

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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All - New City, School Board Registration To Start

City Likely To Pledge Sewage Treatment

New Facilities Would Be In Use By January '67

By MARTIN HARMON
The city commission will consider Thursday night application for temporary permit to continue contaminating three streams with sewage — together with commitment to discontinue the contamination not later than January 1, 1967.

The commitment to discontinue contamination of King's Creek, Beason's Creek, and Pilot Branch (Nebo Creek) will pledge the city to replace four over-loaded and defectively operating Imhoff-type sewage outfalls, known as the Ware tank, Mauney tank, and King's Creek tanks numbers 1 and 2, with a modern sewage disposal system.

Other commitments involved are: 1) the city will receive engineering reports and plans not later than April 1, 1965, and 2) construction of a modern sewage disposal plant to serve the western portion of the city will begin not later than January 1, 1966.

Mayor Kelly Dixon says that the city's engineers, W. K. Dickson & Company, of Charlotte, has not attempted even a round-figure estimate of potential cost of a new sewage disposal system. However, the Mayor added, the engineers envision one large disposal plant to serve the whole area as both feasible and cheaper to operate.

Under North Carolina, Mayor Dixon adds, the city has little choice but to make the clean-up commitment.

Several years ago the General Assembly created the Department of Water Resources state stream sanitation committee, with a long-term approach to assuring the state of adequate water resources for the future.

Exhaustive studies were made of all the state's water basins and public hearings were conducted last year. In line with these reports, the City of Kings Mountain, for instance, staked a claim to Buffalo Creek as a future source of water. The reports also included requirements for eventual decontamination of fresh water streams now being contaminated by domestic sewage, industrial waste and other harmful pollutants.

The City, in 1954-55, built a modern sewage plant to serve eastern Kings Mountain on McGill Creek, which is a component of the Catawba River basin.

The three streams now being polluted by Kings Mountain waste are in the Broad River basin.

St. Luke's Easter Story

Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came to the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them.

And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.

And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.

And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments;

And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?

He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee.

Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

And they remembered his words.

And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven and to all the rest. (St. Luke 24:1-9)

NEW DIRECTORY
A new telephone directory is being compiled for Kings Mountain. Frank Osborne and Rodney Hutchinson are in town this week working on the compilation and advertising of the directory. This directory will be corrected through June 25 and will be delivered to customers on July 31.

Glenn Campbell C of C Secretary

Merchants, C of C Plan To Share Office

Captain Harold Glenn Campbell, 35-year veteran of the sea who has adopted Kings Mountain as his home, is secretary of Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce.

President J. Wilson Crawford announced the appointment of Capt. Campbell following a board of directors meeting this week. The Chamber of Commerce official has already assumed his duties.

"In fact," President Crawford said, "he was at work before the board made the appointment official."

"Captain Campbell declined to accept the initial proffer of the Chamber of Commerce as too high and, indeed, is working for a quite nominal stipend," President Crawford added. "I speak for the board of directors and myself personally in feeling that we are most fortunate in obtaining the services of Captain Campbell as the organization's chief executive officer."

Action by the board was taken on recommendation by a special committee headed by Grady Howard.

Concurrently, it was announced that the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association have reached an agreement whereby the two organizations will share office space in a main street location.

The Howard committee also was assigned the task of recommending main street office space and expects to make a recommendation in the near future, President Crawford added.

Secretary Campbell commented, "I feel Kings Mountain needs an active Chamber of Commerce. The citizens who have lived here, either all their lives or for many years, have invited me to work with them, and I pledge to do the best job I can with the tools I have."

Capt. Campbell, his wife and daughter live at 204 Victoria Circle.

MONDAY FIRECALLS

City firemen received two fire calls Monday. The first was to the Kings Mountain Farm Center where a light fixture had ignited and the second to Boyce Ware's to extinguish a grass fire. No damage was reported.

Raines Will Deliver Community's Annual Easter Sunrise Sermon

A large segment of Kings Mountain is expected to gather at Mountain Rest cemetery Sunday morning for the annual community-wide Easter Sunrise Service, which will begin with a prelude of Easter music at 6 o'clock.

The traditional service is under sponsorship of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association.

