

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.

Mohair, Burlington Upping Wages

Two Firms Here Post Notices Of Increases

Two Kings Mountain textile plants have announced wage adjustments to become effective September 14th and October 4th.

Pressly Resigns ARP Pastorate



RESIGNS — Dr. W. L. Pressly has resigned his pastorate of Boyce Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian church to become pastor of Coddle Creek ARP church in Iredell county.

Veteran Pastor To Aged Church In Iredell County

Rev. William Lowery Pressly, D. D., dean of active Kings Mountain pastors, has resigned the pastorate of Boyce Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian church to become pastor of Coddle Creek ARP church, oldest of the denomination.

Dr. Pressly will complete in September a pastorate here which began November 27, 1946. He was formally installed a month later with the sermon delivered by his late father, Dr. J. H. Pressly, and with a former pastor, Dr. W. M. Boyce, participating.

Dr. Pressly tendered his resignation to the session of the church and announced his resignation to the congregation Sunday.

The Coddle Creek church is in Iredell county, between Mooresville and Statesville. Records of the church reveal services held in 1753.

In Kings Mountain, Dr. Pressly succeeded the late Dr. Neil Baird. During his ministry, the church sold its uptown plant and launched a new one on Edgemont avenue. The educational plant is complete and virtually debt-free.

The Coddle Creek pastorate will be Dr. Pressly's third in 32 years in the ministry. His only previous pastorate was at Greenwood, S. C., where he was called as regular pastor after serving as pastor of the previous mission church. He served the Greenwood church for 14 years.

A graduate of Erskine college and the Erskine seminary, he earned a master of theology degree at Princeton seminary, Princeton, N. J., has served as moderator of both first and second ARP presbyteries, as chairman of the Synod foreign mission board, and member of the home mission board and other committees of Synod.

In Kings Mountain, he has served as president and secretary.

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Pupil Transfers: 14 Yea, 13 Nay

Of 27 applications for change of school assignment — including four volunteers the school administration had invited to balance teaching loads — the board of education approved 14, denied 13.

Superintendent B. N. Barnes said the board of education followed its long-standing policy of granting transfer to accommodate students and their parents where the change of assignment did not create teaching overloads.

He commented, "I certainly appreciate the excellent spirit of cooperation accorded the board of education and me in the matter of transfer requests. Many, when planning applications, said they'd accept with good grace whatever decision the board might make and they all did."

Volunteer transfers approved from East school to Bethware eighth grade included Linda Falls, Jake Reynolds, Jr., Linda Bullock and Mickey Sisk.

Other transfers approved were for Robert G. Cox, grade 1, Catherine M. Cox, grade 4, and Hetty R. Cox, grade 5, from East to West school; Donald Yarboro, grade 3, from West to Bethware; Kathy Luann Kennedy, grade 1, from North to East; William Z. Cashion, Jr., grade 2, from Park Grade to East; James Edward Amos, Jr., grade 5, from West to North; Deborah Elaine Moore, grade 3, and Robert Wayne Moore, grade 4, from West to Park Grade; and Tena Whitaker, grade 1, from East to North.

Pupils denied transfer requests were Catherine E. Neisler, John H. Bumgardner, Jr., Jeffrey Scott Cloninger, Robert S. Gilstad, Gary C. Jaynes, Anne H. Plonk, Gene Ross Alexander, Sandra Gail Cash, Donald Larry Cash, Ronnie Dale Cash, Marion Eugene Cash, Douglas Pruitt, and Louis Ann Sherr.

Community Day At Grover Set

Annual Grover Community Party Saturday

Grover's annual community picnic will be held Saturday at 5 p. m. on the grounds of Grover school.

Mrs. Fred Crisp publicity chairman for the affair, said plans were well underway this week for the area outing, expected to draw record crowds from Grover and Kings Mountain area.

A concert by the Kings Mountain high school band, under the direction of Joe C. Hedden, will open the festivities.

Dr. T. A. Barker, the new physician who came to Grover in July, will be recognized during the program.

"This picnic is not only for the residents of Grover but for all the communities adjoining the town," Mrs. Crisp pointed out. She continued, "A well-filled basket of food to be served at 6 o'clock is all it will cost for a wonderful time of community fellowship."

Last year's annual picnic was well attended and officials predicted that this year's crowd will be "even better."



SELECTED — James S. Forrest, Kings Mountain senior at North Carolina State college, is recipient of a Superior Cable Corporation scholarship for the 1964-65 academic year.

