

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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PRICE TEN CENTS

New Textile Firm Will Be Built In Kings Mountain

S & L Dividends At Record High

Local News Bulletins

JAYCEES MEET

Mr. Horace Buchanan, general manager of Osage Mills of Bessemer City, will address Kings Mountain Jaycees Tuesday on the humorous theme "The Little House Behind the Big House." Jaycees convene at 7:00 p. m. at the Woman's Club.

PERMITS ISSUED

Joe McDaniel, acting building inspector, issued permits Wednesday to Rudolph Cole to build a one-story residence on Mitchell street at the cost of \$3,500 and to George J. Patterson to build a one-story building on Dilling Street at the cost of \$2,000. Builder of the Cole home is Best Homes, Inc. Contractor for the Patterson structure is Virgil Self.

Meter Law Case Is Docketed

The case of Jack Moss, of the Pine Ridge community, charged with violating the new parking meter ordinance, is docketed for city recorder's court on January 8.

Indications are Court Clerk Earl Stroupe, Jr., said, are that Moss, first person cited to court for meter law violation in the city's parking meter history, will submit and escape with payment of half the court costs, or \$7.30. Meanwhile, meter receipts topped the \$200 mark for the second consecutive week. The total was \$205.40. City Clerk Joe McDaniel reported including \$145.00 from on-street meters, \$32 in over parking fines, and \$27.50 from off-street meters.

Motor Officer Jake Early said he had sent numerous notices to motorists to pay the \$1 fine or be haled to court.

Under the new parking ordinance, a motorist who over-parks has three days to pay a quarter fine. If he fails to pay, he has an additional week to pay a \$1 fine. When this period expires, he chances being cited to court for the violation.

McCurdy Buys Restaurant

Fleets McCurdy, Kings Mountain dry cleaner, has purchased the Cottonwood Restaurant on the Gastonia highway, he announced this week.

Mr. McCurdy said the transaction between him and George Lublanski was completed on December 15. Mr. McCurdy has been managing the restaurant since that date.

Cottonwood Restaurant was opened six years ago by Mr. Lublanski, who is planning to move to Los Angeles, Calif., he told Mr. McCurdy.

The restaurant is open 24 hours daily, offers both regular dinners and a la carte service. In addition to his dry cleaning and restaurant business, Mr. McCurdy is owner of the Statesville baseball team in the Western Carolina League.

Police Report Calm Christmas

Christmas passed with little incident according to the log at Kings Mountain Police Department. Earl Stroupe, desk sergeant, tagged this holiday season as a "low one."

Sgt. Stroupe reported the department logged one arrest for drunken driving, seven for public drunkenness, and several others for traffic violations on Christmas Day.

He noted the violations were fewer than on many normal days. City firemen reported no Christmas tree fires, raising the forefront of persons who fire.

Both Year-End, Total Payments Set Records

Kings Mountain's two savings and loan associations set new high records in payment of dividends, both for the half-year ending now and for the year 1961.

The two associations are distributing dividends for the December half-year totaling \$137,864, up more than \$11,600 over payments last December.

Total payments by the two firms for the year are \$268,023, up more than \$30,000 over the \$237,706 they paid in 1960.

The associations mailed checks to holders of full-paid shares Wednesday.

Tom Tate, secretary-treasurer of Home Savings & Loan association, gave these figures: year-end payments on optional shares \$41,696, on full-paid shares \$37,855, and total payments for 1961 at \$154,179.

Ben H. Bridges, secretary-treasurer of Kings Mountain Savings and Loan association, reported: year-end payments on optional shares \$28,490, on full-paid shares \$28,490, and total payments for 1961 at \$113,656.

College Student Program Sunday

The annual college student program will be presented Sunday at First Presbyterian church, church college students participating.

The order of service includes Call to Worship, Robert Houser; Benefits of a Christian College, Polly Page; Christian Vocation, Philip Padgett; Character, Margaret Jackson; and Campus Christian Life Program, Billie Jones.

Ushers will include Jim Rollins, Buddy Kircus, Mac Lennon and Steve Powell.

Churches, Clubs, Took Yule Cheer To 111 Families

The aggregate effort of churches, civic and service organizations and business firms meant that Christmas was merrier for at least 111 needy Kings Mountain area families.

Rev. B. L. Raines, who headed the Christmas cheer clearing house, was out-of-town Wednesday and an accurate total could not be obtained. However, a partial check-up showed a minimum of 111 families were aided, some with food, some with clothing, others with toys or fuel and some with all these gifts.

Church groups, Mr. Raines had reported earlier, took food, clothing and/or toys to 44 needy families Saturday. The Lions club took food baskets to 20 families, the Jaycees 27. The Optimist club outfitted three boys who had previously had brushes with the police. Kings Mountain Moose Lodge gave all needed gifts to five families, the Kiwanis club to ten, and Carolina Throwing Company and the Junior Woman's club to one family each.

