

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.

City Adopts Record Budget; Tax Rate Is Unchanged



BELK'S MODERNIZES — Belk's Department Store is still completing interior remodeling, though structural changes in the building, including installation of the modern store front pictured, is complete. Green aluminum panels are accentuated by the standard aluminum struts supporting the building-long marquee, while the lighted signs stand out with red lettering on a white background.

Neal Hawkins Firm Building \$200,000 Asphalt Plant Here

Firm Expects To Be Operating Late Next Week

Neal Hawkins, Contractor, the Gastonia paving firm, is installing an asphalt plant here which it expects to have in operation, about July 25.

Investment in the plant, which will have a maximum capacity of 1,500 tons daily, approximates \$200,000. Employment will average 15 to 20 persons.

The plant is being constructed on property leased from Foote Mineral Company on the Superior Stone Company road north of Interstate 85. The site was used previously by another contractor on a temporary basis.

Commenting on the plant, Howard Hawkins, son of the owner, said this week his firm envisions a permanent operation. He noted the location is favorable for purchase of stone from Superior and said it is anticipated some sand requirements may be obtainable from Foote.

The Hawkins firm now operates an asphalt plant in Gastonia and maintains an office in Hendersonville.

"We expect to serve Gaston, Lincoln, York and Cherokee counties from the Kings Mountain plant," Mr. Hawkins said.

Manager of the Kings Mountain plant has not yet been announced. Mayor Glee A. Bridges and Kings Mountain chamber of Commerce cooperated with the Hawkins firm in making arrangements for the Kings Mountain plant.

"We welcome the Neal Hawkins operation to the Kings Mountain area," Mayor Bridges commented.

R. W. Hurlburt Heads Optimists

District Optimist Governor Roland E. Bradley of Gastonia was the featured speaker of the evening last Thursday at a special meeting of the Kings Mountain Optimist club at Grace Methodist church fellowship hall.

New officers installed were: R. W. Hurlburt, President; Adam "Jim" Connor and H. Dean Spears, Vice-Presidents; Lawrence Allen, Secretary; W. D. Byers, Treasurer; Carl Wilson, Furman Wilson, Robert E. Fleming, Merle Valentine, Warren Reynolds and W. D. Byers, for terms on the Board of Directors. Past-President Harold Phillips serves ex-officio on the board of directors for a one-year term.

The new officers were escorted to the rostrum and introduced by Bob Howe of Gastonia, newly-elected District Optimist Secretary-Treasurer.

The local club President, Mr. Hurlburt, made the following appointments to serve on the Board of Governors: Jim Connor and Merle Valentine, co-chairmen of the Boys' Work Committee; and W. D. "Doc" Byers, project chairman.

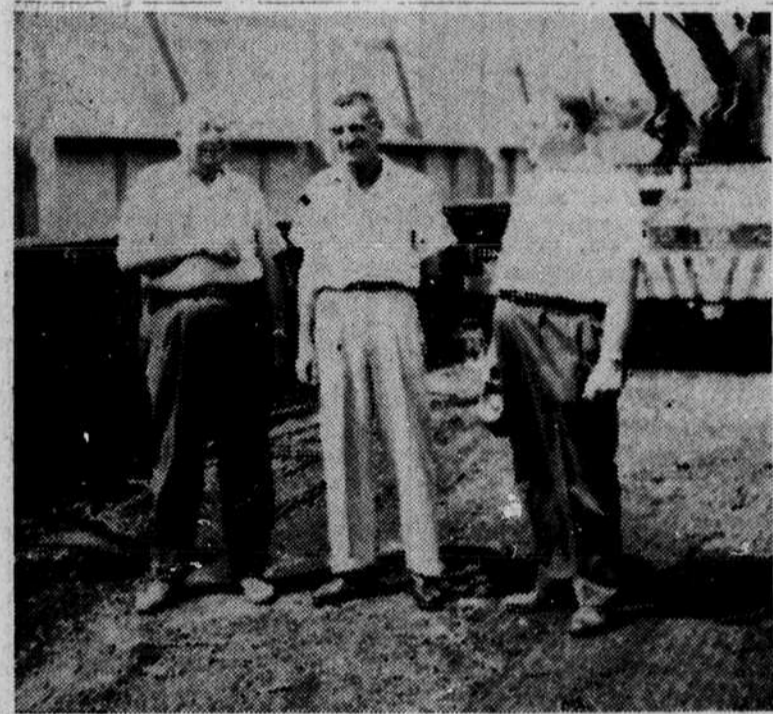
Grover's Har-Ray Mills To Begin Spinning Operations Late August

Har-Ray Mills, Inc. will begin operation at Grover in late August with an initial work force of from 30-35 employees.

