wright, Jr., Linda Wilson, Jan Williams, Carolyn Jones, Judith Ivey, George Plonk, James Fressley, Oscar Neil McCarter, Betty Flowers, Linda Fitzhugh, Olanda Bishop, Joan Howard, Ann McCarter, Susan Plonk, Rodney Smith and Robert Suber.

10th Grade — Mary Helen Goforth, Peter Houser, Ronald Dotson, Virginia Goforth, Joan McClure, John Tris, Rebecca Bowers, Coral Ramseur, Ira Jane Smith and Fatsy Welch.

11th Grade — Sara Hendricks, Pattie Howard, Petie Lynn, Jackie Hughes, Paul Smith, Jewel Robbs, Norma Spearman, Ann Cooper, Robert Plonk, Peggy Plonk and Marilyn Dixon.

12th Grade — Benthia Bumgardner, Brenda Davis, Dianne McDaniel, Kay Broadwater, Carol Jean Goter, Bill Ramseur and Gail Morrison.

Negro Groups Appear Divided On School Aims

The Negro community appears split on what it wants in the way of school plants.

In contrast to the plea of Mrs. Mabel Davis for admission of two high school children to Central plant and stated interest of her attorney, T. H. Wyche, in not wishing to deter the building of a new high school plant, other Negro citizens told the board of education Monday night they spoke for P-TA groups who want a new Negro high school plant.

The representatives, William Orr and Hillard Hunter, appeared before the board to ask what is being planned for the Negroes school-wise.

"We were told sometime ago that to get a new high school, Compact and Davidson must consolidate. We are consolidated now, and we would like to know what are in school plans for us," Mr. Orr said.

He noted the Compact and Davidson P-TAs have discussed the school problem at two meetings and came to the aforementioned conclusion. "Of course, we cannot speak for a hundred percent of our population," he said.

He noted he did not know the opinion of those who do not attend parent-teacher association meetings.

Supt. B. N. Barnes told the Negro delegation improvements are being made at the various schools, but the board, up until this time, did not know what the Negro population wanted.

"If we build separate facilities, we must have the population for the plants. I don't know what the future will bring. If we're going to need separate facilities, then we must have them, but if not, it would be much better to put our money into one good super high school," he said.

Chairman Fred Plonk noted that the Negro school patrons have not been left out of school planning, but that the school bond issue in the immediate future would not be enough to fund the school.

Mrs. Ledford's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Mattie Wright Ledford, 65, wife of Kemp B. Ledford, were held Sunday at 3 p. m. from Oak Grove Baptist church of which she was a member.

Mrs. Ledford died unexpectedly Saturday morning about 3 o'clock at her home on route three. She had been ill for two years.

Besides her husband she is survived by her son, Frank Ledford, three daughters, Mrs. Osbia Lovelace and Mrs. Woodrow Ware, both of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Wray Ingle of Lincoln; two brothers, William and Marvin Wright and a sister, Mrs. Sam Bell, all of Kings Mountain; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Ledford was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thompson Wright.

