

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

This figure for Greater Kings Mountain is derived from the 1955 Kings Mountain city directory census. The city limits figure is from the United States census of 1950.

Saturday Last Day To Register For School Election

Local News Bulletins

DISPLAY FLAG THURSDAY
Colonel Frederick Hambright Chapter, DAR is urging Kings Mountain business firms to display the flag on George Washington's birthday Thursday, February 22nd.

ON DEAN'S LIST
Three Kings Mountain students at Lenoir-Rhyne college are on the dean's list for the first semester at Lenoir-Rhyne college. They are: Martha Julia Cooper, senior; Charles D. Sellers, sophomore; and Joyce E. Plonk, freshman.

WINS PROMOTION
A/2c Jerry Huffstetter, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Huffstetter of the Bethlehem community, recently received his promotion while stationed at Dover AFB in Delaware. Airman Huffstetter is attending the University of Delaware. His address: AF 14750684 1607th FMS Box 886, Dover AFB, Delaware.

KIWANIS CLUB
Kings Mountain Kiwanians will hear the 1961 achievement report at the regular meeting Thursday night at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's Club. Harold Coggins will give the program.

CHURCH SUPPER
The Youth Choir and Methodist Men of Penley's Chapel Methodist church will serve ham plates for both lunch and supper Saturday at the church. Serving begins at 11 a. m. In the recreation building. Plates are \$1.25.

P-TA MEETS
The Park Grace P-TA will meet Monday night at 7 p. m. in the school auditorium. A program concerning libraries will be presented by Mrs. Jacob P. Mauney, district 2 director.

CHORUS TO HICKORY
The Kings Mountain high school Mixed Chorus won a rating of III or good in choral contests at Hickory on Saturday. Mrs. J. N. McClure accompanied the group of students.

TO CONVENTION
Rev. J. W. Phillips, pastor of First Wesleyan Methodist church, will leave Monday for Central, S. C., where he will attend the Southern Area Ministerial convention at Central Wesleyan college. He will return March 1.

Bible Fund Needs \$737

The Bible-in-the-Schools program still faces a deficit of \$737.45 in the 1961-62 budget. Dr. Paul K. Ausley, chairman of the committee in charge of the program, said Wednesday.

He noted a \$25 contribution from the Women's Organization of El Bethel Methodist Church was received by him this week.

Meantime, the Optimists of Kings Mountain Thursday night pledged \$25 to the Bible Fund. Dr. Ausley said the 1961-62 budget calls for expenditures of \$4,627.45. Pledges to the fund by the 19 supporting churches of the consolidated school area total \$3,890, leaving the \$737.45 deficit.

He noted there are 29 churches in the consolidated school area. "This amount must be raised to meet current expenses for this school year," Dr. Ausley said. He noted the aforementioned pledges are to date. He said he is counting heavily on 100 percent payments of church pledges, since some are still outstanding.

He commended organizations and churches for their support up to this time, but noted the deficit is still a problem and must be met.

Other members of the Ministerial Association's Bible-in-the-Schools committee are Rev. J. W. Phillips and Dr. W. L. Pressly.

The Bible-in-the-schools program is wholly supported by churches and civic organizations. No school tax money is used for this purpose, whatever, Dr. Ausley noted.

Allen And Osborne Seek Re-election



CANDIDATE — Sheriff Haywood Allen has announced he will seek re-election. The Sheriff is completing 12 years in that office.

Dixon Prefers Not To Offer

Mayor Kelly Dixon said Wednesday he had informed state Republican leaders he prefers they obtain another candidate to seek the United States Senate seat.

Conferring with state Chairman Cobb, Congressman Charles R. Jonas and other leaders following the tenth district convention in Morganton Saturday the Mayor said he told the party leadership he'd come to the conclusion he should not make the race.

"The off-hand answer was that I might be the nominee anyway," Mayor Dixon added, "but I gave them my reasons for feeling another should be the nominee."

The Mayor said he noted he holds elective office and that he will be 60 years of age in a few months.

The incumbent is Senator Sam Ervin, a Morganton Democrat and former member of the state Supreme Court. He is seeking re-nomination and has no opposition to date.

It is anticipated the GOP candidate will be nominated at the state convention in Durham March 3.

The district convention took no action on a nominee for the tenth district House of Representatives nominee, as it did at Gastonia two years ago when Mayor Dixon was the nominee. The Mayor subsequently opposed Rep. Basil Whitener, Gastonia Democrat, losing by about 25,000 votes in the former eleventh district, though polling more than 41,500.

