

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 1950.

Mauney Foundation Gift Starts Civic Center Fund

Chamber Of Commerce Adopts 11 Projects

Four Concern Community Appearance

By MARTIN HARMON
Directors of Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce have adopted eleven projects for both immediate and long-term community improvements.

Four of the projects deal directly with improving the community's appearance.

- Other major ones:
1) Seeking of toll-free telephone service to Gastonia.
2) Expansion of the area's water distribution facilities.
3) Cooperation with industry in solving problems.

4) Alleviation of the city's traffic problems, via expanding parking areas and traffic engineering.

5) Expansion of public recreation.

6) Tourist promotion.

For improving the appearance of the community, the Chamber of Commerce would: a) endeavor to eliminate street litter, b) seek a stringent ordinance requiring that vacant property be kept clean, c) obtain stringent legislation to provide for razing of derelict buildings, and d) work on long-term basis to beautify the Southern Railway right-of-way through Kings Mountain.

Members of the projects committee making the recommendations were Wesley Bush, chairman, Charles Blanton and President J. Wilson Crawford, ex officio.

Text of the projects follows:
PUBLIC SANITATION - To work with the Merchants Association, individuals and businesses to obtain their cooperation with the city sanitation department in the containment and removal of refuse.

To seek to alleviate the problem of litter on the principal commercial streets, sidewalks and rear entrances to business establishments.

TRAFFIC - To cooperate with the city officials in obtaining the services of a traffic engineer to make a study of the city's traffic problems and submit a recommendation for the alleviation of these problems.

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KIWANIS SPEAKER - Ned Johnson, manager of Foote Mining Company's Kings Mountain operations, will speak on the 'Minerals in the Carolinas' Thursday night's meeting of the Kiwanis club. The club convenes at 7 p. m. at the Woman's Club.

'Staking Out' For School Site

Architects for the new area high school were 'staking out' the proposed building on the Phifer Road site Wednesday morning.

Technically, Architect Tom Cothran explained, 'The architects are taking careful levels at the building site for grading purposes, to determine floor levels and to place foundations. Some months ago complete topography was made of the whole property by Clyde Fesperman, registered engineer for Architects Association.'

Plans call for location of the high school plant on the north-east area of the 75-acre site.

The site lies on the west side of Phifer road.

C Of C Leases Office Building

Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce has executed lease with Haywood E. Lynch for office quarters in the West Mountain street building between Lynch Furniture Company and Helen's Beauty Shop, according to announcement by Glenn Campbell, executive secretary.

The transaction, concluded Tuesday, is for five years and the Chamber of Commerce is also conveyed a five-year renewal option.

Concurrently, the Kings Mountain Merchants Association has entered into an agreement with the Chamber of Commerce whereby it will share space in the new offices.

Capt. Campbell said work will begin immediately to renovate the building, which will be air-conditioned. It will be outfitted on the interior with mahogany paneling and modern furnishings.

Cline Unopposed, First City Hall Candidate Home Free Since 1945

Ray W. Cline is assured of reelection as city commissioner for Ward 1.

Mr. Cline, overseer at Mauney Hosiery Company, seeks a second term and has no opposition.

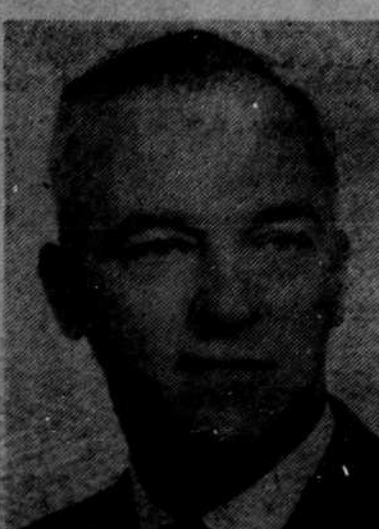
The incumbent commissioner holds the distinction of being the first candidate for city office without opposition since 1945.

In the election of that year, three 1945 incumbents had no opposition for their elective jobs. They were: Mayor J. H. Thomson, representing Ward 5, W. K. Mauney, Ward 1, and M. A. Ware, Ward 2.

At that time, voting was strictly a ward affair, citizens electing five commissioners, who, in turn, chose one of their number as mayor.

