

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 1955.

Board Resumes Recessed Session On Site Selection

Biennial Primary Voting Is Saturday



CONTEST FOR MAJOR NOMINATION -- J. W. Osborne, incumbent clerk of Cleveland Superior Court, is challenged in Saturday's Democratic primary by Craig D. Falls, Kings Mountain grocer. Mr. Osborne is a Shelby lawyer.

Phifer-Neisler Site Is Favored

Challenge Day Lonesome Here

Challenge Day last Saturday was one for knitting, reading, or otherwise amusing themselves, Kings Mountain area registrars said this week.

Mrs. Nell Cranford, East Kings Mountain, said, "It was a lonely day."

Mrs. J. B. Ellis, of Grover, reported, "I was all by myself."

Mrs. J. D. Jones, at Bethware, said, "None showed up."

Only Mrs. J. H. Arthur, of West Kings Mountain, could report any activity. She reported, "One man came to see if he were registered."

Candidates Speak At Rally

Some 500 Democrats, including a large Kings Mountain area delegation, ate fish and fried chicken at Cedar Park Tuesday night, then heard short speeches by all opposed candidates in Saturday's Democratic primary, and an address on party organization by Clint Newton, recently elected county chairman.

Candidates for clerk of Superior Court, judge and solicitor of Recorder's Court were granted a five-minute speech period, while a two-minute time limit was imposed on other candidates.

First speaker among the candidates was Craig Falls, of Kings Mountain, who is challenging Clerk of Superior Court J. W. Osborne. Mr. Falls accommodated the crowd by failing to use his full five minutes.

Others speaking included Edwin Moore and Buford Cline, seeking re-nomination to the county board of education.

Mr. Cline got a shock, the crowd a tickle. When Mr. Cline grabbed the mike, he got a surprising electric tickle that elicited a "yipe."

The final speaker, a candidate for constable in another township named Reynolds, proved a crowd-pleaser with down to earth wit. His final comment was, "If I'm not elected, I'll never run again!" The crowd roared.

The county-wide rally was sponsored by Cleveland County Young Democrats. President George Hamrick presided and Ralph Gilbert presented the candidates.

Judge B. T. Falls, Sr. of Shelby, was recognized as the oldest Democrat present.

Chairman Newton outlined the Democratic party organization, from precinct to Washington, and renewed a prior pledge that major party decisions in Cleveland County will be by the county executive committee.

NO PERMITS
City officials issued no building permits during the past week.

Indications Are Pointing To Light Vote

The biennial primaries will be held at Cleveland County's 28 precincts and others of the state Saturday, with most indications promising a light vote.

There is a lone indicator of a bigger vote than previously predicted. About 500 Democrats gathered at Cedar Park for a YDC-sponsored county-wide Democratic rally Tuesday night.

Indicating a light vote is lack of contests for district offices, and state offices, and a paucity of county-wide contests. Another indicator was the very light registration activity.

None expected anywhere near the vote total in the 1960 Democratic primary, and many doubted Saturday's Democratic primary would attract the nearly 6,000 votes cast in 1958, most recent off-year primary, when there were six contests for county-wide offices.

On Saturday the Democrats have four contests county-wide and several townships have contestable contests. Number 4 Township has no strictly township contest.

The Republicans will help settle a lone GOP race, between Claude Greene, Jr., and Charles H. Babcock, for the U. S. Senate nomination.

Top office contested among the Democrats in the county is for clerk of Superior Court, with Craig D. Falls, Kings Mountain businessman, challenging incumbent J. W. Osborne.

Two other major offices will bring forth new nominees. Joe F. Mull and Crawley B. Cash, both Shelby attorneys, are seeking to succeed Judge Rueben B. Elam, who is retiring.

Similarly, Norris (Dick) Lackey and Lyndon L. Hobbs, also Shelby barristers, are seeking to succeed Solicitor Bynum L. Weathers, also retiring.

Two challengers are contestants for the county board of education against the five incumbents in a sweepstakes affair for the Democratic nominations. Ed. Moore, of Kings Mountain, seeks re-nomination, along with Buford Cline, Walter Davis, J. D. Ellis and C. D. Forney, Jr. The challengers are Charlie W. Elliott and Bobby Gene Austell.