Otis D. Green Post, American Legion, held its annual Christmas party for under-privileged children on Sunday, entertaining 225 children with sandwiches, soda pop, a movie, and giving each a Christmas stocking.

Stewart Joins Herald Staff

Alton Stewart, high school senior, has joined the staff of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Mr. Stewart will be chief reporter in charge of sports reporting, and will be assisted by other members of the staff.

Neale Patrick, Herald sports editor for the past four years, completed his duties with the Herald with today's edition. He is joining the news staff of the Gastonia Gazette on January 1. Mr. Stewart is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stewart, 911 Second street. He won letters as a Kings Mountain high school halfback the past two years and is a member of the track team, running the 100, 220 and 440 yard dashes, and serving as anchor man on the relay team.

Mr. Stewart may be contacted at the Herald from 2:30 afternoon and on Saturday mornings.

Area Leaders Are Optimistic On Business Prospects In '62

Many Prizes Await Winner Of Baby Derby

Many valuable prizes from Kings Mountain area merchants await the winner of the Kings Mountain Herald's eighth annual First Baby Derby.

To the first baby born in 1962 to Kings Mountain area parents numerous firms are preparing a bit of welcome to him or her.

The 1961 winner was Lorri Ann Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, who made an early appearance to greet the New Year and to win both the Kings Mountain and Cleveland County first baby contests. The three-pound five-ounce premature baby girl was born New Year's Day at 4:10 a. m.

Who will be this year's winner and how can he or she win? Here are the rules of the contest:

- 1) Winning baby must be born in the Kings Mountain area.
- 2) Parents must be residents of the Kings Mountain area.
- 3) Exact time of birth must be specified in written statement by attending physician.
- 4) All applicants must be received in the office of The Herald by January 10, 1962.
- 5) In the event of a tie, awards will be distributed at the discretion of a contest committee.
- 6) All decisions of the contest committee will be final.

A list of the gift show awaiting the new arrival are published on pages 4 and 5 of Section 11 in this edition.

KIWANIS CLUB

Jack Ruth, Kings Mountain native and vice-president of North Carolina National Bank of Charlotte, will address Kings Mountain Kiwanians at their Thursday meeting at the Woman's club. The club convenes at 6:45 p. m.

1962 Tax Listing To Start Tuesday

Glee A. Bridges Is Named City Listing Official

Former Mayor Glee A. Bridges was named city tax lister for 1962 at a special meeting of the city commission last Thursday. He and Conrad Hughes, veteran tax lister for the county's Number 4 Township, will be at City Hall beginning Monday to list properties for taxes.

Law requires that all persons who own property list for taxes. Practically, the listing is of personal property, as real property is carried forward on the books from year to year. Persons who have acquired or disposed of real property during the year should inform the listing officials to assure proper billing for taxes. Among properties to be listed include automobiles, household goods, jewelry, guns, appliances, dogs and other items of value.

Owners of business and industry are required to file statements of inventories with Max Hamrick, county tax supervisor. The law requires that actual values of the inventories be listed. In turn, these inventories are taxed at 32.5 percent of value. Both Mr. Hughes and Mr. Bridges urged citizens to attend to the listing chore early to avoid the customary last-of-January rush.

The listing officials will be at City Hall daily, Monday through Friday, from 8 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. Saturdays, Mr. Hughes will be at R. E. Hambrick's Store in Grover to accommodate citizens of the Grover area.

In Number 5 Township, where W. L. Browne is the listing official, Mr. Browne will begin listing properties Tuesday at D. S. Waters Store. On Wednesday, he will be at Four Point Grocery, on January 4 at Short's Grocery, on January 5 at Horace Eaker's Store and on January 6 (from 8 a. m. to noon) at B. E. Bess Store. On all other listing days during January, Mr. Browne will be at Crown Service Station in Waco.

Minor Involved In Monday Wreck

William Stinette was charged with aiding and abetting in driving with no operator's license Monday when a pickup truck, owned by his father, R. Gay Stinette, of Bessemer City and driven by a minor, collided with a vehicle driven by Stanley J. Pinkus of New Britain, Connecticut.

The accident occurred at 8:30 a. m. on Cleveland Avenue at the intersection with Broad Street. The Pinkus vehicle is owned by Pearl Whitaker of 207 Fulton Street.

Investigating officers reported both vehicles were going north on Cleveland Avenue when Pinkus slowed to make a left turn onto Broad Street and the second vehicle ran into the rear of the car.

Damage to the first car was estimated at \$150 and to the truck, \$300.

No one was injured in the accident.

Further investigation is pending. Investigating officer was Ellis King.

