

Population

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City Limits 8,008

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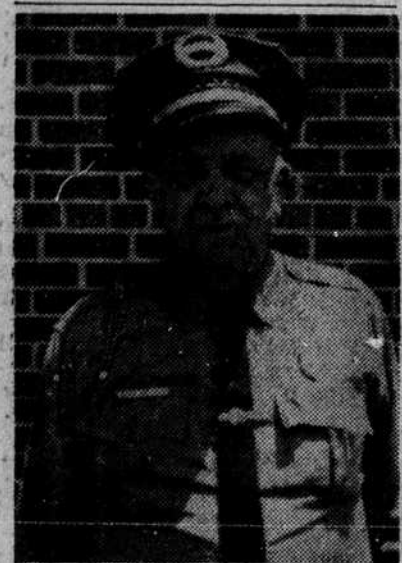
Kings Mountain, N. C., Thursday June 20, 1963

Seventy-Fourth Year

PRICE TEN CENTS

Week's Vacation Near For Most Textile Employees

City Employees Get Pay Raise; Sanders Named Police Chief



CHIEF — Paul Sanders, acting police chief since the resignation from the force of Martin Ware, was named Chief of Police Thursday night by the board of city commissioners.

City Commission Has Busy Agenda In 60 Minutes

By ELIZABETH STEWART
The new Bridges Administration Thursday night gave all city employees a five percent hike in pay, named Paul Sanders police chief, retained tentatively the tax rate at \$1.50 per \$100 valuation and conducted a busy agenda ranging from stray dogs and squirrels to major business—all in 60 minutes.

Only proposal tabled until July was the Mayor's recommendation to cut outside city industrial water rates from 50 percent to 10.

"We don't want to run our industries away," Mayor Bridges told his full board.

The commissioners had just accepted the mayor's recommendation to raise all employees five percent "across the board" effective July 1 and had appropriated \$10,000 in the upcoming budget for city beautification if the appropriation is legal.

Mayor Bridges recommended that Acting Chief Paul Sanders be installed as Chief of Police. J. Wilson Crawford, president of the Chamber of Commerce, was spokesman for the city beautification committee which includes Mrs. George Houser, Chairman; Mrs. J. E. Herndon, Comm. Ray Cline and Hugh Lancaster.

The committee asks that the city employ a landscaping engineer for drawing plans for a beautification project and implementing his suggestions with specific attention to beautification of the railroad that passes through the middle of town. After a proper study and the project is mapped, the committee suggests that plans be shown for approval to Southern Railway. The project should require a minimum amount of maintenance and will include a permanent fence, Mr. Crawford pointed out. Legal question is whether or not the city can use public funds for a project involving the privately owned railroad right-of-way. City Attorney J. Roan Davis was instructed to check the legality of the project.

The commission also approved electrical work in a new development not exceeding \$3400. A primary line will be built off Rhodes Avenue and will include feeding of service to those customers in a portion of Gaston county just taken into the city limits and now served by Duke Power company.

In other actions, the board:

- 1) Adopted the privilege license ordinance, same in effect since July 1959.
- 2) Appointed Comm. Norman King to serve as the city's representative on the Mauney Memorial Library Board and to accompany Electrical Supt. Hunter Allen on a night tour of the city to check on lighting.
- 3) Employed Plato Heavner as a full-time city fireman on a 90-day trial basis upon recommendation of the volunteer fire department.

National Guard Unit At Camp This Week

Kings Mountain National Guard Company D of the 105th Engineer Battalion of the 30th Infantry Division is away for two weeks of field training at Fort Bragg.

Fifty-five local guardsmen are participating in the annual summer encampment, along with other members of the 30th Infantry Division of the North Carolina Army National Guard. The unit is under the command of Captain Kenneth E. Mauney of Shelby.

Training, which consists of engineer projects such as building bridges, roads and using demolitions, is designed to prepare the division for mobilization in the event of a national emergency. The unit will return to Kings Mountain on Sunday, June 23, Commanding Officer, First Lt. Ronald David Kincaid, said in making the announcement.