However, Dr. Padgett volunteered an endorsement for his choice, the Phifer-Neisler tract. He was echoed by Mrs. Lena W. McGill. Holmes Harry then came forward with an endorsement for, this tract.

The Phifer-Neisler land, under option to the Board of Education since December 1960, was placed last on the list by a state survey team in a report reviewing the five proposed sites. Architects Associated rated the Phifer-Neisler tract third.

Listed as the most desirable site of the five in both reports was the Goforth-Plonk tract west of Kings Mountain.

H. O. (Toby) Williams and Chairman Fred Plonk objected strongly to the Phifer-Neisler tract, Chairman Plonk noting that if the tract were the choice, it would be in direct opposition to the recommendation of the team of experts on the State Division of Planning.

Mr. Williams, noting the rock formations on the land, said he felt this choice would be an unfortunate one and would prove very undesirable. "I wish to state now that I am totally against this choice," he said.

Williams stated, however, he could not vote for the York Road site due to commitments made during campaigning for the passage of the bond issue. He said he had pledged himself to Bethware school patrons to vote for a site on the west side of Kings Mountain.

Holmes Harry also stated he had made similar commitments. Dr. Padgett, noting Williams' apparent choice of the Goforth-Plonk site, said to Williams, "We all know why you favor the Goforth-Plonk site."

Williams denied any direct financial interest in the land, stating his father owns property close by and he, himself, owns some land about a mile from the tract.

"I would benefit more if the Phifer-Neisler tract were chosen," he said. He pointed out Williams land directly adjoins the Phifer-Neisler site.

Chairman Fred Plonk also opposes the site, though he, too, said he would benefit from the choice of the Phifer-Neisler tract. (Continued On Page Eight)

Finals Exercises Will Begin Sunday

105 Seniors To Be Graduated On Wednesday

Commencement exercises for 105 Kings Mountain high school seniors will begin on Sunday with the baccalaureate sermon to be delivered by Dr. Paul K. Ausley, pastor of First Presbyterian church.

A student program, "Building for the Future," will climax finals exercises Wednesday.

Both programs will begin at 8 o'clock in Central auditorium.

Dr. Ausley will use the sermon subject, "Can You Be Sure?" at Sunday's baccalaureate service.

Other Kings Mountain area ministers who will participate on the program will be Rev. Woodrow Spencer who will give the invocation and pronounce the benediction. Rev. Victor Trivette who will read the scripture; and Dr. W. L. Pressley who will present Dr. Ausley. The Mixed Chorus, under direction of Mrs. J. N. McClure, will sing "Halls of Ivy" and "The Builder."

Ernie Payne, president pro tem for senior Henry Raines who will enroute to California, will introduce the commencement program on Wednesday night. Carol Jean Goter, Betty Morrison and Claire Gilstad will discuss traits of character, education and freedom, all of which they will point out as necessary for the building of a successful future. Gale Morrison will present the class gift to the school Bill Ramseur will say the invocation, and Kay Broadwater will pronounce the benediction. All are seniors.

Special music by a group of 19 seniors will be featured, with Benthia Bumgardner as pianist. Principal Harry Jaynes will present the diplomas.

Commencement marshalls are Sarah Del Hendricks and Petie Lynn, co-chiefs; and Jackie Hughes, Pattie Howard, Ann Cooper, Paul Smith, Robert Plonk and Gary Collins.

Decorations for finals programs will be under direction of the Parent-Teacher-Student Association with Mrs. John Cheshire heading the committee.

Awards Day will be held Wednesday at 2:45 p. m. during student assembly. Student scholarship winners will be recognized and numerous medals, trophies and awards will be presented.

Candidates for diplomas are: David Anderson, Lana Arrowood, (Continued On Page Eight)

This School Site Would Be Perfect?

In spite of the seriousness and sometimes apparent bitterness with which some folk have approached the location of the new district high school, some others have retained a measure of humor.

Mrs. George H. Mauney is credited with the following humorous wisdom: "I know what to do about locating the school. Build it on rollers, then shove it around to suit everybody."

