

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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Seventy-Fifth Year

PRICE TEN CENTS

Proposed Cut In City Gas Rates Is Anticipated

School Pupil Assignment Plan Adopted For '64-65 Year

Footo Has No Plans To Mine Beryl Ore

Bureau Of Mines Confirms Finding Of Tons Of Beryl

Recovery of five million tons of Beryllium ore buried on property owned by Foote Mineral Company has been reported by the United States Bureau of Mines.

Neij O. Johnson, general manager of the Kings Mountain operation, confirmed the report. He confirmed it is technically feasible to recover beryllium ore but selling these beryl concentrates, as produced, or up-grading them to be competitive with imported grades is the current economic problem.

Dean Herman, general manager at Lithium Corporation of America's Bessemer City plant, was on vacation Wednesday and could not be contacted. Lithium recovers beryllium metal.

Mr. Johnson said no plans have been made to mine the properties. "The bureau determined," Mr. Johnson said, that 77 per cent of the ore could be salvaged from the lithium ore now being mined here.

Beryllium's strengthening properties have made it an important alloying material. When alloyed with copper and nickel, it is valuable in making aircraft engine parts and surgical instruments.

The actual testing was done by the U. S. Bureau of Mines from the Tuscaloosa, Alabama division and the research they were doing covered several other mineral ores which have product possibilities.

In 1961 Lithium Corporation of America at Bessemer City began research in the field of Beryllium and in late 1963 began manufacturing facilities for the actual working with the ore.

The U. S. Bureau of Mines report continued: "This report covers tests made to determine the technical and economic feasibility of recovering beryl (beryllium ore) from flotation tailings being produced at the spodumene (lithium ore) concentrator of Foote Mineral."

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Her Feet Hurt 48 Hours Afterward But This Reporter Loved The Fair

My feet hurt but I can't wait to go again to the World's Fair. I didn't expect to, not after reading critical story after story by reporters who had attended this summer's top tourist attraction in New York City.

We had been told that we'd walk and walk and walk. We did. We had heard about the long lines (one-two-three hours) of standing before the pavilions all over the fairgrounds. Granted, there were lines. Peggy Ross and I waited for over an hour to enter both the Coca-Cola and General Motors exhibits and there were others like Ford, Pepsi-Cola and General Electric we tried to see. Our feet wouldn't let us.

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MISS BETHWARE FAIR — Miss Jean Hamrick will reign as Miss Bethware Fair of 1964 during the 19th annual community event which opens September 16 on the grounds of Bethware school.

Mrs. McDaniel To Convention



DELEGATE — Mrs. F. A. McDaniel, Jr., will attend the National Democratic Convention.

Local Delegate Looks Forward To Convention

BY ELIZABETH STEWART Mrs. F. A. McDaniel, Jr., a North Carolina delegate to the National Democratic Convention, says she expects "to learn a lot" at Convention Hall in Atlantic City next week.

The Kings Mountain woman said Tuesday afternoon the North Carolina delegation was expecting to nominate a favorite son candidate in the person of Governor Terry Sanford as nominee on the Democratic ticket for vice-president of the United States.

However, Governor Sanford made it plain Tuesday evening he was not a candidate for vice-president and thus punctured a trial balloon hoisted last week by friends.

Mrs. McDaniel reported the Tar Heel delegation was polled in an effort to drum up support for Sanford for vice-president.

Governor Sanford said in a statement, "I think I should make it clear I am not running for the job and don't expect to get it. Like everyone else, I appreciate any and all kind words from friends, and I am grateful for their friendship in promoting me as a possible vice-presidential candidate," the governor said.

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Tax Advertising Begins This Week

Advertising of sale of real estate for unpaid 1963 tax bills by the City of Kings Mountain begins this week, with the sale date to be September 14.

Mrs. Houston Wolfe, assistant city clerk, urged citizens who haven't paid their 1963 tax bills to pay them prior to the scheduled advertising dates. She noted that payments in advance of the advertising date will save additional expense.

Changes Minor From 1963-64 Assignments

The city board of education has adopted its pupil assignment plan for the coming year, and except for providing for removal of a sixth grade at the Park Grace plant, is virtually unchanged from the 1963-64 assignment plan.