PASTOR — Rev. Howard R. Jordan is the new pastor of Central Methodist church succeeding Rev. Herbert Garmon. He began duties here Sunday.

Jordan Assumes Methodist Post

Rev. Howard R. Jordan has assumed new pastorate duties at Central Methodist church and the family has occupied the parsonage on E. Mountain street.

Mr. Jordan comes to Kings Mountain from Pleasant Grove Methodist church of Charlotte where he served a five-year pastorate. Former pastor Rev. Herbert Garmon and his family have occupied the manse at the Leaksville Methodist church.

Both Mr. Jordan and Mr. Garmon are reassigned new churches by the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference recently at Lake Junaluska.

Born and reared in Greenwood, S. C., Mr. Jordan attended the Greenville schools, was graduated from The Citadel at Charleston with a B. S. degree and earned his B. D. from Duke University. He did graduate work at Harvard and Vanderbilt universities.

His ministry, which began in the Upper South Carolina Conference, was interrupted by a five-year tour of duty with the U. S. Army as a chaplain during World War II in the Pacific theatre of operations. He has been a member of the Western North Carolina Conference since 1947.

In Albemarle he was a member of the Lions club and in Charlotte he was active in the Optimist club. He holds the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the active reserves.

Mrs. Jordan is the former Elizabeth Crouse of Winston Salem. They have two married sons and an 11-month-old granddaughter. Dr. Richard Jordan, now in the Air Force at McDill AFB, will begin a residence at Duke following a two-year tour of duty. Rodrick Jordan is a N. C. State College graduate who majored in animal husbandry. He is in the dairy business in Albemarle.

Funeral Rites Conducted Friday For W. Sage Fulton, Sr., Age 74

Funeral rites for William Sage Fulton, 74, were held Friday afternoon at 3 p.m. from Boyce Memorial ARP church, of which he was a member.

Mr. Fulton succumbed Wednesday night at 9:15 p.m. in the Kings Mountain hospital after suffering a heart attack about a week earlier.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late John Dixon and Margaret Harding Fulton. He had retired as a partner in Ware and Sons wholesale company in Kings Mountain.

An elder of Boyce Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, he had served as the church treasurer for 30 years. He was a member of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Vivian Ware Fulton; a son, W. S. Fulton, Jr. of Kings Mountain; and a daughter, Miss Lenora Fulton of Atlanta, Ga. Also surviving are two brothers, Palmer D. Fulton and J. Deck Fulton, both of Kings Mountain; and three grandsons.

Court Ruling Effects Here Are Unlikely

The Supreme Court ruling banning Bible and the Lord's Prayer on a compulsory basis in public schools is not expected to have any effect on Kings Mountain area schools, according to local officials.

The ruling, handed down Monday, declared unconstitutional Pennsylvania and Maryland laws which require Scripture reading or prayers at the beginning of each school day.

There are no such laws in North Carolina.

Local schools have devotions or Bible readings over the public address system by members of the school Bible club, Supt. B. N. Barnes said yesterday. Mr. Barnes said participation is not compulsory.

Kings Mountain is the only one of the county's three school systems which offers a course in Bible.

City board of education members agreed in regular monthly meeting Monday night that the Supreme Court ruling will not affect its Bible study program.

In the Supreme Court ruling, there is a statement that the ruling would not bar study of the Bible or of religion "when presented objectively as part of a secular program of education."

The Bible program in the city schools is financed by contributions from churches, other organizations and individuals and is under sponsorship of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association.

Mrs. Jeannine Easterling Fisher was rehired by the board of education to teach Bible upon recommendation of the ministerial group.

DuBose Preaches At Union Service

Sunday night's union service will be held at Kings Mountain Baptist church at 8 p.m.

Rev. Marion DuBose will deliver the sermon, "God and Outer Space."

