

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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PRICE TEN CENTS

200-Employee Weaving Industry To Locate Here

Local News Bulletins

ROTARY MEETING

R. Thurman Taylor, executive secretary of Associated Industrialists, will address members of the Kings Mountain Rotary club at their meeting Thursday at 12:15 at Kings Mountain Country Club.

527 TAGS SOLD

A total of 527 city auto licenses for 1964 had been sold through Wednesday morning, Assistant City Clerk Grace Wolfe reported. Citizens are required to purchase and display the tags not later than February 15.

SUFFER INJURIES

Mrs. I. C. Davis, secretary to the superintendent of schools, suffered painful foot injuries during a fall Thursday afternoon at Bethware school.

HEADS DEACONS

W. B. Grimes has been named chairman of the board of deacons at First Presbyterian church for 1964 and other officers are B. Manley Hayes, vice - chairman; Cleo Falls, secretary; and Robert Southwell, treasurer.

CHURCH WOMEN

The annual business meeting of the United Church Women will be held Friday, January 17th, at 7:30 p.m. at Central Methodist church fellowship hall. Women from the various churches are invited to attend.

IN SCHOOL

Ronnie Ford, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Ford, is in Miami, Fla., where he is attending electronic school for 18 months.

SAFETY MEETING

Local quartets and trios will be presented in contest as program highlight of the Blue Ridge Safety Council Thursday night beginning at 7:15 at Marion Senior high school. Supper will be served beginning at 6:30.

TUESDAY FIRE

City firemen were called to Park Drive Tuesday to extinguish a blaze from a mantel of a residence. Minor damages were reported.

HOSPITALIZED

Paul M. Neisler, Sr. was admitted to Kings Mountain hospital Tuesday for observation and treatment.

VFW TO MEET

Regular meeting of Kings Mountain Frank B. Glass Post 9811 will be held Monday night at 8 p.m. at the Post Lodge on Grover road, Commander Harold Pearson has announced.

AUXILIARY MEETING

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold regular meeting Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Ollis D. Green Post 155 building. Mrs. P. D. Fulton and Mrs. Hubert Adherhold will be hostesses.

GIBBS MOVE HERE

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Gibbs have occupied the former Pride Ratterree residence at 401 W. Gold street, moving here from Sacramento, California. The Gibbs are aunt and uncle of Mrs. Margaret Ward of Kings Mountain.

City Wants \$300 For Monroe Lot

The city wants a minimum of \$300 for a lot it was deeded in lieu of street assessments. Otherwise, says the city commission, "Keep it."

The lot on Monroe avenue attracted a bid of \$50 from Clavon Kelly when sold at auction on December 2, John McCray, or Shelby, since raised the bid to \$55, and it has been re-advertised for sale for February 1.

The lot fronts 298 feet on Monroe, but is bisected by a power line right-of-way.

The city's investment in the lot is \$298 in street improvements, plus sale advertising expenses.

Commissioner Ray Cline remarked that the city could use a lot for storing utility line poles, replacing a lot for which the city is now paying \$144 per year rent.

Warning Signals Bid Unanswered



SPEAKER — Rev. George Moore will make the address at Sunday's quarterly meeting of Lutheran Church Men from the Southwestern District at 3 p.m. at Resurrection Lutheran church.

Lutheran Men To Meet Here

Rev. George Moore, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church, will make the principal address at Sunday's quarterly meeting of Lutheran Church Men of the Southwestern District, North Carolina Synod of the Lutheran church.

The Kings Mountain church will be host to Lutheran men from Gaston, Cleveland, Lincoln, Rutherford, Buncombe, Polk and Transylvania counties.

Dathia Sanders, president of the Resurrection Church Men, will open the meeting at 3 p.m. Hal S. Plank will read the scripture and E. P. Goter will offer prayer. Mrs. L. E. Hinman will provide special music at the organ.

Mr. Moore will elaborate on the theme, "Our Challenge of the New Year" during the afternoon address.

