

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320

City Limits 8,008

This figure for Greater Kings Mountain is derived from the 1950 Kings Mountain city directory census. The city limits figure is from the United States census of 1960.

Neislars Proffer Gift Of Tract For School Site



rites held -- Funeral rites for Lester A. Harmon were held Sunday. Mr. Harmon died suddenly Thursday after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage.

L. A. Harmon's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Lester A. Harmon, 54, were held Sunday at 4 p.m. from David's Baptist church, of which he was a member.

Mr. Harmon died Thursday night in Presbyterian hospital in Charlotte. He suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and was rushed to the hospital about 7 o'clock.

A native of Cleveland County, he was owner of Harmon Garage in the Midway Section. He was the son of Thomas A. Harmon of Kings Mountain and the late Mrs. Harmon. He attended Kings Mountain schools and was a member of David's church and a past master of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM. He was currently serving as coach of candidates in the masonic lodge.

Rev. N. S. Hardin and Rev. W. L. McSwain officiated and masonic burial followed in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Dessie Lovelace Harmon; his father; two sons, Dale Harmon of the U. S. Army in Germany and Billy Harmon of Kings Mountain; one daughter, Mrs. Bill Bab; two brothers, Hubert and Claude Harmon and two sisters, Mrs. T. E. Wilson and Mrs. R. M. Dover, all of Kings Mountain.

Blanton Is Tapped For NCPA Award

Community Service Honor To Druggist

Charles D. Blanton, Jr., Kings Mountain pharmacist, will be presented the Bowl of Hygieia award for service to his community in ceremonies at the Sir Walter hotel in Raleigh Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Blanton will be the fourth recipient of the annual award. It will be presented by Richard A. Velz, director of public relations, A. H. Robins Company, Richmond, Va.

It will be the annual awards session of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical association.

Prior winners have been Harold Van Day, Spruce Pine, now member of the State Board of Pharmacy; Ralph P. Rogers, former president of the Durham Downtown Merchants association, and Bill Randall, Lillington city councilman.

Mr. Blanton is the recently retired president of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, a past president of both the Kings Mountain Merchants association and Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce, and also a winner of the Jaycee's "Young Man of the Year" award. He is a University of North Carolina graduate, Class of '53, and a veteran of army service.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Blanton, Sr., he is associated with his father and J. L. McGill as a Kings Mountain Drug Company pharmacist.

He and his wife, the former Libby Wilson of Gastonia, and two daughters live on Phifer road.



TAPPED FOR AWARD -- Charles Blanton, Jr., will receive the Bowl of Hygieia award of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association in Raleigh Sunday.

Moose Lodge Elects Thursday

Members of Kings Mountain Moose Lodge 1748 will ballot Thursday to name officers for the coming year.

Members will elect a governor, junior governor, prelate, treasurer and one three-year trustee.

Gubernatorial candidates are Clinton Wood, the incumbent, Horace Brown, a past governor, and W. M. Huffsticker.

Candidates for junior governor are Ray Cline, Millard Metcalf, and Bill Phifer.

Candidates for prelate are Jerry Ross and Dennis Goforth.

Candidates for treasurer are Willie Grece and Charles (Whitely) Bowen.

Candidates for three-year trustee are Carl Davis, Robert Webb, and Robert Ensley.

Rabies Clinic Set Saturday

Dr. J. P. Mauney, veterinarian, has announced the following rabies clinic schedule for Saturday, April 7th.

The schedule:

Leonhardt's Grocery, 9 to 9:15 a.m.

Claude Harmon's Store, 9:15 to 9:30 a.m.

G. A. Lail's Grocery, 9:30 to 10 a.m.

Cash Service Station, 10 to 10:15 a.m.

Goody Bar-B-Q (Near Bethlehem School) 10:15 to 10:30 a.m.

Blackock's Park Inn, 10:30 to 10:45 a.m.

City Hall, Kings Mountain, 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Joint Lions Meeting Tuesday

Members of the Grover Lions club will be guests of the Kings Mountain club Tuesday night at an inter-club meeting.