Mr. Cline is a navy veteran of World War II, a past post and district commander of the American Legion, a former Moose official, and a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

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Late-Filing Candidates Pose Contest For Most Positions

Barnes, Other Officials Re-elected

Superintendent of Schools B. N. Barnes was re-elected for a two-year term by the board of education at a meeting last week.

The board also re-elected for one-year terms Miss Alice Averitt, city schools supervisor, and all principals.

Under state law superintendents are elected for two-year terms, other school personnel to one-year terms.

The several principals are: Harry Jaynes, Kings Mountain high school; R. M. Kennedy, East; Ben H. Cothran, Jr., West; James C. Scruggs, Grover; E. G. Franklin, Bethware; Evan J. Evans, Park Grace; L. L. Adams, Compact; Hiward Bryant, North; and Connie Allison, Davidson.

The board also invited Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, to deliver the high school commencement sermon May 26.

Supt. Barnes came to Kings Mountain as high school principal in 1927, and succeeded Claude Grigg as superintendent in 1934.

Douglas Ledford In Church Post

Douglas Avery Ledford, 23-year-old Gardner Webb college student, has assumed the duties of music director of Macedonia Baptist church.

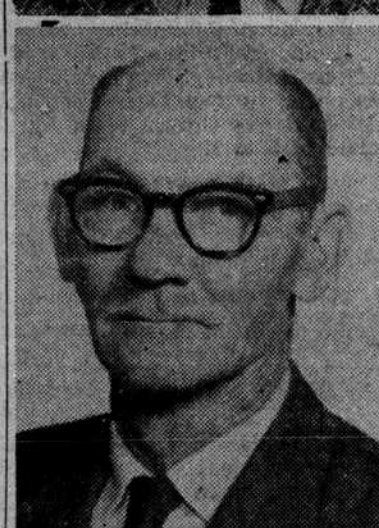
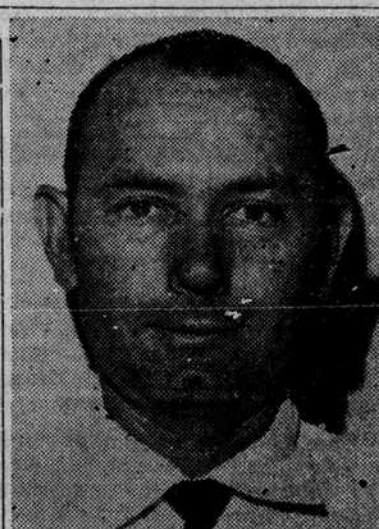
Rev. Wayne Ashe, pastor, announced this week that on April 14 the congregation of the church extended a call to Mr. Ledford and he assumed his duties on April 24th.

Son of Rev. and Mrs. A. V. Ledford of Lincolnton, Mr. Ledford is a native of Gastonia. His father is pastor of Gainsville Baptist church of Lincolnton.

Mr. Ledford has served several churches as music director including the Gainsville church, the Reepsville Baptist church, of Vale. He also served two years as music director of South Fork Baptist Association. He is a Navy veteran and married to the former Linda Faye of Lincolnton. They will continue to make their home there.

Mr. Ashe said, 'We feel that we are fortunate in securing a man of Mr. Ledford's experience and ability of director of chorus and church music.'

NO PERMITS - There were no building permits issued by building inspectors during the past week, the city clerk's office reports.



City To Receive Electrical Bids

The city will receive bids at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon for re-building of the electrical distribution system.

Bids have been invited in two items.

Item 1 is for installation of switchgear equipment, already on order and being manufactured by General Electric Company.

Item 2 is for line re-building, including replacement of primary lines from 2400 to 4160 volts.

Southeastern Construction Engineers, of Charlotte, are engineers for the project and initially estimated that the total cost would approximate \$133,000.

Accepted low bid on the switchgear equipment was about \$15,000 less than anticipated. Meanwhile, the city is expending about \$3,000 for tree trimming, in preparation for the line re-building, and spent \$1200 for a Gaston street lot to house the switchgear equipment.

METER RECEIPTS - Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday totaled \$184.90, including \$127.20 from on-street meters, \$40 from over-parking fees, and \$17.70 from off-street meters, City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., reported.

Three-Man Race For School Posts As Herndon Files

A seemingly lack-lustre city political season waxed warmer Monday with a last-minute state of candidates.

Filing Monday, deadline day, were: James E. Herndon, Jr., textile waste dealer, for school trustee, creating a three-man race for the two vacancies.

Brooks McAbee, for mayor, creating a three-man race.