Lex. G. Bartley of Gastonia, president of the district, will preside.

A large delegation is expected to attend.

GOP Meeting Here Thursday

Number 4 Township Republicans will gather for precinct meetings Thursday, tonight, at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall courtroom. Secretary Wayne Forsythe has announced.

Election of new officers for 1964 will be the major business on the agenda, Mr. Forsythe said. To be elected are a chairman, vice - chairman and secretary-treasurer.

Secretary Forsythe noted the elections are to be completed prior to the February 1 county convention to be held at Cleveland County Courthouse. A chairman, vice - chairman and secretary-treasurer, among other officers, are to be named prior to the state convention to be held February 28-29 in Greensboro.

Number 4 Township Unofficial ELECTION RETURNS

Constitutional Amendments, January 14, 1964

PRECINCTS	LITTLE FEDERAL		WOMEN'S RIGHTS	
	For	Against	For	Against
Bethware	4	82	75	11
E. Kings Mtn.	28	187	175	36
Grover	26	50	57	16
W. Kings Mtn.	31	219	212	34
TOTALS	89	538	519	97

Planning Work Could Result In Major Aid

Mayor Glee A. Bridges had not yet received a reply Wednesday from his request that Southern Railway Company install warning signals at the Gold street crossing.

Meantime, the city commission met last week and adopted a resolution asking that warning signals or other safety devices be placed at all crossings not now equipped with them.

Mayor Bridges noted this week that action of the city commission last summer may prove productive in long-term improvement of the city's rail crossing project.

The city approved a \$3000 appropriation and implied additional ones for two additional years for a general city planning project, in cooperation with the state Department of Conservation and Development and a federal agency. Among the items to be included is the planning agenda is one of traffic flow and related problems which will include the rail crossing problems. Mayor Bridges added that federal agency approval of the project (already approved by the state agency) is indicated within 30 days.

On Friday, representatives of the Conservation and Development department will be in Kings Mountain to discuss with Chamber of Commerce representatives a railroad beautification project. Members of the local committee are Mrs. George H. Houser, Mrs. J. E. Herndon, Sr., and Ray Cline.

C of C Dinner Tuesday Night

Annual membership meeting of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce will be held at Kings Mountain Country Club Tuesday night at 7 o'clock.

The dinner meeting will be free to members and reservations are requested as quickly as possible. Officers will present annual reports and new officers will be elected for 1964-65.

President J. Wilson Crawford said he will summarize the activities of his administration, and James E. Amo will summarize the auditing committee's report on financial transactions.

Thomas A. Tate, chairman, will present the report of the nominating committee, which also includes Charles E. Blanton and Jonas Bridges.

Nominations will also be invited from the floor, President Crawford said.

OPTIMIST CLUB

Fred Kestler, of Lincoln, will speak on community betterment at Thursday night's Optimist club meeting at 7 p.m. at the Optimist clubhouse. President R. W. Hurlbut has announced.

"Little Federal" Plan Trowned By Citizens

Representation in North Carolina's General Assembly will remain as is, the state's voters soundly defeating Tuesday a proposal to change the state constitution.

Over 350,000 citizens went to the polls to vote, in spite of snow and ice, to give a nearly 100,000 margin against the so-called "little federal plan" advanced by a 1963 special session of the General Assembly which also re-districted the Senate.

It was the largely-populated counties which cast the big margins in defeating the amendment proposal. Biggest Mecklenburg tallied a majority of 35,000 against. Guilford 26,900, Forsythe 18,000, neighboring Gaston 11,000, Alameda 9,000 and Wake 6,090. The majorities in these six counties accounted for the total majority.

Cleveland County voted with the majority as did the Kings Mountain area. In Cleveland the total was 3,591 to 532, a margin of 7 to 1.

The four precincts in Number 4 Township also voted heavily against the "little federal" amendment, by 535 to 89.

In the other and less publicized amendment proposal submitted to the voters—to equalize the property rights of husbands and wives—the vote was preponderantly for, the county and Kings Mountain area again voting the majority position.