Since there was no fifth grade at Park Grace last year, the schedule provides that children are assigned to the same schools they attended last year and this year's assignment would automatically remove a sixth grade. Supt. Barnes told board of education members Monday night as they adopted the pupil assignment plan.

The major exception: 1) The new assignment makes possible having only one sixth grade at the West plant. West, with 11 classrooms, had a total sixth grade enrollment of 45-50 pupils for the coming term. Classroom space was not available for a second teacher. The assignment plan anticipates this operation at Park Grace: Grades 1-2-3-4-5 and two seventh grades.

Pupils who completed the fifth grade at West school last year living outside the city limits are assigned to Bethware school and those within the city limits on the east side of the railroad are assigned to North school. However, those living south of Gold street may be assigned to Bethware school by request.

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Tax Prepayments Reach \$3,856

Both the Cleveland County and City of Kings Mountain tax collectors are now accepting 1964 tax pre-payments in order that citizens may qualify for the full two percent discount allowed on August pre-payments.

Tax pre-payments Wednesday at the office of the city clerk totaled \$3,856.11. Mrs. Houston Wolfe, assistant city clerk, noted that tax pre-payments are being accepted, even though neither the county or city has completed the annual chore of preparing tax bills, due to the delay in receiving new appraisal figures in effect for 1964.

Mailing date for county tax bills is August 20th. The city expects to mail all notices in advance of August 31.

A full two percent discount applies on August pre-payments and a one percent discount will apply in September.

Citizens wishing to pre-pay one or both tax bills should visit or call the respective tax offices.

School Opening One Week Off

Registration of all high school students will be held on Thursday morning, August 27, at 8:30 a.m.

Principal Harry Jaynes released this week the following schedule for pupil entry into the building:

Seniors—enter front of building. Juniors—East entrance. Sophomores—West entrance. Freshmen—enter from rear of building.

"All pupils are urged to follow this system of entry as it will promulgate easy handling of the large number of students", Jaynes advised.

The day of pupil orientation will last for approximately a half day and no lunches will be served the opening day of school.

Fees for the upcoming year were also released and they are: State book rentals—\$5.00 per student.

Student Insurance—\$1.75 per student. Vocational fees—\$2.00 per student. Library fee—\$1.00 per student. Science fee—\$.50 per student. Phy. Ed. fee—\$1.00 per semester.

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School Faculties Virtually Complete

Education Board Is Employing New Teachers

The city schools faculty is virtually complete following the election of eight teachers in the past week.

Superintendent B. N. Barnes said five vacancies remain and anticipates no difficulty in filling them. Still needed are a second grade, two sixth grade and one eighth grade teachers at Bethware and one seventh grade teacher at East school. Mr. Barnes says he has copious applications.

OPENING SET

Kings Mountain children will answer first day bells for the 1964-65 term one week from today at 8:30 a.m. Teachers will report on Tuesday for initial meetings. Opening day will be an abbreviated session largely devoted to distribution of textbooks and assignments. The first full day session will be August 28th.

The board of education has employed Mrs. Annie C. Wilson of Shelby, fourth grade, Park Grace; Mrs. JoAnn Starrett, high school English; John William Goin, East school; Mrs. Wanda Hunt, Davidson; Miss Barbara Byers, Compact; Mrs. Johnnie Moore, Compact; Wilburn L. Smith, Compact; Mrs. Carol D. Jones, Shelby, high school commercial.

Resignations were received from: Mrs. Ellen Sikes, high school commercial; Mrs. Elizabeth F. Griffith, West second grade; Mrs. Irene B. Camp, East seventh grade; Mrs. Willie J. Kerry, Compact, fifth grade; James N. Griffin, Compact; and Vernon K. Johnson, Compact.

In other actions Monday night at the regular monthly meeting, the board of education:

1) Discussed the building needs of Compact and Davidson plants. Awaiting the recommendation of a survey team from the state board of education which performed surveys of all schools in Cleveland County, board members agreed to proceed with building plans when the survey-team releases its report.

2) Re-elected T. C. (Red) McKee as trustee officer.

3) Approved an estimate of classroom needs for a report to be furnished the state board of education.

4) Agreed to pay 1/2 cost of paving the East school play areas. East P-TA is to pay 1/2 of the total cost of \$75.

