

Population

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.

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Local News Bulletins

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday totaled \$191.30, including \$122.80 from on-street meters, \$51 in over-parking fines, and \$17.50 from off-street meters, City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., reported.

P-TA MEETING

Jack H. White, Kings Mountain mayor and judge of city recorder's court, stressed the importance of will making at Tuesday's Parent-Teacher Association meeting at East School, Principal R. M. Kennedy gave the devotions and refreshments were served in the cafeteria.

TO MEETING

Dr. Paul K. Ausley, pastor of First Presbyterian church, is attending a two-day meeting of the Council of the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina in Raleigh yesterday and today. The Council includes representatives of the nine Presbyteries of the Synod.

CHURCH BENEFIT

Christ the King Catholic church will serve chicken barbecue dinner and supper Sunday at the American Legion Hall. Serving of dinner will be from noon until 2 o'clock and serving of supper will be from 5 until 8 p. m. Proceeds will go to the church.

DIXON SERVICE

Students from Davidson college will fill the pulpit at Sunday morning worship services at 9:30 a. m. at Dixon Presbyterian church. A family night covered dish supper will be held at 6 p. m. and the students will lead a Sunday evening service at 7 p. m.

WINS PROMOTION

A/IC Horace Dean Bowen, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bowen, recently won his promotion from A/2C to A/1C while serving at Davis Monthan AFB in Tucson, Arizona. Airman Bowen and Mrs. Bowen, the former Judy Barrett, live in Tucson at Apartment 8, 1301 N. Columbus Blvd.

Traffic Signals

The three recently installed traffic signals near Central, Davidson and West schools now provide stop-go instructions to motorists during school hours. By action of the board of commissioners the three traffic signals are now giving stop-go signals from 7:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. Mondays through Fridays. At all other times, the signals are flashing "caution". The signals are at West Mountain and South Watterson; North Piedmont and Ridge; and at North Watterson and Parker.

Local Seniors In PPG Finals

Three Kings Mountain high school seniors—John Tria, Jr., Phyllis Pusey and Joan McClure—are among eight high school students in the area who have qualified as finalists in the competition for a Pittsburgh Plate Glass Foundation scholarship being offered for the second year. The eight will be interviewed by a three-member scholarship committee Friday to determine the winner.

The students were designated finalists in the PPG foundation scholarship program by the National Merit Scholarship Corp., which evaluated their results on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test given last March. The eight finalists qualified from among 55 applicants from designated high schools in Cleveland County and surrounding area.

A scholarship committee is composed of H. Edmunds White, associate director of admissions, Davidson College; James D. Farrar, director of admissions, Washington and Lee University; and Elliott B. Grover, head of the Department of Textiles at N. C. State College. They will consider such factors as scholarship records, principal's endorsement, motivation, leadership and other personality characteristics in selection of the winner.

A student will receive a four-year scholarship, ranging from \$250 to \$1,500 annually, depending on the student's actual financial need.

A luncheon will be held Friday at North Lake Country club in Shelby.

Other finalists, all from Shelby high school, are Stephen F. Lee, Tony Hicks, Thomas B. Depriest, Carol Lovato and Sally Coffey.

Missed Days Put End Of School On June 3rd

The Kings Mountain District Board of Education voted to extend the termination of the 1963-64 school year until June 3 in order to make up the lost days during the year due to bad weather conditions at its regular meeting Monday night.

There were four days in this year's school term that were missed due to bad weather conditions, and one day of school was missed as a result of President Kennedy's death.

The regular school term was previously scheduled to end on May 27.

The Board also voted to make up any additional days missed the Saturday following the day missed, unless the day missed falls on Friday, then it would be made up the following Saturday.

Supt. Barnes informed the Board that many of the high school students were employed by local merchants to work Saturdays, and if a day was missed due to bad weather, and the day missed fell on Friday, it would present quite a few problems to the Saturday working students.

The Board's decision followed discussion after Supt. Barnes informed the Board that the County Board of Education had recently voted to extend the termination of school one week and make up any additional days missed on the first Saturday following the day missed.

In other actions, the Board voted to accept C. E. Warlick's insurance Agency's recommendation that additional insurance coverage be obtained for the City School buildings and their contents.

Mrs. C. E. Warlick, meeting with the Board, recommended that the board purchase additional coverage for properties, values had been estimated as rising two per cent due to increased building costs. Since the most recent appraisal.