W. Seimor Biddix, for Ward 2 Commissioner.

Corbett Nicholson and Avery (Mack) Murray, for Ward 3 Commissioner, creating another three-man race.

Filing Saturday was: Willis L. Bagwell, for Ward 4 Commissioner, creating a three-man race for this position.

Mr. Herndon, son of a late four-term Kings Mountain mayor, will be a candidate in a sweepstakes affair including Fred W. Plonk, two-term school trustee and currently chairman of the board of education, and George H. Mauney, textile official, also son of a former mayor. Both Mr. Mauney and Mr. Herndon are seeking elective office for the first time.

Mr. McAbee is making a second bid for mayor. He polled 42 votes and placed fifth in a field of five in the 1961 election.

Mr. Nicholson was also a candidate in 1961, trailing the leader, Comm. T. J. (Tommy) Ellison by only 54 votes in a field of four candidates. He declined to ask for a run-off. City gas superintendent at the time, Mr. Nicholson has since become water and gas superintendent in Bessemer City, though he maintains residence here.

Mr. Bagwell also was a candidate in 1961, polling 143 votes and placing fourth in a five-man race for Ward 4 commissioner.

Mr. Biddix, a life insurance salesman, lives at 104 Owens street, is Sunday school superintendent at East Gold Street Wesleyan, and a World War II air force veteran. He spent 16 months in the European Theatre. He was born and reared here.

Mr. Murray is in partnership with his father in a grocery and appliance business. He is a member of Grace Methodist church, served with his army air evacuation unit during the Korean War. He is a Kings Mountain native.

Mr. Herndon is a Davidson College graduate who subsequently attended the University of North Carolina. He served as an Air Force pilot and is a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

The candidate list: For Mayor - Kelly Dixon, incumbent, ex-Mayor Glee A. Bridges, and Brooks McAbee.

For Ward 1 Commissioner - Ray W. Cline, incumbent.

For Ward 2 Commissioner - Eugene Goforth, incumbent, and W. Seimor Biddix.

For Ward 3 Commissioner - T. J. Ellison, incumbent, Corbett Nicholson, and Avery (Mack) Murray.

For Ward 4 Commissioner - Willis L. Bagwell, incumbent, and Hazel L. Gill.

For school trustee (two to be elected) - Fred W. Plonk, incumbent, George H. Mauney and James E. Herndon, Jr.

West Students Plan Pet Festival

West school students will stage a pet show festival Saturday afternoon beginning at 2 p. m. on the school grounds.

The interested public is invited to the show, admission free. Only students of West school will be able to exhibit pets.

Concessions, clowns, majorettes and other entertainment is planned.

May Fellowship Day Services Set For Friday

Mrs. R. D. Cothren, of Charlotte, state chairman of migrant work for United Church Women, will be guest speaker at May Fellowship Day services Friday at 3:30 p. m. at Resurrection Lutheran Church.

May Fellowship Day is one of three local observances held annually by Kings Mountain area churchwomen. The community-at-large is invited to participate.

Other community-wide observances are World Day of Prayer and World Community Day.

'It is hoped that a large attendance will hear this speaker and avail themselves of the opportunity to learn more about this phase of the Council's work,' Mrs. O. W. Myers, program chairman, said.

Roll will be called by churches with the representatives of each church responding to the count. Mrs. Myers noted. A social period in the fellowship hall will follow the program.

Committees, headed by Mrs. Myers, represent virtually all Kings Mountain churches and include: Mrs. John Cheshire, ARP; Mrs. Vera Cole Cash, First Baptist; Mrs. Thomas D. Droppers, Trinity Episcopal; Mrs. George Moore, Resurrection Lutheran; Mrs. J. B. Simpson, St. Matthew's Lutheran; Mrs. Fred Withers, Central Methodist; Mrs. Clyde Fite, Grace Methodist; and Mrs. Vernon P. Crosby, First Presbyterian.

The 11 members of the Confirmation Class at St. Matthew's Lutheran church will be confirmed Sunday, May 5, at the 11 o'clock service.

They are: Glee Edwin Bridges, Jr., William Bridges; Andrew Dunn; Tommy Finzer; Thomas Gerberding; Gary Ledbetter; George H. Mauney, Jr.; Mary Leigh Mauney; Mary Beth Ramsey; William Stewart; and Ray White.

