

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320

City Limits 8,008

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Seventy-Third Year

PRICE TEN CENTS

Week's Vacation Near For Most Textile Employees

Surplus For Year Of \$66,000

Local News Bulletins

UNION SERVICE

Sunday night's union service will be held at Central Methodist church with Rev. Hubert Garmon, pastor, to deliver the message at 8 o'clock.

GUARDSMEN AT CAMP

Kings Mountain National Guardsmen are at Fort Bragg for the annual two-week encampment. The Kings Mountain unit, headed by Captain Humes Houston, left Sunday.

340 LOADS DEBRIS

City public works department crewmen hauled 340 loads of debris, aftermath of the May 27 tornado, from city residences through Saturday. Superintendent Grady Yelton reported. This was exclusive of debris removed by private concerns and individuals.

LEGION AUXILIARY

Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion Auxiliary, has postponed its meeting regularly scheduled for this Thursday until Thursday, July 5th. Mrs. P. G. Ratterree will be hostess at her home.

FAIRVIEW LODGE

An emergent communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&M will be held Monday night at 7:30 at Masonic Hall, according to announcement by Thomas D. Tindall, secretary.

KIWANIS PICNIC

Kings Mountain Kiwanians and their families will picnic at Lake Montona Thursday. It will be the regular weekly meeting of the civic club.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday totaled \$151.80, including \$10.80 from on-street meters, \$23.75 from over-parking fees and \$117.25 from off-street meters.

NO FIRES

City firemen reported Wednesday morning the department had no alarms during the past week.

OPTIMISTS MEET

Members of the Optimist Club of Kings Mountain will meet in regular weekly session Thursday at 7:00 p. m. at the Cottonwood Restaurant on Highway 29.

Architects Stymied Until Site Chosen

Fred Van Wageningen, of Architects Associated, retained by the board of education to plan the projected area high school, said Wednesday, "We can't do a single thing until the site is chosen."

"First we must know the site, get contours, know the approaches," the architect amplified.

Unless the architects guessed correctly and final site decision of the board, advance drawing of plans would be sheer waste, he noted.

With a limited budget as is true in the Kings Mountain and majority of school building projects, he continued, a variance in cost of site and its development of \$50,000 or \$100,000 would mean that much more or less building, the architect concluded.

"We're anxious to get underway just as quickly as your board reaches a decision," he concluded.

ARP's Postpone Special Service

The special service which was to have been held at the new Boyce Memorial ARP church Educational Building on Sunday has been postponed due to construction on Edgemont Drive.

Dr. W. L. Pressly, pastor, said that further announcement will be made concerning plans for the service.

Indicated Gas System Profit Also \$66,000

By MARTIN HARMON

City Clerk J. H. McDaniel, Jr., anticipates a general budget surplus of approximately \$66,000 and a gas system gross operating profit of about the same amount for the year ending June 30th.

Mr. McDaniel made the estimates Wednesday in analyzing the revised budgets the board of commissioners adopted last week, two weeks prior to the end of the fiscal year.

The general fund cash surplus should accrue, he says, from under-estimation of receipts by \$34,000 and net under-spending by departments of \$32,000.

Receipts now are \$746,000, as opposed to the \$712,000 estimated, with major excesses in anticipated receipts derived from: taxes \$10,000; back taxes \$2,000; utilities \$15,000; street assessments \$6,500; Powell bill street fund \$1,500; and sale of cemetery lots and grave-digging fees \$1,800.

Under-spending includes: street department \$8,000; electrical department \$15,000; debt service \$6,000; and capital outlay \$10,000.

Mr. McDaniel commented, "I hope my surplus estimates are conservative and believe that they are."

The amended gas budget estimates gross receipts at \$187,302 versus operating costs of \$120,000, for a gross operating profit of \$67,302.

These figures indicate that, respecting the call requirement on gas system bonds, the bonded debt of the gas system, \$228,000 today, will be reduced by a minimum of \$60,000 to \$168,000 during the fiscal year starting July 1.

Moose To Enroll 2,000 Members

Announcement was made recently by North Carolina Moose State Director, W. A. Moon, of Pfafftown, that plans are complete for gigantic class enrollments of 2,000 new members in the Loyal Order of Moose on Sunday, June 24.

"Our 76 lodges in North Carolina, involving 26,000 members, will send their candidates into three major Moose lodges in the East, Central, and Western part of the State on that day," he said.