J. Ollie Harris is program chairman for the meeting.

Roy Houser is president of the Grover club.

The joint meeting will be held at the Woman's Club at 7 o'clock.

ROTARY CLUB

Kings Mountain Rotarians will hear Aubrey Mauney as guest speaker at their Thursday meeting at 12:15 at the Country Club.

John Warlick New President Of Jaycees

John Warlick was named president by acclamation of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce as Jaycees completed 1962 politicking Tuesday night at Kings Mountain Woman's Club.

Named first-president was Named first vice-president was elected to serve as second vice-president.

Elected to the secretarial post was Herman Greene and Bob Hullender was named Jaybird.

Treasurer is John Lutz and a new-office, assistant treasurer, was filled by Bob Goforth.

Elected to serve two-year director terms were Hugh Lancaster and Bill Jonas.

Holdover directors are Raymond (Whistle) Goforth and Rev. Thomas Droppers.

Officers-elect will be installed in May.

President Warlick has been a member of the Kings Mountain Chamber for three years. He served as treasurer to the group in 1961.

He is associated with C. E. Warlick Insurance Agency.

Warlick, age 28, graduated from Davidson College and holds a B. A. degree in business.

A bachelor, he served a tour of duty with the United States Navy.

Following the business session at the Jaycee meet, Forrest Roberts, North Carolina Jaycee district vice-president of Gastonia, spoke to the group.

A film, "Your Money's Worth," a documentary on inflation and deflation prepared by the Federal Reserve Bank System, was screened by program chairman David Kincaid.

Building Business Has Spring Boom

Kings Mountain experienced a spring building boom this week, as evidenced by the issuance of five building permits Monday and Tuesday by acting building inspector Joe McDaniel.

A permit was issued Monday to Haywood Lynch to build a one-story house on Blanton. Estimated cost of the five-room structure is \$3,000.

John B. Dilling was issued a permit Monday to build a two-story residence on Victoria Circle. Estimated cost of the eight-room house is \$18,000. Contractor is Marion Dixon.

A permit was also issued Monday to Florence and Etta Perry to make a one-room addition to their Watterson Street residence. Estimated cost of the project is \$2,500. Contractor is Blue Ribbon Homes.

A permit was issued Tuesday to J. K. Willis, Jr., to build a one-story house on Sims Street between Mountain and King streets. Estimated cost of the six-room residence is \$9,000. Contractor is Marion Dixon.

A permit was also issued Tuesday to Harris-Tetter Super Markets for the construction of a one-story supermarket on W. King Street between Piedmont Avenue and Gaston Street.

The four-section building will cost an estimated \$60,000.

Contractor is T. R. Burroughs Construction Company, Inc., Charlotte.

Armory Commission To Convene Friday

The city armory commission will meet Friday night and is expected to name a chairman.

With the new \$135,000 National Guard Armory nearing completion, a minimum of \$4,000 is needed, Sgt. Charles Wilson said Wednesday to equip the armory with kitchen appliances, lockers, chairs, office furniture, tables and other equipment.

In behalf of the armory, Mayor Kelly Dixon and J. Ollie Harris, both commission members, asked the county commission Monday for a \$1700 appropriation to aid in the purchase of the needed equipment. The commission took the request under advisement.

Members of the commission, as appointed by the board of city commissioners, are Mr. Harris, City Commissioner Ben H. Bridges, Capt. Humes Houston, National Guard commanding officer, the Mayor and City Clerk, ex officio.

High School Chorus To Give Concert

The Kings Mountain high school Mixed Chorus, under direction of Mrs. J. N. McClure, will present the annual spring concert next Thursday evening, April 12th, at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The program will consist of several different types of music including religious and calypso selections, among others.

High School Band Wins Superior Rating -- First Time Since 1953

The Kings Mountain high school band won a rating of superior in Group III of the Western State Band contests in Marion Saturday.

A rating of superior is highest given in the state contests. The North Carolina Band Association presented a plaque to the Kings Mountain musicians and their director, Joe C. Hedden.

