

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,256

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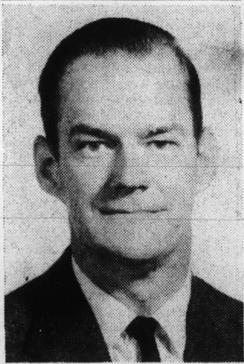
Kings Mountain, N. C., Thursday, June 30, 1966

Seventy-Seventh Year

PRICE TEN CENTS

Raises For All City Employees To Be Recommended

Independence Day Events Are Listed



HONORED — Sam Weir, Jr., veteran member and past president of the Kings Mountain Lions Club, has won District Lion of the Year honors for the second consecutive year, the honor accorded by Lions organizations in District 31-C. Mr. Weir is a Kings Mountain insurance man.

Summer Schools Enrollment Up

Enrollment in the two federally supported summer school programs has increased by 45. Principal Howard Bryant, of the pre-school "Head Start" program at West school reported enrollment Tuesday at 140, up 20 from the third day's operation. He said his nine-teacher school and enrollment are in proper balance.

D. B. Blalock, director of the Title I reading program, reported enrollment had increased to 526, bringing his 34-teacher allotment in balance with enrollment.

The Title I which also has a speech therapist and art instructor on its staff, added a nurse this week, who will work under the direction of the county health department. Pupils will be tested for sight and dental deficiencies, as well as for general physical well-being.

The pre-school children are also receiving physical examinations. Principal Bryant said he had been surprised to learn that tests showed a majority of the 140 have low hemoglobin counts, indicative of improper diet. "Too much soda pop and chocolate, too little lettuce, green vegetables and other dietary basics," Mr. Bryant commented.

Both Mr. Bryant and Mr. Blalock reported their schools "in high gear" and operating smoothly.

Hal S. Plonk Lions President

Hal S. Plonk was installed as the 32nd president of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night.

Other officers installed by Hubert Dixon, former Lions district governor, were Howard Bryant, first-vice-president, William Lawrence Plonk, second-vice president; Willie Williams, third vice-president; Bill Moss, secretary; Ray Holmes, treasurer; Fred Withers, tail twister; and Larry Allen, Lion tamer.

Directors installed were, for terms ending 1967, Rev. Robert Haden, Odus Smith and John Reavis; for terms ending 1968, W. G. Jonas, Richard Barnette, and Jonas Bridges.

Mr. Dixon briefly outlined duties of the several officers, noting that guidelines for all are contained in the constitution, by-laws and objects of the International Association of Lions Clubs. He commended the Kings Mountain club on its performance during 1965-66.

Retiring President Plonk presented the district "Lion of the Year" trophy to Sam Weir and the "100 percent Secretary" award to William Lawrence Plonk.

Many Events Scheduled For Holiday

The Fourth of July will be a time of picnics in the park, family get-togethers and patriotic celebrations in which Kings Mountain area citizens will take part.

American Legion Post 155, Kings Mountain Country Club, Lake Montonia Club, Inc. and Davidson Park are arranging special activities.

Kings Mountain area citizens will salute the birth of independence in various celebrations planned throughout the community on Monday.

Ring of church bells at 2 p.m. will kick-off a community-wide old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration being sponsored by American Legion Post 155.

Hole-in-one and greased pole contests, sock races and egg rolls and horseshoe pitching will be held from 2 until 7 p.m. with cash prizes to the winners. Bingo games for all will be held from 2 until 4 p.m. with socks and bedspreads to the winners. A live band will play for a rock-n-roll dance for teenagers from 4 until 7 p.m. "Dixie Hillbillies" will play for a square dance from 8 until 12 p.m. Admission is \$1 per couple or stag. The kitchen will be open for serving of supper from 7 until 9 p.m.

All events will be held on the grounds of the American Legion building on East Gold street. Mayor John H. Moss will make the patriotic address at 8 p.m. followed by a fireworks display at 8:30.

