Population
Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008
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Sewage Improvements Deadlines Will Not Be Met

Kings Mountain Tapped For Community Pride Contest

Stadium Fund Shy By $7318; Pledges To Date Are $72,681

Superior Stone And Employees Donate $2,000

The John Gamble Stadium Fund grew to $72,681.39 this week, shy by $7,318.61 to complete the $80,000 campaign to build a new football stadium.

Meantime, J. Wilson Crawford and J. Ollie Harris, co-chairmen of industrial solicitations reported two additional gifts — a gift of $2,000 from Kings Mountain's Superior Stone Company and employees and $500 from Otis D. Green Post 155, the Amerian Legion.

Jay Powell, Superintendent of Kings Mountain operations, delivered the Superior check Tuesday.

Charles F. Harry, III, fund treasurer, reported that actual cash-in-hand totaled $26,023.93 and included gift of $250 from Paul Mauney, Inc. and $100 gifts from Gastonia Double Cola Bottling Company, Ben T. Goforth plumbing, City Floor Service and Reynolds Realty.

Treasurer Harry noted that pledges now total $46,657.46.

Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will devote its full profits from Thursday (tonight's) schools talent show to the stadium project, club president W. S. Fulton, Jr. said.

Mr. Harry reported other cash gifts during the week from: Dr. Charles K. Padgett, Mrs. W. T. Weir, Bessemer City Ice and Coal Company, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lutz, Quality Sandwich Company, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Adams, T. W. Gamble, Reynolds Realty Company, Cottonwood Restaurant, Walter D. Harmon, Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Moss, Cooper's, Inc., Miss Aileen Mullinax, Mrs. Edith R. Jones, Miss Piccola Blalock, Miss Dorothy McCraw, Miss Lowell Ellis, Mrs. W. F. Powell, Joe Lee Woodward, Mrs. Margaret J. Crocker, Mrs. Sarah W. Wilkins, Burlie S. Peeler, Jr., and Mrs. Bun Goforth.

John Gamble Stadium will have a seating capacity of 4,000, will also be equipped for track and will have an ample pressbox. It will be erected south of the new high school plant on Phifer road.

Aim of the fund-raising committee is to have the stadium ready for use when the football season opens in September.

In announcing stadium gifts this week Harris said, "This is the type of cooperation we have received from Kings Mountain folk and we are deeply appreciative."

Co-Chairmen Charles Neisler and Carl F. Mauney echoed their invitations to business firms and individuals who have not yet made contributions or pledges to the stadium project to do so immediately so that remaining monies may be obtained and immediate start on construction be made in order that the stadium may be in use by the opening of the 1965 football season.

Klansman's Identity Not Yet Confirmed

The Herald has learned, but not confirmed, the identity of Kings Mountain's Ku Klux Klan chief.

State Grand Dragon James Robert Jones, of Granite Quarry, was quoted by the Shelby Daily Star Tuesday, as saying that a Klan has been organized here since November and that the Klan's Cleveland County organizer lives here. Jones said he would address a rally here May 1.

Several citizens have confirmed evidence of Klan recruiting efforts here. Items:

Policeman Bill Roper found an application blank on his front porch.

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NEW MEMBER — Cameron Ware was sworn in Saturday as a new member of the Cleveland County Board of Elections, his appointment made by the County Democratic Executive committee. Ware will serve the unexpired term of Recorder's Court Judge George Thomassen.

ARP Church To Build Manse

Members of Boyce Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian church voted Sunday to construct a manse on the church-owned lot on Sherwood Drive.

The members voted to proceed with the construction immediately as they accepted low bids from Melvin Wright, general contractor, Hoke Electric Company, electrical work, Ben T. Goforth, plumbing, and Patterson Oil Company, heating.

Total of the low bids was slightly less than $24,000.

Plans call for building a 2300-square foot residence, to include four bedrooms, a family room, living room, kitchen and two baths.

The manse lot is between the Gunter and E. J. Machowicz residences.

The church has been without a manse since sale of the former property to Christ the King Catholic church. Subsequently, a residence on Meadowbrook Road was rented for use as a manse.

Architect for the manse is J. L. Beam, Jr., who also designed the church's educational building on Edgemont Drive.

Members of the manse committee are Mrs. John Cheshire, chairman, Mrs. R. M. Kennedy, Mrs. Eugene McCarter, Lindsay McMackin and Kelly Bunch.

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Work Underway On Downtown Beautification

Preliminary work is underway on a downtown beautification study, members of the Kings Mountain Planning Board said this week.

The planning body, which meets here monthly with Charles Sellers of the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development report that preliminary plans are in the hands of State personnel in Raleigh.

Concrete recommendations are expected from the study this fall.

Board members note the work will involve close cooperation between the State Highway Commission, Southern Railway Company, and local businessmen.