Numbers played in competition were: "Toga March" by Meretta and "Scotch Folk Suite." The judges, Richard Trevathan of Western Carolina college, Frank West of St. Andrews at Laurinburg and William Spencer of ASTC, requested the Kings Mountain band play "Little Suite for Band." Local musicians also played "Sunlit Summits" and "Woodland Journey."

Members of the Kings Mountain band are:

Flutes: Susan Plonk, Gail Heavner, Eleanor Ware, Dora Kivrus.

Oboe: Connie Dixon.

Clarinet: Carol Jean Goter, John Clemmer, Linda Walker, Sara Hendricks, Del Goforth, Becky Burton, Rita Bell, Lynda Mauney, Karen Wood, Danny Finger, Cindy Ware, Angela Ruff, Elaine Russell, Sheila Godfrey, Linda Watterson.

Alto Clarinet: Alice Neal.

Bass Clarinet: Lawrence Mauney.

Cornet: Kenny Barnes, Tommy Bennett, Glenn Werner, Jerry Ford, Leslie Joy, Mike Goforth.

Saxophone: Lon Cheshire, Pat Howard, Spencer Moore.

Lutherans Set Lenten Series

St. Matthew's Lutheran church will observe Passion Sunday this Sunday. It is the traditional day on which the Atonement of Christ is observed, being the last Sunday before Palm Sunday.

Dr. W. F. Gerberding will preach on "Our Great High Priest." Regular Lenten services will be held on Wednesday at 7:30, using the theme: "God's Forgiveness and Ours." This is based on the sixth Petition of the Lord's Prayer.

Attendance has been good for Lenten service, and the community is invited to participate, the pastor said in announcing the services.

CHURCH SUPPER

Young people of Central Methodist church will sponsor a hot dog supper Friday with serving from 5 until 7:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Delivery service may be had by calling the church.

County Political Activity Apparently To Be Minimal



HONORED -- Rance Henderson, Kings Mountain senior at Oregon College of Education, was recently tapped by Phi Delta Kappa fraternity as "Man of the Year."

Rance Henderson Is "Man Of Year"

Rance Henderson, Kings Mountain senior at Oregon College of Education in Salem, was recently named outstanding man of the year by Phi Delta Kappa fraternity.

Mr. Henderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Henderson of Kings Mountain, is president of the fraternity. Following his graduation, he expects to begin work on his master's degree.

Mrs. Henderson is the former Beely Ledford of Kings Mountain. She has been a member of the faculty of Oregon School for the Deaf and continues in a substitute capacity.

The Hendersons live with their two children in Salem.

Dr. Clifford Karley, head of the college education department, presented the award to Mr. Henderson.

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Lenten Series At Resurrection

Resurrection Lutheran church is continuing Lenten services at Sunday and Wednesday services, the pastor, Rev. George Moore, has announced.

At the Sunday morning worship hour Mr. Moore will preach on the theme, "He Comes Eternally" and at the evening service at 7:30 the sermon topic will be "Numbered With Sinners."

Mr. Moore will deliver the message on "Holy Art Thou" at the Wednesday evening service, April 11th, at 7:30 p.m. The Lutheran League will serve refreshments during a fellowship hour after the service.

Legion Meeting Friday Evening

Regular meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock.

Principal business of the meeting will be receiving of the report of the nominating committee for officers for the coming year.

Nominating committee members are H. O. (Toby) Williams, chairman, Gene Gibson and John Weaver.

LODGE MEETING

There will be a stated communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM on Monday night at Masonic Hall, Secretary T. D. Tindall has announced.

Only Two Posts Yet Contested In May Primary

County politics, apparently, will be a tame affair, both in the May primary and in next November's general election.

Time is running out, as the deadline for filing for county and township offices is at noon Friday, April 13.

As of Wednesday noon, County Elections Board Chairman Ralph Gilbert reported, the only county-wide contests official for the Democratic primary are for the two elective open positions in the county recorder's court, judge and solicitor.

Two Shelby lawyers seek the judgeship, being vacated by Rueben B. Elam, who is retiring. The candidates are Crawley B. Cash and Joe F. Mull.