Concession stands on the grounds of the American Legion building will offer hot dogs, hamburgers, popcorn and cold drinks during the 10-hour celebration.

The arrangements committee includes Commander Clinton Jolly, Mayor John H. Moss, Dick Shaney and David Delevie. Assisting will be Rev. C. R. Goodson, Clyde Whetstone, H. D. McDaniel, Gene Wright, W. D. Morrison, Jack Bridges, J. W. Gladden, Glee E. Bridges, Clyde Sanders, Robert Wright, Bob Smith, Frank Blanton, Guy Henderson and Jim Clinton.

"The committee asks all residents, every man, woman and child—to pause as the bells begin to ring," Commander Jolly said, and reflect upon the significance of Independence Day."

Mayor John Moss has issued a proclamation calling upon citizens to join in the bell-ringing ceremonies and participate in the day's program. He emphasized the committee's request of all

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Savings & Loan June 30 Dividend Payments Will Aggregate \$118,590

Quarterly dividends on savings accounts paid by Kings Mountain's two financial institutions total \$118,590.07.

The aggregate payment for Home Savings & Loan Association was \$75,751.28 (optional savings totaling \$49,828.70 and full-paid shares totaling \$25,922.58) reflecting quarterly payments on June 30 at the rate of 4.25 percent per year, secretary-treasurer Thomas A. Tate reported.

Kings Mountain Savings & Loan Association paid dividends totaling \$42,838.79 (optional savings totaling \$26,288.75 and full-paid shares totaling \$16,550.04, reflecting quarterly payments from March 31 to June 30 at the rate of 4.25 percent, secretary-treasurer Ben H. Bridges reported.

Semi-annual payments by the two firms at June 30 totaled \$235,782.96.

IMPROVING

Mrs. W. J. Crawford, who suffered a broken leg last week, is reported improving at Gaston Memorial hospital. She is able to be in a wheel chair, a son reported.



ON BOARD — William Lawrence Plonk has been appointed to a five-year term as a director of Kings Mountain hospital. He will succeed George W. Mauney, retiring after two terms and also veteran retiring president. Hill Lowery was reappointed to a second five-year term. The board was to organize for the coming year at a meeting Wednesday night.

Mrs. Morris' Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Iva Linberger Morris, 68, of Norfolk, Va., wife of Clyde M. Morris, were held Sunday at 4 p. m. from Oakdale Presbyterian church, Clover, S. C., interment following in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Morris died Friday in Norfolk General hospital. A former Kings Mountain citizen, Mrs. Morris, before marriage, did private duty nursing and was also employed by the late Dr. W. L. Ramseur at one time. She moved to Norfolk about 20 years ago.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her stepdaughter, Mrs. Peggy York of Virginia Beach, Va.; two sisters, Mrs. N. D. Whitesides of York, S. C. and Mrs. Fred Spurrier of Gastonia. Also surviving are two grandchildren.

Jordan Reports To Fort Rucker

Chaplain (Lt. Col) Howard R. Jordan has been ordered by the Department of the Army to 15 days of active duty training at Fort Rucker, Alabama. He will leave Kings Mountain on June 30th and return on July 16th. While there he will be attached to the office of the post chaplain and will be on duty with the chaplain's section in support of reserve activities.

In his absence, W. A. Russell, Church Lay Leader, will be in charge of the church activities. In event the minister is needed, contact the church office.

Mr. Russell will speak Sunday morning, July 3rd, on "What Are You Standing For?"

The speaker for Sunday, July 10th, will be Rev. Kelly Dixon.



COMMISSIONED — Charles O. Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Allen of Kings Mountain, has been commissioned a second lieutenant following graduation from the Army's Officer Candidate School, Fort Sill, Okla. He is a 1965 graduate of N. C. State University.

Hearing Thursday On Zoning Plan

Big Revision Of 1948 Law Is Indicated

Public hearing on a massive revision of the city's zoning ordinance will be held Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall courtroom.

