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 Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
 City Limits 8,008
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Toll-Free Service Proposal Favored By Phone Users

City Is Enjoying Big Income Year



Joan McClure Pageant Entry

Miss Joan McClure, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McClure, is among eight beauty contestants who will vie for the title of "Miss Shelby" Friday night.

The pageant is under sponsorship of the Shelby Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Miss McClure, a June graduate of Kings Mountain high school, has studied piano for 12 years and voice for six months. She was drum major for the Kings Mountain high school band and was presented at the Shelby Junior Charity League Sub-Deb Ball earlier this month.

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Receipts \$48,000 Over Estimate; Gas Profit Big

Amended budgets for the city and its subsidiary natural gas system for the year ending June 30 indicate the city has enjoyed a banner income year.

Adopted by the city last week to harmonize income and outgo guesses with actual operations, the city budget shows a new balance of \$888,968, up \$48,083 from last July's estimate.

Meantime, gas system receipts are now estimated to total \$292,300, up \$35,500 over the estimate of \$256,800 last July. Revised operating expenses of \$182,765 therefore indicate an operating profit (exclusive of debt service) of approximately \$110,000.

The gas system's sales zoomed upward. Operating expenses other than for purchase of gas, were less than anticipated, by about \$5,000. Gas purchases are indicated at \$160,500, up about \$19,000 than anticipated.

Majority of the city's regular budget revenue items either approximated estimates or were more than anticipated. Utility sales of power and water are now estimated to total \$493,000, up \$28,000 over estimates, while tax revenues will approximate \$180,000, up \$5,000 over estimates. Other major indicated increases are: water and sewer taps, up \$375,000; intangible tax rebate, up \$36,000; and street assessments up \$150,000. The city received last October about \$175,000 more than expected from the Powell Bill gas tax rebate.

City spending has kept pace with city income. Departmental expense is running about \$9,000 over the \$207,147 estimate, but the big increase came in the \$39,044 additional additional the city is spending for capital improvements. The city now thinks capital improvements, largely represented by the rebuilding of the electrical distribution system, will total \$246,074.

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Miss Cashion To Teach Here

Schools Superintendent B. N. Barnes reported Wednesday employment of a faculty member for 1964-65 and a resignation.

Miss Eleanor Kimbrough Cashion, a recent graduate of Western Carolina college and a Bethware high school graduate, has been employed as a high school teacher of English.

Mrs. Vallare White Shull, of Shelby, sixth grade teacher at Bethware, has resigned to become a teacher of special education in the Shelby system.

Mr. Barnes reported that two faculty members who retired from the Kings Mountain system at the end of the recent term have accepted positions in South Carolina. They are Mrs. W. T. Weir, who will become librarian at Clover high school, and Miss Lillian Quin, high school English teacher, who will teach at Clinton.

Lutherans Call Supply Pastor

Ronald Smith, first year ministerial student at Lutheran Southern Seminary in Columbia, S. C., will serve as supply pastor this summer at St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

W. K. Mauney, Jr., member of the pulpit committee, said Mr. Smith, his wife and two children would move to Kings Mountain from Reidsville about the first of July.

Mr. Smith will fill the pulpit at the St. Matthew's church on Sunday at the 11 o'clock service. He is a graduate of Lenoir Rhyne college at Hickory.

Dr. W. F. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's about 13 years, is retiring and is moving to Florida where he will become assistant minister of a Lutheran church.

Governor Contest Takes Limelight In Second Primary 10 Days Hence

North Carolina Democrats go to the polls again ten days hence — on June 27 — to nominate a governor and lieutenant governor.

Cleveland County Democrats will also determine two run-off races for county commission positions.

Leading interest, from standpoint of conversation, is in the governor battle between Richardson Preyer, of Greensboro, who led Dan K. Moore by 23,500 votes while four other candidates were being eliminated on May 30.

The other state race finds Cliff Blue, Asheville weekly newspaper publisher and 18-year legislative veteran, seeking to overtake Robert W. (Bob) Scott, Haw River farmer and son of the late Governor and Senator W. Kerr



PROMOTED — DeWayne Caldwell has been promoted by Southern Bell Telephone Company to office manager of the commercial department for the Statesville exchange.

Caldwell Wins Bell Promotion

Lloyd DeWayne Caldwell, Kings Mountain native, has been appointed office manager of the commercial department at the Statesville Southern Bell Telephone company, according to an announcement by A. A. Williams, manager of the Statesville group.

Caldwell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Caldwell of Kings Mountain and is married to the former Brenda McDaniel of Kings Mountain. A 1959 graduate of Kings Mountain high school, he earned his B.S. in business administration and psychology from Western Carolina college at Cullowhee in 1963.

Mr. Caldwell first began work with the telephone company in Charlotte on April 1, 1963, as supervisor in the coin telephone department and prior to receiving the Statesville appointment, he served as supervisor of the business office in Charlotte.

Before joining Southern Bell, he worked at Plonk Brothers & Company from June 1959 to March 1963.