The additional assessment was estimated by Mrs. Warlick as being approximately \$65,000 in additional coverage, and would increase the insurance premium \$135 per year.

Supt. Barnes read a letter from the County-wide survey committee of Raleigh concerning the survey of Cleveland County schools. The Board took no action on the plan, and Supt. Barnes informed the Board that the survey would consist of a detailed inspection of all Kings Mountain schools.

The Board authorized Supt. Barnes to make separate payments to Compact coaches involved in coaching major sports at Compact high school.

The Board had previously voted to pay the head coach of each of the three major sports \$30 per month for services rendered.

Coch John Blalock had requested that authorization for payment of supplements be awarded assistant coaches at the school.

The Board's decision gave Supt. Barnes the authority to make separate payments to head coaches and assistants, not to exceed \$30 per month.

No action was taken regarding repairs to the Bethware School building roof, the cost of which has been estimated at \$1,000.

Supt. Barnes read a letter from Mrs. J. K. Willis, seventh grade teacher at Bethware school, requesting authority to take her class on a two-day trip to Charleston, S. C. The Board approved the request with the stipulation that no school time would be allotted for the trip.

Authorization for travel expenses was approved by the Board for Mrs. Wanza Y. Davis, Supt. Barnes' Secretary, to attend the State Secretary's Convention which is to be held at Durham March 5-7. Expenses, not to exceed \$36, were granted.

A definite date for the beginning of the summer school term Continued On Page 8

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Candidate Lake Here Thursday

Dr. I. Beverly Lake, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, will bring his campaign to Kings Mountain Thursday.

He is expected to arrive here about 2 p. m. and will spend the afternoon touring the city and greeting prospective voters, his Cleveland County manager, Charles D. Robertson, of Shelby, said Wednesday.

On Thursday evening at 6:45 he will make a formal address at the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club. He will be presented by Jonas Bridges manager of WKMT Kings Mountain.

Dr. Lake will be the third of five candidates for the Democratic nomination for Governor to visit Kings Mountain, having been preceded by Dan K. Moore, of Sylva, and L. Richardson Preyer, of Greensboro.

Dr. Lake is making his second bid for the governor's office. In 1960, he trailed Governor Terry Sanford in a second primary by 71,000 votes. He had previously served as assistant attorney-general, having resigned during the Hodges administration due to differences on segregation policy.

He ran in 1960 as an avowed segregationist, but he has made only limited reference to this issue during the present campaign. He has, however, been a critic of the Sanford administration, and has tangled publicly with party leaders several times since Governor Sanford assumed office.

Dr. Lake is a native of Wake Forest and is a former professor at Wake Forest law school. He is a graduate of Wake Forest, class of '25, and from Harvard law school, in 1929.

GOP Convention Shelby Saturday

Kenneth Thomas, republican Chairman for the Tenth Congressional District, announced that the District Convention had been called to be held at the Court House at Shelby, North Carolina, at 2:30 p. m. on Saturday.

The business of the convention will consist of the report of the credentials committee, report of the resolutions committee, election of officers, and election of delegates and alternates to the Republican national convention to be held in San Francisco in July.

The officers to be elected will be a district chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and treasurer. The convention will also recommend members of the State Executive committee from the Tenth district.

MISSION STUDY

A Home Mission study for First Baptist church and seven other area Baptist churches will be held Thursday night beginning at 6:30 p. m. Numerous church leaders will conduct the study which is open to the interested public.

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White Is Definite Senate Candidate

Employee Jailed On Hold-up Count

Optimist Club Fourth In State

Kings Mountain Optimist club was rated fourth in North Carolina for the month of January, President R. W. Hurlburt has been notified.

Durham rated first, Mooresville second, and Queen City of Charlotte was third.

Ratings are based on membership increase, attendance percentage, and activities.

Westmoreland Rites Thursday

Funeral rites for Jesse Floyd (Crap) Westmoreland, 60, of Grover, will be held Thursday at 4 p. m. from Grover's First Baptist church of which he was a member.

The body was taken to the home Wednesday night from Harris Funeral Home and will lie in state until 3:30 p. m. today. Rev. W. E. Monroe, assisted by Dr. Smoot Baker and Rev. Fred Crisp, will officiate, and interment will be in Grover cemetery.