The ordinance envisions perimeter zoning to one mile outside the city limits. Finishing touches to the proposed zoning map were being made Wednesday by Gary D. Hicks, of the Department of Conservation and Development's community planning division. The additions were dictated by the city's recent annexation of several tracts.

Mayor John Henry Moss said the hearing will be conducted with view toward adoption of the revised zoning ordinance.

Public hearing will also be held on proposed adoption of building, plumbing and heating, and electrical codes, which conform to state codes.

The committee on city employee salary and wage scales will report and the commission is expected to adopt an interim appropriation to provide for city operations from July 1 until adoption of the 1966-67 budget.

Mayor Moss said he would inform the board of a special meeting on July 5 for consideration and tentative adoption of the 1966-67 budget. Law requires final adoption by July 23 and tentative adoption not later than 20 days previously.

Larry Patrick Got In Politics

Larry Patrick, high school senior, tossed his hat into the political ring during last week's Boys' State on the campus of Wake Forest college and lost by 10 votes the lieutenant governorship.

The Kings Mountain delegate to Boys' State won the nomination from the Federalist Party in a hotly-contested 2 to 1 primary with Terry Fulbright, nephew of U. S. Senator Fulbright. The final count was 107-52. A third candidate received 20 votes.

In his race with Nationalist candidate Phil Batten, the Thomsville youth edged Patrick by 10 votes to serve with Larry Pasar as governor of Tar Heel Boys' State.

Boys' State was attended by 480 boys, all representing American Legion Posts in the state. Other delegate from Otis D. Green Post 155 was David Wilson.

Patrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Patrick, was elected a city commissioner, a county commissioner in local government elections and was a candidate in state-wide primaries in which a governor and lieutenant governor were named Thursday. Party conventions were held, there was the usual speechmaking, and Joe Craver of Greensboro was Patrick's campaign manager.

The Federalist Party was the conservative party. In his campaign speech, Patrick said "Every fiber of my being is dedicated to our cause. While no party can really guarantee, if a party deserves victory it will surely find it. Democracy is the world's greatest hope, and North Carolina's greatness is the greatness of her people."

He added, "Let this generation light a lamp of liberty that will illuminate the world. Let us set a standard of responsibility that will inspire the world. This generation will keep its rendezvous with destiny and will not fail."

PERMIT ISSUED

Kelly Dixon, building contractor, was issued a building permit this week to construct an addition to Trinity Episcopal church at cost of \$7,000. Two classrooms will be built to Trinity Day School for use by pre-school and kindergarten classes.

Hourly-Rated Minimum \$1.40, From \$1.25

By MARTIN HARMON

The city committee on salary and wage scales will recommend pay increases for all city employees at Thursday night's meeting at City Hall.

Among the major recommendations:

1) Establishment of a minimum of \$1.40 per hour (now \$1.25) for all hourly-rated employees.

2) A beginning salary of \$80 per week for rookie policemen, with increments of \$5 each three months to a maximum of \$100, based on a 54-hour week for nine months which includes school traffic patrol duty, and a 48-hour week for three months. Present top base pay for policemen is \$83.88, after 18 months experience.

3) Six paid holidays for all employees. (Where duty on holidays is required, employees on duty will receive double pay.)

4) Two weeks paid vacation for all employees.

5) Full-time firemen \$90 (from \$75).

Mayor John Henry Moss noted that that policemen would continue to receive uniforms free and full contribution of six percent of gross pay into the State Officer's Retirement fund.

To receive free hospitalization insurance and a \$5,000 life insurance policy.

Department head weekly recommendations will include:

Grady Yelton, superintendent of public works, \$150 (from \$132.66).

Joe H. McDaniel, Jr., city clerk, treasurer and tax collector, \$150 (from \$133.41).

Mrs. Grace C. Wolfe, assistant city clerk and treasurer, \$100 (from \$90).

Hunter Allen, electrical superintendent, \$130 (from \$115.50).

George Moss, water plant superintendent, \$100 (from \$86.95) based on 48 hour week.

Frank Blanton, gas superintendent, \$100 (from \$91.51).