Six Teachers Are Retiring At End Of Current Session; Five Resign

Six teachers in the Kings Mountain City Schools system are retiring effective June 1. Supt. B. N. Barnes told Board of Education members Monday night.

These include Mrs. Lettie S. Lackey, second grade teacher at East Elementary school; Mrs. Maude W. McGill, sixth grade teacher at North Elementary school; Mrs. Eloise W. Nickels, seventh grade teacher and principal at Park Grade Elementary school; Miss Marie Lineberger, fourth grade teacher at West Elementary school; and Mrs. Ruth M. Hallman and Mrs. Jessie W. Hord, fourth grade teachers at Bethware Elementary school.

Supt. Barnes also announced five resignations at Kings Mountain High school. They include Mrs. Iva Kincaid Beason and Mrs. Johnnie M. Queen, eighth grade teachers; Miss Sylvia Joyce Andrews, physical education instructor; Mrs. Betty Bates, teacher of English and language arts; and John Gamble, a head coach and athletic director.

Mr. Gamble resigned only his coaching duties, requesting to be retained in a teaching position. He was voted a conditional teaching contract which calls for a review of his physical condition by the board on August 15.

Board Convenes Amid Threats Of Injunctions

By MARTIN HARMON
The board of education was meeting Wednesday night again in an effort to select a site for the new district high school -- amid threats of injunctions, no matter which of three sites were chosen.

Wednesday night's session was a continuance of a Monday night meeting, which was merely recessed, never adjourned, gave clear indication that the five-man board is split 3-2 in favor of the Phifer-Neisler tract on Phifer Road.

This tract, though downgraded to fifth by a team of state department of public instruction specialists and rated third by Architects Associated, had the stated support of Trustees P. G. Padgett, Mrs. Lena W. McGill and Holmes Harry.

In the minority and favoring the Plonk-Goforth tract west of the city limits and Kings Mountain Country Club, were the board's chairman, Fred W. Plonk and vice-chairman, H. O. (Toby) Williams.

Meantime, a citizens' group headed by W. K. Mauney, Jr., was advocating strongly selection of the York Road site, property of Mrs. George Houser, Mrs. C. E. Neisler, Sr., Raymond Cline and Aubrey Mauney.

Wednesday afternoon Chairman Plonk was trying to contact owners of the York Road site for downward revisions in price quotations, if any.

It appeared, however, that price of the sites and/or development costs had little place in the thinking of the board members.

The Phifer-Road site would require by far the smallest outlay for the property itself, about \$26,000. Neisler Brothers, Inc., plus acres of this tract, and the Phifers having proffered an additional five acres at the \$500 per acre option price, with statement they would give the \$2500 as the beginnings of a stadium-building fund. Conversely, the architects listed this tract as by far the most expensive to develop.

The Plonk-Goforth tract would require about \$83,000, including 70 acres at \$1000 per acre, plus cost of several adjacent lots, should architects' recommendations be followed to acquire the lots. Development costs were termed moderate.

The York Road tract, said by the architects cheapest to develop, has been quoted at about \$82,300.

Injunction threats had been street conversation for two weeks, largely in connection with possibility the board chose the Plonk-Goforth site.

On Wednesday injunction threats were being talked should the board choose the Phifer-Neisler tract.

Legion Auxiliary Poppy Day Saturday

Saturday is Poppy Day. Members of Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion Auxiliary, will again sponsor the sale of poppies on downtown Kings Mountain streets, Mrs. Paul Mauney, chairman, said.

Mrs. Mauney urged area citizens to wear a red poppy on Sunday in remembrance of war veterans. Proceeds from the sale will benefit disabled veterans and auxiliary veterans projects.

City Gas Sales Will Set Record; Need For More Allotment Indicated

By MARTIN HARMON
The city's natural gas sales will establish another record this fiscal year and increased consumption indicates the city will have to obtain an increased allotment if it is to satisfy future demand.

Here Wednesday to confer with city officials on the coming year's gas operations were W. D. Edwards, of Barhard & Burke, the city's gas engineering firm, and Howard T. Scranton, of the marketing department of Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation, the city's supplier.