COURT THURSDAY

The regular, weekly session of Kings Mountain Recorder's Court was rescheduled from Monday to Thursday this week, Monday being Christmas. Next week's session will also be held on Thursday. The regular Monday date would be New Year's Day.

Competition Will Be Keen, Textile Men Say

By MARTIN HARMON

Kings Mountain area business, financial and industrial leaders are generally optimistic on economic prospects for 1962.

Some textile managers point to heavy competition, both domestically and from foreign nations, as the chief dark spot on the 1962 horizon.

Franklin Harry, Jr., Minette Mills, Grover, "We're completing a record year volume-wise, though not profit-wise, and I anticipate that 1962 will be as good. We anticipate a full operation. At the moment we enjoy a two to three weeks backlog of orders which is good, for business often times gets pretty drab during the holiday season." Mr. Harry said he felt imposition of import duties on cotton goods to equalize the cotton price subsidy in the world market would be helpful to the gray goods manufacturers and to the industry generally.

George H. Mauney, of Mauney Mills, Inc., predicted business would be "fair", also expressed hope for enactment of the import duty on cotton goods.

W. K. Mauney, Jr., general manager of Mauney Hosiery Mills and Carolina Throwing Company, said, "I'm optimistic about the hosiery business which will be specialized or spotty. Today's trend in men's socks is toward more conservative numbers and we have the machines to make conservative hose. In addition, we have a government contract which runs through June and a chance for another. Production at 75 percent capacity is assured, and it's possible we could attain as much as 90 or 95 percent capacity. Stretch yarn is in short supply today and the outlook is good."

Al Maine, general manager of Neisler division of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, predicted, "Business will be extremely competitive and spotty. Certain items will be very good and others very poor. At the moment we have two departments in which we're very busy, two in which we're starving. The situation is reversed from two years ago. Today, the higher priced goods are in short supply, while its hard to give away the cheap, low quality goods."

Ben H. Bridges, Jr., secretary-treasurer of Kings Mountain Savings & Loan Association commented, "It looks like a good year ahead. The last few months picking up in building and general business should carry over."

J. Wilson Crawford, realtor and president of Kings Mountain Business Development, Inc., "We have good prospects for industrial development in light industry. We're getting a new industry now, there is prospect of expansion of another, and prospect of yet another new one to come."

Tom Tate, secretary-treasurer (Continued On Page Five)

New Industry Is To Employ 50 Persons

By MARTIN HARMON

A new textile firm, with plans for initial employment of 50 persons, is to be built on a seven-acre tract on Mitchell street.

J. Wilson Crawford, president of Kings Mountain Business Development, Inc., said Wednesday that bulldozers are already at work preparing the site for construction of a 16,000-square-foot building.

Mr. Crawford, as trustee for Kings Mountain Business Development, obtained option on the tract owned by W. A. Williams.

In contrast to the arrangement whereby the business development firm constructed the Waco Sportswear, Inc., building, and on which Waco Sportswear holds a lease-purchase option, the new firm requires no local financing, Mr. Crawford noted.

Mr. Crawford said he is not at liberty at this time to divulge identity of the owners nor the particular textile products it will produce. He said the owners hope to be in operation sometime during the second quarter of 1962 and had indicated possible expansion in the future.

The seven-acre tract was rezoned for industrial use by the city commission last Thursday.

Mrs. Eiters Rites Thursday

Mrs. Clara Lids Eiters, 75, widow of Robert D. Eiters, died Tuesday night in the local hospital after an illness of several days.

Funeral rites will be held Thursday at 3 p. m. from Kings Mountain Baptist church, of which she was a member. The body will lie in state at the church 5:30 minutes before the rites. Rev. Marion DuBois, assisted by Dr. W. P. Gerberding, will officiate, and interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

A native of Cleveland County, Mrs. Eiters was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wright. Her husband died in December 1956.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Mitcham and Mrs. Robert L. Allen of Kings Mountain; one son, Lester Eiters of Kings Mountain; one brother, Kossie Wright of Kings Mountain; two sisters, Mrs. Lula Bennett of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Mary Bennett of Bessemer City; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Jewelry Store Hit Third Time

A vandal or vandals unknown did Christmas shopping at Dellinger's Jewel Shop "through" the plate glass window Sunday between 5:30 and 10:00 a. m. The theft marked the third heist from Dellinger's window in nine months.

The show window was smashed and jewelry items lifted from the shelves. Manager Lewis Dellinger said Wednesday no loss estimate has been tallied yet. The announcement pends investigation by insurance adjusters.

The first robbery occurred nine months ago and that taken from the show window amounted to some \$4,000. The second theft was logged in July and involved the theft of a transistor radio.

The thieves in both instances went unapprehended.

Police officials said Wednesday morning that no finger prints were left in the Sunday robbery and the department has no leads.