Caldwell, a member of Macedonia Baptist church, is a member of the Society for Advancement of Management, Theta Xi fraternity and Alpha Phi Sigma fraternity.

Active in civic work, he is a member of the District Five Advancement Committee for Boy Scouts of America in Charlotte and District Five Organization and Extension Committee for the scouts, and has served with the United Appeal and Heart Fund.

He and his wife are living at 3234 Marlborough Road in Charlotte.

Week's Holiday Is In Store For Area Textile Employees

June 27-July 6 Vacations Are Scheduled

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

With a few exceptions, majority of Kings Mountain textile firms will suspend operations on Saturday, June 27th, resuming operations with the first shifts on Monday, July 6th.

Mauney Hosiery Mill and Carolina Throwing Company will shutdown the week of July 6th, general manager Charles H. Mauney said. Employees will return to work July 11th.

Employees of Phenix Plant No. 1 of Burlington Industries and Margrace and Paoline Plants of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company will receive vacation bonuses based on length of service.

Other industrial plants were indefinite about vacation bonuses to eligible employees.

Lambeth Rope Corporation has tentative plans to close the week of July 4th, manager Tom Burke said. Mr. Burke said tentative plans are to suspend operations Sat. June 27 and resume operations the morning of Monday, July 6th.

Park Yarn Mills, Sadie Cotton Mills, Minette Mills of Grover, and Phenix Plant of Burlington Industries will suspend operations June 27th for a week's vacation resuming operation Monday, July 6th.

Ground Is Broken For High School

Grading Starts For New Plant On Phifer Road

The new Kings Mountain district high school plant is underway.

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JOINS PEACE CORPS — Robert (Bob) Munson, of Kings Mountain, has enrolled in the United States Peace Corps, and expects assignment to Venezuela.

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Robert (Bob) Munson, of Kings Mountain, recent graduate of St. Olaf college, Northfield, Minn., leaves Saturday for Denver, Colo., for a 12-week training course preparatory to duty with the United States Peace Corps.

Mr. Munson expects assignment for peace corps service in Venezuela.

He received a Bachelor of Arts degree at St. Olaf, is the son of Gerald Munson.

Rev. Mitcham In New Post

Rev. Lloyd Willard (Bill) Mitcham, Jr., Kings Mountain native, will assume duties as assistant pastor of Reformation Lutheran church of Columbia, S. C. on June 22.

Mr. Mitcham was ordained in services Sunday at Trinity Lutheran church of Rocky Mount.

A graduate of Kings Mountain high school Mr. Mitcham was graduated from Lenoir Rhyne college at Hickory and Lutheran Theological Seminary in Columbia. He was president of his sophomore class at Lenoir Rhyne, treasurer of his senior class and chaplain of Theta Chi Fraternity.

He was student pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church in Wilmington during the summer of 1961; at St. Paul's Lutheran church, Hargett, summer of 1962 and served a year of intership at Beth-Eden Lutheran church at Newton.

Rev. Mr. Mitcham is a member

Mrs. Mauney's Rites Conducted

Funeral for Mrs. Bernice Ware Mauney, 48, wife of Ralph Mauney, was held Saturday afternoon at Central Methodist church.

Mrs. Mauney died of leukemia at Kings Mountain hospital Friday morning at 7 o'clock. She had been ill for four years.

A former employee of Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company, Mrs. Mauney was a Kings Mountain native, a daughter of Mrs. Ursula J. Ware and the late John Fletcher Ware. She was a member of Central Methodist church.

Surviving, in addition to her husband and mother, are a son, William Ralph Mauney Jr., and a daughter, Myra Jane Mauney, two sisters, Mrs. Holland Dixon, Shelby, and Mrs. Van Wrape, Burlington, and three brothers, Paul Ware Kings Mountain, George Ware, Asheville, and Belvin Ware, Calhoun Falls, S. C.

The rites were conducted by Rev. Howard Jordan and burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Palbearers were Hillard Black, Dr. M. Peeler, Gail McDaniel, William McDaniel, James Cloninger and Wilbur Smith.

Eagle Scouts Win Awards

Two Kings Mountain Boy Scouts received their Eagle badges, highest awards in scouting, at Court of Honor for district Boy Scouts Thursday night.

Jeff Mauney, 13-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Mauney, and Wendell Bunch, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Bunch, received the awards.

Both Eagle Scouts hold Webelos awards in Cubbing. Young Mauney completed requirements for an Eagle in 5½ years and young Bunch completed requirements in three years. A member of Troop 90, Bunch is the second member of his family to become an Eagle Scout. His brother Phillip, an Eagle Scout, has, along with his younger brother, completed requirements for a God and Country Award which the church present Wendell Bunch made application for the award at Thursday's Court of Honor.

Young Mauney is Senior Patrol leader of Troop 91 at St. Matthew's Lutheran church. On July 9th he will leave with other scouts for the National Boy Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pa. Bunch has been a scribe and serves as patrol leader for Troop 90 of First Presbyterian church.

Silver Beavers present for the awards were A. K. Winget, past president of the Central Council of Boy Scouts of America and grandfather of Eagle Scout Mauney; H. G. Winget, past president of the Piedmont Council Boy Scouts of America; Aubrey Mauney and Jim Williams.