They have been members of Dr. W. P. Gerberding's Catechetical Class for two years and were heard by the Church Council at its April meeting. The Class will receive its first Communion with the congregation at the Service May 12.

Miss Lynda Mauney will be soloist for the Confirmation Service. The interested public is cordially invited to attend.

Club Is Serving Sunday Dinners

Kings Mountain Woman's club will serve Sunday dinner to the interested public beginning at 12 noon Sunday for benefit of the club building fund.

Mrs. Lawrence Lohr, spokesman for the club, said choice of meats, country style steak or broiled chicken, will be available with accessories. Plates for children under 10 years of age are \$1. Plates for adults are \$1.50.

Citizens may eat at the club, or may prefer to take their plates home.

Serving will begin immediately following church services.

Registration Activity Quicken; Officials Log 2228 On Pollbooks

Registrars for the upcoming May 14 elections were busiest since the pollbooks opened last week, as 873 persons registered, bringing the total to 2,228.

Vast majority were in-city citizens, where 1887 had registered at the five precincts.

Outside city registrations increased to 341.

Only two Saturdays remain to register for the May 14 city and board of education elections.

Last minute filing by candidates, leaving only one of eight offices uncontested, was expected to produce even greater registration activity during the ten days remaining, particularly at the



TO PHILMONT - Larry Patrick will go to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico this summer for training as a junior leader instructor. He is among six chosen from the 11-county area Piedmont Council.

Patrick Chosen For Scout Trip

Larry Patrick, 14-year-old Kings Mountain Eagle Scout, is one of six Boy Scouts from the 11-county area Piedmont Council selected to attend Junior leader instructor training courses at Philmont Scout Ranch at Cimarron, New Mexico.

The young men and Scoutmaster Walter Early of Troop 209 of Marion will leave Schiele Scout Reservation at Tryon on July 8th and travel with the Council's Philmont expedition visiting Fort Knox, Ky., Whiteman AFB in Missouri, Badlands National Monument, Ellsworth AFB, Mt. Rushmore National Park, Cody Wyoming, Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park, Laramie, Wyoming, USAF Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo. and on into the Scout ranch.

Arriving there on July 19th, they will take the special instructor training and leave on the return trip July 30. They will arrive back at Schiele Scout Reservation on August 3.

Young Patrick is the holder of the Eagle with the silver palm. He is an eighth grader and son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Patrick. He is a member of the Presbyterian Troop of which Henry McKelvie is leader.

The young Scouts will serve as instructors for two years following the training courses.

Lawson Blalock's Rites Conducted

Final rites for Lawson Goforth Blalock, 87, retired farmer of the Bethlehem community, were held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock from El Bethel Methodist church, of which he was a member.

Mr. Blalock died Monday morning at 4:45 in the Kings Mountain hospital after an illness of several months. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Blalock.

Surviving are six sons, Wyatt Blalock, Charles Blalock, George Blalock, Herman Blalock, Frank Blalock, all of Kings Mountain and James Blalock of Bessemer City, and four daughters, Mrs. Fred Wright, Sr. and Mrs. Robert Kale of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Bueite White of Gastonia and Mrs. Guy Marshall of Bessemer City. Also surviving are 19 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Rev. Bruce Norwood, assisted by Rev. W. G. Camp, officiated at the final rites, and interment was made in the church cemetery.

Mountaineer-Linc Game Postponed

Wet grounds Wednesday caused another postponement of the Mountaineer game with Lincolnton, the game originally scheduled for City Stadium Tuesday night.

Coach Fred Withers said the game will be played early next week, probably Monday.

The Mountaineers invade Shelby Thursday night.

Activities Group Met Wednesday

Annual meeting of the Western North Carolina high school activities association was held in Asheboro Wednesday.

The association, which directs extra-curricular activities of the participating schools of all kinds, including sports, include four conferences.

B. N. Barnes, superintendent of Kings Mountain schools, is president.

Before leaving for Asheboro Wednesday, Mr. Barnes said some recommendations have been discussed for possible realignments of the conferences, but he declined to predict whether any changes would be made.

Domestic Advice Is Poor Policy

Recorder's Court Solicitor George B. Thomason had a word to say Monday about any would-be counselors to those with domestic problems.

'Just don't give it,' he cautions. Case in point involved a defendant hauled into court on assault charges. The plaintiff, in court Monday afternoon, asked if she could drop the charges. 'I wouldn't have taken out the warrant if I hadn't taken advice of someone else,' she lamented.