Tentative plans call for changes in present automobile parking, traffic flow, and the creation of mall effect with various plantings along the railway right of way.

The local board reports "considerable progress" since October 8, 1964 when the city board of commissioners signed contracts with the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development and the U. S. Government. Commissioners appropriated $6,000 of local monies and the Federal Government contribution was $9,000. This money purchased a several phase contract dealing with Sub-Division Regulations, Population and Economy, Land Use Analysis and Downtown Beautification.

During the past five years, Sub - Division regulations have been drafted, approved by the city commission and provisions made for their introduction as legislation in the General Assembly by Senator Jack White. This would extend Planning Board Authority to a 1 mile perimeter area outside the city limits and would insure skilled usage of land now undeveloped. The Population and Economy studies will provide much of the basis for decisions concerning land usage, members of the planning board point out.

Meetings of the Planning Board are open to the public and are held third Thursdays in the Chamber of Commerce office. Board members are Mrs. George Houser, Mrs. J. E. Herndon, Tom Tate, Wilson Griffin and Bob Maner.

Annual Kiwanis Club Talent Show Thursday; Proceeds For Stadium

ELECTED — Terry Leonard, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Leonard, Tuesday was elected president of Avery dormitory at the University of North Carolina.

Proceeds from Thursday night's eighth annual talent show sponsored by the Kiwanis club will benefit the John Gamble Stadium Fund, Kiwanis President W. S. Fulton, Jr. said this week.

The Schools Talent Show is expected to attract a large crowd to the Kings Mountain high school auditorium at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Fulton said prizes will be given in five divisions, including trophies in these categories: first and second grades; third and fourth grades; fifth and sixth grades; seventh and eighth grades; and high school.

Admission is 75 cents for adults and 35 cents for students and tickets went on sale this week. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

B. S. Peeler, Jr. will serve as master of ceremonies.

Mr. Fulton noted that this year's show promises a variety of entertainment by groups of talented youngsters.

Kings Mountain Among Six Cities Honored By WBT

By MARTIN HARMON

Kings Mountain is one of six Carolina cities tapped by Charlotte Radio Station WBT to participate in the station's annual Community Pride contest.

Announcement was made Wednesday by J. Ollie Harris, president of Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce following a conference Tuesday night with Paul B. Marion, executive vice-president of WBT.

The other competitors are Newton and Lenoir in North Carolina, and Lancaster, Chester and Clover, South Carolina.

Mr. Harris said WBT will visit each of the cities for a full day's broadcasting at dates yet to be set. Ty Boyd and other members of the WBT staff will tour the community and will conduct four-minute interviews with 15 or more citizens, including the mayor, civic club leaders, and others.

Basis for the award will include both public and private improvements, community programs for recreation, industrial expansion, and general and specific community appearance.

Last year's winner was Camden, S. C.

Albemarle copped the honor in 1963 and Wadesboro in 1962.

Awaiting the winner will be a cash gift of $1,000, as well as a handsome trophy.

Mr. Harris commented, "Both on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce and myself personally, I am delighted that Kings Mountain is among the six communities chosen for this year's WBT Community Pride contest. Win or lose, participation will benefit Kings Mountain. But we want to win."

White Co-Signs Liquor Tax Bill

Senator Jack White, here over the weekend, said he had co-signed a bill which would add a tax of five-cents per bottle to liquor sold in North Carolina, the proceeds to be used to build two alcoholic rehabilitation centers.

Estimates are that the five-cent bill would produce $1,700,000 per year.

Another provision is that any amounts over and above that needed for the alcoholic rehabilitation centers would be used in the mental health program. (The state operates one center at Camp Butner.)

Otherwise, the Senator reported:

1) A bill to include Kings Mountain under the statute relating to sub-division regulations had been introduced by him on March 24 and had been passed by the Senate.

The bill was requested by the city at the behest of the city planning commission.

2) He expected to introduce this week other local bills re-

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U. S. 74 Hearing Expected In May

Plans for the U. S. 74 throughway, to be constructed in the northern section of Kings Mountain, should be ready for public hearing shortly after May 1.

This is the information W. W. Wyke, of Shelby, division engineer, said he had received recently from State Highway commission officials in Raleigh.

State law requires that advertisement of the hearing be published two times prior to the hearing, Mr. Wyke said, adding, "And we hope it will be longer than that."

The hearing precedes obtaining of right-of-way.

Mr. Wyke also noted that at Thursday's commission session in Raleigh the commission is to consider request for paving of drives at the new Phifer Road high school plant.

He did not know, he added, what progress has been made toward decision on improving Phifer Road. "Commissioner (J. Clint) Newton has been attending to that," he commented.

Mrs. Verlee Roberts Files For Board Of Education Post

She Opposes Holmes Harry For Position

Mrs. Verlee Roberts, 34, became a candidate for the Kings Mountain district board of education this week, first woman from the Negro community to file for public office.

