

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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PLAY TWO-NIGHT STAND HERE -- The Knights of Music, 16-piece Shelby dance band, will play for dances here Friday night and Saturday night, both at the American Legion Building. On Friday, the Knights will play for the high school Junior-Senior prom, and on Saturday night they play for a Legion Post dance. The band is led by Manager Dick Busse (in white suit). Wendell Phifer, of Kings Mountain, plays bass fiddle and Joe Hedden, high school band director, is one of the saxophonists.



ON MEN'S COUNCIL -- Jerry Wright, Kings Mountain sophomore at Erskine college in Due West, S. C. has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Men's Council, one of two governing bodies that go to make up the Erskine Student Government Association. Mr. Wright, son of Rev. and Mrs. Roy Wright, is also treasurer of the Block E club at Erskine and a pitcher on the baseball team.

Action Is Nil On School Site

There was plenty of conversation, but no action, on the matter of site for the area high school this week.

Superintendent B. N. Barnes, ex-officio secretary of the board of education, said no report has been received from the three-man team from the State Department of Public Instruction school planning division, which surveyed five possible sites last week.

The report is expected momentarily and Supt. Barnes said the board of education anticipates meeting when the report is received.

Meantime, Architects Associates, Inc., retained to plan the new plant, has been asked for a report on relative development costs of the several sites.

Under consideration are the Goforth-Plonk properties west of the Kings Mountain Country Club Estates, the Phifer-Neisler site on Phifer road, a Neisler tract at the south corner of Phifer and Fulton roads, and the Houser property on York road.

Several other sites have also been observed.

The board of education has a available borrowing authority of up to \$1,100,000, voted in March, for the purchase of sites and building of schools, most of which is expected to be required for the building of a new high school plant.

Safety Film Features Meeting

Showing of films on water safety and first aid featured Monday night's executive board meeting of the Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter.

Don Crawford showed the films entitled, "Boats, Motors and People," which stressed water safety and first aid. Treasurer L. L. Benson presided at the meeting held at Kings Mountain Baptist church.

Blood Program Chairman John A. Cheshire reported on response to the recent bloodmobile visit at Grover. Seventy-three area citizens visited the bloodmobile.

Legion Books 16-Piece Band For Saturday

Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will hold a dance Saturday night for members and guests, from 9 to midnight, with the Knights of Music, Shelby dance band, furnishing the music.

Prior to the dance, dinner will be served from 6:30 to 8:30. Diners will have a choice of chicken or steak and can make reservations by calling the Legion building daily after 2 p. m.

Dinner prices weren't announced. Admission to the dance is \$2 per couple.

The Knights of Music, led and managed by Dick Busse, were organized last fall.

Says Busse, "We re-create the sounds of the great bands. We have orchestras from the libraries of Lee Brown, Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, and a host of others.

Many of the 14 instrumentalists have long experience. Included are five saxophones, three trumpets, two trombones, and four rhythm instruments. Among the members are Wendell Phifer, Jr., and Joe Hedden, of Kings Mountain. Lewis Cathey and Reggie Norris, of Gastonia, played with the Cathey band, a one-time favorite here.

Planning Burn-Off? Call Fire Chief

Citizens desiring to burn dead grass off vacant lots, or to get quantities of refuse, or to light any outdoor fire which might get out of hand should call Fire Chief Pat Tignor first.

The twin reason is to prevent fire hazards and to save the city cash, Mayor Kelly Dixon says.

Tuesday firemen answered an alarm at the Melton Hope property near the power substation. Mr. Hope informed the firemen he was burning grass off a lot and they weren't needed. Sometime later, Mr. Hope called back. The fire was about to get out of hand.

Penalty is provided for failure to get the Chief's permission, the Mayor noted.

NO PERMITS

No building permits were issued by city officials during the past week.

Lions International Emphasizing World Peace Via Many Avenues

Principal emphasis of Lions International currently is on world peace. T. Henry Westerfield, of Charlotte, governor of District 31-C, told Kings Mountain members Tuesday night.

The emphasis has taken three principal directions, he said, including 1) affiliation with CARE, the organization which supplies food, medicines, farm machinery and other needs to starving people in under-developed nations; 2) through cooperation with the Peace Corps, to which Lions International has contributed \$100,000 this year; and 3) cooperation in the foreign student exchange program. He praised the student exchange program and told of a German boy who came to this country reluctantly, returned to inform his kin and friends that the United States desires peace, has war widows and war maimed, too.



