

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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Business Brisk For Postal Clerks

Local News Bulletins

Most Conformed To New Scale Of Mail Rates

Kings Mountain postal clerks have been as busy as the proverbial one-armed paper-hanger this week.

The change-over to higher postal rates, plus a heavy run of incoming mail posted immediately in advance of Monday's rate hike effective date, made the postal employees wonder if the calendar had rolled around to Christmas again.

The big sales item was the one-cent stamp, needed to augment inventory of four-cent stamps that, since Monday, will no longer pay full tariff on a first-class letter. Ken Pruitt, handling a window the other morning, said he sold 2200 one-centers in a two-hour stint. One-cent stamps sales were good to the point that the Kings Mountain post office sold out, borrowed 10,000 from Shelby. Postmaster Charles L. Alexander said another shipment of 7,000 arrived from Atlanta Wednesday morning and he added, "We hope that'll be enough."

The Kings Mountain postoffice has a good supply of the new five-cent stamp which bears the likeness of George Washington, the nation's first president, and other new supplies, such as the postal card, printed on white stock, rather than the traditional marbled, and bearing a four-cent stamp with Abraham Lincoln's likeness imposed.

The new eight-cent air mail stamp is colored dark red and shows the White House with a jet plane flying overhead.

Some mail has been posted here and has been received bearing insufficient postage. This costs considerable time, both at dispatching and receiving offices, and delays mail delivery considerably. The dispatching office must hand-stamp the item postage due, then the receiving office must notify the addressee and vend the stamp necessary to meet the nickel test.

Dr. Fry Speaker At Installation

Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, Rev. George T. Moore, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church, and several members of both churches expect to go to Concord Sunday afternoon for installation of the new president and other officers of the North Carolina Lutheran synod.

Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the newly-formed Lutheran Church in America, will be principal speaker when the officers and staff of the church's North Carolina synod are formally installed.

The service, to begin at 4 p. m., will be held at St. James Lutheran church.

The Rev. George R. Whittecar, former pastor of St. James, will be installed as president of the synod. He assumed the duties of the full-time presidency at the synod's headquarters in Salisbury on Jan. 1.

Also to be installed are the Rev. J. Wilford Lyerly, secretary; Charles S. Hellig, treasurer; Dr. Ernest L. Misenheimer, assistant to the president; and the Rev. Brady Y. Faggart, Jr., secretary of Christian education.

The officers were elected at a constituting convention of the synod in Salisbury in October. The two staff members were named by the synod's executive board at its organizational meeting in November.

Dr. Fry will deliver the installation sermon and install President Whittecar, who in turn will install the other officers and staff members.

As first president of the LCA, Dr. Fry heads the 3,200,000-member church body formed January 1, following the merger LCA duties, he is an officer of the Lutheran World Federation and the World Council of Churches.

SABLINE PLAYERS
The Sabline Players will present "Toby Tyler" at North school Monday at 10 a. m. and at Bethware school at 12:30 during the groups 30th annual tour of Cleveland County. Sonya Anthony and Jack Newcomb, both of Shelby, are new members of the troupe.



PASTOR — Rev. William K. Rhea has assumed new pastorate duties at Trinity Baptist church in Bessemer City. He succeeded Rev. M. E. Motts January 1.

Rhea Assumes New Pastorate

Rev. William K. Rhea, Kings Mountain native and son of Mrs. Grady A. Rhea and the late Mr. Rhea, has assumed pastorate duties at Trinity Baptist church in Bessemer City.

A 1961 graduate of Tennessee Temple school of Chattanooga, Tenn., he succeeded Rev. M. E. Motts, Rev. Mr. Rhea, his wife, the former Shirley Morris of Gastonville, Ala., and their sons, Rusty, age 7, and Billy, age 5, have occupied the church parsonage at 308 West Indiana Avenue in Bessemer City.

Mr. Rhea, formerly did evangelistic and supply work in Ohio, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Texas and North Carolina.

He has announced that the Daviss Trio from Gastonia will render a program of gospel singing at morning services Sunday. "The Davisses are the blind singers who have blessed the hearts of so many in this state and many others," he noted. Sunday services include Sunday School at 9:45 a. m., morning worship at 11 a. m., Baptist Training Union at 6 p. m. and evening services at 7 o'clock.