Mrs. Roberts' candidacy was the lone addition to the city's political sweepstakes this week and brings to four the number of candidates for two seats on the board of education.

All city and board of education incumbents seek re-election and with the election just six weeks distant on May 11, Ward 5 Commissioner J. E. (Zip) Rhea is the lone unopposed candidate.

Filing deadline is April 26.

Registration books open April 10.

Wife of Andrew P. Roberts, barber and sign-painter, Mrs. Roberts has been employed by the city as supervisor at the Davidson Park the past four years. She is a past president of the Davidson school Parent-Teacher Association, a member of the executive board of the P-TA, and is currently Davidson P-TA treasurer. The Roberts' son, Curtis Lee, is a sixth grader at Davidson school.

An honor graduate of Price high school, Salisbury, Mrs. Roberts graduated from Woods Morgan Beauty college of Charlotte and worked for Hoyle's Beauty Shop of Shelby for 11 years. The Roberts' have lived in Kings Mountain 10 years, are active in Bynum's Chapel AME Zion church where Mrs. Roberts is a member of the budget committee, a conference worker and a member of the usher board.

Announcing her candidacy Tuesday, Mrs. Roberts said, "My reason for seeking a seat on the school board is because I am deeply interested in the education of all our children." She continued, "I am not only interested in education but in civic affairs and other activities of the Kings Mountain area."

The candidate list to date:

For Mayor — Mayor Glee A. Bridges, Ex-Mayor Kelly Dixon and John Henry Moss.

For Ward 1 Commissioner — Comm. Ray Cline and Ex-Mayor Garland E. Still.

For Ward 2 Commissioner — Comm. Eugene Goforth, W. S. Biddix and Thomas B. Eubanks.

For Ward 3 Commissioner — Comm. T. J. Ellison and James L. Guyton.

For Ward 4 Commissioner — Comm. Norman King and Dewey A. Styers.

For Ward 5 Commissioner — J. E. (Zip) Rhea.

For Board of Education—Mrs. Lena W. McGill, incumbent, and Robert (Bob) Smith.

For Board of Education (outside city district) B. Holmes Harry, incumbent, and Mrs. Verlee Roberts.

Rains Slow City Work

Mayor Glee A. Bridges reminded citizens this week that the heavy March rains has had a telling effect on the city's streets. March rains have slowed much of the city's normal spring work to a snail-s pace.

"We're behind on street paving and curb and gutter installations, as well as simple street-patching, all of which we'll do just as quickly as the weatherman cooperates.

"It has rained 23 days during March," he continued. "Ten days after the weather clears, call me if these scheduled jobs aren't completed."

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CANDIDATE — Mrs. Verlee Roberts is a candidate for school trustee in the May 11 city election.

Foote Promotes H. M. Broadwater

Howard M. Broadwater has been appointed general superintendent of Foote Mineral Company operations at Kings Mountain, according to an announcement by E. R. Goter, operations manager.

Mr. Broadwater joined Foote in 1955 as a member of the engineering staff at the company's Sunbright, Virginia operation.

In 1958 he was transferred to the Kings Mountain operation. Prior to his present assignment he served first as plant engineer and later as production superintendent. He received his degree in Industrial Engineering at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1942.

Many Building Permits Issued

The past week was the busiest of the year for the city building inspector, issuance of building permits shows.

Luke Hoyle purchased permits to build two brick duplex apartments on Cansler street, at an estimated cost of $20,000 each.

J. Wilson Crawford purchased permits to build a one-story brick dwelling at 915 Brookwood Drive, estimated to cost $14,000, and another to build a seven-room brick residence at 912 Sherwood Lane, estimated to cost $22,000.

T. F. Bridges bought a permit to build two one-story houses on Bridges Drive, estimated to cost $9,000 each.

Dr. Thomas P. Baker bought a permit to add a room to his Hawthorne road residence, estimated to cost $3,000, and A. R. Smith bought a permit for an addition to his Katherine Avenue residence, estimated to cost $1,000.

Legion To Nominate Officers Friday

Nomination of officers for the coming year will feature the regular monthly meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, at 8 o'clock Friday night.

Refreshments will be served following the business session, Adjutant Joe McDaniel, Jr., said.

Mayor Candidate Would Launch Center Drive

John Henry Moss, candidate for mayor, proposed yesterday an immediate program to build a civic and recreation center, community building, improvements to the downtown business area, and efforts for industrial growth.

Mr. Moss said he had talked with W. K. Mauney, Jr., who via the W. K. Mauney, Jr., and Mary S. Mauney Foundation, made an initial gift to the city two years ago for a civic and recreation center of $3000.

"Mr. Mauney told me the foundation will give additional sums for this purpose and that he invites gifts from other interested citizens," Mr. Moss said.