In Number 4 Township a total of 628 persons braved cold temperatures and icy thoroughfares to vote.

Rejection of the "little federal" amendment means that House of Representatives membership will remain at 120, with one member from each county and the additional 20 seats allotted (as done in 1961) to the more populous counties. Senate membership will remain at 50, assigned by districts carved last autumn.

City Iced Again For Third Time

Kings Mountain got its third cold covering of the current winter Sunday night, this time a combination of sleet with a topping of snow.

Traffic was slowed considerably and school pupils won a two-day holiday, which, however, they'll have to add to the end of the year.

With a heavy ice coating on the power distribution lines, the city operated two nights minus street lights. Electrical Superintendent Hunter Allen said the lights were turned off to prevent major breakdowns which might be engendered by colliding hot wires. He said, "I figured heat and home lights more important than street lights."

Tommy Black, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard Black, wore a big strawberry on the right side of his face, which got buried in the ice on a sledding expedition Monday night.

First Union National Bank personnel assured Monday customers they didn't plan a cold reception even if it was. The heating plant was out of action at opening time and investigation revealed there was water in the oil tank and furnace fuel lines.

With cold temperatures continuing, there was plenty of evidence of snow and ice remaining Wednesday afternoon, giving rise to memories of the old adage, "It's lying around for more," and obtaining reminders from almanac adherers that the "signs" call for seven this winter, which means there are four more ahead.

Breathalyzer To Be Demonstrated

The breathalyzer device for determination of a person's drunkenness will be demonstrated at City Hall Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Police Chief Paul Sanders has announced.

The device has been legal for use in North Carolina in evidence of drunken driving cases.

Officer Robert Green last week attended a school on use of the device.

Chief Sanders said county and Shelby law enforcement officers have been invited to attend the demonstration. The demonstration will be open to the public.

CAGO Asks \$875,000 Grant From North Carolina Fund



PRESIDENT — Carl F. Mauney has been elected president of Lake Montonia Club, Inc., succeeding Bob Crockett, of Gastonia.

Carl F. Mauney Club President

Carl F. Mauney, of Kings Mountain, was elected president of Lake Montonia Club, Inc., following the annual stockholders meeting at City Hall here Tuesday night.

Mr. Mauney succeeds Bob Crockett, of Gastonia.

Other officers elected were Jim Wilson, Jr., of Gastonia, vice-president; F. A. Whitesides, Jr., of Gastonia, secretary-treasurer.

Stockholders had previously elected three directors: Walter Carroll, Jr., of Gastonia, to fill the unexpired one-year term of F. A. Young; Ralph Elliott, Shelby, to succeed J. Pat Tignor, Kings Mountain; and Harry Grier, Gastonia, to succeed Homer Whisnant, Gastonia. Elliott and Grier are elected to three-year terms.

Stockholders also voted to retain the present dues schedule.

Retiring President Crockett reported that the club, during the past year, had repaired the home of the caretaker, repaired piers on the lake, and had enjoyed a large attendance at the annual club picnic on July 1.

Ben H. Bridges reported that the club had gross receipts, including carryover balances, of \$5376, and spent \$3638. The club's cash position at year end was \$3338, including bank balance of \$1737 and savings and loan shares of \$1601.

Seven Tapped By Honor Society

Seven seniors were inducted into membership in the National Honor Society, Kings Mountain high school's highest honor, Friday.

New members are Elizabeth Bunch, John Dye, Terry Leonard, Suzanne Lockridge, Linda Oliver, Jane Smith and Mary Wright.

Prior to the induction service, the student body heard an address by R. W. Moss, a graduate member of the chapter.