The firm's president, W. B. Harry, of Shelby, says the new plant will be moved into production slowly and that employment should reach a maximum of 50.

Plant construction is expected to be completed about August 1 and Harry says there is a possibility that the facility will be expanded within a year.

Har-Ray Mills will be a spinning operation where round staple rayon will be converted into yarn. The plant's initial production will go to Minette Mills. Plans for the new plant were announced in December of 1962



ASPHALT PLANT ARRIVES — Mayor Glee Bridges, left, Neal Hawkins, Jr., center, and Chamber of Commerce President Wilson Crawford look over the unloading operation of the new \$200,000 asphalt plant Neal Hawkins, Contractor, is erecting south of the city. The Hawkins firm expects to have the plant in operation late next week and will employ from 15 to 20 persons.

Land-Use Survey Funds Included In New Budget

The city board of commissioners held a busy session last Thursday night, as it formally adopted a \$839,985.78 budget, retaining the \$1.50 tax rate for the current year.

Representing an increase of \$78,364.44 over 1962-63, the new budget is based on a taxable property valuation of approximately \$13 million.

Biggest item in the budget is capital outlay for which \$207,030.32 is budgeted, \$140,000 of it for rebuilding of the city's electrical distribution system.

"Had we tried to meet all our capital outlay needs the new tax would have been \$1.93 instead of \$1.50," Mayor Bridges told his board. The Mayor noted that permanent improvements are being made without the issuance of bonds or the upping of the tax rate. Some \$65,000 in paving projects have been approved, he said, if-and-when funds are available stipulation.

The commission also approved an operating budget of \$256,420 for the natural gas system and a resolution calling on the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development to arrange for planning services and for \$9,000 in federal funds to assist in planning the city's future growth.

Mayor Bridges pointed out that the city will provide \$6,000 to match federal funds and will pay for those costs not covered under the Federal Urban Assistance program. Services requested of the Division of Community Planning will include base mapping, land use survey and analysis, land use plan, population and economic study and subdivision regulations.

The Mayor appointed a bi-racial seven-member committee to "improve relations between the races and to iron out at the conference table any difficulties which might arise between the races."

Appointment of such a committee was suggested by the governor for all towns and cities in the state. The mayor and Comm. Ray Cline recently attending a meeting in Greensboro.

Comm. Cline was named committee chairman and other members are J. Ollie Harris, Rev. Marion DuBoise, Charles Blanton, Hazel Lee Gill, Roy Brown and J. D. Mitchem.

The board heard a request from the board of Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library for \$400 a month revenue plus free utilities or \$500 a month income but took no action. However the board indicated it was sympathetic to the library plea.

Mrs. George Houser, Mrs. John (Continued On Page Eight)

Mrs. Gregory's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Mary Vick Gregory, 37, were held Wednesday at 10 a.m. from First Presbyterian church, of which she was a member.

Mrs. Gregory, a registered nurse and assistant director of nursing at Cleveland Memorial hospital at Shelby, died at Kings Mountain hospital Monday at 2 p.m. following an illness of several months.

She was a native of High Point, daughter of Mrs. Mannie Rich Vick and the late William J. Vick. Her husband, Robert H. Gregory, is a member of the Kings Mountain hospital laboratory staff. They made their home on Phifer road.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Gregory is survived by three brothers, James E. Vick of Traveler's Rest, S. C., Daniel G. Vick of Reidsville, Milton E. Vick of Toledo, Ohio; and two sisters, Mrs. John Coffee of Thomasville and Mrs. Willie Linville of High Point.

Dr. Paul K. Ausley officiated at the final rites, assisted by Rev. Thomas Droppers, pastor of Trinity Episcopal church. Interment was made in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Active pallbearers were George Thomason, Grady Howard, Wilburn V. Gault, Steven Murphey, Barney Rhodes, and John Rankin. Honorary pallbearers were members of the medical staffs of the Kings Mountain and Cleveland Memorial hospitals. Flower attendants were nurses from the two hospitals.

Herald Publishes On Its New Press

Pressday Run Was Started On Wednesday

By MARTIN HARMON

Today's Herald is being published on the recently acquired Goss Cox - o - type newspaper press.

Jack Harrison, Columbia, S. C., press erector, first turned the power to the big press on Monday. It was a "dummy" run, minus ink and distribution rollers and minus pages of type.

Wednesday morning, work began on the thousands of minor adjustments required under "battle" or pressday conditions. Eight pages of today's Herald were placed on the two beds, or decks. These adjustments were still being made at 6 p.m. Wednesday in order to give the paper the best typographical appearance possible.