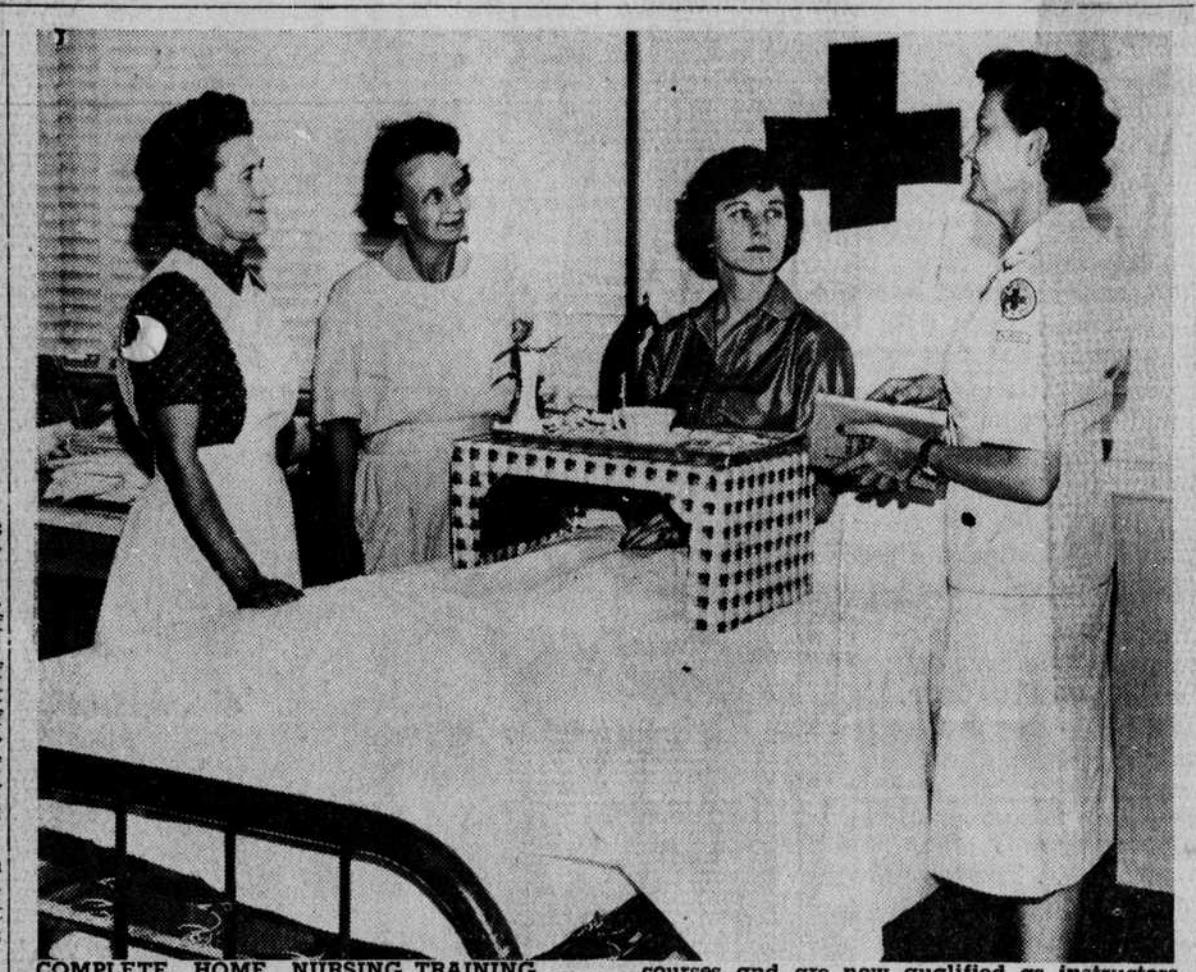
Rev. James Holder and Rev. Ralph Webb officiated at the funeral. Burial was in the Oak Grove cemetery.

1700 Attended Mohair Outing

Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company's Neisler division held its annual employee outings Sunday, entertaining about 1700 employees, their wives, families and other guests at Lake Crawford and at the Davidson recreation area.

W. F. Laughter, personnel manager, termed the gathering "the best in history."

Dr. W. L. Pressly, pastor of Boyce Memorial A.P.C. church, gave the invocation at the Lake Crawford dinner and Mr. Laughter gave a brief address of welcome. Numerous door prizes were distributed. Bridges Barbecue was caterer for the annual outing.



COMPLETE HOME NURSING TRAINING — Two Kings Mountain women, from left Mrs. Etta Bennett and Mrs. Marion DuBose, have completed American Red Cross home nursing

courses and are now qualified as instructors. Mrs. Andy Kistler of Morganton plays the patient in the photograph above and Miss Annie Jo Hawfield is the instructor.

Mayor Is Mayor, Cornwell Painting



AT BETHLEHEM — Rev. Donald F. Callahan of Camden, S. C. has assumed new pastorate duties at Bethlehem Baptist church. He and his family moved to Kings Mountain October 1st.

Guard Company Rates Superior

The Kings Mountain National Guard Unit, Company D, 105th Engineers Battalion of the North Carolina National Guard won a rating of "superior" following the Third Army Inspector General's inspection recently.

Captain Humes Houston, who received the official notice this week, noted the award is the highest possible grade the unit has ever obtained. The unit has made several superiors before, based on annual field training which only covers the annual two weeks training, and superior on various other small phases of training. "The Third Army considers our Kings Mountain unit to be classified in the same category as the highest of units graded in all the other states under the jurisdiction of the Third Army," Mr. Houston continued.

The awarding of "superior" was based for a period of 12 months for the overall Army training, annual field training, attendance of personnel at meetings for a total of 48 drills, operational cost to the Federal Government, appearance and neatness of personnel.

Captain Houston said, he was well pleased with the findings of the Third Army and further stated that all members of the unit were to be congratulated for a job well done.

The inspection consisted of two phases. The first, an afternoon phase. This period was the inspection of the building, grounds, equipment and equipment maintenance, supplies and supply economy, operational of various

Mrs. Carl Mauney, Mrs. Campbell Top Floral Fair Award Winners

Mrs. Carl Mauney, Mrs. H. L. Campbell and Frances McGill were top winners in Wednesday's 56th Floral Fair of the Woman's Club and Garden Council.

The nine out-of-town judges who placed blue, red, yellow and white ribbons on entries adjudged first, second, third and fourth place winners had to decide between two husbands-and-wives teams of exhibitors in the horticulture division and had to count all red and blue ribbons before announcing the name of the sweepstakes holder. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mauney and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Cash had exhibited many prize-winning entries and the two ladies had tied for the most blue ribbons in the show.