Kings Mountain church congregations participating, in addition to Kings Mountain Baptist, are First Presbyterian church, St. Matthew's Lutheran church, Central Methodist church, Trinity Episcopal church, Boyce Memorial ARP church and Resurrection Lutheran church.

Last Sunday's union service, in the summer series of services, was held at St. Matthew's church. Dr. W. P. Gerberding's sermon topic was "The Unseen Preacher."

Board Favors Tax Shift, Hires Teachers

Kings Mountain board of education went on record favoring the continuance of the 1962-63 district tax levies at Monday's regular meeting.

The board joins Shelby and Cleveland County school units in recommending a transfer of four cents of the county-wide school tax levy from debt service to capital outlay. Recommendation that the 24 cents for debt service be reduced to 20 cents and the four cents added to capital outlay for buildings and equipment is the lone change from past years.

In 1962-63 the Kings Mountain district received its per student share of the county wide school tax levies. They were 31 cents per \$100 valuation for current expense, 20 cents for capital outlay and 24 cents for debt service.

Kings Mountain's district current expense supplementary tax is 20 cents per \$100 valuation. In addition, a 40-cent per \$100 valuation debt service tax will be levied to begin paying off a high school bond issue approved by voters March 10 last year.

Discussion of levying the 40 cents before the bonds are sold brought out that it is legal and "good business", according to state and local school officials.

Supt. B. N. Barnes, reporting from his meeting in Raleigh with state school planning officials noted that possible benefits to be derived from this early levy were listed as quicker repayment of debt resulting in less interest, a chance of more early payments when interest is at its highest rate and less impact on the budget when the bonds are issued.

Mr. Easterling has recommended that the bonds be sold as near to the time they will be needed and in September or October instead of July and August. The state school officials told Mr. Barnes there is definite advantage to collecting the taxes before the bonds are sold.

Mr. Barnes also reported his telephone conversation Monday with Dwayne Gardner, consultant for the division of school planning. Plans for the new high school are now in the hands of state school officials and Mr. Gardner says an answer from Raleigh is expected in the near future.

In other actions, the board:

- 1) Employed Bill Cashion and Bob Hussey for full-time coaching duties. Mr. Cashion will be head football assistant coach and will assist in other sports. Mr. Hussey, transferred from Bethusay will coach jayvee football and will coach the girls basketball team.
- 2) Employed Mrs. Sandra Hussey as a elementary teacher.
- 3) Employed Mrs. Jeannine Easterling Fisher as Bible teacher upon recommendation of the Bible - In - Schools committee which will confer Mrs. Fisher on teaching assignments for 63-64.
- 4) Heard report from Supt. Barnes that Marcus L. Durlak had accepted heating - plumbing contract for work on the new high school.
- 5) Heard a student protection plan for Harold Doster of Walker Insurance Company, Charlotte but took no action.

Rhodes To Speak Here On Monday

Dr. John S. Rhodes, of Raleigh, president of the State Medical Society, will address a dinner meeting of the Cleveland County Medical Society at the Kings Mountain Country Club Monday night.

The program has been arranged by Dr. George W. Plonk of Kings Mountain.

Dr. Wyan Washburn of Boiling Springs is president of the county chapter of the North Carolina society and will preside.

The meeting is expected to attract a large crowd.

In Kings Mountain, Dr. Rhodes will be guest of his father at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Plonk during his visit here. Mrs. Plonk is a half-sister of Dr. Rhodes.

Merchants Plan Battle Observance

The Kings Mountain Merchants' Association is planning an observance of the battle of Kings Mountain for October 7.

Tentative plans are not elaborate but are in the form of groundwork for what is hoped will be continued growth of the celebration according to Mrs. Ida F. Joy, Secretary.

This year the event will feature a merchant's promotion day. A committee is working on plans and will meet Thursday, June 27th, to formulate them.

Electrical Work Is Well Underway

Second Contract Let Tuesday By City Board

Work is well underway on rebuilding of the city's electrical distribution system.

