

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
 City Limits 8,008

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Schools Expect 4300 First Day Pupils Wednesday

Business Tax Values Up \$900,000

Modernization By Industries To Up Tax Take

City tax valuations of business and industry show a healthy jump over last year, Acting Tax Supervisor Joe McDaniel, Jr., said Wednesday.

Preliminary totals show total business property ad valorem tax valuations in the city at \$5,006,161, exclusive of the Southern Railway valuation which is supplied by the State Board of Assessment.

The figure to date is up by approximately \$706,000 from last year's business valuations of \$4,270,606. Southern Railway's 1961 valuation was \$188,070. Assuming the same figure, the increase will be nearly \$900,000.

Majority of the increase stemmed from modernization or programs at three textile firms, Craftsman Yarns, Inc., Sadie Cotton Mills, and Mauney Mills, Inc., Mr. McDaniel noted.

The difference will be considerable for the city treasury. Mr. McDaniel says the 1962 tax payment increase from business or industry will increase, on basis of the city's \$150 per \$100 rate, from \$64,059 to \$75,092, or approximately \$11,000.

Big gain was in personal property (which machinery is categorized), with the current figure \$1,931,778, compared to \$1,335,433 last year.

Real estate, exclusive of Southern Railway, is currently \$3,074,383, compared to \$3,135,173 last year.

Mr. McDaniel said final totals on property values of individuals, including residential realty, autos, household goods and other personal property has not been totaled. He anticipates an increase in these values, too, indicating the final valuation increase will be at least \$1,000,000, if not more.

Last year's valuation total was \$11,752,000.

Local News Bulletins

CHURCH SUPPER

The Flora Halliday circle of Boyce Memorial ARP church will serve supper to the YPCU, Intermediates and Junior groups Sunday evening at 6 p.m. during their regular Sabbath evening meetings.

FIRES

Kings Mountain's Fire Department received one alarm during the past week. Fuller McGillis barn, outside the city limits off Linwood Road, was struck by lightning. Only the livestock was saved.

PERMIT ISSUED

One permit was issued Saturday to P. B. Phillips to build a one-story residence on Second Street. Estimated cost of the structure is \$2000.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Resurrection Lutheran church will conclude its schedule of early morning services with this Sunday's services. Sunday School will be held at 9 a.m. and morning worship at 10 a.m.

FREE SWIM

Members of the Mauney, Rebel and VFW teams in the city's youth baseball program will receive a free swim in the Deal Street Pool when they return their uniforms to pool director Jake Early.

KIWANIS CLUB

Don Crawford, Kings Mountain scoutmaster, will report on his recent trip to Camp Philmont, Boy Scout ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico, at Thursday's Kiwanis club meeting at 6:45 p.m. at the Woman's club.

ANNUAL PICNIC

First Presbyterian church will hold its annual Sunday School picnic at Lake Montonia picnic area Wednesday beginning at 6:30 p.m., Dr. Paul Ausley, pastor, has announced.



GRADUATED—Miss Kaye Frances Barnett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barnett, was graduated in histology from Charlotte Presbyterian Hospital School of Medical Technology last Friday night. Miss Barnett has joined the staff of the hospital.

Board Surveys Site Survey

Meeting in regular monthly session Monday night the Kings Mountain board of education moved a step closer to realizing the new high school plant that is to be erected on the Phifer Road.

Completed plans from the surveyors were available on three of the four parcels of land comprising the school site and were studied by the members of the board.

Plats of the Martin Phifer property, Phifer estate property and the Phifer gift property were reviewed.

Surveying of the approximate 20 acres to be donated by the Neishers was handled by the donors and a plat was not yet available.

The plats showed that the land encompassed a little less than the old deeds designated. Total acreage of the three plots was 5322 acres.

It was decided by the board to have a master plat drawn so that a better picture of the site might be shown.

Following the review, the board authorized Chairman Fred W. Plonk and Supt. B. N. Barnes to sign checks to cover the land purchase at the time the plat is completed and deeds are prepared.