Rev. B. L. Raines, pastor of First Baptist church, will deliver the Easter sermon and other ministers of the community will participate on the program.

Rev. Marion DuBose, president of the Minister's group, will lead the responsive call to worship and Rev. Lewis McGaha will say the invocation. The congregation will sing "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" and Rev. H. G. Clayton will read the scripture. Rev. J. W. Phillips will offer the morning prayer and combined choirs, under direction of Allen Jolley and Mrs. J. N. McClure,

will sing the anthem, "Rejoice the Lord Is King." Rev. George Julian will pronounce the benediction.

Mr. DuBose, chairman of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association, will announce the benediction. (Continued On Page Eight)



WINS PROMOTION — Charles B. Wright, veteran of 14 years service in the Armed Forces, has been promoted to Chief Warrant Officer while serving in Germany. Son of Mrs. Rosa B. Wright of Kings Mountain, he is assistant nuclear officer. His address: Hq. 543rd USA Arty. Group, APO 403, c/o Postmaster, New York.

School Plans Work Continues

Plans for the proposed new Kings Mountain high school, showing changes in line with suggestions of state officials March 29, were dispatched to Raleigh this week for further study by members of the Division of School Planning.

School architects, after conferring with Marvin Johnson, Design Consultant, altered the former plans to allow for easier movement of students within the school building.

Johnson is to review the revised plans and make further suggestions, if any, to the school architects.

F. W. Plonk, chairman of the board of education, told the Herald Wednesday that he anticipates floor plans for the new school will be completed within two weeks.

Superintendent B. N. Barnes, in Raleigh this week, is expected in regard to the proposed new school also confer with state officials.

CHURCH SERVICES

Morning worship services during the month of April will be broadcast via Radio Station WKMT from Kings Mountain Baptist church.

Mayor Will Ask Ten More Lights

Mayor Kelly Dixon will recommend to the city commission Thursday night immediate purchase and installation of ten additional outdoor lighting units.

"Public approval of the ten units put in use last weekend has been even more than anticipated," Mr. Dixon said. "Ten more units will require about \$5,000 and the money appears to be available."

Should the commission honor the mayor's recommendation, the effect will be a speed-up of the initially planned long-range program to provide adequate outdoor lighting, first in the business area, and subsequently throughout the city.

Retailer's Easter Schedule Given

Kings Mountain retail merchants will be closed on Easter Monday, according to by-laws of the association.

Most Kings Mountain grocers were open all day Wednesday. They will resume the half-day Wednesday closing schedule next week.

Offices of the savings and loan associations, city offices and bank will also be closed. The postoffice will be open.

Church Rites Highlight Easter Observance Here

Traditional Holy Week services will culminate here with traditional Easter Sunday services. Maundy Thursday evening communion services will be held at Resurrection and St. Matthew's Lutheran churches, Boyce Memorial ARP and First Presbyterian churches, among others. Some churches have scheduled special services on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

A three-hour Good Friday service of meditations from the "Seven Last Words" of Jesus will be held from 12 noon until 3 p.m. at Resurrection Lutheran church. Rev. George Moore will lead the service which will also include special music by the Youth and Senior choirs.

There will be two Easter Sunrise services. One is the traditional community-wide service to be held at 6 a.m. at Mountain Rest cemetery and sponsored by the Ministerial Association. Resurrection Lutheran church will hold a 6 a.m. service at the church in Crescent Hill with a congregational breakfast to follow.

School pupils will enjoy a holiday weekend, with classes suspending Thursday and Monday and resuming Tuesday morning.

Majority of retail merchants, along with financial institutions, will be closed on Easter Monday, a traditional holiday.

Three Nominees For Legion Post

Joe H. McDaniel, Jr., veteran adjutant, Richard (Dick) McGinnis and John Dilling are nominees for commander of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion.

Mr. McDaniel is the nominating committee nominee. Nominees for the five-member executive committee are Gene Gibson, Gene Wright, J. T. McGinnis, Jr., Ray Howell and James Bennett, all nominees of the nominating committee, and John Gladden, T. W. Bryant, Bob Smith, W. D. Morrison and David Delevie, nominated from the floor.