Two more Shelby lawyers, Lynn Hobbs and Norris (Dick) Lackey, seek to succeed Bynum L. Weathers as solicitor. Mr. Weathers is a patient at Western Carolina sanitarium.

Meantime, county Republicans haven't yet honored the public promise of their chairman, Pierce Cassidy, that the Republican party will field a team for county offices. Odds, at Wednesday's report, were that there will be few, if any, county races in November.

Bob Maner, West Kings Mountain GOP precinct chairman, said he attended a GOP meeting Tuesday night, but that potential candidates were not apparent.

In the Democratic field, other than the two contests extant, there have been a paucity of rumored candidates. Judge Jack White, of Kings Mountain, who indicated earlier he might seek to unseat Senator Robert F. Morgan again, said Wednesday he doubts he'll offer.

One other contests involve two constabularies, in Number 8 and Number 9 townships.

With exception of Knox Sarratt, chairman of the board of county commissioners, majority of the Democratic incumbents have either paid their filing fees or have indicated they'll seek renomination and re-election.

With the county commission on a staggered term arrangement, only two of the five positions are open this year. Incumbent David Beam seeks re-nomination as District 3 commissioner in the primary, and Ralph S. Elliott seeks nomination to the District five spot, being vacated by Chairman Sarratt. Both seek four-year terms.



BOARD OFFICIAL -- George Thomasson, Kings Mountain lawyer, is a member of the county elections board. He was elected secretary at the recent organizational meeting.

Thomasson Is Board Official

George B. Thomasson, Kings Mountain lawyer, is the newly elected secretary of the Cleveland County elections board.

Following appointment of the board by the State Board of Elections, the board organized, re-electing Ralph Gilbert, Shelby Democrat as chairman, and Mr. Thomasson, a new Democratic member, secretary.

The Republican member, also a new appointee, is John McBrayer, Shelby builder.

Mr. Thomasson succeeds C. B. Cash, who resigned to seek the judgeship of county recorder's court, and Mr. McBrayer succeeds G. V. Hawkins, veteran GOP member, who is ill.

Mr. Thomasson, a graduate of Duke University law school, is solicitor of Kings Mountain Recorder's court. He is currently a Lions club zone chairman and past president of the Kings Mountain club. He is a member of First Presbyterian church. He is a son of Mrs. C. F. Thomasson and the late Mr. Thomasson. His wife is the former Marion Arthur. They have a baby daughter.

Jaycees Selling Auto Seat Belts

Kings Mountain Jaycees, in conjunction with a statewide project, are offering automobile seat belts to local citizens at a price of \$4 per set.

David Kincaid, project chairman, told the group Tuesday night the retail price of the Jaycee offering is much less than belts offered at retail outlets.

The belts come in colors of black, gray, red, green, brown, and blue.

They come complete with bolt and anchor assembly for installation.

Persons wishing to purchase seat belts should contact a Jaycee member.

Dr. Jennings Here Sunday

Dr. Lowell Jennings, Gastonia medical doctor, will conduct 11:00 a.m. services Sunday at First Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Dr. Jennings before entering medical practice served for three years as a medical missionary to Africa.

Prior to his African assignment he had served as a medical missionary to India.

MACEDONIA SERVICES

Revival services are continuing each night at 7 p.m. through Saturday at Macedonia Baptist church on Grover Road. Rev. A. A. Bailey of Bessmer City's First Baptist church is visiting evangelist and Allen Jolley of Kings Mountain's First Baptist church is directing music for the special services.

Neisler Portion Of Phifer Road Site Offered

By MARTIN HARMON

The board of education has been offered as a gift a portion of the Phifer Road site it has under option, and has obtained price on 44 acres of the Goforth Plonk site lying north of U. S. 74, both possible locations of the new consolidated high school.

Paul M. Neisler, Sr., has informed the board of education that Neisler Brothers, Inc., owner of approximately 20 acres of the 73-acre Phifer Road site, which has been under option to the board for more than a year at \$500 per acre, would give the schools this land.

This report was conveyed to the board at a called meeting Wednesday morning. Following the meeting, members of the board, accompanied by T. H. Cothran, members of the firm of Architects Associated, Inc., visited the Phifer Road site and surveyed it personally.