In a non-related matter, the board decided to talk with representatives of the C. E. Warlick Insurance Agency before taking action on a request by Bob Maner that the premium for the school system's insurance be split among all the school district's insurance agencies.

The Warlick Agency is presently the producer of the insurance and, according to Mr. Maner, shares the premium with only one other agency, The Arthur Hay Agency.

Attendance Officer

The board voted unanimously to hire Thomas (Red) McKee as attendance officer for the 1962-63 school year. The employment of McKee will be on the same basis as the previous attendance officers until permanent arrangements are made.

Mayor Dixon Earliest To Announce For Re-election? Not Formally...

By MARTIN HARMON
 As Mayor Kelly Dixon the earliest-announced candidate for re-election in city political history? Not formally.

Commenting on Charlotte Observer Reporter Mike Soper's feature of last weekend, in which Soper stated, "He is considering re-election," Mayor Dixon said, "He asked me if I would seek re-election, and I told him once a person is in office it's somewhat hard not to seek re-election."

Mayor Dixon was elected in May of 1961 for a two-year term in a run-off election with Ex-Mayor Glee A. Bridges. Through the fall general election for county, state, and national officers intervenes in November, the biennial city election is less than nine months distant.

Coroners Elected Harris President

Kings Mountain Mortician Heads State Coroners

J. Ollie Harris, Kings Mountain mortician and veteran Cleveland County coroner, was elected Saturday president of the North Carolina Coroners' association.

Mr. Harris was elected at an Asheville convention to succeed Dr. John C. Young, of Buncombe, who had been elected Friday president of the coroners' national association.

Elected to terms beginning January first were Dr. D. R. Perry, Durham, first vice-president; C. A. Boyce, Edenton, second vice-president; E. W. Hardy, Greenville, secretary; and G. C. Saunders, Oxford, treasurer.

Mr. Harris is a former president of the North Carolina Morticians and Embalmers association.

A Kings Mountain business man for 15 years, he is a past commander of the American Legion, Post 155, and a past president of the Kings Mountain Lions club.

He is unopposed for a fifth four-year term as Cleveland coroner.

Mrs. Harris is the former Abbie Jane Wall, of Shelby.

Hypnotist Here September 8th

The Kings Mountain Optimist club will sponsor a demonstration of hypnotism here at the high school auditorium September 8. It was announced by Harold Phillips, Optimist president.

A preview of the evening show will be available free to all citizens when the star of the show appears at City Hall to begin a tour of the city through busy traffic. The hypnotist will drive himself while blindfolded.

Mr. Phillips said Acting Police Chief Paul Sanders has agreed to be a passenger and that Mayor Kelly Dixon will blindfold the hypnotist.

Nazarene Church Sells Homecoming

Homecoming services will be held Sunday at First Church of the Nazarene.

Sunday School services will begin at 9:45, and the pastor Rev. H. C. Clayton, will conduct 11 o'clock services.

Following picnic dinner on the grounds, a song service will begin at 2:30 p.m. featuring visiting quartets and other groups.

FROM VACATION

Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Pressly have returned from a vacation to Massanutta Springs, Va. Dr. Pressly will fill the pulpit at Sunday services at Boyce Memorial ARP church of which he is pastor.



HEADS STATE GROUP—J. Ollie Harris, veteran Cleveland County coroner, was elected last week end president of the North Carolina Coroners' association.

Questions Posed To City Retailers

Kings Mountain Merchants association is polling its membership on three questions:

- 1) Do you favor publication of a new city directory?
- 2) Do you favor a pre-Christmas parade?
- 3) Do you favor adding to the city business section Christmas lights?

Allied questions in connection with the parade and Christmas lights are: Will the members contribute to one or both of these projects?

Several years ago the Merchants association suspended its annual pre-Christmas parade, traditionally launching the Christmas shopping season here, in order to channel these funds for new business section lights.

Last year, the association had no parade, nor added to the Christmas lighting arrangement.

Two city directories have been published here, both by Miller's Southern Directory Company, Asheville. The first, published in 1955, was sponsored by the Optimist Club. The second was published in 1960, minus sponsorship.