New Business To Open Here

A new retail business, City News, will open here in late July, the owner, J. W. Griffin, said Wednesday.

Mr. Griffin, who lives in Forest City, is equipping the West Mountain street building of Mrs. J. E. Lipford, for his operation, which will feature a large newsstand and numerous sundries, including toys.

Mr. Griffin is a brother-in-law of Dr. P. G. Padgett, of Kings Mountain. He now operates three similar establishments, two in Forest City, one in Rutherfordton.

Paper Honors Dr. Laura Plonk

Dr. Laura Plonk, Kings Mountain native, was honored recently by the Asheville Citizen as the Citizen's "Woman of the Week."

The article accompanying the citation follows:

"For 11 years Dr. Laura Plonk, co-founder and director of the Plonk School at 1 Sunset Parkway, has been striving to achieve better methods of education and to develop the 'whole personality' of young people. This she is accomplishing by offering, in addition to a curriculum meeting state educational requirements, courses in speech study, conversational French, Dalecroze eurythmics, art, music, dramatics and Biblical literature.

"She and her sister, Dr. Lillian Plonk, have overseen all these years in operating a small pri-

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Participation In Patron Poll Was 70 Percent

By MARTIN HARMON
 Kings Mountain patrons favor toll-free service to Gastonia and Dallas.

Results of a poll on the proposal, announced by Bryan Houck, Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph manager, shows that approximately 70 percent of the patrons participated in the voting, with 1169, or about 54 percent of those participating, favoring toll-free service in exchange for slight monthly rental increases.

Manager Houck noted that the North Carolina Utilities Commission will be petitioned to approve the new service within ten days.

However, he added, the service, if approved by the commission, won't be available before sometime in 1965, due to time required for engineering of line and equipment needs, manufacture of the equipment, and its installation.

Monthly rental increases won't be effective, of course, until the toll-free service is provided, Mr. Houck added.

The rental increases will be a maximum of 60 cents per month for residential phones (40 cents per month for four-party and eight-party lines), and a maximum of \$1.50 per month for business phones (85 cents per month for business eight-party lines).

Mr. Houck said he was particularly pleased at the high participation in the mail balloting which covered the period of a month.

Bob Maner, president of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce and sponsor and endorser of the toll-free service, commented, "The Chamber of Commerce is highly pleased at the results of the poll, appreciates the participation of all who voted, and believes sincerely that this added service will be beneficial to Kings Mountain telephone users."

Approval and installation of the new service will mean that phone subscribers will be able to call toll-free approximately 17,000 additional telephones. Currently, Kings Mountain subscribers can call toll-free about 13,000 telephones, to Grover, Shelby, and Bessemer City, in addition to Kings Mountain patrons.

The proposal, for toll-free service had the endorsement of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce, Lions, Rotary and Kiwanis clubs.

Rites Conducted For Littlejohn

Funeral rites for James Edward Littlejohn, 45, were held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Kings Mountain Baptist church.

Mr. Littlejohn died suddenly following a heart attack at Kings Mountain hospital Thursday night at 7:30. He was stricken at home, was driven to the hospital, walked into the emergency room and succumbed.

Assistant manager of Western Auto Store, Mr. Littlejohn was a Kings Mountain native, the son of Dorus Gaston Littlejohn and Jennie Hord Littlejohn. He attended Appalachian State Teachers College and served in World War III in the Pacific Theatre with the Army Air Corps. He was a member of Kings Mountain Baptist church and Otis D. Green Post 153, American Legion.

Surviving are his wife, Sarah Beth Coon Littlejohn, his parents, two children, James Alvin Littlejohn, Fort Bragg, and Sarah Susan Littlejohn, Kings Mountain, and two sisters, Mrs. W. F. Laughter, Kings Mountain, and Mrs. John W. Clay, Greensboro.

Rev. Marion DuBoise conducted the rites and burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Palbearers were Tom Reynolds, Ersten Watterson, Odus Smith, Luther Morrison, Lawrence Littlejohn and E. E. Marlowe.

BIBLE SCHOOL IN PROGRESS
 Vacation Bible School is continuing through Friday night 5-8 at Macedonia Baptist Church on Grover Road. On Tuesday the enrollment of the school reached 95. Commencement will be held Sunday night at 7 p.m. at the regular worship service.

Privilege Licenses Expire June 30

Annual privilege licenses for 1964-65 for persons and firms doing business within the City of Kings Mountain are due July 1.

The city commission adopted the annual privilege license ordinance (printed in today's Herald), without change from the past year.

Penalty of five percent per month applies August 1 where licenses are not purchased during the month of July.

As of June 1, the privilege license schedule for the current year was expected to return \$5830

AT CITY HALL
 Miss Margaret Jackson, a rising senior at Mary Baldwin college, has joined the city office staff for the summer.

GRADUATE — Paul Hendricks, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. Paul E. Hendricks, was graduated this month from Wake Forest college with B. S. degree in biology.