HONORED -- Mrs. E. W. Neal, veteran teacher and librarian, has been honored by the Bessemer City schools. The library has been named and dedicated in her honor.

Library Named For Mrs. Neal

The Bessemer City high school library has had its name changed to the Helen G. Neal Library, surprise tribute by the Class of '62 to veteran teacher, Mrs. E. W. Neal of Kings Mountain.

When the new high school is completed, the handsome bronze plaque with inscription and a framed portrait of Mrs. Neal are to be moved with the present library into the new quarters.

Mrs. Neal retired in 1960 as a member of the Bessemer City high school faculty and as a librarian. Of her 20 years teaching career, 20 had been served in Bessemer City. She was librarian when the school burned in 1942 and when the school was rebuilt in 1947, the library had to be completely rebuilt. In 1960 there were 5,000 volumes in the library and school officials noted that Mrs. Neal had worked in building the library with a "personal interest."

A native of Due West, S. C., Mrs. Neal was graduated from Erskine college. The former Helen Galloway, she moved to Kings Mountain after her marriage to Mr. Neal and began her teaching career here. She also served as principal of Bethware school and before going to Bessemer City taught in the Tryon system. She is presently a member of

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Club Opposes Goforth-Plonk Site

Books Will Open For May Voting

Registering To Get Underway For Primaries

Registration books for the May 26 primaries will open Saturday in each of the county's 28 voting precincts.

While registration activity, in the absence of a new registration, isn't expected to be too busy, registrars reminded that citizens who have moved from one precinct to another must obtain transfers and those who have become 21 years of age since the books were last opened, or who will be 21 by the date of the November general election, are eligible to register.

Some interest is being evidenced in whether Republicans now registered as Democrats will change registration in view of the candidacy of some Republicans for county office.

There is no county level Republican contest, but there is a Republican primary, there being two candidates for the GOP nomination for the United States Senate.

At the local level the Democrats have four contests.

For clerk of Superior Court, Craig D. Falls, Kings Mountain grocer, is opposing incumbent J. W. Osborne, Shelby attorney.

For judge of Recorder's Court, two Shelby lawyers, Crawley B. Cash and Joe F. Mull, seek to succeed Judge Rueben Elam, retiring.

For solicitor of Recorder's Court, two more Shelby lawyers, Lyndon Hobbs and Norris (Dick) Lackey, seek to succeed Solicitor Bynum Weathers, also retiring.

In a sweepstakes affair for the five county school board nominations, Charles Elliott and Bobby Gene Austell are challenging the members of the board, who are Walter Davis, chairman, J. D. Ellis, Buford Cline, Edwin Moore, and C. D. Forney, Sr.

Registrars will be at the polling places from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. for three consecutive Saturdays. In this area, precinct polling places and registrars are: East Kings Mountain, City Hall courtroom, Mrs. Nell C. Crawford. West Kings Mountain, West school, Mrs. J. H. Arthur. Bethware, Bethware school, Mrs. J. D. Jones. Grover, Grover fire station, Mrs. J. B. Ellis.

Patrick Wins Neisler Medal

Lawrence Patrick, Jr., Park Grace student, won the city-wide Neisler declamation medal in finals competition Wednesday afternoon.

Other contestants represented the various schools of the city system and had been their school winner in earlier contests.

Young Patrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Patrick, used the topic, "The Central Idea."

Other students competing were Jimmy Ware from North school, "What Is An American?"; Scott Kelly from East school, "The Flag and Patriotism"; Steve Crosby from West school, "The Dog"; Mike Goforth from Central school, "The Eternal Enigma"; Gaither Bumgardner from Grover school, "Your Bill of Rights"; and Nelson Connor from Bethware school, "What Shall We Defend?"

Judges were Dr. W. L. Pressly and George B. Thomason, both of Kings Mountain, and A. V. Nolan of Shelby.

The declamation finals were held at Park Grace school.

City Will Extend Sipes Street Soon

The city expects to extend Sipes street soon.



WINS DEGREE -- Lawrence L. Lohr, Jr. has received his master's degree in chemistry from Harvard University at Cambridge.

Lohr Wins Master's Degree

Lawrence L. Lohr, Jr., Kings Mountain student at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass., has earned his master's degree in inorganic chemistry.

Mr. Lohr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lohr, will receive his diploma at June exercises, although he completed requirements for his master's in March. He is working toward his doctorate in chemistry.

He is a 1959 graduate of the University of North Carolina with B. S. degree in chemistry.