Home For Aging To Be Discussed

Possible establishment of a home for the aging in Kings Mountain is scheduled to be the leading item on the agenda of the Monday morning meeting of the Kings Mountain Ministerial association.

Rev. George T. Moore, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church, and Mayor Kelly Dixon will lead the discussion with the ministers.

Mrs. George Houser will be present, representing the Kings Mountain Hospital board of directors, of which she is a member.

Rev. Mr. Moore, a member of the board of directors of the Lowman Home, Lutheran home for the aging at White Rock, S. C., said Wednesday he has received much favorable comment from citizens since the idea was publicized last month.

He noted Wednesday there are several categories of homes for the aged, some merely equipped to serve as residences for the aging, some providing nursing care, and others providing other services.

His information from welfare agency reports, he added, show that well-managed homes with modern physical plants are self-sufficient as to operating costs, while some privately owned homes are profitable enterprises.

Others, he added, don't make the financial grade.

The business district, soon to get a re-vamped, white way, is already exhibiting a new lighting look, as in the City Hall entrance.

The city electrical department has virtually completed removing the vintage white way lights from the business district in anticipation of laying new underground cable and beginning installation of new, modern mercury vapor lamps.

Ben Bridges May Not Seek Re-election

Officials Confer On School Plans

Revised Plant Layout Sketch Is Prepared

B. N. Barnes, superintendent of schools, and architects Fred van Wageningen and Thomas Cottrhan, of Architects Associated, were in Raleigh Wednesday conferring with state school officials on plans for the new area high school plant.

Fred W. Plonk, chairman of the board of education, said the building committee spent Tuesday conferring with the architects in preparation for the Raleigh trip.

Specifically, the delegation were to confer with Marvin Johnson, of the division of school planning.

Chairman Plonk said the architects had prepared new sketches for the plant's physical layout designed to meet objections to prior layout plans particularly in relation to playground and parking areas.

Asked when the board of education would convene to consider the new layout, Chairman Plonk replied, "Tomorrow, if it appears necessary." He said he definitely anticipated a meeting prior to the regularly scheduled January 21 meeting of the board of education.

Erskine Alumni To Hear Phillips

D. G. (Dode) Phillips, director of admissions at Erskine college, will address Kings Mountain area alumni of the Due West, S. C. institution Monday night at 7:30 at Boyce Memorial A.R.P. church fellowship hall.

The Kings Mountain chapter will hold its regular meeting.

A graduate of Erskine, Class of '21, Mr. Phillips served in the South Carolina Department of Education for a decade as supervisor of physical education. He taught and coached at numerous high schools in South Carolina and Georgia and was on the Erskine teaching-coaching staff.

Prior to returning to his alma mater he was a salesman for Cambridge Pharmaceuticals, a Greenville, S. C. drug house, for 10 years.

In 1958 the Atlantic Coast Conference Sports Writers Association honored him by presenting him the annual "Service To Sports Award" for long distinguished and unselfish service to amateur athletics.

In 1960 the South Carolina Sports Writers Association named him a charter member of the South Carolina Sports Hall of Fame.

An elder in the Due West A.R.P. church, Mr. Phillips was born in Bradley, S. C., the fifth of eight children of an A.R.P. minister. His wife, the late Isabella Boyd Phillips, died in 1958. They had a son, D. G. Phillips, Jr., who teaches in the Department of Music at USC.

Funeral rites for Roy E. Overcash, of Charlotte, husband of the former Nell McGill of Kings Mountain, were held December 29th at Miller and Kerns Chapel in Charlotte.

Mr. Overcash, 59, died suddenly in his sleep Thursday night, December 27th. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Other survivors include his sisters-in-law, Mrs. J. L. Hallman, Miss Mary Boyce McGill, and Miss Willie McGill, all of Kings Mountain, several cousins, and aunts and uncle of the Mooresboro-Charlotte area.

The D. C. Mauney Estate was issued a permit Friday to make an addition to the building that houses Bob's Drive-In Restaurant on East King Street. This was for the building of a curb room to the establishment.