District leaders are urging Billy Joe Patton, Morganton lumbarman to accept the GOP nomination, but Mayor Dixon said his inquiry left considerable doubt that Mr. Patton, an amateur golfer, would seek the office.

Carol Goter Merit Scholarship Finalist, A. B. Duke Semi-Finalist



MERIT SCHOLAR — Carol Jean Goter, high school senior, is a Merit Scholarship finalist and is also a semi-finalist for an Angier B. Duke scholarship.

Dick Lackey Is Candidate For Solicitor

Democratic primary political announcements increased this week, as:

1) N. Dixon (Dick) Lackey, Jr., paid his filing fee for solicitor of Cleveland Recorder's Court.

2) Clerk of Superior Court J. W. (Bill) Osborne announced he would seek another four-year term; and

3) Sheriff Haywood Allen announced he would seek to retain the office.

4) Recorder Judge Rueben E. Lam was quoted by the Shelby Star as saying an article published by the Star had made Elam's offering for re-election mandatory. The Judge had previously indicated he wouldn't seek re-election. The Star had reviewed at length Monday an article by Chester Davis in the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel which Judge Elam charged contained false information and inferences of corruption in his court.

J. Ollie Harris, veteran county coroner, had announced last week he would seek re-election.

Lackey seeks the position held for many years by Bynum Weathers, now a patient at Western North Carolina sanitarium.

Lackey is a Shelby lawyer and master's graduate of the University of North Carolina and the UNC law school, is an army veteran, and worked in the state attorney-general's office prior to returning to Shelby.

Osborne has been clerk of court since October, 1955, when he was appointed to the post vacated by Clerk E. A. Houser, Jr. He ran in the November election of that year, and in 1958.

The clerk was a practicing attorney before he assumed his present duties. He is a former Deputy Clerk of Court, serving under the late A. M. Hamrick and studying law. He was admitted to the bar in 1937.

Osborne is a son of the late Dr. Ruffin and Texie Lattimore Osborne. He is married to the former Minnie Warlick, a teacher in Morgan School in South Shelby.

He is a member of Central Methodist Church, past Chairman of its Board of Stewards, Sunday school teacher for 24 years, a Mason, a charter member of the Shelby Lions Club, and a member of the N. C. Bar Association.

Sheriff Allen, son of former Sheriff I. M. Allen, won Democratic nomination as sheriff in 1950, has never been opposed in a general election, and is completing 12 years in the office. A former Kings Mountain policeman, Sheriff Allen said in announcing, "We're on the climb, as far as Cleveland County law enforcement is concerned, though we still need to improve our facilities to cope with modern-day crime."

The Sheriff points to the elimination of the office.

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Funeral Held Wednesday For Mrs. Oates

Funeral services for Mrs. Floye Cottrell Oates, 45, former Kings Mountain citizen and Kings Mountain Herald society editor, were held Wednesday afternoon at Boone's First Baptist church.

Mrs. Oates was found dead in her car in a doctor's parking lot in the Boone business section about 5 p. m. Monday afternoon. Coroner Richard E. Kelley said she had been dead since about 10:30 a. m., victim of a self-inflicted .38-caliber pistol wound in the right temple.

She had been the object of a wide-spread search covering most of Watauga county, after her brother, Harold Cottrell, with whom she resided, had found a suicide note when he went home to lunch shortly after noon.

Mrs. Oates had visited in Kings Mountain at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Oates and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Logan recently, having returned to Boone on February 14.

Mrs. Logan said Mrs. Oates did not appear despondent when here, but rather the opposite. She had not been in the best of health recently.

Mrs. Oates was divorced from C. C. (Bus) Oates, another former Kings Mountain citizen, last August. She had previously moved to her native home in Boone to care for her late mother.

The suicide note merely indicated her intentions, giving no clue as to the reason or reasons.

Mrs. Oates was Kings Mountain Herald society editor from 1946-48. During World War II, she worked in an aircraft factory as a production employee in Ohio. Before the war, she and her husband operated a service-station restaurant here.

In Kings Mountain, she was an active member of First Baptist church, and was also active in numerous civic-service projects.

Surviving are three brothers, Harold and Raleigh Cottrell, both of Boone, and Dallas Cottrell, Felton, Calif., and a sister, Mrs. William Wilhelm, Memphis, Tenn.

Final rites were conducted by Rev. Boyce Brooks, pastor of Boone's First Baptist church, assisted by Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr., pastor of Boone Presbyterian.

Burial was in the community cemetery.

Rites Conducted For James Byars

Funeral rites for James Rafe Byars, 44, were held Wednesday at 3 p. m. from First Wesleyan Methodist church, interment following in Memorial park of Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Byars, who had been in ill health for several months, died Monday morning in the local hospital. He was a native of Cherokee County, S. C., son of Mrs. Mattie Moore Byars of Grover and the late William R. Byars.