Other nominees of the nominating committee, which included W. D. Morrison, chairman, Glee A. Bridges, J. Ollie Harris, and Charles E. Dixon, are unopposed. They include:

Carl Wilson, first vice-commander; Carl Weisener, second vice-commander; Wesley Bush, adjutant; Franklin Ware, chaplain; Frank Blanton, sergeant-at-arms; John Weaver, historian; Grady Howard, service officer and scholarship fund officer; Glee A. Bridges and Charles E. Dixon.

The voting will be conducted on Friday, May 3.

Goforth, Plonk Seek Re-Election



CANDIDATES — Eugene Goforth, above, Ward 2 city commissioner, and Fred W. Plonk, school trustee, are seeking re-election on May 14.

Eugene Goforth is seeking re-election to a second term as Ward 2 city commissioner and Fred W. Plonk is seeking a third term as a member of the Kings Mountain school district board of education.

Both paid their filing fees Wednesday.

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Monday Deadline For Tax Returns

Easter Monday is also deadline day on filing of 1962 income tax reports, both federal and state.

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Errant Bullet Creases Hair

A Kings Mountain citizen — a lady — reports a harrowing experience recently.

Stepping out of her home en route to work, she relates, "A bullet creased my hair, literally." The cartridge imbedded itself in a tree in a neighbor's yard.

"It's good I wasn't wearing high heels that morning," she said she reported the incident in the hope that hunters and target practitioners will be more careful with their fire.

The lady lives about two blocks from the southside city limits.

Mayor, Ward 4 Only Positions Yet Contested

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Jackson Damage Award \$7,500

A Cleveland County Superior Court jury last week awarded Howard B. Jackson \$7,500 in damages as a result of a boating accident on the inland waterway in the summer of 1960.

Defendant in the litigation for \$50,000 was W. K. Mauney, Jr., and Carolina Throwing Company, Inc.

Question answered by the jury affirmatively was whether Mr. Mauney, at the time of the accident, was acting in the capacity of an employee or agent of Carolina Throwing Company, of which he is secretary-treasurer.

All parties agreed that plaintiff was injured in the boating accident.

Attorneys for defendant entered notice of appeal to the North Carolina Supreme Court. Clerk of Court J. W. Osborne said the appeal would be heard by the high court at a date to be set.

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Foot Posts Five-Cents Wage Hike Following Five-Year Safety Record

Foot Mineral Company has raised wages of all hourly rated employees by five cents per hour.

Neil O. Johnson, manager of the Kings Mountain operation, made the announcement following a company gathering last Friday at which the firm celebrated recent compilation of a five-year record in which no loss-time accidents were suffered.

Here to commend employees on the accident-free record, compiled between February 12, 1958, and February 12, 1963, were L. G. Biles, Foot's president, and E. P. Comer, director of industrial relations.

President Bliss presented Mr. Johnson a certificate of achievement from the Manufacturing Chemists' association.

Mr. Johnson noted that the chemists' award, together with prior ones received from the North Carolina Department of Labor, United States Bureau of Mines, National Safety Council, and Liberty Mutual Insurance company, attest the "outstanding safety record of this organization."

Mr. Johnson added that North Carolina statistics on safety indicate there would normally have been 17 lost-time accidents during the five-year period.

The wage increase is retroactive to April 1.



RECIPIENT — Stephen M. Kesler is recipient of a fellowship for graduate study in the earth sciences from the National Science Foundation.

Kesler Wins NSF Fellowship

Stephen M. Kesler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Kesler of Kings Mountain, is one of 105 Stanford University students awarded fellowships for graduate study by the National Science Foundation.

The foundation has awarded a total of 1,889 graduate fellowships to students throughout the nation. They were chosen from 6,122 applicants.

The fellows will receive stipends varying from \$1,800 to \$2,200 over a period of a year, plus additional allowances for tuition, fees, and limited travel.

Kesler, in his first year of graduate study at Stanford, California, is a graduate of the University of North Carolina. His fellowship is for further graduate study in the earth sciences.

Cancer Workers Are Announced

Mrs. George B. Thomasson, chairman of the 1963 Kings Mountain cancer crusade, has completed appointment of committee workers for the month-long fund-raising effort.

The volunteer workers will conduct a house-to-house canvass of the following listed streets. Persons not contacted may forward donations to Mrs. Thomasson at 405 Phifer road.