Meantime, the Herald mechanical force, which has been dividing time between learning how to operate the new press and preparing the current edition, was preparing the final eight of today's 16-page edition.

Dimensions of the exterior page are only slightly changed by the requirements of the Goss press.

With today's edition the Herald page will be in overall size 17 1/2 inches wide and 22 1/2 inches deep, compared to the former page (Continued On Page Eight)

City Court Adopts Cash Only Policy

City recorder's courts is adopting a cash only-no credit policy effective Monday.

Judge Jack White, at the regular weekly session here Monday afternoon, instructed Deck Sergeant Earl Stroupe and other officers to inform offenders of the new policy. The city board of commissioners has requested the new policy, after recommendation of the city auditors, now in process of auditing the city books.

"It's a bookkeeping problem", Judge White said, referring to credit accounts of those defendants who are fined and ask for time to pay the bill. Sometimes, they never pay.

Veterans Form Local Barracks

World War I veterans from the Kings Mountain area formed a local barracks here Saturday night.

Jack Dunwoody of Lenoir, Department of Junior Vice Commander, and all state officers were present at City Hall courtroom to assist in organizational details.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges welcomed the group, including visitors from Shelby, Charlotte, Hickory and Lenoir.

Dunwoody outlined the benefits which the Veterans of World War I are seeking at their advanced average age of 70 years and appealed for every man who served during World War I to join and help get the benefits for these deserving veterans and their widows.

All Department officers spoke briefly on the importance of membership in "the fastest growing ex-servicemen's organization in existence today."

Other state officers present were: Department Commander R. Fred Dun of Charlotte; Quartermaster W. N. Knight of Salisbury; Charles M. Deal of Hickory and Mrs. Pearl Smith of Charlotte, re-elected president of the Ladies Auxiliary Department of North Carolina.

A meeting of the local Barracks will be held soon to elect and install new officers.

Area Schools Schedule Set, Fall Term Opens August 30

New Vocational Course Offered For First Time

School bells will ring for Kings Mountain pupils August 30th, according to the 1963-64 school year calendar approved by the board of education, in regular monthly session.

Teachers will report for work August 28th. Friday, August 30th will be orientation day for students. First full day of school will be Monday, September 2.

Pupils will take a holiday October 1, date of the annual NCEA meeting to be held in Mooresville; Thanksgiving holidays are from November 28-29; Christmas holidays begin Friday, December 20th with classes to resume January 2. Easter holidays are March 27-30. School will close Wednesday, May 28, 1964.

The calendar is the same all over Cleveland County.

Distributive Education will be offered for the first time this year to students who will work in vocational or trade jobs in town and whose classwork will offer instruction in how to meet the public and be better salesmen or saleswomen. Miss Sybil Wilson was transferred from the commercial department to the DE department and Mrs. Ellen M. Sikes, of Shelby, was hired as replacement. Mrs. Sikes taught at Hickory from 1953-62.

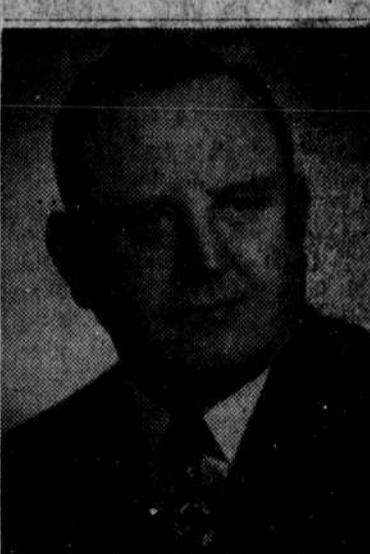
Other new teachers approved by the board included Jack B. Powell, eighth grade teacher at Bethware, and Isaac Greer Alexander, science teacher at Compact. Mr. Powell has served as Cleveland County Veterans service officer since 1959. Mr. Alexander replaces Mrs. M. R. Terry. Supt. Barnes reported resignations of two Bethware teachers, Mrs. Katherine B. Moss, first grade, and Mrs. Gladys Cox, third grade.

In other actions, the board:

1) Approved the 1963-64 driver education budget at \$11,000. Effective October 1 state law requires all 16-year-olds to take this elective if they wish to obtain driver's license before age 18. Board members say they anticipate 300 sophomores will enroll for the fall term of study. Driver education is being offered this summer.

2) Heard report from Supt. Barnes on equipment purchased or traded for high school commercial, home economics and agriculture shop classes and approved purchase of six new typewriters for Compact high school.

3) Discussed briefly a tax-sheltered annuity plan for teachers and other school employees. Board chairman James Herndon said the board would study the (Continued On Page Eight)



RE-ELECTED — George W. Mauney has been re-elected president of Kings Mountain Hospital, Inc., as were other officers at the annual organization meeting last week.