Pinkney Bradford was issued a permit Saturday to make a \$500 addition to his home at 212 Katherine Avenue.

City Sidewalks Not For Bicycles

The place for bike-riding is on the street, not the sidewalk, Mayor Kelly Dixon said Wednesday.

"Thus far no accidents have been reported," the Mayor added, "but there have been some close calls."

He also asked parents to caution their bike-riding children to obey traffic signals and traffic rules. "A stop sign or red stop signal applies to the bicycle rider as well as the motorist," the Mayor added.

Pridemore, Ries Join Park Staff

Franklin D. Pridemore, a Kentucky native, is the new supervisory historian of Kings Mountain National Military Park. Joseph J. Ries, a native Iowan, joined the staff this week as a ranger. Superintendent Ben Moaw has announced.

Mr. Pridemore replaces Sherman Perry.

Mr. Pridemore was graduated from Union College, Barbourville, Ky., in 1960, served in the air force, then spent 1960-61 at Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, at Middleboro, Ky., and 1961-62 at Fort Frederica National Monument, St. Simons Island, Ga. He joined the Kings Mountain park staff in late November.

In 1961, he was the National Park Service Training Center, He lists as favorite hobbies, hunting, fishing and Scuba diving, leaves soon for a ten-day jaguar and hunting expedition in Mexico.

Mr. Ries holds a degree from the University of Iowa and took graduate work there in botany and anthropology. He was a summer employee of the Challis National Forest, Challis, Idaho, in 1954 and 1962, and joins the park service after working with the United States Food & Drug Administration, where he was headquartered at Denver, Colo. He lists his hobbies as mountain climbing, skiing, hunting and fishing.

Kiser And Plonk On Committees

L. Arnold Kiser, of Sadie Cotton Mills, is a member of the resolutions committee, and R. G. Plonk, of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, is a member of the tax committee, of the North Carolina Textile Manufacturers association.

Announcement of membership to standing committees was made yesterday by Hal W. Little, president, of Wadesboro.

Roy Overcash's Rites Conducted

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Commissioner May Move Outside City

By MARTIN HARMON
Ben H. Bridges, completing his third term as Ward 4 city commissioner, may not be a candidate for re-election.

Mr. Bridges confirmed rumors he is considering moving outside the city limits to a small farm he recently purchased on the Long Creek church road.

"I haven't definitely decided about moving out of the city," Mr. Bridges commented. He added the decision would be made in sufficient time to determine whether he would offer for a fourth term on the commission.

First elected in 1957, Commissioner Bridges, secretary-treasurer of Kings Mountain Savings and Loan association, has been chief policy maker throughout his three terms, customarily being assigned duties connected with administration, including budget committee work.

The question of his candidacy is the principal development of the current year in city politics. Excepting Clarence E. Carpenter, who paid his filing fee for mayor several months ago, no candidates have yet filed for either city or board of education offices.

Kings Mountain school district voters will elect two members of the board of education for six-year terms.

Terms of School Trustees Fred W. Plonk and Dr. P. G. Padgett are expiring. Both are completing their twelfth year on the board of education, both having been elected initially in 1951.

For city offices, most incumbents are expected to seek re-election.

370 City Tags Have Been Sold

Kings Mountain auto owners had purchased 370 city auto tags through Wednesday at noon, Mrs. Houston Wolfe, assistant city clerk reported.

All in-city owners of autos are required to purchase the licenses not later than February 15. The law also requires their display on the auto. The tags cost one dollar.

Penalties are prescribed for those who fail to buy and for late-buying.

Lake Montonia Club Meeting Tuesday

Annual stockholder's meeting of Lake Montonia Club, Inc., will be held at City Hall courtroom Tuesday night at 7:30. It was announced by Robert H. Crockett, Jr., of Gastonia, the president.

Business of the meeting will include election of officers and directors, reports on the past year's operation, and other matters that might properly come before the stockholders.

Board To Discuss New Registration

Nominations Asked For Man-Of-Year

Nominations for Kings Mountain's Young Man of the Year for 1962 are now being accepted by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

President John Warlick said the selections, from nominations of outstanding young men from 21-35, will be made by a committee of citizens over 35.