Forrest Wins Scholarship

James S. Forrest, rising senior at North Carolina State college and son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Forrest of Kings Mountain, is recipient of a Superior Cable Corporation scholarship for the 1964-65 academic year.

The Superior Cable Corporation offers two scholarships at North Carolina State annually to a senior and a junior in chemical, electrical, or mechanical engineering.

Both recipients are mechanical engineering students selected on basis of leadership, character and scholarship. Dr. R. E. Fadum, dean of the school of Engineering, said.

Forrest has a 3.4 scholastic average out of a possible 4.0. Last year he served as vice president of Pi Tau Sigma, mechanical engineering honor society. He is also a member of Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering fraternity. He has been invited to participate in the Engineering Honors Program at State.

Other scholarship winner is Stephen M. Kanipe, a rising junior from Marion.

Women Demos Set Reception

Democratic women of Cleveland County are invited to attend a reception honoring Mrs. O. Max Gardner, Jr. of Shelby, newly-elected state vice-chairman of the Democratic Party, Monday at 5 p. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Webb Gardner, Cleveland Springs Estates, Shelby.

Kings Mountain women who plan to attend should contact Mrs. F. A. McDaniel, Jr., 739-3335, or Mrs. Warren Gamble, 482-1403.

The reception is being planned by the Executive Board of the Cleveland County Democratic Women's Club of which Mrs. Gamble is president. Mrs. McDaniel is vice-chairman of the Cleveland County Democratic Party.

Chambers Under \$2,000 Bond

Paul Chambers, 31-year-old Negro, of route two, is free on \$2,000 bond after being bound over to Superior Court on a charge of breaking and entering.

Preliminary hearing was held Monday in City Recorder's Court. A homemade burglar alarm rigged up recently between Plonk Brothers department store and city policemen proved to be as efficient as the store-bought variety Thursday when police arrested Chambers.

Police said Chambers had admitted breaking into Plonk Brothers four times in a period of 30 days. He admitted, they said, taking about \$300 during three of the break-ins.

Officers said they noticed a blinking-light signal given off by the activated burglar alarm Thursday morning at 5:45 a. m. and went directly to the store. Continued On Page 8

City Gas Sales Record \$302,069

The city natural gas system posted record sales during 1963-64 and returned a record operating profit, audit report of A. M. Pullen & Company, certified public accountants, shows.

The gas system had gross revenues of \$307,932, including gas sales of \$302,069, and miscellaneous revenues of \$1,963, including refunds from Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation of \$2,066.

Operating profit (exclusive of debt service) totaled \$120,729, after payment of operating expenses of \$186,303. Major cost was purchase of gas, the city having paid Transco \$163,572. Labor and salaries cost \$14,779.

At June 30, the system was serving 879 customers, up 46 over the previous year end. Included were 746 residential customers, 100 small commercial customers, five large commercial and industrial customers, 24 schools and public buildings.

Biggest gas purchaser group was the residential one, returning the city \$122,849. Gas buyers on interruptible schedule paid the city \$88,795, large commercial users spend \$46,892, small commercial \$33,074, and public buildings \$10,457.

Bonded debt at June 30 was \$65,000. While only \$15,000 of that amount is due in the coming year, the gas system has issued notice to bondholders it is calling all outstanding bonds on October 1. After providing \$25,666 for the sinking fund to defray bonded debt, and \$17,903 to the extension and reserve fund, the revenue fund at June 30 showed a cash surplus of \$31,503.

The plant fund represented investment of \$447,257, with the major items \$382,203 in transmission lines and distribution system and \$15,591 for service line installation.

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Plonk Building Surgical Clinic

Dr. George W. Plonk, Kings Mountain surgeon, is constructing a clinic at the corner of West King and Country Club road.

Dr. Plonk purchased the 150 x 153-foot corner earlier this year from the C. D. Blanton Estate.

The Plonk clinic, designed by Holland and Reviere, Shelby architects, will face West King street and will contain 2150 square feet of floor space.

The building will be of brick-veneer construction.

COURT OF HONOR

Court of Honor for Kings Mountain district Boy Scouts will be held Thursday night, September 10th, at 7:45 p. m. at Central Methodist church.



CITY CEMETERY NOW HAS OFFICE — Pictured in front of the new office building at the Dilling street entrance to Mountain Rest cemetery, are Sam E. Suber, who retired recently after 22 years as cemetery superintendent, Mayor Glee A. Bridges, and Ken Jenkins, cemetery superintendent. The building has a lobby and small office for maintenance of records and use of the superintendent, rest rooms, and a large warehouse for storage of equipment. The old small storage house will be razed.