At the meeting, the board had received the following reports on the Goforth Plonk site:

1) Marvin Goforth, who owns 44 acres of the Goforth-Plonk property said he would sell the board 28 acres at \$1500 per acre and the remaining 16 acres at \$1,000.

2) C. S. Plonk, Sr., co-owner with the J. O. Plonk Estate of about 32 acres adjacent to the Goforth property, had informed board representatives he, on his part, would make available to the board whatever acreage desired, but could not indicate price until he conferred with the J. O. Plonk Estate.

3) J. Wilson Crawford, owner of nine lots possibly desired in Country Club Estates, had informed board representatives he would accept the price set by an appraisal team.

4) Garrison Goforth, owner of one lot, and James Lybrand, owner of two lots desired, had not been contacted.

5) Bun Goforth, owner of one lot possibly desired had not been contacted.

The Crawford and Bun Goforth lots, though not mandatory, Chairman Fred Plonk noted, had been recommended by state planning officials as ideal for a major entranceway, as well as to enhance the appearance of the plant.

Meeting last Friday morning, the board had constituted Chairman Plonk, Vice-chairman H. O. (Toby) Williams, and Superintendent B. N. Barnes a committee to ascertain 1) whether properties in the Goforth-Plonk site would be available for purchase, and, if so, 2) the asking price of these properties.

At the Friday meeting, it was reported that three additional sites had been proffered, the J. D. Ford farm near Bethlehem school, the J. Dixie McDaniel tract near Bethlehem school, and a tract owned by Lee Yarbrough and Butler Dixon also near Bethlehem school.

Following the inspection of the Phifer Road site Wednesday morning, several board members expressed renewed interest in the tract cornering at Phifer and Fulton roads, a site previously given cursory attention.

School officials point to several major considerations in picking a site, among them: 1) relative cost of real estate conjunctive with development costs; 2) state transportation requirements and costs (the law precludes transporting of children to assigned schools within 1.5 miles of the child's residence); 3) relative cost and availability of utilities.

In the latter direction, indications are that some members of the city commission feel the city would be in better position to serve the Goforth-Plonk property. At least one member of the city commission has commented that water, fire protection, sewage disposal, electric and gas service would be easier and cheaper to provide there.

Seniors To Sing In Choral Festival

Six Kings Mountain high school seniors will go to Greensboro Friday to participate in the state choral festival.

They will be accompanied by Mrs. J. N. McClure, director of the Mixed Chorus of which they are members.

Seniors making the trip include Jane Hambricht, Mike McSwain, Linda Eaker, Curtis Floyd, Bobby Waters and Dottie Gibbons.

Local News Bulletins

LIONS DIRECTORS

Directors of the Kings Mountain Lions club will gather for a dinner meeting Thursday at 7 o'clock at Cline's Restaurant.

WEIR AT HOME

Sam Weir, Kings Mountain insurance man, is recuperating at home following hospitalization for a back ailment. Mr. Weir was a patient at Charlotte's Presbyterian hospital.

AT HOME

L. June Cloninger, who underwent lung surgery several weeks ago at Western North Carolina Sanatorium at Black Mountain, was released Friday and is convalescing at home. A family spokesman said Wednesday Mr. Cloninger is doing well.

KIWANIS CLUB

A representative of Pritchard Paint and Glass company will give a program to include discussion and demonstration on plastics at Thursday's meeting of the Kiwanis club. The civic club convenes at 6:45 p.m. at the Woman's club.

SERVICES CONTINUE

Revival services are continuing nightly this week at Oak View Baptist church on York road. Rev. Floyd Willis, pastor of Westover Baptist church, is leading the services at 7:30 p.m. nightly through April 7.

ON DEAN'S LIST

Miss Mitchell Ann Lynn and David Nelson Smith, Kings Mountain students at Appalachian State Teacher's college, were listed on the dean's list for the winter quarter just ending. To make the Dean's list a student must carry at least 15 hours and achieve a quality point rating of not less than 3.0 on all work attempted with no grade below C.