

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,256

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PRICE TEN CENTS

Community Clean-Up Campaign Continued Month

Out-of-District Pupils Notified



PRESIDENT — Wilson Griffin. Kings Mountain druggist and partner in Griffin Drug Company, has been installed as president of the Kings Mountain Rotary Club for the coming year. He succeeds Devere Smith.

Larry Melton, 24 Dies Of Burns

Larry Melton, 24, died Friday from burns he suffered through electrocution May 29th. The fatal rites were held in Waxhaw, N. C. Melton, an employee of Hunter Walden Company of Charlotte, was burned while working on a still-energized 44,000 volt power line which runs from the Duke Power 99 Islands plant near Blacksburg, S. C. into Kings Mountain. The location where Melton was working was near the entrance to the Kings Mountain National Military Park.

He was rescued after more than two hours by D. C. Owens, an employee of D. C. Ballenger Company of Spartanburg, S. C., who was able to reach him with a hydraulic bucket lift. Grover Rescue Squad ambulances carried him to Kings Mountain hospital and subsequently to Charlotte Memorial hospital where he had remained in critical condition.

Mr. Melton was married.

Head-On Crash Kills Railman

J. W. Pait, about 50, of 600 S. Wilmington street, Hamlet, N. C., was killed Wednesday about 12:45 in the wreckage of two Seaboard freight trains which collided head-on about two miles east of Cherryville near Wayside End.

W. H. Strong, Jr., of Hamlet, and Willis Dreading of Sanford were both listed in fair condition at Crowell hospital in Lincolnton, according to Carpenter Funeral Home, Cherryville, which carried a third man, Garland Stutz, of Hamlet, to Gamble hospital in Lincolnton and subsequently to Charlotte Memorial hospital.

A spokesman for the funeral home said Stutz was listed in serious condition.

Funeral arrangements for Pait are incomplete but will be announced by Wilson & Farrington Funeral Home of Hamlet. First reports said that the engines of both trains overturned and immediately burst into flames. Both trains were reportedly traveling at a high rate of speed.

Rescuers pulled three men from the wreckage and rescued the fatally injured man around 1:30. Several hundred spectators tramped fields of crops along the right-of-way.

Rescue squads and fire departments from neighboring counties were called to the scene. Volunteers were still working cleaning up the debris late Wednesday afternoon.

FROM HOSPITAL

Wayne Wells, Dixon community farmer, was discharged Tuesday from Veterans hospital, Columbia, S. C., where he had been undergoing observation and treatment.

Admittance Will Depend On Releases

Notices are being mailed parents of Kings Mountain school district students residing in other counties that they will not be accepted for enrollment during the upcoming term unless they obtain releases from the board of education where, by residence, the out-of-district students would normally attend.

With few, if any exceptions the problem, which Superintendent B. N. Barnes says is a legal one, involves neighboring Gaston county pupils numbering from 50 to 100, normally in the educational manage of the Gaston County Board of education.

The Kings Mountain board of education took the action at last week's meeting.

Supt. Barnes said he is notifying Chairman John R. Rankin, of the Gaston board, of the board action and accompanying notice.

Some Kings Mountain district students attend Gaston county schools, Supt. Barnes noted, but their requests for releases have always been granted.

"It's not that Kings Mountain district has objection to teaching these fine pupils," Supt. Barnes commented, "but legally we don't have the authority without their formal release."

This district, Shelby district, and the Cleveland county district customarily formalize releases of pupils when they wish to attend out-of-district schools.

Interest Rates Are Increased

First Union National Bank announced this week the raising of minimum interest rates to its customers to 5% percent from 5 1/2 percent in keeping with national money market rates. President Carl McCraw, Jr. said.

The new interest rates were effective July 1.

Kings Mountain's two savings and loan institutions also announced interest rates of 4 1/2 percent paid quarterly. If compounded the rate is 4.57 percent per year. These rates are also effective July 1.

"The Federal Reserve Bank is charged with the responsibility of maintaining a sound dollar and fighting inflation," said President McCraw. "In order to accomplish these purposes, it is taking actions to restrict the availability of money during this time of business boom. Money is a commodity and responds to supply factors. The demand for money has exceeded the availability of funds. The end result is increasing interest rates."

Dixon Services Are Continuing

Revival services are continuing this week through Friday at Dixon Presbyterian church.

Rev. J. Eade Anderson, pastor of Memorial Presbyterian church in Montgomery, Alabama, and summer supply pastor at Dixon and First Presbyterian churches in 1948-49, is visiting evangelist.

Mr. Anderson is also a former pastor of Gastonia's Olney Presbyterian church. He is a native of Horse Shoe, N. C., and a graduate of Columbia Seminary, Decatur, Ga.

Services are at 7:30 p.m. nightly.

Mr. Anderson and his daughter, Scottie, are house guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Humphries, Miss Anderson, eldest of five children of the Andersons, will also visit relatives in Horse Shoe and Hendersonville.