Motley Plonk's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Thomas Motley Plonk, 72, native of Kings Mountain and a Charlotte citizen since 1935, were conducted Friday at Charlotte's Myers Park Presbyterian church, interment following at Mountain Rest cemetery here.

A native South Carolinian, Mr. Melton entered the newspaper field in 1939, was a motion picture cameraman assigned to General Joe Stilwell's Far East Forces during World War II in the China-Burma-India theatre of operations. He was subsequently news director for Radio Station WBCC, Bennettsville, and Radio Station WJMX of Florence.

Mr. Melton is president of the Radio-TV News Directors Association of the Carolinas and of the Woodlawn Community club of Charlotte. He is vice-president of United Press Broadcasters of North Carolina and immediate past president of the Carolinas Press Photographers Association. He is also currently serving as national chairman of the Associated Press Wire Photo Committee.

He was subsequently in the textile business at Elberion, Ga., Cherokee Falls, S. C., at Sadie Cotton Mills here, and at Spindale before joining the Internal Revenue service in 1935. He was supervisor of the Charlotte audit division.

He was a member of the Myers Park church and of St. Andrew's Masonic lodge.

Surviving are his wife, the former Louise McGuire of Franklin; two daughters, Mrs. William L. Anderson and Miss Mildred Plonk, both of Charlotte; two sons, T. M. Plonk, Jr., Orlando, Fla., and Rev. William M. Plonk, Columbia, S. C.; seven sisters, Mrs. W. E. Alexander, Robbins, Miss Eva Plonk, Miss May Plonk, and Mrs. Hugh Ormand, all of Kings Mountain, Miss Ethel Plonk, Winston-Salem, Mrs. Claude Hager, Hickory, and Mrs. W. M. Hite, Atlanta, Ga.; and a brother, Rufus S. Plonk, of Bessemer City.

The rites were conducted by Rev. James E. Fogartie and Rev. A. Clarke Dean, ministers of the Myers Park church.

Palbearers were Warren Ward, J. C. Watts, Rufus Plonk, Jr., Martin Boyer III, Dr. George Plonk, and J. O. Plonk, Jr.

Friends desiring may send memorials to the Lowman Home, Lutheran Orphanage or Barium Springs Orphanage.

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Open House will be held at Park Grace school Monday night as a feature of the regular P-TA meeting. Classrooms will be open to visitors and a social hour will be held after the program.

Golf Course Said Hazard To Children

The Kings Mountain Country Club board of directors has written the North Carolina State Board of Education opposing the location of a consolidated area high school on the Goforth-Plonk site, one of several under consideration, and which lays west of the club golf course.

The club board, by unanimous action, adopted a resolution opposing location of the school near the golf course on grounds that school children walking to and from school would take shortcuts through the course, at some hazard of being struck by a golf ball. It was noted that on some holes of the nine-hole course, vision of the golfer is not clear due to variances in terrain.

Copies of the letter were delivered to the five members of the board of education and to B. N. Barnes, superintendent of schools.

Text of the letter, as provided by James Gibson, secretary to the country club, follows:

"At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kings Mountain Country Club on April 10th, 1962, unanimous action was taken opposing location of the consolidated High School on the Goforth-Plonk property, west of the golf course.

"If the school is located on this site, there will be a number of students walking across the golf course as the nearest route to and from school, as well as playing and loitering on the grounds. This, of course, would create a dangerous and hazardous condition as the terrain of the course is such that, when hitting a golf ball, one cannot be sure the area ahead is clear.

"There is no way school officials can control movements of students after they leave school property.

"The Board of Directors strongly urges you to consider the above in your decision."

Melton To Speak To Rotarians

Ervin T. Melton, Jr., news director of WBTW-TV Charlotte since June 1956, will address Kings Mountain Rotarians at their Thursday noon meeting at the Country Club.

Mr. Melton will speak in a program arranged by Rotarian Thomas L. Trot, at one-time associated with Mr. Melton in the theatre business in Bennettsville, S. C.

Dr. Earl McCormac, assistant professor of Bible and philosophy and an administrative assistant at Davidson college, will speak at First Presbyterian church Sunday as the church observes National Christian College day, it was announced by Dr. Paul K. Ausley, minister.

Dr. McCormac holds bachelor, master and doctor degrees from Yale university and attended Union Theological seminary in 1955-56. He spent three years with the Hazen foundation and joined the Davidson faculty last year.

He first won a degree in electrical engineering in 1955, won his divinity degree in 1958. He is in the inactive naval reserve, chaplain corps, holds the rank of lieutenant.