Chief of Police Paul Sanders, \$125.50 (from \$105).

Police Sergeant Earl Stroupe, also clerk of recorder's court, \$115 (from \$99.93).

Lancaster Won Radio WBT Contest

Lancaster, S. C., was winner of the 1965 Community pride contest conducted by Radio Station WBT Charlotte.

Losing competitors, along with Kings Mountain, were Lenoir in North Carolina, Clover in Chester in South Carolina.

Results were received by J. Ollie Harris, past president of the Chamber of Commerce, this week.

Methodist Men Give To Needy

The Methodist Men of Central Methodist Church have just concluded a most successful clothing drive for the Blue Ridge Methodist Service Program, Inc.

This program was officially accepted by the Board of Lay Activities of the Western North Carolina Conference and was adopted as an official project by the Methodist Men's Clubs of the Conference. The program has distributed garments to over 1500 families free of charge since January 5, 1962.

The Methodist Men's Club collected and shipped 14 barrels of clothing donated by various families of the church. The clothing is for distribution to families in Yadkin, Ashe, Surry, Wilkes, and Iredell counties.

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GRADUATE — Mrs. Arthur Allen, Jr. has been graduated from Fashion Institute of America in Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Allen Wins Diploma

Mrs. Arthur Allen, Jr., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Weir, Jr. of Kings Mountain, was graduated Saturday with Associate in Arts degree from Fashion Institute of America in Atlanta, Ga.

The former Marlene Weir received an honor seal on her diploma. A member of Gamma Gamma Gamma Toy sorority, Mrs. Allen also served on the Advisory Board for her dormitory. Before transferring to the Atlanta school, Mrs. Allen attended St. Andrews college at Laurinburg.

Going to the commencement exercises were Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Jr., now of Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Weir of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Fred Falls, Jr. of Fayetteville, sister of Mrs. Allen.

Mrs. Logan's Rites Thursday

Funeral rites for Mrs. Alma Westbrook Logan, 80, of Kannapolis, former Kings Mountain citizen, will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. from Lady's Funeral Home Chapel, graveside services following in Kings Mountain at 3:45 p.m. at Bethlehem Baptist church cemetery.

Mrs. Logan died at 12:30 Tuesday in Presbyterian hospital at Charlotte. In declining health for several years, she died suddenly.

Dr. Charles C. Coffey will officiate at the final rites.

Born in Blacksburg, S. C. June 9, 1886, Mrs. Logan was the daughter of the late Robert Alexander Emile Elizabeth Jones Westbrook.

She had made her home in Kannapolis the past 12 years with a daughter, Mrs. Jan P. Schinhan.

Other survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Glenn F. Nixon and Mrs. Betty L. Wilcox, both of Charlotte; two sons, Robert M. Logan of Raleigh and Harold G. Logan of Charlotte; four sisters, Mrs. G. G. Scruggs of Gaffney, S. C., Mrs. D. F. Whinnant of Belmont, Mrs. Jen E. Westbrook of Derita and Mrs. John M. Little, Jr. of Kelson, S. C.

Also surviving are 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Central Methodists Vote To Raze 1905 Sanctuary; Project \$250,000

Central Methodist church may hold services for the last time Sunday in the present sanctuary which was built in 1905.

The congregation voted preponderantly Sunday (106 to 7) to proceed to replace the sanctuary at a cost estimated at \$250,000.

B. S. Peeler, Jr., chairman of the building committee, said razing by Bradley-Jenkins, of Gastonia, is expected to begin next week or "the following week at the latest".

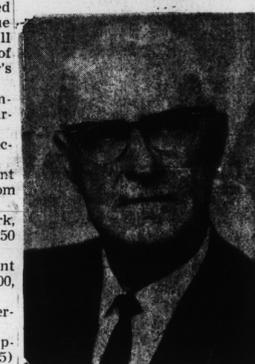
His estimate of \$250,000 includes construction of the new sanctuary and furnishing it. Contracts he expects to be signed within ten days. In initial bidding, the committee regard the bids high and are negotiating with the several low bidders.