B.R. Willeford Rites Conducted

Retired Rail Conductor Dies After Thrombosis

Funeral rites for Bennett Rufus Willeford, Sr., 82, were held Monday at a.m. from First Baptist church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Willeford, who retired in 1955 after 53 years as a conductor for Southern Railway System, died at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Kings Mountain hospital following two month's illness.

Mr. Willeford had suffered a stroke and was hospitalized. He had improved and was able to return home, two weeks ago he suffered a massive cerebral thrombosis which caused his death.

He was a native of Kings Mountain and attended school here and in Gastonia. He was a one-time grocer and operated a cafe here at one time.

A former resident of Atlanta, Ga. and Charlotte, Mr. Willeford returned here following his retirement. He was the son of the late Bennett and Dora Bell Willeford.

A member of the First Baptist church and the Men's Bible Class, he was a member of Fairview Lodge 339 AF & AM.

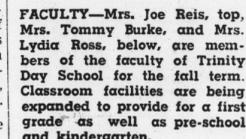
He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Thomson Willeford; their son, B. R. Willeford, Jr. of Lewisburg, Pa.; three sisters, Mrs. Joe Thomson, Mrs. Grady King and Mrs. J. C. Nickels, all of Kings Mountain; and a niece, Miss Nancy Nickels, of Kings Mountain.

Rev. Robert C. Mann, assisted by Rev. H. Gordon Weekley, officiated at the final rites.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers memorials be designated to the building fund of First Baptist church.

Active pallbearers were Wendell Phifer, Alton Ivey, Murphy Hill, Fred Weaver, Bill Laughter, and Frank Hollifield.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the Men's Bible Class of First Baptist church and B. Meek Ormand, Dr. J. E. Anthony, Dr. L. P. Baker, E. W. Griffin, and Luther Harmon.



Day School Faculty Complete

The 1966-1967 teaching staff for Trinity Day School, 303 Phifer Road, Kings Mountain, has been announced by the Rev. Bob Haden, Headmaster of the school.

Mrs. Thomas (Vivian) Burke, who has been with the school for three years, will teach the first grade.

The first grade will be open to those who want an extra enrichment and solid foundation for their children—as well as those who are wrong birthday children or who need help in special areas, said Mr. Haden. The acceptance of wrong birthday children will be determined by the School after observing the social and physical as well as the mental development of the child.

Mrs. Joseph (Ellen) Ries, who has been with the school for two years, will teach the pre-school class. The pre-school is for 5 year old children.

Mrs. John (Lydia) Ross, who is presently working with the Headstart program, will teach the Kindergarten. The Kindergarten is for four year old children.

Mrs. D. G. (Gerry) Myers will be an assistant in Art, Music, and recreation.

Those wishing to enter their children in the school or to find out more information should call the school at 739-2213 or Mrs. Vivian Burke at 739-4011.

There are a few partial scholarships available for those who are in genuine financial need, Haden continued.

The School will also provide afternoon care for those parents who wish to leave their children

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William Glasgow To Win Degree

William R. Glasgow, whose wife is the former Judith Lorraine Putnam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Putnam, Route 3, Kings Mountain, will receive the bachelor of divinity degree during summer graduation exercises July 22 at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Seminary President Robert E. Naylor will present diplomas and degrees to 100 students at 10 a.m. in Truett Auditorium.

Mr. Glasgow received his bachelor of science degree from Appalachian State Teachers College in 1963.

He is a member of the Kings Mountain Lions club and a scuba diver. He is also a member of the Kings Mountain Baptist church.

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Board Retains Electric Firm To Update Maps

Kings Mountain's clean-up and beautification campaign will continue through August 21.

The city board of commissioners Tuesday night voted an extension of the beautification effort upon recommendation of Mayor John Henry Moss.

A clean-up project was inaugurated here two months ago.

The city will also extend for 30 days its offer to remove debris free-of-charge.

In other action, the board:

- 1) employed Southeastern Consulting Engineers, Inc. of Charlotte at cost of \$500 to make recordings of volts and rebalance the electrical system to take care of expanding growth.

- 2) advertised for bids for a truck and garbage packer for the sanitation department.

- 3) formally approved appointment of a redevelopment committee which includes Carl F. Mauney, J. O. Plonk, William Herndon, Tom Tate and Charles Alexander.

- 4) approved cancellation of several miscellaneous accounts because of error-in billings or merchandise returned.

- 5) approved advertisement of the following streets for assessments: Sipes street, Boyce street and Cleveland avenue.

Four Kings Mountain boys were injured Saturday night in a car wreck around 11:30 p.m. four miles west of here on rural road 1001 near Maple Springs Swimming Pool.

Investigating Highway Patrolman Ray Wood said that the driver, Jay Powell, told him following the wreck that another boy covered his eyes when he (Powell) said he could drive the road blindfolded. The car overturned in a culvert.

Powell and John Van Dyke were both given emergency treatment at Kings Mountain Hospital. Van Dyke received 25 stitches in his foot, leg, back and head and Powell was cut over the nose and eye.

Jeff Patterson and Danny Walker are still patients at Kings Mountain Hospital. Walker received fractures of the pelvis bone and vertebrae and laceration of the back and head. Patterson suffered a broken ankle and lacerations of the ear.