Needed: Churches, Other Groups To Sponsor BSA Troops In Area

Kings Mountain needs some more Boy Scout troops, says Otis Falls, Jr., Scoutmaster of Troop 91, which, under special dispensation of the parent Piedmont Council numbers more active members than is customarily allowed.

A Boy Scout troop requires a sponsor, either a church, civic or service club, which will take responsibility for adult leadership, some financial aid, and supply a regular meeting place.

Scoutmaster Falls commented: "Troop 91, B. S. A., celebrated its birthday with a hike to Lake Davidson Tuesday, where the boys cooked hamburger, potatoes and carrots in tin foil. Sixty-five boys and five leaders made the trip.

"Last year troop 91 registered 96 boys. Five boys passed Tenderfoot tests but could not receive their badges because of the tremendous overload already allowed the troop by Piedmont Council. (Customarily troop membership is limited to 42.)

"The five boys will get their

Booze, Machines Found In Raids

SBI And County Officers Made Raids Friday

Managers of private clubs charged with gambling and sale of intoxicants as a result of sweeping raids by State Bureau of Investigation and local officers last Friday are to appear in County Recorder's court Thursday morning.

Four clubs were raided in the Kings Mountain area, along with 11 others in Shelby and Cleveland County, a major part of a three-county raid.

Of the four raided here, two were "clean." Officers found no evidence of gambling devices nor illegal booze at either the Kings Mountain Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9811, nor at Kings Mountain Country Club.

At the Otis D. Green Post 155 on East Gold street, officers confiscated four slot machines, seven cases of beer, a draft beer barrel, 30 half pints and five fifths of whiskey. Manager Clyde Sanders was arrested. This raid was conducted shortly after 5 p. m.

It was about 10 p. m. before the raid on the Moose Lodge off the York Road. Forewarned, the Moose cache of beverages and other illegal items had been moved from the building, but officers moved directly to the hiding places. One member said a deputy sheriff later confirmed the building had been under surveillance. Confiscated at the Moose Lodge were three slot machines, over three cases of beer and three cases of whiskey. Manager Ray Alexander was arrested.

Both he and Sanders made bond of \$1,000 Saturday morning, after being released Friday night on their own recognizance.

Value of the Cleveland County haul was estimated at \$30,000.

It compared with a raid conducted May 10, 1960, when SBI and local officers made raids resulting in a \$50,000 haul.

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OPTIMIST PRESIDENT -- Harold Phillips was named president of the Optimist Club of Kings Mountain Thursday night.

Optimists Elect Harold Phillips

Harold Phillips was named president of Kings Mountain Optimist Club as the group met in regular session Thursday at Cline's Restaurant on Shelby Road.

First vice-president is W. J. Cantrell and second vice-president is Bob Hurlbut.

Ken Roberts was named secretary-treasurer by the group and Bill Bennett, sergeant-at-arms.

Directors include Marion Sexton, Gerald Valentine, Robert Fleming, and John Dilling.

At the meeting plans were also made for observance of Ladies' Night on Saturday, April 28. The annual Ladies' Night Banquet will be held at Cline's Restaurant at 7 p. m.

Featured speaker for the program will be John Grissom, Lt. Governor of the Zone 6 Optimists.

Door prize drawings for the ladies will be held.

Father-Child Event Thursday

Thursday is Father-Child Night at the Kiwanis club.

Kings Mountain Kiwanians are invited to bring their children or grandchildren as guests. The club convenes at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's club.

Members of "The Accents," a local band composed of students, will present the musical program. Band members are Wendell Phifer, Jr., Kenneth Barnes, Tommy Bennett, Buz Shuford, Joe Fire, George Wilson, Lya Cheshire and Billy Belt.

Plans will also be completed for the club's annual ladies' night banquet to be held on May 3rd.

Soft Heart Saves Possum

John Lutz, Kings Mountain High School science instructor, is now papa to a possum, thanks to the Herald possum adoption agency.

The opossum, of indeterminate age, was the lone survivor of an attack by an unidentified prowler, on the possum family residing in the churchyard of First Presbyterian Church.

Arline Barrett, church secretary, took the orphan in Wednesday morning after finding its mother and seven brothers and/or sisters dead in the churchyard.

"After half a day of playing 'Mama' to the little marsupial, Mrs. Barrett gave up in despair, shortly after lunch trying vainly to anonymously deposit the 'bundle of joy' on the Herald counter. She was caught in the attempt by Editor Martin Harmon and staffer David Baitly.

"I can't take it home. What would I do with a baby possum?" was her explanation.