School Survey Team Report Says Abandon Old Davidson

Report Suggests More Local Funds Are Required

Cleveland County schools need new buildings, broader curriculum, to offer kindergarten pre-schooling, more vocational and adult educational programs — guidance counseling and teaching supervision — and should spend the money to provide equal educational opportunity for all its school population.

These are the broad summations of the school survey report by the Division of School Planning, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

The survey covers all three county administrative units and varies, according to degree of performance by each in the various directions. Generally, the county administrative unit is found most deficient, Kings Mountain district schools is in the middle, and Shelby administrative unit is regarded as doing the best job.

Principally, says the survey, the reason is availability of cash. Whereas Shelby citizens have authorized a supplemental operations tax of 40 cents per \$100 tax valuation and Kings Mountain 20 cents, the county unit has no supplemental operations tax.

Additionally, the county unit is in worse shape in building needs, the report shows.

Main building recommendation of the report calls for construction of four high schools to replace all of those now being operated other than Shelby senior high school and Kings Mountain high school. Consolidations would be effected to eliminate the small high schools which, says the report, are sub-marginal as to curriculum offering.

This recommendation, while not specific as to method, implies that for implementation the three units would be consolidated into one administrative unit or that a cooperative arrangement would be effected between the three units, particularly as regards its Negro high schools.

Conducting the survey were Dr. J. L. Pierce, director, division of school planning; W. L. Lathan, educational consultant, division of school planning; Joe L. Cashwell, supervisor, division of instructional services, department of public instruction; Louis Alexander, bus route supervisor, division of transportation, state board of education; Earl M. Price, district supervisor, division of vocational education, department of public instruction; C. C. Erwin, superintendent of Rowan county schools; and John Hough, superintendent of Leaksville township schools.

Local News Bulletins

DUNLAP REUNION

The John James Dunlap family reunion will be held Sunday at Antioch Methodist Church, south of Rock Hill, S. C.

FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Bill Bates, high school football coach, will speak at the Tuesday night meeting of the Lions club. Coach Bates will outline prospects for the 1964 edition of the Mountaineers. The club meets at the Woman's Club at 7 o'clock.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday totaled \$232.40, including \$150.40 from on-street meters, \$62 from over-parking fines, and \$20 from off-street meters.

LEGION MEETING

Regular monthly meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will be held at the Legion building Friday at 8 o'clock, it was announced by J. H. McDaniel, Jr., adjutant.

PARADE COMMITTEE

The parade committee for the Kings Mountain Merchants Association promotion of "Mountaineer Days" will gather Thursday afternoon at 3 p. m. in the offices of the Merchants Association.

Kings Mountain Schools Enrolled 4225 On First Day Friday; Up 27

Kings Mountain district schools enrolled 4225 pupils on the official first day of school last Friday.

The total was an increase of 27 over the first day of the 1963-64 term, including seven elementary pupils and 20 high school pupils.

Old Portions Of Other Plants Sub-Marginal

The recent school survey report by a state division of school planning team recommends for Kings Mountain schools: 1) Provision for adequate supervision of guidance, library, music and school lunch programs.

2) Study of possible need for broadening special education instruction (for the mentally retarded, physically handicapped, and mentally exceptional).

3) A broadened vocational education program and broadened adult education program.

4) Replacement of any teachers (three) holding sub-standard professional certificates.

5) A curriculum study to determine what broadening is necessary.

Buildings

Immediately recommended is the construction of an additional unit at the site of the newer Davidson plant to include seven classrooms, a library and multi-purpose cafeteria - assembly room, with the old building to be abandoned.

Also recommended is provision of temporary facilities at Compact, if necessary to relieve overcrowding.

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(off two); North 421 (up five); Park Grace 184 (off 19); West 297 (off 19) Compact 370 (up ten); and Davidson 355 (off one).

Superintendent B. N. Barnes reported teacher loads well-balanced. Highest average teacher load was at North school where each teacher averaged 30.07 pupils. Lowest average was at Davidson school, where the 14 teachers had an average pupil load of 25.36. School administrators regard 30 pupils a happy load, over that number less desirable.

Only four split-grade teaching situations were required, one at Bethware, two at Grover, and one at Davidson.

Kings Mountain high school enrolled 248 freshmen, 236 sophomores, 244 juniors and 241 seniors. Compact enrolled 69 freshmen, 77 sophomores, 54 juniors and 31 seniors.