"If elected mayor, this important project will get my immediate attention," he declared. "We need a greatly expanded recreation program for both youth and adults."

"If elected mayor, I shall immediately appoint a citizens' committee to begin this very important project."

Mr. Moss said he had conferred at length last week with W. P. Saunders, acting director of the state department of Conservation and Development concerning planning and improving the downtown business area and on industrial growth.

"Mr. Saunders assured me the department will cooperate to the fullest extent and invited me to call on him at anytime," Mr. Moss related.

Subsequently, he said he had discussed community planning with Bob Maner, chairman, and with Mrs. George Houser, a member of the city planning commission, adding, "I have assured them that I, if elected mayor, will cooperate fully with the commission and do everything possible to help accelerate its work."

Mayor Attends Senate Hearing

Power - selling cities gained ground in their war with Rural Electric Cooperatives and the public utilities Wednesday in a hearing before the Senate Utilities committee, Mrs. Davetta L. Steed, secretary of the League of Municipalities thinks.

Mrs. Steed said members of the committee appeared impressed with the plight of the cities, which would be restricted to selling power to areas now served, regardless of how much a city might expand in the future.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges was among the many mayors and city officials attending the Wednesday hearing.

Mrs. Steed said the auditorium of the State Legislative building was filled for the hearing.

Phin Horton, Shelby city manager, is chairman of committee seeking to kill, or amend, the bill, to protect the cities.

EASTERN STAR

New officers of Kings Mountain chapter 123, Order of the Eastern Star, will be installed in formal ceremonies April 13th at Masonic Hall.

Bloodmobile Here Monday; Needed: 258 Pints To Meet Year's Quota

The Red Cross Bloodbank returns to Kings Mountain Monday and a goal of 258 pints of blood has been set by chapter officials.

Officials stressed the fact that Kings Mountain is behind 116 pints of blood in its blood quota for the year and Monday's visit will mark the last in this fiscal year.

Total collection to date is 594 pints of blood, officials point out.

Donors will be processed at Kings Mountain National Guard Armory from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

W. K. Dickson, Engineer, Says Little Work Done

By MARTIN HARMON

Kings Mountain will not meet its deadlines with the state stream sanitation committee on the city's pledged clean-up of its western sewage disposal system.

W. K. Dickson, of Charlotte, the city's engineer, said by telephone Wednesday that no plans will be filed with the committee Thursday, as was stipulated in the agreement with the committee made by the Dixon Administration.

Nor will the city have construction begun by January 1, 1966, deadline.

The other deadline is for having the system in operation by January 1, 1967.

Mr. Dickson acknowledged that very little work had been done on the plans.

He said further that, since plans are not prepared, Kings Mountain will not apply for federal grants to aid in payment of the construction until a year hence.

Under present statutes, the federal government will make a grant for such projects of up to 30 percent of the cost, exclusive of land and a few other minor items, Engineer Dickson said.

"What will we tell the committee?" City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., inquired.

Mr. Dickson said the city would have to relate that the plans simply are not ready and will have to beg an extension.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges had not returned from Raleigh late Wednesday afternoon and could not be reached for comment.

13 Suspended For "Tasting"

Thirteen high school students drew suspensions for various periods of time recently, after two of them brought an alcoholic beverage to school.

Eleven others joined the two in "tasting" or "nipping" the beverage.

Thus Principal Harry Jaynes detailed the recent infractions which, via rumor, had ballooned involve other, more serious infractions and a much greater number of students.

Mr. Jaynes told the Herald Wednesday his investigation revealed:

"None was selling whiskey.

"There is no truth to rumors that several girls are pregnant.

"There is nothing to rumors that the students were using narcotics."

Club Endorsing Toll-Free Service

Bethware Progressive club endorsed county-wide non-toll phone service at the March club meeting at Bethware school.

The club voted "to go on record" as approving toll-free county-wide telephone service, a spokesman for the civic organization said.

Cancer Fund Drive To Start

Mrs. Jack H. White, Kings Mountain teacher and wife of State Senator White, will serve as Kings Mountain chairman of the 1965 Cancer Fund Crusade which gets underway Thursday.

The Kings Mountain drive will seek $3,000 for funds to combat the dread disease.

A kick-off luncheon for Cleveland County volunteer workers in the campaign will be held Thursday at 12 noon at Hotel Charles Civic room, publicity chairman Fred Flowers and C. M. Peeler announced. Principal address will be made by Mrs. Donald Stone of Raleigh, executive director of the Cleveland County Cancer Society.

The dutch luncheon is expected to attract committee chairmen in the drive from the county. Jim Taylor of Shelby is general chairman which will follow the theme, Cancer Crusade.

Cleveland County's quota in the month-long effort is $20,000.

Mrs. White is expected to announce her committees within the next few days.