The focal points are Greenville, Shelby, and Winston-Salem. Local lodges are planning huge motorcades. The ceremonies will begin in each place at 2 p. m., Sunday afternoon, with championship ritual teams conferring the degree. The enrollment will be followed by an extravaganza party for sponsors of candidates.

Moon said these tremendous enrollments are planned as a prelude to the Moose International convention in Atlanta, Ga., to begin June 30. Many Supreme Lodge officers will visit North Carolina, June 24, among them Supreme Secretary Carl Weiss, of Moosehead, Ill.; Past Supreme Governor J. Jack Stoehr, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Supreme Governor Harry C. Byrd, College Park, Md.; Supreme Councilman Phillip R. Morse, Corning, N. Y.; George (Continued On Page Ten)

Shots No, Elixir
Yes At Minette

About 98 percent of the employees of Minette Mills, Inc., of Grover, and their dependents have taken advantage of the company's offer for oral-type polio vaccine, a liquid, free, President Franklin Harry said Wednesday.

Mr. Harry, expressing himself as highly pleased at the result noted the effects of polio on the Harry family in prior years and added, "We thought the effort would do the community good."

Two years ago Minette made a similar offer of Salk vaccine, administered via hypodermic, with not too favorable results.

To a suggestion that parents declined to do what they required of their youngsters, Mr. Harry laughed, "Looks like that's about it."

City Asks Upped Gas Allotment



City Will Need 500 MCF More, Transco Told

By MARTIN HARMON

The City of Kings Mountain has taken initial steps to obtain an increase in its daily natural gas allotment of 500,000 cubic feet per day.

Mayor Kelly Dixon, pointing out increased residential use of gas, two new firm industrial users, and increased consumption by Kings Mountain Mica Company, a third firm industrial customer, has informed Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation that the city gas system won't be able to meet its demand for the coming winter without an allotment increase.

Supporting data on 1961-62 operations shows that the gas system reached a new peak demand of 1,184,000 cubic feet on January 11, at a mean temperature of 19 degrees, against an allocation of 1,400,000 cubic feet per day.

The Mayor requests the allotment increase be made available November 1 and also requests another additional allotment of 100,000 cubic feet daily effective a year later, November 1, 1963, in anticipation of continued increase in demand by residential users.

The supporting data shows the city gas system has currently 775 residential heating customers, 112 commercial heating customers, 36 public customers, and five firm industrial users.

RULINGS -- Via rulings of an assistant attorney-general, Elzie L. Putnam, top, is assured of election as a justice the peace as a Republican, and Bob Maner's name will appear on the general election ballot as a GOP candidate for the county board of education.

Putnam Is "In", Maner On Ballot

Elzie Lee Putnam, Kings Mountain garageman, will apparently become one of the county's first Republican officeholders in many years following the November general election.

On basis of an opinion of Assistant Attorney-General James F. Bullock sufficient vacancies exist in the number of justices of the peace legally permitted Number 4 Township to assure both the election of Incumbent J. Lee Roberts, Democrat, and Mr. Putnam, only two candidates.

Some citizens had opined the two would oppose each other. Additionally, also via Mr. Bullock's opinion, arrived at, he wrote County Elections Board Chairman Ralph Gilbert, after conferring with Raymond Maxwell, chairman of the state elections board, the name of Bob Maner, another Kings Mountain Republican who is his party's nominee for the county board of education, will also appear on the ballot.

Here the ruling is less clear, Bullock stating Maner will run against the field.

Chairman Gilbert's interpretation is that Mr. Maner is the GOP slate, while the five Democratic nominees make up the Democratic slate and that the contest will be slate vs slate.

In other words, Chairman Gilbert says, a voter may choose between the five Democrats and one Republican, not vote for four Democrats and Mr. Maner.

Chairman Gilbert says he has studied the election laws and in the opinion that Cleveland's board of education is not elected, but appointed by the General Assembly.

Both Putnam and Maner expressed themselves as pleased with the ruling to date.

Both are among Republican candidates seeking county offices for the first time since 1948.

Tentative Tax Rate Is \$1.50 For Sixth Year

The board of commissioners last week set the tentative city tax rate at \$1.50 per \$100 property valuations, same rate prevailing since 1957.

The \$1.50 rate includes the maximum allowable five-cent levy for recreational purposes.

At its regular June session, the board listened to a request by Sam R. Suber, superintendent of city-owned Mountain Rest cemetery, for erection of a memorial bell tower in the cemetery. Mr. Suber pointed out that monies are available in the city's perpetual care fund and would not impair the city budget, meanwhile adding to the artistic and cultural beauty of the cemetery.