A native of Hickory Grove, Mr. Westmoreland was the son of the late John G. and Mary Boheler Westmoreland. A former policeman and deputy sheriff of Grover, he was a veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nina Roark Westmoreland; five brothers, Pal Westmoreland of Knoxville, Tenn., H. A. West, Jr. of Westmoreland, Tenn., W. E. Westmoreland of Pittsburgh, Pa., and J. B. Westmoreland of Grover; and two sisters, Mrs. H. L. Beam of Grover and Mrs. J. H. Bennett of Houston, Texas.

Mr. Westmoreland succumbed Tuesday in the Cherokee Memorial hospital after an illness of several weeks.

New Agreement On Library

The city commission approved last week an amendment to its agreement with the Jacob S. Mauney family which will change the operating direction of Jacob S. Mauney library.

The resolution provides 1) for cessation of use of the library as a teacherage and 2) makes the agreement conform to state statutes on library operation.

Specifically, the library will be managed in the future by a non-paid group of six trustees, appointed by the city commission. Initially, two will be appointed for two years, two for four years, and two for six years. Subsequently, appointments will be for six years. Not more than one member of the city commission may serve under the library board.

Under the prior arrangement, the three-member library board was in charge of operation of the plant itself and superintended the teacherage. It included a representative of the city commission, a representative of the board of education, and a member of the Jacob S. Mauney family, donors of the library.

Operation of the library was conducted by a seven-member library operating board.

Demand for housing by teachers diminished from a 1951-52 peak. Meantime, increase of volumes and use of the library posed a need for additional space for the library itself.

Structural changes, interior remodeling and general redecorating of the plant were effected last year at a cost to the city of slightly in excess of \$12,000.

It was indicated the city would appoint the new library trustees next month.

SCOUT SERVICE

Boy Scouts of First Presbyterian church led the morning worship service Sunday at 11 a. m. Eagle Scout Larry Patrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Patrick, delivered the message on "On the Trail."

Robert Jones Bound Over To High Court

Robert H. Jones, 19, employee of Kings Mountain Sheet Metal Works since November, allegedly held up his employers at gunpoint Saturday and demanded \$1,000 and transportation to Florida.

Mrs. W. A. Childers said Jones, who had lived in the Coopertown section of Cherryville road since Jonesville, S. C., rang their doorbell about 1 p. m. Saturday. Mrs. Childers answered the door, told the youth (who asked to see Mr. Childers) to "come in." Mr. Childers was using the telephone.

Mrs. Childers said she didn't know the boy since she hadn't worked at the family firm for sometime. She said Jones had taken the day off Friday on what he said were "business reasons" and had been paid by Mr. Childers. He was to have reported for work again Monday.

Bound over to Superior Court Tuesday morning on a charge of robbery with firearms, Jones appealed two other cases in which he was sentenced to 18 months each on individual charges of assault by pointing a gun.

Mrs. Childers described events at her home Saturday afternoon as "narrowing."

"Jones waited until Albert had finished his telephone conversation," Mrs. Childers said. Then he pulled a pistol from under his belt and demanded a check for \$1,500, she added.

The boy repeated his intentions of going to Florida and said if Mr. Childers wouldn't accompany him he'd carry Mrs. Childers as a hostage.

Mrs. Childers said her husband left for the sheet metal firm to draw a check for the youth after Jones promised he wouldn't harm her. Jones warned them both not to call officers, Mrs. Childers said.

However, Mr. Childers called his son-in-law, Solon Moss, from the sheet metal firm and also called officers to meet him at his business office on Waco road.

Mr. Moss went to his mother-in-law's home on pretense of returning a borrowed item. Mrs. Childers, who said she didn't know her son-in-law, was also carrying a weapon, tried to serve the boy dinner, made coffee for the three of them while they waited for Mr. Childers to return, and tried to reason with Jones.

"He got cross with me one time," Mrs. Childers said. She said Jones had the gun pointed at her for hours.

"It was after Solon came that I managed to heat some water on the pretense of making coffee," Mrs. Childers continued. "It was hard to pour boiling water on that boy even though I was afraid someone would get hurt."

It was while Jones and Mrs. Childers were in the dinette for coffee that Mrs. Childers dashed a pan of hot water into Jones' face and Jones was captured.

Moss rushed into the dinette, pulled his pistol. He said Jones' gun jammed when Jones tried to shoot.