He was an employee of City Floor Service and a World War II veteran.

Surviving besides his mother are his wife, Mrs. Dorothea Walke Byars; four sons, James Douglas Byars of Pamona, Calif., Terry Louis Byars of Flint, Mich., James Arnold Byars and Edward Keith Byars, both of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Mrs. Jane Freeman of Pamona, Calif., and Mrs. Sandra Sweet of Flint, Michigan.

Also surviving are four brothers, Paul Byars of Grover, Marvin Byars and W. D. Byars of Kings Mountain and Evans Byars of Las Vegas, Nevada; one half-brother, Delbert Byars, of Ellenboro; and two sisters, Mrs. Vance Falls of Gastonia and Mrs. Clarence E. Smith of Kings Mountain.

Rev. J. W. Phillips officiated at the final rites.

Herald Will Print Election Ballots

Herald Publishing House was low bidder on the printing of 10,000 ballots for the forthcoming March 10 school bond election.

Bids opened Monday by Ralph Gilbert, chairman of the county elections board, and J. R. Davis, attorney for the board of education, showed the Herald low at \$22.68 to the \$27 bid of Shelby Printing Company.

Gilliland Commends City, Says Stadium Developable



By MARTIN HARMON
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Cameron Ware Named YDC Veep

Cameron Ware, Bethware community farmer and businessman, was elected vice president of the Cleveland County Young Democrats Friday.

Elected president to succeed outgoing John Brock was George Hamrick, attorney in the office of Falls, Falls, and Hamrick.

Newly elected secretary is Nan Arrowood.

The new officers were each elected by acclamation of the some 22 Young Democrats present at the 4:30 p. m. meeting in the courthouse.

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Bethware Club Endorses Bonds

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The vote was taken following a forum discussion, led by Supt. B. N. Barnes, Harry Jaynes, high school principal, and Fred W. Plonk and H. O. (Toby) Williams, members of the board of education.

Registrars Have Logged 1920 To Date

Registration for the upcoming March 10 school bond election was brisk Saturday, registrars adding 1,568 names to poll books and bringing the total of persons registered to 1,920.

Of this figure 918 are from Bethware, Grover, and Park Grace districts and 1,002 from within the city limits of Kings Mountain.

Only one Saturday, February 24, remains for registering. Persons not listed by the close of books at sunset Saturday will not be eligible to vote in the March 10 election to decide whether Kings Mountain administrative school unit will borrow \$1,100,000 for school construction.

Challenge Day will be March 3. Registration to date, according to polling places, includes: Ward I, 117; Ward II, 142; Ward III, 169; Ward IV, 154; Ward V, 414; Bethware, 382; Grover, 296; and Park Grace, 240.

Precinct boundaries for citizens living within the city limits of Kings Mountain conforms to the city's five wards.

Citizens of the Grover county precinct will register and vote at Grover Fire station.

Voters residing in the former Bethware school district will register and vote at Bethware school.

All other voters outside the Kings Mountain city limits will register and vote at Park Grace school.

Registrars on duty at the polling places Saturday from 9 a. m. until sunset will include:

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Mr. Eiters' Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Rufus Erskine Eiters, 44, were held Sunday at 4 p. m. from El Bethel Methodist church of which he was a member. Masonic burial rites followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Eiters died Thursday afternoon in a Polkston, Ga. hospital of a heart attack suffered 10 days ago. A driver for Carolina Freight Carriers of Caryville, he was en route to Tampa, Fla., with a truck when he suffered the heart attack. He was a native of Cleveland County, son of Mrs. Pratt Eiters Barber of Kings Mountain and the late John Eiters.

Mr. Eiters was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of Fairview Lodge 339 AF & AM.

Surviving in addition to his mother is his wife, Mrs. Mary Sue Herndon Eiters; a son, Glen Eiters of Kings Mountain; two brothers, Thomas Eiters of Miami, Fla., and Zeb Eiters of Bessemer, Ala.

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Not Everyone For Bonds

Not all citizens of the Kings Mountain consolidated school district favor the issuance of \$1,100,000 in bonds for school construction even though the "pro" side of the issue has appeared more in the limelight.

The negative position to the bond question is evidenced in an advertisement in today's Herald on page one of section B. The ad was placed by a taxpayer's committee which maintains it is not against better school buildings, better education, and our school children but is against the \$1,100,000 bond issue.

Adjacent to the ad is another reminding that only one day Saturday, February 24, remains in which to register.

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