Hospital Board Taps Hambright

In annual organization meeting last week, directors of Kings Mountain hospital re-elected officers, re-named one director and replaced another.

Named as directors for five-year terms were A. A. Barrett, of Waco, a member of the board, and Robert E. (Bob) Hambright, Jr., of Grover, who replaces Jack Herndon, also of Grover.

Officers re-elected were George W. Mauney, president; Holms Harry, of Grover, vice-president; and R. S. Lennon, of Kings Mountain, secretary. The hospital is operated by a non-profit corporation, Kings Mountain Hospital, Inc., under lease from Cleveland County at a dollar per year. Management of the hospital is vested in a ten-member board of directors, who serve five-year terms.

Jaycees Induct New Members

Kings Mountain Jaycees welcomed eight new members at a barbecue supper meeting Tuesday night at Lake Montonia.

Inducted into membership were Roy Biddy, Gerald Thomason, Fred Tate, Bill Grissom, Dwain Lynch, Eugene Holmes and Darrell Austin. Mr. Austin, a former member on the inactive list, was re-instated.

President Bill Allen presided. Bill McDonald of Hickory, Jaycee regional district director, was guest speaker. Also present as a visitor was Jack Lutz of Forest City, district vice-president.

School Plans Final "O.K." Is Expected

The Kings Mountain board of education expected to gather within the next day or two to formally approve plans for the new consolidated high school, board members indicated Monday night.

Supt. E. N. Barnes, reporting his telephone conversation with State School Planning Department officials in Raleigh, said he is expecting to receive their approval "very soon."

Final approval of the plans will be made by local officials who this week continued study of overlays to preliminary plans prepared by school architects. "We're expecting a lot of activity pretty soon now and we'll need to meet more often within the next week or so," Mr. Barnes told the board.

Architects had forwarded the overlays to Raleigh officials.

Privilege License Sales Now \$1977

City privilege license purchases increased to \$1,977.50 through July 15, Mrs. Houston Wolfe, assistant clerk, reported.

The total compares with \$5800 the city expects to receive this year from license purchases.

Mrs. Wolfe noted that penalty of five percent per month applies after August 1.

C of C Group Seeks Secretary

Mrs. Lucille Williams is in charge of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce office, pending employment of an executive secretary to succeed Capt. Glenn Campbell.

Directors Monday night named a committee on filling the office including J. Ollie Harris, Jonas Bridges, and President Wilson Crawford.

"Regular functions of the organization are being discharged," President Crawford commented. "We anticipate that the committee will be able to recommend a new executive secretary in the near future."

ATTEND CONVENTION — The R. W. Hurlburt family recently returned from Toronto, Canada, where they attended the international convention of Optimist clubs. They were accompanied by Miss Mary Ethel Dixon and also toured Niagara Falls, visited relatives in Connecticut, and toured Washington, D. C.

Local News Bulletins

LEGION AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold a covered dish supper at their regular meeting Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Charles A. Go-forth, Sr.

IMPROVING

D. B. Blalok, Dixon community farmer, is improving following a heart attack. Mr. Blalok remains a patient in the Kings Mountain hospital.

AT SOUTHWELL

Miss Ann Cooper has joined the office staff at Southwell Motor company this week, replacing Mrs. Joe Campbell, who is on vacation.

DIXON SERVICE

Rev. W. D. Ratochford, retired Presbyterian minister of Charlotte, will conduct morning worship services Sunday at 9:30 a.m. at Dixon Presbyterian church for those members not attending the annual church retreat to Kings Mountain Presbyterian Camp, Sa-luda.

NO WRECKS

Kings Mountain police department reported no wrecks occurring within the Kings Mountain city limits within the past week.

TO GRANGE CAMP

Gary Benton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Benton, is at Grange Youth Camp this week at Barnardsville. He was accompanied by his parents and by Mr. and Mrs. Myers Hambright.

LIONS CLUB

The regular meeting of the Lions Club will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Woman's Club. Dr. George Plonk is program chairman.

DISCHARGED

Paul M. Neisler, Jr. was discharged Wednesday from the Rutherford hospital where he had been hospitalized following a heart attack. Mr. Neisler is improving at his home and is allowed visitors.

ROTARY MEETING

Mayor Glee A. Bridges will address members of the Kings Mountain Rotary club at their meeting at the County Club at 12:15 Thursday, it was announced by Gerald Munson, program chairman. The Mayor expects to discuss city government, with particular emphasis on work during the coming year.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts jumped to \$233.10 during the past week. City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., reported that \$140.80 was derived from on-street meters, \$64 from over-parking fees, and \$19.30 from off-street meters.