Mrs. Childers, who had fled, said she returned to the house to call her husband who came immediately with officers. Jones, was jailed at Shelby.

Jones was described as a "good worker who had given no trouble previously." He gave no reason for the robbery. Mrs. Childers said, except that he wanted to go to Florida.

Mrs. Childers said the boy came to their home riding a bicycle. He was sober, she said.

PRAYER DAY SERVICES

Virtually all Kings Mountain area churches held World Day of Prayer services Friday from 11:15 until 11:45 a. m. Merchants in town closed their businesses from 11 until 12 noon.



STEPPING DOWN—State Representative Jack Palmer, of Shelby, announced last week he will not seek re-election. Mr. Palmer represented Cleveland county in the House for three terms.

Stroke Is Fatal To Rev. Oxford

Rev. Charles Earl Oxford, 52, pastor of Oak View Baptist church for 14 years, succumbed Wednesday morning after suffering a stroke.

Mr. Oxford died in the local hospital about 3:30 a. m.

Born April 1, 1911 in Burke County, Mr. Oxford was the son of the late Isaac and Leola Grady Oxford. Before coming to Kings Mountain, he served as pastor of the Southside Baptist and Smyrna Baptist churches of Morganton.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Juanita Moore Oxford; two daughters, Mrs. Andrew Mraz of Morganton and Mrs. James Rhyne of Kings Mountain; one son, Charles Earl Oxford, Jr. of the home; and a brother, Claude Oxford of Morganton.

Funeral rites will be held Friday at 2 p. m. from Oak View Baptist church. Rev. Stephen M. Morrisett will officiate at the final rites and interment will be in Forest Hill cemetery at Morganton.

The body will be brought from Kirksey Funeral Home of Morganton to the home on York road Thursday at 2 p. m. and will lie in state until one hour before the services.

Deacons of the church will serve as active pallbearers, and members of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association will serve as honorary pallbearers.

Vilagers Win Talent Event

The Vilagers, a five-piece folk singing string band, won top honors Saturday night at the first annual talent show of the Kings Mountain Optimist club.

Runner-up was another vocalizing outfit, the all-girl Bluebelles of Gastonia.

Members of the winning group were Debbie Hurlburt, Don Hurlburt, Phillip Wright, Gary Stewart and Jackie Rhea, all Kings Mountain high school students. Stewart and Wright are guitarists. The group played and sang "If I Had a Hammer". The rendition was worth \$10 in gift certificate to each member of the group.

Judges were B. S. Peeler, Jr. and Mrs. Austin Bumgardner. Lawrence Adams, chairman of the club's committee on arrangements, served as master of ceremonies.

Following the talent event, the Impalas played for a dance.

Heart Sunday Sunday; Canvas Set House-to-House Sunday Afternoon

Heart Sunday on Sunday will include a house-to-house canvass and a roadblock for funds for benefit of the 1964 Heart Fund.

F. Scarr Morrison, chairman of the 1964 Heart Fund appeal in Kings Mountain, said that the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad will conduct a road block Sunday afternoon and volunteer workers will canvass the community for funds for the Heart Drive. Heart Sunday chairman is Mrs. Jack H. White.

Rainbow Girls will conduct a sale of tags and balloons Saturday morning from 8 a. m. until 12 noon for benefit of the Heart

Rumors Wrong On Switch For House Seat

By MARTIN HARMON

Rumors to the contrary, Jack H. White, Kings Mountain attorney, will seek the Democratic nomination to the 31st district Senate seat from Cleveland County.

Mr. White opposes R. Patrick Spaulder who had announced his candidacy on the heels of formal announcement by Senator Robert F. Morgan that he wouldn't see re-election.

Rumors that Mr. White might offer for the House General Assembly seat instead began spreading following the announcement by Rep. Jack Palmer, Jr., last Thursday that he would not seek re-election after three terms of service.

Mr. Palmer's announcement came as a surprise to many political observers.

Acknowledging that he had received several suggestions that he change his intentions and offer for the House seat, Mr. White said, "I feel it doesn't pay to switch in the middle of the stream and I feel obligated to those who initially offered support of my candidacy for the Senate to remain in the contest. I wouldn't be doing my supporters right to change."

Meantime, there was a paucity of rumors as to identity of candidate or candidates to succeed Rep. Palmer.

