

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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PRICE TEN CENTS

Motorists Still Over-Park; 97 Got Tags At Quarter Fee

43 Flirting With \$1 Fee; Three Pay Dime

By MARTIN HARMON
The price for parking too long at Kings Mountain parking meters went up Monday, as 97 over-parking motorists were tagged for minimum 25-cent required fees.

SIX-DAY METERS
Meter Officer Jake Early reminded Kings Mountain motorists this week that he, along with majority of retail merchants, will begin a full six-day work week effective Thursday and continuing through Christmas. The merchants are suspending the mid-week half-holiday and the meter officer will suspend the Wednesday afternoon moratorium on paying for parking.

A total of 51 paid the quarter fee, but three, obviously accustomed to the old honor system ash-canned Saturday, merely placed a dime in the yellow coin boxes which appear intermittently on the meter poles.

Meter Officer Jake Early says to them, "Pay up."

The other 43 who hadn't yet paid are flirting with requirement to pay \$1 for the over-parking privilege.

Under the ordinance adopted by the city, the over-parking fee is a quarter, if paid within 72 hours, with the fee jumping to one dollar if paid within the next seven days (total of ten days).

After ten days, the auto owner is subject to citation to court. If he submits to the charge, he will be assessed half the basic court costs (\$7.30). Failure to submit makes him subject to trial in court assessment of full court costs, a fine, or both.

Traffic Officer Early noted that coin boxes for paying fines are located in front of Joy Theatre, Plonk Brothers & Company, B. & B. Restaurant, Medical Pharmacy, between Rose's and Eagle Stores, in front of First Union National Bank, Pastime Billiards, Griffin Drug Store, McGinnis Department Store, Joy Dry Cleaners and Saunders Dry Cleaners.

Mr. Early also said majority of the motorists indicate approval of the new system.

The city recreation commission, which manages the meter, oper (Continued On Page Eight)

Turkey Day Fare Will Be Varied

Feasts, Hunts, Football, Church On Holiday Menu

Most Kings Mountain citizens were looking forward to Thanksgiving Day Thursday as the final holiday before Christmas.

Majority of Kings Mountain's retail establishments were closed Wednesday afternoon and all were to be closed Thursday. After Thanksgiving, stores will remain open all day on Wednesday and will not resume half-day closing schedule on Wednesday until after Christmas.

Kings Mountain school children at the nine school plants could look forward to a long respite from books. School bells won't ring again until Monday morning.

Church services and family dinners were being featured in most folk's plans for Thanksgiving. Five Kings Mountain churches were arranging special Thanksgiving services, with traditional breakfasts to be prepared by men of the church. Housewives were stocking their larders with turkey and all the trimmings.

Industries will operate on regular schedule.

City hall offices and the post-office will also be closed. The Carolinas Carrousel parade in Charlotte is expected to attract many Kings Mountain citizens. The parade festivities begin at 3 p. m. Betty Morrison will represent Kings Mountain as Carrousel Princess. Miss Morrison was in Charlotte Wednesday night and will remain there until after the Carrousel Ball Thursday night. The parade festivities will be televised as well as other Thanksgiving Day parades.

Eddie Ross, Alton Stewart and Curtis Floyd, members of the Mountaineer football team will play in the Lions Bowl game at Forest City, and Beverly Yarborough, Kings Mountain high school homecoming queen, will participate in the pre-game festivities. Many Kings Mountain football fans are expected to attend the game.

The Shrine Bowl Game at Charlotte was also expected to attract football fans from this area.

Laughter Rites To Be Thursday

Final rites for Christopher Columbus Laughter, 80, will be conducted Thursday at 3:00 p. m. from Second Baptist Church with the Rev. Victor L. Trivette, church pastor, officiating.