The board of city commissioners, meeting Tuesday afternoon, authorized contract with Hunter & Walden Company, of Charlotte, for the second phase, Increment 11, of the rebuilding job, on low bid of \$61,229.90.

Increment 11 covers the conversion of the city's present 24 KV delta distribution system to 2414.2 KV multi-grounded Wye operation which the city had planned to budget and program for its fiscal year ending June 30, 1964.

Hunter & Walden was also awarded contract for the first phase of the rebuilding job, Increment 1 which covers the installation of outdoor metal clad gear equipment and the construction of its associated main feeder lines. Low bid by the Charlotte company was \$70,077.87. Actually, Hunter & Walden will receive about \$28,000 less for the work, as deductions will be taken for about \$25,000 for switchgear equipment the city already has on order, and about \$3,000 for materials in the present system which will be used in the rebuild work.

Comms. T. J. Ellison and J. E. Rhea made the motions to award second phase of the electrical work to the Charlotte firm.

Commissioners Hike Tax Rate

Cleveland County commissioners raised the tax levy five cents at their regular Monday meeting.

The levy increase raises the county tax rate to \$1.57 per \$100 property valuation for next year. It was increased from six cents to 11 cents to enable the county to build a complete, new office building, for which low base bid was \$407,600. Architects' fees of 5% percent of the building's cost would raise the final total cost to \$430,000, if the low base bid is accepted.

Before authorizing increase of the levy, the county would have had about \$373,000 available for the building, over \$50,000 short of the total needed to construct the building as planned. The five-cent levy increase is expected to bring in the needed funds.

Two years ago, the county levied a six-cent per \$100 valuation special office building tax. It has brought about \$130,000 thus far and will net another \$58,000 in fiscal year 1963-64. Earlier this year, commissioners authorized \$175,000 in bond anticipation notes to add to the building funds.

Commission Chairman J. Brad Ellis, of Grover, commenting on the tax raise, said, "We feel it's just good business to go ahead and build the entire office building now. It will save us money in the long run."

The new building will include offices of the agriculture department, county school offices and welfare offices.

The proposed 44,000 square foot building is to be constructed on N. C. 199 across from the county home.

Funds Reach \$400 In MS Campaign

Kings Mountain citizens had contributed \$400 to the Multiple Sclerosis drive this week, Chairman Robert H. (Bob) Goforth said Wednesday.

Mr. Goforth said citizens not contacted via the house-to-house canvass last week are urged to mail their contributions to him at 209 S. Roxford.

"We don't want our drive to lag behind and funds are sorely needed by victims of this dread disease", he commented.

The Jaycees conducted a Father's Day cigar sale for \$25 benefit on Saturday and the Rainbow Girls sold balloons on downtown streets.

ON DEAN'S LIST

Miss Annie Vera Dilling was listed on the dean's list and the honor roll for the spring semester at Gardner-Webb college.

Paid Holiday Is In Store For Many Folk

A July Fourth week vacation awaits the vast majority of Kings Mountain textile employees.

With a few exceptions, majority of Kings Mountain area textile firms will suspend operations on June 28 — next Friday — or June 29, resuming operations July 7th or July 8th, according to a survey by the Herald this week.

C. F. Harry, Jr. at Minette Mills, at Grover said his firm will suspend operations June 29th and resume operations July 7th.

W. K. Mauney, Jr. at Mauney Hosiery Mills said Mauney Mills will suspend operations June 28th, reopening July 8th.

Craftspun Yarns will be closed the week of July 4th beginning with Monday, July 1 and returning to work the next Monday.

Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company will also suspend operations the entire week, Aubrey Mauney, of the firm, said.

Neisler Mills Division of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company will suspend operations June 29th with employees returning to work July 7th. Eligible employees will receive vacation pay based on length of service, W. F. Llaughter, personnel manager, said yesterday.

Sadie Cotton Mills will suspend operations the entire week of July 4th.