Whitener Here On Wednesday

Congressman Basil L. Whitener, of Gastonia, home during the brief recess of the House of Representatives, was a Kings Mountain visitor Wednesday.

The Congressman said, "We were able to recess because we are far ahead of the Senate in disposing of pending legislation."

A candidate for re-election to a fourth two-year term in November, Mr. Whitener is opposed by Carroll M. Barringer, Conover Republican, in a new district, labeled North Carolina's tenth, and with a different makeup of counties from the old eleventh district, which he has represented since 1957.

Mr. Whitener didn't discuss politics but did praise the leadership of House Speaker John McCormack, successor to the late Speaker Sam Rayburn.

Mr. Whitener is ninth ranking Democratic member of the House Judiciary committee which customarily handles majority of House legislation. The committee includes 15 Democrats and ten Republicans.

LIONS CLUB

Kings Mountain Lions will hear Don Crawford, local scoutmaster, report on his recent trip to Camp Philmont, Boy Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico, at Tuesday night's meeting at 7 p.m. at the Woman's club. Mr. Crawford will speak on a program arranged by Leon Edwin Moore.

Hot Rodders Fined, Warned By Judge White

Recorder's court judge Jack White issued a warning to future traffic violators Tuesday afternoon in the regular weekly court session.

Judge White stated that traffic violators, particularly those under 18 years of age, appearing before him in the future will find that sentences will be considerably more severe than in the past.

Evoking the warning from Judge White was the case of four teenage boys appearing before him on charges of racing arising from a contest held by the youths August 19.

Jessie Leland Meacham, 80, Rhodes Ave., and James Lloyd Alexander, 711 Linwood Dr. were found guilty of racing while Steve Douglas Devemy, 201 Rockford Rd., and L. V. Brooks, 611 Floyd St., were found guilty of aiding and abetting it.

In sentencing the youths the judge stated that they were extremely lucky that the charge did not read pre-arranged racing. Pre-arranged racing carries a minimum fine of \$500.

Each of the youths was sentenced to 90 days suspended on the conditions that: 1) they pay a fine of \$50 and court costs; 2) attend the driver's training school for one month; and 3) not violate any motor vehicle law for a period of one year.

Other court action included: John Wilton Flack, Rutherford, was sentenced to 30 days on charges of public drunkenness and violation of the prohibition laws.

Louise McKinney, 407 Parke street, four months or \$26 and costs of court for violation of prohibition laws.

John Dawkins, 209 Tracy St. was sentenced 30 days each on charges of assault on a female and trespassing. Sentences were suspended upon payment of court costs.

Charles Samuel Cline, York Road, was found guilty of operating a motor vehicle without proper registration and sentenced to 30 days or \$10 and court costs.

Found not guilty of a charge with a deadly weapon was Guneth Falls, 409 Childers St.

Cases continued until the September 4 session of court were: Leo Hector, Shelby, Worthies check Lona Mae Hush, Lawn date, assault with a deadly weapon. Jack A. Wood, 308 Fairview St., no operator's license.

The harony of a radio and mirror charge against G. V. Durr was not pressed with prosecuting witness to pay court costs.

Ted Barron, Shelby, charged with bastardy and non-support requested jury trial and posted the jury fee.

Robert Lee Lewis, King Mountain, improper passing, 30 days or one half the costs. Johnny Hill, Avondale, disposition of mortgage property, 30 days or cost and pay off the mortgage.

William Anthony Goins, 602 Phenix St., following too closely (Continued On Page Ten)

Warlick Firm Opposes Split

C. E. Warlick Insurance Agency thought advertising space in the Herald this week to oppose the plea of B. F. Maner Agency for a split-up of school district insurance commissions among other agencies.

Mr. Maner, who was successful in a similar plea to the city commission a few years ago, reiterated the plea for another time to the board of education Monday night.

The Warlick Agency, which declined to accept its share of city insurance commissions, charges that Mr. Maner's plan will result in higher insurance costs to the school system, deny that the split system is widely practiced in North Carolina, and says it saves the schools insurance dollars by writing school system coverage at reduced commissions.