Mrs. Mauney received the award of merit for a Peace rose she had exhibited in the horticulture division and was also sweepstakes holder. Mrs. Campbell won the sweepstakes award in the arrangements classification and young Frances McGill, North School fourth grader, won the Junior award of distinction. Mrs. Campbell's two blue ribbon winners included one calling attention to the city's industry and Superior Stone Company and another illustrating an arrangement for a traditional home.

"Dedicated To Our Town" was the theme of the show and all

Dixon, Painter Made Peace Monday Night

Mayor Kelly Dixon is still Mayor and Joe Bill Cornwell, painting contractor, is fulfilling the painting contract he was awarded.

The Mayor and Mr. Cornwell made peace Monday night at an informal get-together of the board of commissioners. Both agreed to extremism in the argument over painting of City Hall courtroom and the police station quarters, shook hands and thereby buried the hatchet.

Ben H. Bridges, Ward 4 commissioner, said the commission gathered, invited the Mayor to join them and discussed the problem. Mr. Cornwell was then invited to attend, agreed he had used rude language in his conversation with the Mayor.

Argument had arisen after Mr. Cornwell's bid was low on the painting job, which Commissioner Gene Goforth had termed "turnkey."

Mr. Cornwell had objected in (Continued On Page Ten)



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Shiloh Series Begin On Monday

In commemoration of Southern Presbyterian Centennial Dr. William B. Oglesby, Jr., will be guest minister at Shiloh Presbyterian church in Grover Monday through October 25.

Dr. Oglesby, who is a graduate of Austin College and Union Theological Seminary, is a member of Association of Theological Professors in the Practical Field, National Academy of Religion and Mental Health; Committee of Family Life; the National Council of Churches. Monday through Wednesday (Continued On Page Ten)

Lions Will Hear E. L. Rankin, Jr.

Edward L. Rankin, Jr., manager of the Raleigh office of John Harden Associates, a public relations firm, will address members of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night.

Mr. Rankin was personal secretary to Governor Luther H. Hodges from his accession to the governorship in 1954 until 1960, and before that had held the same position with Governor William B. Umstead, whom he had also served when Mr. Umstead was a United States Senator. He is also a former member of the public relations staff of Burlington Industries, a navy veteran of World War II, and former employee of the Salisbury Post, Raleigh News and Observer and Associated Press.

He is a navy veteran of World War II, serving in the Atlantic and Mediterranean ocean areas, and is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, Class of 1940. He is a native of Spencer.

Legion To Sponsor Saturday Dance

The regular Saturday night dance for Legionnaires, their wives and guests will be held Saturday beginning at 8 o'clock. Extensive remodeling at the Legion Hall on York road has improved the sound in the ballroom, officials of Post 155 have stated.

A band will provide music for dancing.

TO CONVENTION

Mayor Kelly Dixon, Comm. J. E. Rhea and City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., are scheduled to go to Durham Sunday, where they will attend the 52nd annual convention of the North Carolina League of Municipalities.

Study Group Didn't Hear From Schools

The city stadium study commission has recommended to the city that it adopt a long-range program for the permanent improvement of City Stadium.

Noting that the board of education had not replied, as requested, to a request for intent concerning building of an all-purpose stadium at the proposed consolidated high school plant, the stadium committee wrote the mayor and board of commissioners, "... there was only one course left for recommendation."

It further recommended: "That the city board of commissioners authorize immediate construction of adequate dressing room facilities as recommended and supported by various civic groups, and that the said facilities be located in an area where it will architecturally fit into the Long-Range Permanent Improvement program.

"That the Stadium Committee be immediately authorized to make a complete study and recommend for your approval a scheduling of the long-range permanent improvements.

"That the Mayor and Board of Commissioners meet with the Stadium Committee at an early date — the meeting date to be arranged at the convenience of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners.

The Stadium Committee concluded, "... the Stadium Committee believes that an adequate All-Purpose Stadium will be a step forward in the progress of Kings Mountain and Number Four Township. We pledge our complete cooperation for this accomplishment."

In its report, the stadium group reviewed its first meeting in September and its request to the board of education for a statement of intent on inclusion of an all-purpose stadium in its building plans, adding, "The Stadium Committee desired this information with particular respect to the taxpayer's viewpoint on the cost of a two-stadium program."

Chairman John H. Moss said that the three-man committee, which includes H. O. Williams and J. E. Rhea, held a three-hour session Monday afternoon in process of formulating its report.

The stadium committee had noted at its first meeting that the problems of parking was the chief one in the development of City Stadium. Members had indicated privately they felt it might be cheaper to start afresh to build an all-purpose stadium than to develop City Stadium.

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