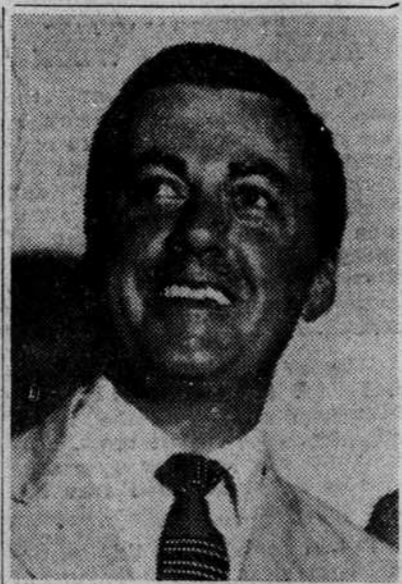
Rev. Trivette will be assisted by the Revs. Marion Pierce, B. F. Austin, Flay Payne, and W. H. Redman.

Interment will follow services in Mountain Rest Cemetery. Mr. Laughter, son of the late William and Mary Kilpatrick Laughter, died at 6:00 p. m. Tuesday.

He is survived by his wife, the former Cora Hull; five daughters, Mrs. Ethel Hoffman, Bessie, Mrs. Bertha Morris, Ellenboro; Mrs. Mamie Lee Stone, Shelby; Mrs. Mildred Wengard, Dundalk, Maryland; and Mrs. Violet Dixon, of Kings Mountain; five sons, A. R. Laughter of Bessemer City; Woodrow and W. F. Laughter, of Kings Mountain; Rev. Harvey Laughter, of Bostick; and Clyde Laughter, of Belton, S. C.

Also five sisters, Mrs. A. C. Johnson, and Mrs. Gordon Crowe, of Forest City; Mrs. Cicero Johnson, of Spindale; Mrs. Will Lane, of Rutherfordton; and Mrs. Zara Holcomb, of Chesnee, S. C.; and three brothers, Luther, Roscoe, and Adolphus Laughter, all of Rutherfordton.

Mr. Laughter will lie in state at Sisk Funeral Home in Kings Mountain until one hour prior to the service at Second Baptist Church.



SPEAKER — Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club will hear an address by J. Clint Newton, Jr., of Shelby, member of the State Highway commission, at their Tuesday night meeting.

Lions To Hear Clint Newton

J. Clint Newton, Jr., district highway commissioner, will address members of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night at their meeting at the Woman's Club.

Mr. Newton, who lives in Shelby, is an official of Cleveland Mill and Power Company, Lawn-dale, and the son of Mrs. Lillian Newton, treasurer of Cleveland County.

He is the first Cleveland County resident to serve on the State Highway & Public Works commission, to which he was appointed by Governor Terry Sanford. He had previously been twice appointed by Governor Luther Hodges as a member of the North Carolina Alcoholic Control board.

He will speak on a program arranged by J. Ollie Harris. The club will convene at 7 o'clock.

Cunningham Rites Wednesday

Funeral services for William Henry Cunningham, 67, of Gastonia, were conducted Wednesday at 4 p. m. from Gastonia's Oakwood Assembly of God's Tabernacle.

Mr. Cunningham died Monday at his home. Surviving are his wife; daughters, Mrs. Albert Smith of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Kermit Hutchins, Mrs. George Mitchem, both of Bessemer City, Mrs. Junior Tate, Mrs. William Hill, both of Gastonia; sons, James and Melvin Cunningham, both of Gastonia, and Ray Cunningham of Kings Mountain; a sister, Mrs. Alice Wiggins of Bryson City; and a brother, Jess Cunningham of Bryson City.

Long Christmas Holiday Schedule Finds Many Merchants Unhappy

Members of the Kings Mountain Merchants association, by narrow margins twice have voted long Christmas holiday schedules this year.

The majority votes dictated: closing two days for Christmas, December 25 and 26, immediate resumption of the mid-week Wednesday afternoon half-holiday, and a holiday New Year's Day. As indicated by the votes, a very large minority is unhappy with the aggregate decision, largely due to the December 26 holiday, and, in turn, to the quick of the calendar.