Michael Freeman Struck By Car

Six-year-old Michael Freeman, 607 Landing Street, was hit by a car Thursday at 3:44 p. m. on S. Gaston Street as he chased his yo-yo into the street.

He was taken to Kings Mountain Hospital for first aid treatment, but police Chief Martin Ware reported he apparently was not injured.

Driver of the car was Mrs. Joyce Lovelace Babb.

Mrs. Babb was headed south on Gaston when young Michael darted into the path of her vehicle.

Investigating officers were Martin Ware and Harold Hovis.

Murder And School Merger Top News Events Here In '61

By MARTIN HARMON

The Kings Mountain area had a news-filled 1961, files of the Herald reveal, with the December double murder the year's most sensational news event.

Pete Gunnells and Wade Bagwell, of Kings Mountain, were murdered by Paul E. Hallman, subsequently shot fatally by Cherryville Police Chief Yates McGinnis. The murder brought to Kings Mountain hosts of law enforcement officers, including agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and hosts of newspapermen, radio and television newsmen.

A Chicago daily sought more information from the Shelby Daily Star and a Canadian newspaper called Coroner J. Ollie Harris in quest of further information.

Perhaps the most important news event of the year was the effectuation of the area school consolidation, while another major story was the first application of Negro children for admission to white schools. The applications were denied by 4 to 1 vote.

It was a year of improving business activity and a year of considerable building. The Kings Mountain Country club rebuilt, the National Guard armory project was approved, and J. Wilson Crawford opened a new restricted building development, Country Club Estates.

Other major events were the election of five new members of the city administration, resumption of production by Craftsman, Inc., under new ownership, opening of the new wing of Kings Mountain hospital, and purchase of the former Loomis Tex properties by Parkdale Mills, Inc., of Gastonia.

Honor system parking was eliminated.

Boyce Memorial ARP church sold its properties to the Roman Catholic church and broke ground on a new plant.

Numerous honors were won by area citizens. Dr. J. E. Anthony joined the state medical society's 50-year-club, Jim Yarborough won the young farmer of the year award, and Kim Cashlon was tapped for membership in the state 4-H honor club.

JANUARY
Craftsman Anticipates April 1 Production Date; Lorri Ann Smith Wins Baby Derby; Home S. & L. Retains Architect; Pastors Want Closed Sunday During Church Hours; Charles Blanton C OF C President; Local Share Of Armory Fund Must Be Deposited By June 1; Charles Blanton Is Winner of '60 Honor; A. H. Patterson Will Retire Soon; Answer Unknown On Armory Delay; Sadie Mill Employees End Good Blood Donor Record During Year; Pastors Want Referendum On Sunday Blue Law Issue; Armory Local Funds Short; County Indication Is \$1,000.

FEBRUARY
Parkdale Mills Buys Long-Idle Textile Property; Legal Tangles Could Delay High School Bond Election; Retailers Name Jones President; Hospital Wing To Be Inspected By State And Federal Officials; Mayor Bridges Seeks Fifth Term; City May Issue Bonds For Armory; Grover Buildings Destroyed By Fire; Low Bids On Hospital Facilities Expected; Use Of New Wing Delayed; City Ups Commitment To Armory Project; Garland Still In Mayor Race; Civic Groups Ask For New Lighting; Country

Club Work Underway; Dixon, Saunders In Mayoral Race; Jim Yarborough Wins Cleveland Young Farmer Of '60 Award; Barnes, Plenk To Raleigh Friday To Discuss School Charter Changes; Harris Officer of Coroners.

MARCH
Cline Opposes Alexander In Ward 1; Proposed Changes In School Charter Are Virtually Ready; Hospital Using Its New Wing; Busy Month Ends For Jane Yates, State's Easter Seal Girl; Referendum Likely To Be Offered On Sunday Issue

Billie Jones Wins First Issue Jaycee Teen-Ager Award; Gladdeen Ward 2 Candidate; Kelly Seeking Ward 3 Seat; Action Deferred On Sunday Blue Law Referendum Issue; Bennett Making Re-Election Bid; Kings Mountain Armory Now Assured; School Board Election May 9; Garmon To Speak At Easter Rites; Ellison Seeking Seat In Ward 3; Palmer Bill Gives New District Two Members On School Board; Grover Is Planning \$125,000 Water Bond Election In June; Houser And Gill Nominating; Hour-Sized Footnote Workers Will Get Pay Boost April 1; Jacob Cooper Club President; Community Wide Easter Sunrise Rites Set For Cemetery At 6 A. M.

APRIL
Williams, Harry File For School Board Positions; John L. McGill, Mr. Kiwanian; County School Body Declines Approval Of "Secession" Bill; Race For Mayor's Program Monday; Lybrand Named Jaycee President; Negroes Want Super High School, But At No Delay To Integration; Registration Starts Saturday For

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