Nominations should be turned in to Jaycee Jim Lybrand, chairman of Bosses' Night, which will honor the outstanding young man of '62 and employers of member-Jaycees. The annual banquet will be held February 5th at 7 p. m. at the Woman's club.

Mr. Lybrand said nominations should be in hand by January 25th.

Previous winners have been B. S. Peeler, Jr., Grady K. Howard, Charles D. Blanton, Jr., and Otis Falls, Jr.

John P. Kennedy, president of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce, will make the principal address at "Bosses' Night," Mr. Lybrand said.

The 1961 Young Man of the Year was Otis Falls, Jr., recognized for his service to scouting.

Rites Conducted For Billy Pate

Funeral services for Billy D. Pate, 32, former Kings Mountain citizen, were held at Ward's Glenwood Chapel, Decatur, Ga., Wednesday afternoon.

Pate, who lived in Decatur, was a salesman for Timberland Trust Company, a real estate firm. He was found dead in his automobile Monday, apparently, said H. G. Mitchell of the funeral home, a victim of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Pate was a son of Mrs. Guy Ware, of Kings Mountain, who survives.

Also surviving are his wife, Judith Lee Stynchomb Pate, a son, James J. Pate, a step-daughter, Terry Diane Stynchomb, all of Decatur, a brother, Bob Pate, with the air force in California, and two sisters, Mrs. David Bach, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Mrs. Ed Smith, Orlando, Fla.

Interment was in Grestlawn Memorial Park, Decatur.

EL BETHEL CLUB
The El-Bethel Home Demonstration club will meet Friday at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. C. C. Whisnant.

City Voting Books In Use Since 1939

The city board of commissioners will discuss Thursday night whether to call a new registration of city voters prior to May's biennial election.

Mayor Kelly Dixon has listed the item on the agenda of Thursday night's regular January meeting.

The city registration books have been in use since 1939, when the city adopted the ward system. Registrars for several years in bad shape, both physically and with numerous names no longer valid Kings Mountain voters — due to removal or death.

Mayor Dixon, who said several weeks ago he favored a new registration, commented Wednesday, "We need it."

Should the commission decide to order a new registration, all citizens would be required to register to vote in the subsequent election.

Under customary statutory procedure, the city commission, which serves as the city elections board, calls the election in March, with the registration books open voting.

Other items on the Thursday night agenda will include:

- 1) A public hearing on a petition to re-zone a N. Battle-ground avenue lot adjoining the Purool Service Station for business use.
- 2) Question of whether to order "no parking" on York Road.
- 3) Possible city ordinances governing the use of bicycles and air rifles within the city limits.

City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., said he would ask the commission for instructions on investment of a natural gas system escrow fund.

Paul Briggs' Sister Passes

Funeral rites for Mrs. Ethel Briggs Henson, 61, of Gastonia, sister of Paul Briggs of Kings Mountain, were held Tuesday at 4 p. m. from Firestone Wesleyan Methodist church.

Mrs. Henson died Sunday. Two other brothers, in addition to Mr. Briggs, survive.

Hendricks House Guttled By Fire

Extensive damage was done to the Ernest Hendricks' house on Watterson Street Friday night when a fire of indeterminate origin erupted inside it about 10 p. m.

The interior of the structure was gutted by fire before firemen were able to bring the blaze under control. Damage estimates were unavailable.

Local firemen had four other fires during the past week, in addition to the Friday blaze, but damage was negligible in each instance.

Two grass fires and an automobile fire were extinguished Thursday. The grass fires were on Shelby Road and Crescent Circle.

Johnny Alexander's car was damaged by fire while parked on North Canlier.

The remaining fire was an oil heater flare-up at the Eddie Gray home in Stowe Acres Sunday.

Smallest Mail Sendable 3 x 4 1/4

Minimum mailing piece size acceptable by the postoffice since January 1 is 3 inches by 4 1/4 inches, not 3 x 4 inches as reported in the Herald last week.

No mail will be dispatched, if its dimensions are less than the minimum, either in width or depth.

Another requirement is that all mailing pieces be rectangular, eliminating circular or other die-cut odd-shaped mailing pieces, as well as square pieces of mail. Postmaster Charles Alexander noted.