Phenix Plant No. 1 will observe the week of June 30 - July 7 as a vacation week, it was announced today by W. B. Grimes, Plant Manager.

The plant will close down at the end of operations on Saturday, June 29, and will resume operations on Monday, July 8, he said.

Mr. Grimes said that all eligible employees are to receive vacation pay, based on length of service.

Water Program Study Planned

Recommendations for future development of the city's water supply will be presented to the Chamber of Commerce board of directors at their regular Thursday night meeting.

Wesley Bush, chairman of the committee, said his group will present recommendations for further study by the chamber and its board.

Both the city and the C of C are working on water supply problems, both future and present, Executive Secretary Glenn Campbell said.

The long-range problem, Campbell says is getting additional water into the city. Kings Mountain is presently using Buffalo Creek as a source of water.

Long-range possibilities could include location of a new water source or possible tie-ins with water systems in Shelby or in Gastonia. These are, of course, just ideas as we cast around for a solution to the water problem, Campbell said.

"We aren't even sure Shelby or Gastonia would be willing, a

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McGill Family Moving Thursday

Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth McGill and family are moving today to Chattanooga, Tenn., where Dr. McGill will begin a three-year residency in surgery at the Barones Erlanger hospital.

Dr. Charles Adams, Grover medical doctor, will join Dr. John C. McGill as an associate in the general practice of medicine on July 1st.

Dr. Kenneth McGill joined his brother, senior partner in the McGill Clinic, here in 1954. He is a 1948 graduate of Erskine college and a graduate of Vanderbilt University Medical School of Nashville, where he also did his internship.

He will study surgery at the Chattanooga hospital where he formerly spent a year specializing in surgery, gynecology and obstetrics, prior to coming to Kings Mountain.

Mrs. McGill is the former Nancy Thompson. The McGills are members of Boyce Memorial ARP church.

Other members of the family include Fern, age 14, Linda, age 7, and Jimmy, age 3.

Local News Bulletins

IN NEBRASKA

Second Lt. James Thomas Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur G. Smith of Kings Mountain, is now stationed in Omaha, Nebraska. He is a 1962 graduate of North Carolina State college where he majored in mathematics.

HOSPITALIZED

A. B. Prizne, Kings Mountain insurance man, underwent an operation Wednesday morning in the Kings Mountain hospital. He is recuperating satisfactorily, members of his family report.

RESUMES DUTIES

Benjie Moomow has resumed his duties as a ranger on the Blue Ridge Parkway for the summer. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Moomow, he is stationed at the Peaks of Otter district, north of Roanoke, Va.

CAKE SALE

A cake sale for the benefit of handicapped children in special education classes in the Shelby schools will be held at the Putt-Putt Golf course on Highway 74 East Saturday, June 22, beginning at five p.m. On sale will be cakes, pies, cookies and ham biscuits.

ON DEAN'S LIST

Mrs. Nadine Spencer Carson of Boone, formerly of Kings Mountain and Bessemer City, was listed on the Dean's List for the last term at Appalachian State Teacher's college.

CAKE SALE

The Grace Methodist church Junior High MYF will hold a cake sale Saturday morning, beginning at 11 o'clock, at the fellowship hall of the church.

CLASS REUNION

The Class of 1958 of Kings Mountain high school will hold its five year reunion June 29th and reservations for the evening barbecue supper should be made with Mrs. Ann Falls Davis at 739-2750.

KIWANIS MEETING

R. M. (Bud) Schiele, retired Boy Scout executive and director of the Gaston County Museum of Natural History, will present the program, "Four Seasons in the Great Smokies" at Thursday's Kiwanis club meeting at 6:45 p.m. at the Woman's club. R. S. Lennon has arranged the program.

COMMENCEMENT

Commencement exercises for over 100 students in the annual Bible School of the Boyce Memorial ARP church were held Wednesday night, along with a family picnic. Certificates were given each student by the director, Mrs. J. L. McGill.