Christmas Day this year is on Monday.

The votes mean that the merchants will close on the evening of December 23, and due to the incidence of Sunday, will be closed until the morning of December 27, when they will be open for three or slightly more hours, then close for the afternoon.

"In other words," one merchant put it, "we'll be open for

Five Churches Plan Services On Thanksgiving

Five Kings Mountain churches will hold traditional Thanksgiving Day services Thursday. The traditional breakfast and service will be held at Kings Mountain Baptist church, Central Methodist church and Boyce Memorial ARP church at 7:30 a. m. Men of the Churches will prepare the meals and the worship services will follow.

At St. Matthew's Lutheran Lutheran church the service will begin at 10 a. m. Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor, will deliver the message, "The Junior Choir" will sing, "We Gather Together," a Netherlands Folk-song, and the Adult Choir will sing "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem" by Maunder. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered by Father Clements at 9 a. m. at Christ the Kings Catholic church in Kings Mountain.

Father John Wall will offer Mass at St. Helen's Catholic church in Spencer Mountain at 9 a. m. and Father Donald Staib will offer Mass at The Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic church in Cherryville at 9 a. m.

Other churches of the community held Thanksgiving services at mid-week prayer services Wednesday. Dixon Presbyterian church will hold Thanksgiving services on Friday evening at 7:30.

Junior Red Cross Groups Organized

Enrollment in the Junior Red Cross began in the nine schools of the community Monday, Mrs. Paul Hendricks, chairman, said yesterday.

The Junior Red Cross has not been active in Kings Mountain for several years, is being reorganized here under sponsorship of the local Red Cross chapter. In addition to Mrs. Hendricks, other members of the committee in charge of the program include Mrs. Charles Neisler and Mrs. James Scruggs. Key teachers at the schools include: Mrs. J. K. Willis Bethware; Mrs. J. O. Van Dyke, Park Grace; Mrs. G. E. Still, East; Mrs. J. C. Bridges, West; Mrs. Iva Jean Beason, Central; Miss Gussie Huffstetler, North; Mrs. M. H. Biser, Grover; Mrs. J. H. Dye, Davidson; and Mrs. Sara P. Adams and Mrs. Rowe, Compact.

A window display calling attention to the Junior American Red Cross Program has been completed by East school. The exhibit was under direction of Mrs. G. E. Still, is displayed at Belk's Department Store on downtown streets.

"As a Junior Red Cross member, a student can do his or her part in coming to the help of other young people when disaster strikes," Mrs. Hendricks pointed out. She added, "Students exchange albums with friends in the schools of other countries, make articles to cheer patients in hospitals and other institutions, and take part in a variety of other activities."

Junior Red Cross clubs were being organized in the several schools this week.

Lions Zone Meeting Here Friday Night

A dinner meeting of presidents and secretaries of clubs in Lions Zone 3, Region 1, District 31-C, will be held at Kings Mountain Country Club Friday evening at 7 o'clock. It was announced by George B. Thomas, son of Kings Mountain attorney and zone chairman.

Clubs in the zone include Grover, Kings Mountain, Bolling Springs and Shelby.

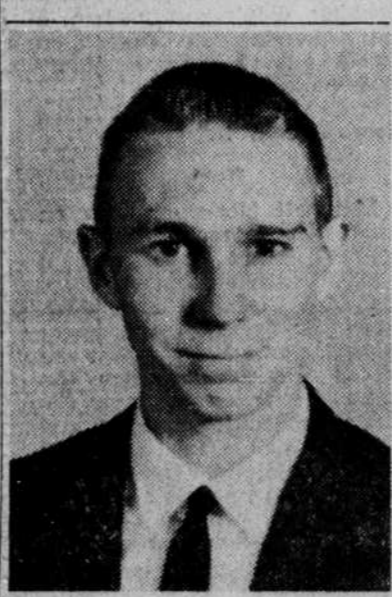
Earliest School Bond Voting Early Next Year, Says Davis



BROTHERS RECEIVE TOP SCOUT AWARD — Pictured with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence White, of Poplar Court, are Eugene White, 15, standing next to his father, and Roy White, 14, both of whom were awarded Eagle Scout badges at last week's Court of Honor for the Kings Mountain district. The Eagle award is Scouting's highest rank. Both are members of Troop 91, sponsored by St. Matthew's Lutheran church. Their awards and 24 others by other troop members gave Troop 91 the monthly troop awards banner.