Among those mentioned as a "possible" is L. Lyndon Hobbs, Jr., Shelby lawyer.

Mr. Hobbs said Wednesday afternoon he doubted most seriously he would offer for the House nomination, but did not completely close the door with an unequivocal "no."

Otherwise, political activity was limited during the past week.

Robert F. (Bob) Cabiness, of Lawndale, was the lone new candidate of the week. He is the third to file for the five-member county board of education. Others who filed previously are Charles W. Elliott, Polkville, and Richard Alexander, Mooresboro. None are incumbents.

The date, there is a three-way contest for the District 4 Democratic nomination to the county board of commissioners, including Surgeon Hewitt, Charles A. Bridges, and J. D. (Doc) Tucker.

Other contest to date is for register of deeds, between Ivey Whisnant, incumbent, and Ralph J. Tucker, assistant county tax collector.

Hospital Share Total \$4,200

Kings Mountain hospital's share in Duke Endowment appropriations of \$1,483,302.36 was \$1,200 for 1963 up some \$1,174.00 from 1962.

The Herald inadvertently listed this year's appropriation at \$1,013.90 in a news story last week. Ruyser Memorial hospital at Boiling Springs will receive \$1,013.00 and Cleveland Memorial hospital at Shelby will get \$9,625.00.

The funds, based on charity care in the fiscal year which ended September 30, are being distributed to 143 hospitals and 43 child care institutions in the two states. Hospitals receive \$992,921.00 of the total.

Explaining that hospitals are assisted on the basis of \$1 a day for each free day of care, Marshall I. Pickens, Endowment secretary, said these appropriations bring to \$35,511,175.36 the contributions made in 39 consecutive years to assist hospitals and child care institutions of the two states in their charity services.

In other actions, the board:

1) Accepted low bid of Southwell Motor Company at \$2,837 for a truck chassis for a dump truck.

2) Approved transfer of \$250 from the civil defense fund for use of the Cleveland Life-Saving and Rescue Squad, bringing total city appropriation for the year to \$750.

3) Named two streets, being cut from Floyd street south, as House street and Marie street.

4) Approved installation of curb and gutter on both sides of Mitchell street.

5) Voted to advertise a used truck for sale at auction.

Approved, when and if funds are available petitions to: pave install sidewalk; and gutter on Alexander street; and Fulton on Lacey; and install curb and gutter on Cleveland avenue, from East King to East Ridge street.

7) Agreed to appropriate about \$945 for purchase of a Breathalyzer, device for determining drunkenness, in the next fiscal year. Meantime, the company is to furnish the device for use at a trial basis.



CANDIDATE—Spurgeon Hewitt, of Polkville, is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for county commissioner from district four. He is among three candidates seeking the nomination. Incumbent John D. White isn't seeking re-election.

City Board Session Noisy

In a noisy session last Thursday, the city board of commissioners discussed possibility of constructing a railroad underpass, took a number of routine actions, and heard itself accused of "blackmail."

Clayton Kelly charged the "blackmail," concerning sale of a Monroe avenue lot. Kelly objected to reports, the city would use the lot, unless it obtained a minimal price of \$300 for it, for storage of utility poles. This the commission members denied, acknowledging only that possibility of use of the lot for that purpose had been discussed at a previous meeting. (The city rents a lot for pole storage at \$14 per year.)

A day previously to Mr. Kelly's appearance, the lot had been confirmed to John McBrayer, of Shelby, for \$350. Mr. Kelly had bid \$50 for the lot at the initial auction. The bid was raised to \$55 by Mr. McBrayer, necessitating a re-sale auction, when Mr. McBrayer posted the \$350 bid. It was not raised within the ten-day legal period following re-sale.

The board discussed, without action, Mayor Glee A. Bridges' report of numerous suggestions that an underpass be constructed. The Mayor guessed the project would cost \$75,000 and would require a bond issue. He said the underpass could eliminate up to three rail crossings.

Sam Suber, cemetery superintendent who is retiring March 1, appeared before the board to note that he had become cemetery superintendent 22 years previously.

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Utility Bill News Will Be Improved

The news for city utility customers, particularly those who heat their homes and establishments, will be better when they receive their February 29 statements.

How much better, City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., said, will vary with particular customers, but the total billings definitely will be lower than those of January 31—reflecting somewhat warmer temperatures.

The current month's readings are still in process of tabulation and final totals aren't yet available.