Members taking part on the program were: President Mike Royster who presided, administered the pledge of membership and stressed the responsibilities as well as the privileges of membership; Willie Anthony, who introduced Mr. Moss; Patsy Welch, who thanked the speaker; Jack Howard, who stated the purpose of the society; Steve Royster, who explained how a member is chosen; John Tria, who interpreted the emblem; Miriam Baker who gave the meaning of the colors; Secretary Cora Ramsey, who read the names of those inducted during the past three years; Don Freeman, who presented the candidates to Principal Harry Jaynes who issued membership cards; Phyllis Pusey, pianist; and Joan McClure, Priscilla Padgett, Virginia Goforth, Frances Goforth, Becky Stowe and Betty Ann Styers who sang "I Would Be True."

The introduction of these students brings the present active membership to 23, the full 15 percent of the senior class permitted by the constitution.

Plan Endorsed To Eliminate Poverty Pockets

An expanded Cleveland County Organization of Government Officials endorsed Tuesday night an application for an \$875,000 grant from the North Carolina Fund.

The fund, supplied by the Ford Foundation and other eleemosynary trusts, aims to break what it terms "North Carolina's cycle of poverty."

Cleveland County expects to complete its application and to file it by February 1.

At Tuesday night's meeting, the group heard Phil Horton, Shelby city manager, B. N. Barnes, Kings Mountain school superintendent, Ben Carpenter, county welfare superintendent, Max Hamrick, county auditor, Malcolm Brown, Shelby school superintendent and Lee Phnix county schools superintendent discuss various phases of the project.

Mr. Barnes noted that the demise of income from growing of cotton in the county had created dislocations of people and income and had created pockets of poverty in various areas of the county. Mr. Carpenter outlined the extent of poverty, based on welfare services, and Mr. Brown indicated possible directions for improving the economic welfare of the county's poor.

It was suggested that 60 families would be chosen for the experiment, with their selection based on those with desire and incentive for helping themselves. Job training and re-training is expected to be a phase of the project.

The county, Shelby and Kings Mountain city governments have agreed to share administrative costs of the project, and the school systems have pledged use of their facilities, if needed, as anticipated.

The state fund committee of 13 is headed by Governor Sanford. It is indicated that ten counties will be chosen for the experiment.

Attending the Tuesday meeting from Kings Mountain were Mayor Glee A. Bridges, Ray Cline, J. E. Rhea, and Norman King, of the city administration, and H. O. Williams, J. E. Herndon, Jr. Mrs. John L. McGill and Supt. B. N. Barnes of the school administration.

Board Elects Two Teachers

Two elementary teachers were elected by the board of education at a brief special meeting Tuesday night.

Mrs. R. M. Kennedy was elected to succeed the late Mrs. Fred Pritchard as a sixth grade teacher at East school. She has been serving as interim teacher since Mrs. Pritchard's death.

Mrs. James M. Stoll was elected to succeed Mrs. Carolyn McWhirter as a member of the East school faculty, effective at the end of the present semester, when Mrs. McWhirter is resigning.

The board also voted to affiliate with the Cleveland County Organization of Government Officials.

Mrs. Swan, In Canal Zone, Witness To Rioting From Hospital Window

Mrs. Carl Swan, Jr., didn't think the recent Panamanian rioting as serious as most United States citizens. And she was an eye-witness to some of it.

Mrs. Swan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barnette, of Kings Mountain, is a civilian laboratory technician at the army hospital in the Canal Zone, saw some of the actual rioting from her laboratory window.

Her husband Pvt. Swan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Swan, Sr., of Kings Mountain, works in the topographical section of the army at the Canal Zone's Fort Amador.

Chicagoan Buys 14-Acre Tract On Floyd Street

By MARTIN HARMON
A Chicago citizen has purchased a 14-acre tract on Floyd street and anticipates erection of a 36,000 square foot textile plant, it was announced this week by J. Wilson Crawford, president of Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, and Mayor Glee A. Bridges.

Mr. Crawford said the Chicago citizen, Joseph Anthony Kakassy, was in Kings Mountain last week and executed the option he held on the tract which was owned by J. Raymond Cline of Shelby.

The property had previously been re-zoned for industrial use by the city board of commissioners.

While details are incomplete, Mr. Crawford said Mr. Kakassy indicated he would establish a weaving operation, with anticipated employment of about 200 persons, and hoped to be in operation by autumn.

