

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,256

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PRICE TEN CENTS

Teeners Face River Rouge In Semi-Finals Thursday

Vacation Ends For School Pupils On Wednesday

4,400 Pupils Report Aug. 24 For Classes

Summer ends and school begins next Wednesday for some 4,400 Kings Mountain district school pupils.

Vacation season ends two days earlier for faculty members, who report Monday morning at 8:30 at Central school auditorium for a general faculty meeting. On adjournment they will hold divisional meetings, then report to their assigned schools.

First day for students Wednesday is actually a half-day and is labeled orientation day.

CHOICES REQUIRED

Parents of students who have recently moved residence into the Kings Mountain school district or who otherwise have not indicated choice of schools for their children are urged by school officials to make their choices no later than Tuesday. Superintendent B. N. Barnes said federal Office of Education guidelines require that the choice forms be executed.

When students receive books, other instructional materials and initial assignments.

Thursday will be a full school day, with all school cafeterias to be in operation. Grover expects to have its cafeteria in operation the previous day, Principal James Scruggs reports.

Principal change from last term's operational format is the consolidation of Compact high school into Kings Mountain high school, which means the 10-plant system will have a lone centrally located high school. Concurrently, the consolidation will mark the major desegregation on basis of race of the school faculties.

Students were integrated, with out regard to race, last term, but faculty desegregation was token and limited to administrative areas.

The board of education has not yet been approved for federal funds under guidelines of the federal Office of Education, Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

However, Superintendent B. N. Barnes said he had been in telephonic conversation with a representative of the office recently and that the representative indicated his personal approval of the Kings Mountain format.

Compact will operate grades 1-8.

Central school will operate grades 7 and 8.

Final Stadium Contracts Let

Remaining contracts for construction of John Gamble Memorial Stadium were let Monday night by the Kings Mountain district board of education.

Both went to previous low bidders after negotiated deductions. Howard Construction Company was awarded the general construction contract at \$17,228, and Gaston Electric Company the electrical contract at \$15,183.

Only remaining contract is for grassing the stadium turf. Two bids have been received but a third is required before bids can be opened.

In other actions the board:

1) Approved agreement with Grady Seism to grass the playing areas west of the stadium on a cost-plus basis.

2) Approved school assignments as requested with exception of all applications for enrollment at West school and three applications for enrollment in North school second grade. The exceptions were due to overloads.

3) Adopted the same school fee schedule as last year, with exception that maximum cafeteria fees may be 25 cents for elementary pupils, and up to 30 cents for junior and senior high schools.

BAND DRILLS

Pre-season band drills began Monday at Kings Mountain high school and are being held on Mondays at 6 p.m. Joe Hedden is band director.



WINS EAGLE — Eddie White, member of Boy Scout Troop 91, sponsored by St. Matthews Lutheran church, has received the Eagle award, highest rank in scouting. He is third member of his family to earn the rank of Eagle.

White Wins Eagle Award

Eddie White, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence White of Kings Mountain, received the highest rank in scouting at the July Court of Honor. Eddie is a member of Troop 91 sponsored by St. Matthews Lutheran church.

Henry McKelvie, Troop 90 Scoutmaster, conducted the court. The Eagle award was made by Kings Mountain's newest scoutmaster, Ken Pruitt of Troop 92 sponsored by First Baptist church.

Eddie is presently registered as Jr. Assistant Scoutmaster and is active in every phase of scouting.

New boys core into Eddie's troop so fast that this young man seldom gets farther than teaching the tenderfoot rank, his scoutmaster reports.

Eddie White is the third White brother to earn the rank of Eagle.

Eugene and Ray White will attend Gaston College next year. All three Eagle Scouts are employed at City Service Station by their Scoutmaster, Otis Falls, Jr.

Cline On Duty In Viet Nam

S/Sgt. Larry E. Cline, son of City Commissioner and Mrs. Ray W. Cline, arrived in South Vietnam Friday for combat duty.

A member of the 352nd Tactical Fighter Squadron based at Phan Rang Air Base 130 miles northeast of Saigon, Sgt. Cline arrived with a squadron of F-100 Super Sabres, formerly stationed at Myrtle Beach Air Force Base.

The 18-plane unit has 210 officers and enlisted men. It is the third squadron from the 354th Tactical Fighter Wing to leave Myrtle Beach since last fall. One went to Japan and another to Spain.

Lt. Col. Richard G. Newell, commander of the 352nd, said that he expected "our boys to make a real mark for themselves in South Vietnam."

Neisler Remains "Quite Ill"

C. E. Neisler remains a patient in St. Elizabeth's hospital, Lincoln, Nebraska, and relatives report he is still quite ill.

Mr. Neisler underwent a second operation Monday, his sister, Mrs. H. R. Hunnicutt, said. He remains in the Intensive Care section of the hospital.

Mrs. Neisler, Billy Gene Neisler, and Mrs. Tom Mitchell, the latter sister of Mrs. C. E. Neisler, are in Lincoln, Nebraska with Mr. Neisler.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Page, sister and brother-in-law of C. E. Neisler, returned home Wednesday. The Pages and Neislers were on vacation when Mr. Neisler became ill.

Charles Weir, 81, Died Wednesday

Funeral Rites Friday at 4 At Bethlehem

Charles Page Weir, 81, retired farmer of route 1 and onetime No. 4 Township tax lister, died Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in Kings Mountain hospital.

Funeral rites will be Friday at 4 p.m. from Bethlehem Baptist Church. The body will remain at Harris Funeral Home until an hour before the rites when it will lie in state at the church. Rev. James Graham and Rev. Ray Barrett will officiate, and interment will be in El Bethel church cemetery.