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Cleveland Delegation Thinks Quick Bond Re-Offer Unwise



AWARD WINNER—Harold Davis was named Typical Teenage Boy by Mount Holly Optimists during last week's Youth Appreciation Week observance.

Davis Awarded Teenage Trophy

Harold Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Davis of Mount Holly, was presented the Typical Teenage Boy award by Mount Holly Optimists during last week's Optimist International Youth Appreciation Week observance.

He is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cash of Kings Mountain.

Winner in the girl's division was Sue Mason.

A senior at Mount Holly High School, the teenage-boy trophy winner is a member of the Beta Club and the Future Teachers of America club, qualified for the American Field Service Foreign Exchange program, is circulation manager of the school annual, "The Holly Hawk," is a youth usher at Mount Holly's First Baptist Church, and vice-president of his Sunday School class.

His mother is the former Helen Faye Cash of Kings Mountain. His father is a captain on the Gaston County Rural Police Force. The Davises reside at 106 Sunset Drive, Mount Holly.

Sanford States College Needs Not Deferable

By MARTIN HARMON

Cleveland County's legislative delegation feel quick re-offering of some of the state-wide bond issues — all ten defeated November 7 — would not be propitious.

They commented Wednesday in wake of Governor Terry Sanford's Tuesday night address to the North Carolina Farm Bureau, in which he eschewed use of his prepared address to say that North Carolina cannot wait to provide capital improvements funds for her colleges.

The Governor was interpreted to be hinting broadly — again — that he may summon the General Assembly into special session for the particular purpose of re-offering the educational institution bond proposal, and perhaps some others.

Rep. Jack Palmer commented, "I personally think it would be bad to re-offer the bond issues at this time, soon after their initial defeat."

He added that most comments from Cleveland citizens did not indicate a re-offer would be too favorably received.

Senator Robert F. Morgan commented, "I would not deny the need for certain parts of the several bond issues. The people of the state have voiced their opinion and to re-offer them this soon might jeopardize these and other future needs of the state. A special session of the General Assembly to re-offer a portion of the bonds at this time is not in the best interests of the state."

Both men said they didn't think a possible addition to Cleveland Memorial hospital at Shelby hinged on the \$500,000 issue for aid to local hospitals. Rep. Palmer said he was told last week by an official of the State Medical Care Commission that sufficient funds are in hands for their needs, and Sen. Morgan said that was his understanding last spring when the final appropriations bill was being considered.

Sen. Morgan also added that he favored last spring — and still does — issuance of revenue bonds by the State Ports Authority. (Continued On Page Eight)



CITIZEN OF MONTH — Diane Roberts, high school junior, is Citizen of the Month for December. She was chosen by the SPO of the high school.

Diane Roberts Citizen Of Month

Diane Roberts, Kings Mountain high school junior and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Roberts, has been named citizen of the Month for December by the Student Participation Organization of the high school.

The SPO selects a Good Citizen each month.

Miss Roberts is a member of the Future Teacher's club and president of the "K" club.

700 Have Joined Christmas Club

Business is brisk with Mrs. Helen R. Ramsey, assistant cashier of First Union National Bank. Mrs. Ramsey looked at her filing case Wednesday and guessed that a minimum of 700 persons have already enrolled in the bank's 1962 Christmas Savings club. It had to be a guess, for she hadn't had time to count the individual ledger sheets.

The 1962 club — the bank's 12th — opened officially Monday, after 900 members of the 1961 club had received checks totaling nearly \$89,000 the previous week.