The commission questioned the legality of expenditure of the funds for this purpose and instructed City Attorney J. R. Davis to request a ruling from the North Carolina attorney general.

Another request the commission took under advisement was for establishment of a youth center, the request being made by Clarence E. Carpenter. It was noted such a program could be included in activities of the recreation program.

In other actions, the board:

- 1) Adopted without change for the coming year the privilege license ordinance.
- 2) Reduced to 25 miles per hour the speed limit on Mauney avenue.
- 3) Authorized the Mayor to circulate a petition for construction of curbing and gutter on Linwood street, from Highway 161 to city limits.
- 4) Instructed the Mayor and Electrical Superintendent to give a cost report on installation of a street light on Monroe avenue.
- 5) Adopted an ordinance authorizing post-July 1 operations on basis the current year's budget, pending final adoption of the 1962-63 budget.

Knitting Firm In Production

Production is beginning at Craftsman Yarns, Inc., knitting plant, the large new building on Linwood street.

Manager Robert Lowe said 50 knitting machines are now in place, some in operation.

Several new employees began work Wednesday.

The knitting division anticipates employing from 50 to 60 persons when in full production.

Dilling Oak Felled By Tornado May 27, Here For 118 Birthdays

A silent sentinel stands no more, the victim of Mother Nature's eternal cycle.

After 118 years of growth, the oak tree in the corner of the Percy Dilling yard was clipped by the tornado winds three weeks ago. But it did not give up completely, tenaciously holding on with its deep-seated roots. The base of the tree remained partially in the ground.

History is written in the rings of a tree, history of a dramatic struggle for survival. Abundant years are there, and less ones.

The old Kings Mountain landmark recorded 118 birthdays in all, according to a count by T. C. McKee, a member of Kings Mountain fire department.

McKee has an abiding interest in relics and antiques and became curious about what the tree would tell. Examining the rings with a magnifying glass he found that the tree's 26th year was a mean year for rain. The 27th was wetter, the 28th a little better. The next six years were abundant with water, the five after that only average.

Two wet years followed, then an extremely dry one. Six years abundant with water followed, then an 18 year span with only average rainfall before a really wet year occurred again.

The tree rings tell the story of a sapling growing into a mature tree, and also of some event 44 years ago (about the end of World War I) that caused the tree to become diseased. The death grip was on, now it was a

Rig For Drilling Is Hard To Find

Board To Ask 40-Cent Levy For Building

School officials Wednesday afternoon were still seeking to rent immediately available drilling equipment to determine depth and type of rock formations on two of three prospective high school sites under major consideration.

Specifically, being sought are 1) an air compressor of sufficient size which could be used with a Foote Mineral Company drill the mining firm has proffered, or 2) an air track, described as a combination drill and compressor. Local mining officials say rental on either would be comparable.

The officials were informed Monday by Earl Van Horn, retained geologist, that drilling rigs such as those employed by Southeastern Diamond Drilling Company, which surveyed the drilling areas last weekend are unnecessarily expensive for the work at hand.

Meantime, the education board Monday night approved a measure asking the board of county commissioners to begin levying, effective July 1, the 40 cents per hundred valuation school bond tax passed by vote on March 10.

The board anticipates that sale of the bond issue will begin before the end of the year.

The tax levy is subject to approval by the county commission board, and would raise the special Kings Mountain School district levy to 60 cents per hundred valuation.

The district has heretofore been paying a 20 cents per hundred levy as a supplementary school tax, the funds used to supplement teachers' salaries and employ extra teaching personnel.

In other action the board:

- 1) Voted to pay \$1550 to the county board of education as the balance due on the principal of schools' residence in Grover. The county school system built the principal's dwelling some years ago and has been applying the rental fee to defer the balance.
- 2) Voted a resolution of appreciation to teachers who are retiring from positions in the city school system.
- 3) Voted a contract to Pied Piper Exterminating Company to do termite control work in (Continued On Page Ten)



GRADUATES-Norma Kay Hamrick and Rev. Harry R. Sellers are among area students who have graduated in college com- mencement exercises this month.

Miss Hamrick, Sellers Graduate

Two additional Kings Mountain students received college degrees in recent commencement exercises.

Miss Norma Kay Hamrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David R. Hamrick, was graduated with a B. A. degree in elementary education from Guilford college. Miss Hamrick has joined the staff of Luford School in Princess Anne, Virginia.