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Vandals Carry Off Church Safe, Ransack School In Night's Haul

Vandals broke a window at First Baptist church Sunday night, entered the church office and carted away the safe but apparently didn't open it.

The thief or thieves were more successful the same evening when West school was robbed of three film strip projectors, one a View-lux, one a standard model and one a Belhour 16mm projector complete with speakers; an Underwood typewriter with serial number 11-9294195; one Webcor tape recorder and two record players.

Police, who investigated both the burglaries Monday morning, said the safe was apparently pushed from the church office about 50-75 feet behind the church and discovered Monday morning. They said they found no fingerprints nor evidence the safe had been opened. The window of the South wing was broken and several desk drawers were rummaged.

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Kings Mountain Gas Users Share In \$24,000-Plus Rate Reduction

BY ELIZABETH STEWART If you are a residential gas customer of the city, chances are your gas bills will be \$20 less next year.

W. D. Edwards, Jr., consulting engineer for Barnard & Burk, Inc., conferring Wednesday with Mayor Glee A. Bridges and Gas Supt. Grady Yelton, reported his survey of present rates and a proposed plan to cut rates to all city users of natural gas.

Mr. Edwards' recommendation—to be brought before the city board of commissioners for approval—would affect 1100 gas customers who would benefit from a proposed rate reduction of over \$24,000.

Biggest cut would be to residential users, Mr. Edwards said. There are 834 residences now serviced by natural gas. The reduction would approximate 14.85 percent, based on gas usage last winter during what Mr. Edwards termed an "abnormal and very old" winter in Kings Mountain.

Reduction to small commercial and public customers would approximate 12 percent, and in terms of dollars and cents, a reduction of over \$18,000 to residential users; \$4,000 to small commercial customers; and over \$1800 to large commercial customers.

The average reduction to the

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City Board Met Thursday

The city board of commissioners awarded low bids for trucks for the cemetery and gas department and conducted routine business at Thursday night's regular meeting.

Victory Chevrolet Company was low bidder at \$1,650 for the cemetery truck and Southwell Motor Company was low bidder for a gas department truck at \$1,650.

The board authorized Mayor Glee A. Bridges to remove no parking signs on Battleground road after Clyde Whetstone appeared before the commission to protest the signs in front of his service station.

Upon motion of Comm. T. J. Ellison, seconded by Comm. Norman King, it was unanimously decided to begin a police Department retirement system and offer it to all other employees of the city.

The board tabled action on request by Hal S. Plonk for water, sewer and streets to Ashley Park, a new development. The new development is located outside the city limits.

Also tabled was a request by spokesmen who want to open a recreation center in the Fulton Building. The board noted, that if parents of teenagers will be present at all times to supervise the recreation, the request would be considered.

Copies of the minutes from the July meeting, the financial report from June 1 to June 31, and the annual audit were distributed. City Attorney J. Roan Davis opened the meeting with prayer.

All members of the commission were present.

McDaniels Report Go Prince Rally

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The rally, according to the newspaper account, was to open the new GOP headquarters on Washington street.

The article continued, "Anyone who is interested in electing Goldwater as president, Prince to Congress, or any local Republican candidate to office in Hall and surrounding counties is urged to attend," Gordon Sawyer, Hall county GOP Party chairman said.



JOINS HERALD — Gary Dean Stewart is a new member of the staff of the Kings Mountain Herald. He will succeed Dick Woodward, who has accepted as a teaching position in Titusville, Fla.

Stewart Joins Herald Staff

Gary Dean Stewart has joined the staff of the Kings Mountain Herald, it is announced today by Martin Harmon, publisher.

A June graduate of Kings Mountain high school, Stewart will serve as sports editor and assistant in the news and advertising departments. He will succeed Dick Woodward, who has resigned.

Mr. Woodward joined the Herald last August. He will terminate his duties with the Herald this week.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Stewart of the Dixon community, Stewart was formerly employed by Herman Blacklock Grocery. He is brother of Herald Staff member Elizabeth Stewart.

Postmaster Says Book Chain Illegal

Kings Mountain Postmaster Charles L. Alexander says a "Little Golden Book" chain operating in this vicinity is "illegal."

Postmaster Alexander notes the letters are originating from out-of-town. "It would be appreciated," the postmaster continued, "if recipients will notify the local postoffice upon receipt of such letters or books."

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