Other members of the building committee are John C. Smathers, Fred Wright, Jr., Marvin Byers, and Grady Howard.

Beam Is Upended For Commission



C. A. GREENE Commission Nominee



B. E. (POP) SIMMONS Commission Nominee



MRS. HARRIET EVANS Treasurer Nominee

Mrs. Medlin, 25, Dies In Blaze

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Percy Long Medlin, 25, wife of a former Kings Mountain citizen and daughter-in-law of Mrs. Rosa Medlin, were held Saturday in Raleigh at Owensby Funeral home.

Mrs. Medlin lost her life in an early morning fire at the Medlin home in Orange, Va.

The family was out of the burning home, but for some unexplained reason Mrs. Medlin dashed back.

Surviving are her husband, Rev. William Medlin, and two children, Jerry Long, by a previous marriage, and Cathy Medlin.

Dog Quarantine Ends Thursday

No. 4 Township Dog Quarantine ends Thursday (tonight) at midnight.

Approximately 100 stray dogs have been killed during the 30-day quarantine, county and city officials report.

Pet owners are reminded to keep their pets confined during the 30-day period.

Harriet Evans, Pop Simmons, Greene Winners

David Beam, county commission chairman, trailed three other candidates Saturday in the runoff primary for two Democratic commission nominations.

Challenger C. A. Greene led the balloting, while incumbent B. E. (Pop) Simmons placed second, edging the second challenger, Fritz Morehead, Jr.

Mrs. Harriet Roberts Evans easily won the nomination for county treasurer over Mrs. Doris D. Osborne, 3172 to 2004.

The county commission totals were: Greene 2899, Simmons 2441, Morehead 2283, and Beam 2213.

Only slightly more than half the vote total was recorded on Saturday as compared to the May 28 first primary.

Number 4 Township voted with two of the three Democratic nominees, again supporting Mrs. Evans, who is a sister of Justice of the Peace J. Lee Roberts, and awarding Simmons second spot to Beam.

The township totals were: Mrs. Evans 299, Mrs. Osborne 106, Beam, 243, Simmons 224, Morehead 146, Greene 145.

Mrs. Evans has no Republican opposition in November. Greene and Simmons will face Republicans Sam Proctor and Pierce Cassidy.

In district Congressional balloting, W. Hall Young, nominee two years ago, again won the right to challenge U.S. Congressman Basil L. Whitener. Young defeated Donald Wirrick of Gastonia.

Independence Day Holiday For Most

Independence Day will be a holiday for vast majority of Kings Mountain citizens.

For a great number, Independence Day will spell a week's vacation, as majority of the area's textile plants close for the traditional Fourth of July holiday week.

Cleaners also plan a week's close-down.

Kings Mountain retail establishments and financial institutions be closed, as will Kings Mountain post office and City Hall offices.

Elmer Lumber Company will close Monday, as will the Kings Mountain Herald.

The city's barber shops plan a two-day close-down on Monday and Tuesday but will be open all day Wednesday, in contrast to policy of closing that day.

It will be a holiday for the 666 pupils enrolled in the two federal summer school programs, but the 149 in the regular summer high school will attend classes as usual.

Cockrell Back From Viet Nam

Captain William F. (Bill) Cockrell arrived Sunday in San Francisco, California after a tour of duty in Viet Nam.

The Grover serviceman is son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Fred Cockrell.

Mrs. Cockrell joined Captain Cockrell in San Francisco and they will come to Grover this weekend for a visit. The Cockrell children, William F., III, Kelley and Dawn, are in Grover with their grandparents.

Mrs. Bill Cockrell and family have lived at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga. while Captain Cockrell has been on overseas assignment.

PICNIC POSTPONED
The Junior Woman's club has postponed its July picnic, scheduled for Friday, until sometime in August, club president Jackie Blanton said. Miss Blanton said many members are vacationing and that the club will not hold its July meeting.