Complete list of solicitors include:

Mrs. Gene Timms, Crescent Hill; Mrs. Fred Withers, L. N. Wood; Mrs. Bessie Dickey Beam, East King and Dilling; Mrs. Joe Neisler, Jr., Phifer road and Landing; Mrs. Nathan Reed, Edgemont; Mrs. Mary Campbell, Country Club Road; Mrs. D. L. Bennett, Gold St.; Mrs. William Herndon, West King; Mrs. A. J. Slater, Fulton and Manner roads; Mrs. Fred Weaver, Juniper; Mrs. J. T. McGinnis, Sims; Miss Margaret Harmon, Goforth; Mrs. Bill Allen, Gaston; Mrs. E. R. Roberts, N. Piedmont avenue; Mrs. G. C. Smith, Central Piedmont Avenue; Mrs. O. W. Mye, S. Piedmont avenue; Mrs. W. L. Mauney, W. Mountain street; Mrs. Lawrence Burton, Parker; Mrs. Ben H. Goforth, Shelby road; Mrs. W. B. Gimes, Ridge St.; Mrs. J. V. Pressley, Battle-ground Avenue; Mrs. Sam Howell, Deal; Paul Ledford, Mrs. Buck Allran, Wells St.; Mrs. Lee Roberts, Watterson; Mrs. D. W. Whitesides and Mrs. Salmons Church and Boyce; Mrs. Verlee Roberts, Negro division; Warren Byars, Compact community.

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Switchgear equipment is now being manufactured by General Electric Company and is scheduled for shipment about July 1. It will be installed on a lot on Gaston street already purchased by the city from Melton Hope.

While the engineering estimates for the complete job approximated \$135,000, the switchgear equipment will cost about \$15,000 less than the \$40,000. Some \$3,000 of this "saving" is being spent currently with Davey Tree Company, for tree-pruning along power line rights-of-way.

Lions Launch Broom Sale

Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club are conducting their annual broom sale for benefit of the blind.

Household brooms of good quality are being offered at a traditional price of \$1.50.

Proceeds are used by the Lions club for sight conservation work and aid to the needy blind.

Committee in charge includes Odus Smith, chairman, W. D. Bennett, and W. K. Mauney, Jr. All members of the club are in the sales team.

Registrars Open Brand New Books All Precincts

Registration books will open at eight precincts Saturday for the May 14 city and board of education elections.

The city commission — the state-constituted elections board for biennial city and school trustee elections — has ordered an all-new registration, first since 1939.

Every citizen who expects to cast a ballot on May 14 must register.

City Attorney J. R. Davis noted this week, on query, that the so-called "Grandfather clause" law respecting voting concerns only qualifications for voting, and that no person legally can cast a ballot unless his or her name is on the new pollbooks.

Election officials also reminded that locations of three in-city precincts have been changed. Ward 2 voters, since 1939 voting outside the bounds of their own ward at City Hall courtroom, will register and vote at the American Legion building on West Gold street. Ward 3 voters, formerly voting at Frank Ballard's store, will register and vote at East school, Ward 5 voters, formerly voting at East school, will register and vote at the new National Guard armory on Phifer road.

Other precincts remain unchanged, Ward 1 at City Hall, and Ward 4 at Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company club room on Ware road.

At three outside-city precincts, voters will help determine only the election of two members of the board of education.

At Grover fire station, citizens of the county's Grover precinct residing within the school district will register and vote. At Park Grace school, citizens living in the Park Grace - Compact sections of the school district will register and vote. At Bethware school, Bethware area citizens of the school district and all other citizens within the school district but outside the city limits will register and vote.

Because of the new registration, the registration period will be one week longer than is customary, with registration continuing through May 11. The registrars will be at the precincts each Saturday from 9 a.m. until sunset. Citizens may register at other times during the April 13-May 11 period at the convenience of the registrars.

Saturday, May 11, will also be challenge day.

Electrical Bids Likely May 2

The city expects to receive bids on the estimated \$135,000 re-vamping of its electrical distribution system on May 2, Mayor Kelly Dixon said Wednesday.

According to the plans, specifications and time schedule prepared by Southeastern Construction Engineers, the city would be in position to let contract at its regular May 9 meeting.

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