City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., estimated the city's gross gas sales for the year ending June 30 will approximate \$200,000, up handsomely from the \$171,697 gross sales for the year ending last June.

In turn, he reported that gas sales reached a new one-day peak on April 2. On that day, the city's meter logged 1,211,000 cubic feet of gas, only 105,000 cubic feet short of the city's 1,316,000 cubic feet per day allotment.



CHAMBERS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS -- Kay Broadwater, left, and Carol Jean Goter are winners of Chambers Scholarship awards given by Foote Mineral Company. Miss Broadwater receives notification of her award from Neil O. Johnson, manager of the Kings Mountain operations, as Miss Goter looks on.

Kay Broadwater, Carol Goter Win Scholarships

Kay Broadwater and Carol Jean Goter have been awarded Chambers scholarships.

These scholarships were started in 1954 by Gordon H. Chambers, then president of Foote Mineral company. Scholarships are available for the education of eligible children of Foote employees.

The scholarship awards were made recently by Neil O. Johnson, manager of Foote's Kings Mountain operation.

Miss Broadwater is the daughter of H. M. Broadwater, plant engineer of the Kings Mountain operation. She plans to enter Agnes Scott college near Atlanta, Ga., in the fall. She is a member of the National Honor society and participated in other extra curricular activities.

Miss Goter is the daughter of E. R. Goter, general superintendent. She plans to attend Duke University at Durham. She also is a member of the National Honor society and is interested in music, dramatics and sports.

Legion Dance To Be Saturday

The American Legion Junior Baseball season will be launched Saturday with a kick-off dance at Otis D. Green Post 155 starting at 9:00 p. m.

Music for the event will be furnished by the Knights of Music, Shelby "Big Sound" band directed by Dick Buse. The group consists of 15 pieces.

Admission to the dance is \$3 per couple.

Proceeds from the event will supplement the Junior Legion Baseball Program.

Over 200 persons are expected to attend the fete, which marks the close of the spring dances. The kitchen will be open and will feature T-bone steaks for \$2.50 and fried chicken for \$1.50. Publicity director Carl Weisener noted reservations to eat can be made by calling the Legion hall after 2:00 p. m. any afternoon.

ALUMNI OFFICER

Thomas A. Tate, of Kings Mountain, has been named vice-president of the Cleveland County chapter of the Appalachian State College alumni association.

Kings Mountain Signs Due Soon

Kings Mountain directional signs should be installed at the intersection of Interstate 85 and N. C. 161 within the next few weeks, W. W. Wyke, division highway engineer, has written Glee A. Bridges, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

"The signing contract for this section of I-85 is now under construction and should be complete within the next several weeks. The contract provides for signs at this intersection for Kings Mountain," Mr. Wyke wrote, in response to President Bridges' inquiry.

The highway commission delayed letting sign contracts following the charges which were lodged against a highway department employee and Kidd Brewer, representative of several of the sign-making companies.

Mr. Scranton acknowledged that need for an increased allotment is indicated. Customarily, he added, Transco files special applications for allotment increase and prepares supporting testimony for the Federal Power commission, which has jurisdiction over gas allotments.



CANDIDATE -- Cadet Dennis W. Gilstad of Kings Mountain is a candidate for a bachelor of science degree from West Point Military Academy in finals exercises June 6.

Cadet Gilstad To Graduate

Cadet Dennis W. Gilstad, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Gilstad of Kings Mountain, will graduate from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., June 6.

Upon graduation, Cadet Gilstad will be commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Force and will receive a bachelor of science degree.

At West Point he was active in the cadet chapel choir and radio and model airplane clubs.

Appointed to the academy by Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.), Gilstad was a cadet sergeant during his senior year.

Gilstad is a 1957 graduate of Robbinsdale (Minn.) high school and attended the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

Edgemont Work Now Underway

City public works department began laying curbing and gutter on the West side of Edgemont avenue Wednesday morning, Mayor Kelly Dixon reported.

He also reported completion of a six-inch water line to serve Craftsman Yarns, Inc.

NO FIRES

City firemen received no alarms during the past week, according to a report Wednesday morning by Foreman T. C. McKee.