Harry R. Sellers, who is married to the former Lyna Baker of Kings Mountain, was graduated from Duke University Divinity School where he received his bachelor of divinity degree. Rev. Mr. Sellers has been appointed by the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference to serve a Hot Springs, N. C. Methodist charge. Rev. and Mrs. Sellers have moved to Hot Springs. Mrs. Sellers is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Baker of Kings Mountain.

Funeral services for Mrs. Luvenia Early Ware were conducted Monday at 4:00 p. m. from Central Methodist Church, the Rev. Herbert Garmon, officiating.

Interment followed in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Ware, a resident of 509 Rhodes Avenue, was the widow of Horace Greely Ware, a former Kings Mountain policeman. She died at 9:00 p. m. Saturday in Kings Mountain hospital following a several month's illness.

She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Early and a member of Central Methodist Church.

Survivors include seven sons, Cicero, Ralph G., Boyce, and L. P. Ware, all of Kings Mountain; Lester Ware, of Ozona, Fla.; Fred W. Ware, of Clearwater, Fla.; and James Browning Ware of Dunedin, Fla.; two daughters, Mrs. John Bennett, of Albemarle, and Mrs. Ernest Yates, of Kings Mountain.

Also surviving are two brothers, Lloyd and Augustus Early, of Kings Mountain; a sister, Mrs. Metta Early Tidale, of Grady, Alabama, sixteen grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren.

Paid Holiday Is In Store For Many Folk

A July Fourth week vacation awaits the vast majority of Kings Mountain textile employees and for many it will be a paid vacation.

With a few exceptions, majority of Kings Mountain area textile firms will suspend operations on June 30, resuming on July 9, a Herald survey revealed Wednesday.

The major exceptions of those contacted are:

Minette Mills, Inc., of Grover, which began vacation schedules this week on a staggered basis by reducing to a two-shift operation.

Lambeth Rope Corporation which will invite employees to work if they wish, grant the week's surcease to those who don't. Employees who vacation will get a week's pay. Those who work will get double pay. General Manager Frank Burke said.

Carolina Throwing will follow regular around-the-clock schedules.

Mauney Hosiery Company, Inc., will operate largely on regular schedule, will grant some of its employees a two-day holiday on July 4 and 5.

The knitting division of Craftsman Yarns, Inc., just getting into production, will operate on regular schedule.

Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company plans no holiday, will operate if business is sufficient, according to Aubrey Mauney.

Otherwise, the June 30-July 9 vacation applies to employees of:

Craftsman Yarns, Inc., spinning mill, with percentage of earnings vacation pay.

Phenix Plant of Burlington Industries, with percentage of earnings vacation pay.

Neisler division of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company.

Sadie Cotton Mills and Mauney Mills, Inc., with decision not reached on vacation pay.

Park Yarn Mills, with percentage of earnings vacation pay.

Estimate Not Far Out-Of-Balance

Barring additions of other projects or other costs, preliminary estimates of the city budget for the coming year aren't far out-of-balance, with the inclusion of an anticipated \$66,000 surplus.

City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., had previously said departmental spending requests were \$80,000 over estimated receipts—minus any surplus which might prove available.

Included, too, was a quite major capital outlay item, \$75,000 for first-phase rebuilding of the electrical distribution system.

One omission in the preliminary figures: no capital outlay appropriation for improvements to city stadium, about which there has been much conversation and preliminary planning for the past 12 months. Basic recommendations include building of a dressing facilities for players, rest room improvements for fans, and opening of Mountain street to Carpenter street.

Mayor Kelly Dixon reported Wednesday that H. R. Parton has conveyed the city a 40-foot right-of-way deed from Carpenter street west a distance of 238 feet to the R. D. Goforth property line.

The board of commissioners has named Mayor Dixon, Clerk McDaniel, Commissioner Ben H. Bridges and J. E. Rhea as a budget committee to bring final recommendations.

Optimist Benefit Set For Friday

Kings Mountain Optimist club will sponsor a benefit barbecue all day Friday, proceeds to go to the club's extensive program of Boys Work in the community.

Harold Phillips, spokesman for the club, said barbecue plates will be served at \$1.25 for adults and 75 cents for children from 10 a. m. Friday morning until 10 p. m. Friday night at the American Legion Building.

The Optimists currently field a Little League baseball team plus four Midget football teams and render other services in connection with a program for boys in the community.