"Mr. Kakassy said he chose Kings Mountain for several particular reasons, among them that the area has a plentiful supply of trained employees in the particular textile operation, the community's close proximity to Charlotte's Douglas Airport, and the city's favorable natural gas rates. Additionally, he said he liked this area, its people and its climate."

President Crawford continued, "As president of the Chamber of Commerce and as a citizen, I am naturally pleased that another industrial citizen plans to come to Kings Mountain. I am also deeply appreciative of the cooperation exhibited in furthering this project by Mayor Glee A. Bridges, the city commission, and other citizens."

Pastors Oppose ABC Election

The Kings Mountain Ministerial Association went on record this week as opposing an ABC referendum in Cleveland County, should there be one.

There was one dissenting vote. Rev. B. L. Eames, First Baptist pastor and president of the association of area ministers, issued the following statement adopted by the association this week:

"Recognizing that alcoholism is the third most prevalent disease in the nation today, and feeling very definitely that we must take a new look at the consequences of drinking for the following reasons: 1) regard for life 2) respect for persons 3) responsibility of what can happen to people 4) reverence for God, we hereby call attention to the fact that drinking has reached unparalleled proportions in the toll of the road and in new taxes on our economy. Along with the scourge of alcoholism is the unprecedented tragedy of moral decline.

"Various groups, agencies, and organizations are being called upon to repair the damage already accomplished by alcoholism. We view society's task, not as that of an ambulance corp waiting at the foot of the cliff to pick up the broken fragments (though this responsibility will likely remain with us) but we feel that the most sensible solution is to strive to close some of the floodgates that are being unleashed upon us. If more preventatives are applied, less curatives will be necessary.

"Therefore, since there is likely to be a call for an ABC referendum in Kings Mountain and in Cleveland County, we, the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association, go on record this 13th day of January, 1964, as overwhelmingly opposed to such a measure. Since this issue affects so many ways, every individual as well as every home, we would challenge each citizen to weigh his conscience and his personal responsibility very carefully, and then to take his stand for a better community at every opportunity."

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Suicide Victim's Rites Thursday

Robert Harold Williamson, 33-year-old Mauney Mills employee, hung himself Tuesday with a rope tied around a bedrail in the bedroom of his home in the Swainsville community near Shelby.

Coroner J. Ollie Harris ruled the death a suicide. He said there was no evidence of foul play and there was apparently no motive. Mr. Williamson had reported for work Monday and had not been ill. His wife left for work Tuesday about 7 a.m. and their eight-year-old son was taken to Shelby by school bus with his father, the coroner reported.

The coroner and Cleveland County Sheriff Haywood Allen, who investigated, said that Williamson died between 12:30 and 1 p.m. He was found dead by his wife and son at 4:50 p.m.

Coroner Harris said Williamson had hopped the rope from the bedrail over his mouth and sat a distance from the bed, choking himself with the rope. The coroner said a gun was found in an open chest drawer about four feet from the body.

Williamson was the son of Yates Williamson of Lawndale and Mrs. Willard Compton of Kings Mountain. Other survivors include his wife, Elsie Deal Williamson, a son, Robert Eugene, and a sister, Mrs. Alfred Williams of Earl. He was a member of Shelby's Second Baptist church where funeral rites will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. The body will remain at Lutz-Austell Funeral Home until 30 minutes before these services. Rev. Norman Brown will officiate at the final rites and interment will be in Ross Grove cemetery.

Park Visitors Set Record For '63

Superintendent Ben F. Moomaw at Kings Mountain National Military Park has announced a record breaking visitation for 1963.

Over 316,000 visitors were recorded at the Park. These visitors came from all 50 states, District of Columbia, and 40 foreign countries.

This influx of visitors is unusual for an historical area of the National Park Service and Supt. Moomaw suggests that the most influential reasons would be increased local interest, the completion of Interstate 85, and a trend toward study of the Revolutionary period in this country's history.