Patrolman Wood is still conducting his investigation. No charges have been filed as of yet.

Funeral rites for John Oscar Wright, 52, will be held Thursday at 3 p.m. from Modena Street Baptist church in Gastonia. Interment will be in Kings Mountain at Chestnut Ridge Baptist church cemetery.

The body was taken by Harris Funeral Home to the home on route two, Dallas, Wednesday afternoon.

Rev. Paul S. Simpson, Rev. Oscar Gray, Rev. Mitchell Pruitt and Rev. R. L. McGaha will officiate at the final rites.

Mr. Wright died Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in Gaston Memorial hospital after several months illness. A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late William A. and Anna Hinson Wright. He was a veteran of World War II and a member of Modena Street Baptist church. He was a former employee of Gambrell Mill in Bessemer City.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Vernie Pruitt Wright; one son, William Wright of Dallas; a step-son, Hugh Lee Ivester of Dallas; his stepmother, Mrs. L. Wright of Kings Mountain; four brothers, Horace Wright, Jonas Wright, Marvin Wright and Forrest Wright, all of Kings Mountain; five half-brothers, James Wright of the U. S. Navy, Paul Wright and Joe Wright, both of Kings Mountain, Silas Wright and Saul Wright, both of Spartanburg, S. C.; two sisters, Mrs. Roland Waters and Mrs. Sheila Mae Waters, both of Kings Mountain; and three grandchildren.

Full Military Rites For Brooks Today

Kings Mountain Youth Is First Vietnam Fatality

Military funeral rites for Pvt. Christopher Eugene Brooks, 18, the Kings Mountain area's first fatal casualty in the war in Vietnam, will be held Thursday at 4 p.m. from Second Baptist church.

Rev. W. T. Luckadoo, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. C. C. Bundy, will officiate and full military rites will follow in Memorial Park of Mountain Rest cemetery.

The body will remain at Harris Funeral Home until the hour of service.

Pvt. Brooks was a 1965 graduate of Kings Mountain high school and entered the army shortly thereafter.

He was a member of Company B, 25th Infantry Regiment, 25th Division in Vietnam.

Pvt. Brooks' mother, Mrs. Gerald Lee, of route 1, York road, was notified by the army that her son died of gunshot wounds Sunday, July 3.

In addition to his mother, Pvt. Brooks is survived by his father, Walter Lee Brooks of Dallas; a sister, Miss Betty Sue Brooks of the home; and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phillips of Kings Mountain.

Also surviving are three step-brothers, Carroll Lee, United States Navy, Max Lee and Emmett Lee, both of Kings Mountain.

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Mrs. Claud Grigg Dies Suddenly

Mrs. Maggie Humphrey Grigg, 64, former Kings Mountain teacher and wife of a former Kings Mountain school superintendent, died suddenly last Saturday morning at 4 o'clock at her Albemarle home.

She was the wife of Claud Grigg, superintendent here from 1927-34, who retired June 30 as superintendent of Albemarle schools, and a sister-in-law of J. Horace Grigg, of Shelby, retired superintendent of Cleveland County schools.

Mrs. Grigg was a former principal of Endy school in the Stanly county system and was subsequently a teacher at West Stanly school.

Funeral rites were held at Albemarle's Central Methodist church Sunday afternoon, of which she was a member and active member, with the Rev. W. H. Medlin conducting the rites. Interment was in Fairview Memorial Park at Albemarle.

A native of Red Springs, she was born July 4, 1902, daughter of the late John Burden and Lellie McNeill Humphrey. She was a graduate of Woman's College and Greensboro and did graduate work at Duke University.

Among Kings Mountain citizens attending the final rites were Mrs. F. E. Finger, Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Weir.

Surviving in addition to her husband are three sons, William H. Grigg and David H. Grigg, both Charlotte attorneys, and Dr. Claud M. Grigg, of Richmond, Va.

Murray Youth's Rites Conducted

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Brooks First Vietnam Fatality; Korean War Cost Six From Area

Though far distant from the roar of guns halfway across the world, Kings Mountain is not isolated from the tragic effects of the war in Vietnam.

Pvt. Christopher Eugene Brooks, first Kings Mountain man to be listed on an Army casualty list in the Korean War, was killed in Korea on July 20, 1950. He was reported missing in action. His parents were notified of his death May 5, 1951.

Pvt. Stacy A. Mullinax, Jr., 18, was killed in action in Korea April 21, 1951.

Pvt. Dan Lail, 22, was killed in action November 8, 1951.

On July 10, 1952, Cpl. Harvey Lawson died from wounds received in action near Hadokkom-gal, North Korea.

Pvt. Pinkney Roberts, Jr., 19, was killed in action October 29, 1952 while fighting with the first Marines in Korea.

Pfc. Elmer G. Allen, Jr., of Grover, was reported missing in action February 13, 1951. His family was notified of his death March 30, 1952.

Thirteen years ago this month—July 26, 1953, the shooting stopped in Korea and the Korean War—first labeled a "police action"—had cost the lives of at least six Kings Mountain area