Additionally, says the Warlick Agency, it welcomes competition, but opposes "in principle" any attempt to "split" the insurance business.



MS CHAPTER MAKES PRESENTATION—John H. Gamble is pictured above receiving a wheelchair from the North Carolina Multiple Sclerosis Association as I. C. Davis, left, Kings Mountain chairman of the MS appeal, and Mrs. C. R. Mullis, state chairman, and Gene Efrid, patient service coordinator, look on. The MS drive, which ended here this month, raised \$935.10, more than double the amount from the '61 campaign. The wheelchair was presented to Mr. Gamble, the former football coach, on Tuesday. (Herald Photo by Clarie Gilstad)

Back-To-School Fashion Show Set



PROMOTED—Major Robert G. Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Cox of Kings Mountain, recently received his promotion while serving with the armed forces overseas. The Cox family has been reassigned to "Corpus Christi, Texas, where Major Cox is attached to the U. S. Army Transportation Base Maintenance Unit.

Kings Mountain Man, Got Education During 15 Months Tour In Korea

A Kings Mountain serviceman, Sp 4 William L. Ethers, is home from Korea after 15 months duty and what he regards as an interesting education.

Ethers, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Ethers, was a battery clerk in an army eight-inch artillery unit and comments, "Korea was pretty good duty for me." He adds, "I had no idea people live like they do. There is no comparison to our standard of living. The Koreans as a whole are very courteous and polite."

A training unit for Korean soldiers, Ethers' battery numbered more than 100 Korean troops, only 20 Americans.

Eight-inch artillery is the biggest in Korea, has capability for firing atomic as well as conventional shells, Ethers notes. He joined the army on December 16, 1960, had basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C., then went to artillery missile school at Fort Sill, Okla., before going to Korea by plane. The return trip was slower via the navy transport USS Michael. Coincidentally, Ethers' older brother, Andy,

Full Schedule For Students On August 30

By HAROLD PEARSON
 Wednesday, August 29, will mark the end of the Summer hiatus for approximately 4300 Kings Mountain area school children.

Opening day enrollment last year was 4164.

Summer vacation will come to a close as the pupils report to their respective schools at 8:30 a. m. for a short day of teacher-pupil orientation before launching on the regular 180-day school term, Thursday, August 30.

Wednesday, room and class assignment will be made, textbooks and supplies issued, the daily schedule will be reviewed and lessons will be assigned. Book rental and other fees will also be collected.

The school buses will run on schedule Wednesday, and all cafeterias will operate Thursday for the first time.

Teachers will report to their assigned schools Monday, August 27, for a morning of orientation on school philosophy, procedures and requirements. Organizational patterns (including schedules), grading systems, distribution of supplies, equipment, class roles and textbooks, along with the issuance of state and local curriculum guides and record books, will be a part of the teachers' Monday morning activities.

At noon Monday a luncheon will be held in the West School cafeteria honoring the new teachers at West, North, East, Central, Bethware, Grover and Park Grace schools. Members of the board of education and their wives and Mrs. B. N. Barnes are also invited.

Following the luncheon a general meeting of the teachers will be held with Supt. Barnes presiding.

Book rental fees this year will be \$6 for high schoolers and \$1.50 for elementary pupils. Other fees will depend upon the course of study pursued by the individual student.

Premium for the student accident policy which is carried by the Pilot Life Insurance Company will be \$1.75.

Of the anticipated 4300 students, 977 were pre-registered at Kings Mountain high school and Principal Harry Jaynes expects the opening day enrollment to reach 950.

At Kings Mountain high school, seniors are requested to enter through the front door with juniors using the East entrance.

Sophomores are to use West entrance and freshmen to enter from the North.

Principal L. L. Adair expects an enrollment of 4300 students for the coming year.

Rites For Luther IV

Luther Roll Bethware, 82, died of emphysema in hospital. Funeral Thursday at 2 p.m. in the S. J. Church.

Funeral services for Mrs. S. J. Roll, 82, will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the S. J. Church.

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