40 Days Minimum Are Required After Vote Call

By MARTIN HARMON

The proposed \$1,100,000 bond election for construction of an area high school plant won't be held prior to early 1962.

J. R. Davis, attorney to the board of education, said yesterday, a minimum of 40 days is required between first publication of the resolution calling the election and election day.

How early in 1962 the election will be conducted has not been determined.

The board of education postponed its regular November meeting from Monday evening in order to be guests of the Grover Lions club at their recent meeting.

Meantime, Superintendent B. N. Barnes said he anticipates a meeting will be held next week, at which the board may agree on an election date.

Mr. Davis said Wednesday the bond attorneys, Mitchell, Pershing, Shetterly and Mitchell, of New York, are requesting information on a desired date in process of completing legal details for the election.

As yet, Mr. Davis added, he has not received formal approval from the Local Government commission at Raleigh for issuance of the bonds, though approval appears to be a routine matter.

Supt. Barnes said he conferred briefly with W. E. Easterlin, secretary of the Local Government commission, in Raleigh last week and was informed the bond resolution should be based on the so-called Cleveland County act passed by the General Assembly in 1935, and as subsequently amended.

Neither Mr. Davis nor Mr. Barnes will speculate on whether a new registration of voters will be required. Mr. Barnes noted that school district boundaries are not necessarily co-terminal with regular county voting precinct boundaries.

Another question is whether the Kings Mountain district will seek to conduct its election on the same day the County school district offers its proposed bond election, as was first indicated. It appears currently, Mr. Barnes said, that the Kings Mountain district may be ready to offer its issue first.

The county district must await involvement of the situation at No. 3 school, where patrons are expressing interest in merging with Shelby district, as Grover, Bethware, Park Grace and Compact did with Kings Mountain. A meeting held at No. 3 school Monday night was well-attended, as county and Shelby school officials outlined methods of merger and other salient details. The county district expects to hold a straw vote to determine sentiment of No. 3 patrons in the near future.

Earliest possible date for the Kings Mountain district election now appears January 1962.

Baton-Twirling Class To Begin

A baton-twirling class for girls between the ages of 12 and 15 will begin at Kings Mountain high school next Monday afternoon, November 27, at 3:30.

High School band director Joe Hedden said that all girls in the specified ages are invited to attend and receive instruction in baton-twirling from Miss Peggy Ware, drum majorette of the Mountaineer band this year.

Miss Ware has had 12 years experience in the band and has received instruction from Victor Faber, former national baton-twirling champion at Ohio State University, now in Charlotte.

Hedden said that girls completing the course will be eligible to compete for majorette positions in the Kings Mountain High School band this spring.

The initial meeting next Monday will be held in the high school auditorium.

Local News Bulletins

NO PERMITS
No building permits were issued by the City of Kings Mountain during the past week.

NO OPTIMIST MEET
The Optimists of Kings Mountain will not meet for their regular weekly session Thursday. The weekly meeting was cancelled in view of the Thanksgiving holiday.

GRADUATES
Miss Patsy Cantrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie J. Cantrell, has received her diploma from Howard Business college, Shelby, after completing requirements for graduation.

KIWANIS PROGRAM
Kings Mountain Kiwanians held a Thanksgiving program at Tuesday's luncheon meeting at the Woman's club. Dr. P. G. Padgett was guest speaker. The civic club meets regularly on Thursday nights.

X-RAY UNIT
The Cleveland County Mobile X-Ray Unit will be in Kings Mountain in front of Belk's on Thursday, December 7th, the County Health Department has announced. The X-Ray Unit schedule is usually on each fourth Thursday but because of the Thanksgiving holiday has been changed.

AUTO FIRE
City firemen were called to Oak Street Wednesday at 3:30 p. m. to douse an automobile blaze. The fire, which caught in the carburetor tolled slight damage. The car is owned by Clyde Rhea.