Mr. Weir, native of Cleveland County, died after several months' illness. He was the son of the late James Walker and Roxanne Goforth Weir. He was twice married; his first wife, Martha Lou Carroll Weir, died in 1941. Mrs. Annie Russ Wier died in 1964.

Surviving are five sons, C. D. Ware, Robert Ware, Howard Ware, James Ware, all of Kings Mountain, and Carl Ware of Bessemer City; three daughters, Mrs. G. T. Thornburg, Mrs. Charles Spearman and Mrs. Harold Randle, all of Kings Mountain; a stepson, Eugene Martin of Shelby; two step-daughters, Mrs. Howard Goforth of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Hilly Edwards of Clayton; a sister, Mrs. E. L. Campbell of Kings Mountain; 19 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Benton Heads Auxiliary

Mrs. Odell Benton has been elected president of the Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary for 1966-67.

Other new officers are Mrs. Calage Hord, vice-president; Mrs. Gene Carpenter, secretary; and Mrs. Jack Lail, treasurer.

The Auxiliary meets every third Monday night of each month.

Athletic Banquet To Be Held Aug. 27

The annual post-season athletic banquet sponsored by the Kings Mountain Recreation Department will be held Saturday, August 27th, at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Building. Because of a conflict, the banquet has been rescheduled from August 20th to August 27th. Parents may obtain tickets at the Deal Street Pool.

KM-Gaston Folk Talk Annexation, East KM Citizens Seek Election

Representatives of East Kings Mountain residents, most of them citizens of the City of Kings Mountain but not of the Kings Mountain School District, mapped plans Tuesday night to seek an annexation election to the school district.

Mrs. Arthur Flowers, a member of the committee, said that Roy Lynn, chairman of the group, was to confer Wednesday morning with an attorney on possibilities of annexation.

Mr. Lynn was unavailable for comment at presstime Wednesday. Mrs. Flowers said that last week parents of Gaston District pupils who last year attended Kings Mountain district schools were notified by the Gaston Board of Education they would be allowed five days to complete school choice forms, Sunday was the fifth day.

Schedule Announced For KMHS Students

According to an announcement from the office of High School Principal Glenn Brookshire, Kings Mountain High School students are asked to report at 8:20 a.m. Aug. 24th at the following rooms:

Freshmen: Gymnasium.
Sophomores: Cafeteria.
Juniors: Commons Area and Library.

Seniors: Audio-Visual Rooms, Rooms 5 and 6.

Lions Sponsor Peace Contest

Lions International is sponsoring a Peace Essay contest with \$50,000 in awards for compositions on the theme "Peace is Attainable".

The contest is open to any male or female who will be 14 but less than 22 years of age as of Jan. 15, 1967, and entries must be completed and received by the sponsoring Lions club before midnight, Dec. 10, 1966.

Grand prize winner will receive a \$25,000 personal educational and/or career assistance grant to be administered by the International Assoc. of Lions Clubs, and eight World Geographical Division winners will receive a \$1,000 cash prize, travel expense-paid trip to Lions International 50th Anniversary Convention in 1967, in Chicago, a gold medal and a personalized Division Award plaque.

Class Of 1936 Reunion Sat.

The Kings Mountain high school Class of '36 will hold a 30th anniversary reunion dinner-dance at the American Legion ballroom Saturday evening beginning at 6 o'clock.

Class President Earl E. McGill, of Blacksburg, S. C., will serve as master of ceremonies. Others on the program will include Dr. George Plonk, Dr. Martha Plonk, of Corvallis, Ore., and Martin Harmon.

Mrs. Ottilie White Crosby and Mrs. Eva Mae Suber Houston are on the decoration committee and Martin Harmon has served as general chairman.

Mayor John Henry Moss will welcome the class on behalf of the city. Superintendent B. N. Barnes and Mrs. W. T. Weir, Class of '36 homeroom teacher, will bring greetings.

Among out-of-town members of the class who have made reservations are John E. Elam, Bladenboro, Mrs. Sara Lee Harrell, Dalton, Ga., Clyde Greene, Latta, S. C., Jack and Elizabeth Neill, Fortuna, Hickory, Paul W. Hulleander, Chester, S. C., Miss Eunice Hord, Asheville, Campbell, Stewart, Gastonia, and Dr. Martha Plonk.

Special guests will include faculty members and school board members of 1935-36, grade mothers of 1934-35 and 1935-36, and others.

Following dinner The Starlighters will furnish music for dancing until midnight.

Methodist Razing Cost Was \$3750

Sidewalk engineers in considerable number expressed amazement at the quick razing job done on the venerable Central Methodist church.

14 Teachers Are Elected; 8 Are Needed

Kings Mountain district schools, as of Wednesday, still required 18 faculty members to complete teacher requirements for the school year which starts Wednesday.

Meantime, the city board of education Monday night employed 14 new teachers.

Still needed are four English teachers, a teacher of mathematics and a teacher of science for the high school. The other 12 vacancies are for Junior-high and elementary positions.

"We need 18 teachers for a full complement", Supt. B. N. Barnes said.

The new faculty members employed by the board of education this week include a new principal for Park Grace Elementary school in the person of James C. Ayers of Forest City.

William W. Ramsey of Charlotte, who had signed contract as an English teacher in the high school, asked that he be released from his contract and the board moved to grant his release.

Other new teachers are: Miss Ellen Tripp of Charlotte, high school distributive education; Mrs. Carol R. Miller, Charlotte, seventh grade, Central; Gary Dean Upton, Cherryville, Central; Miss Beverly Lee Herndon, Kings Mountain, Grover; Miss Jacquitha Rountree, Grover, Central; James R. Partlow, Gastonia, Compact; Mrs. Frometta Little, Gaffney, S. C., Central; Miss Cynthia Wright, Grover, Bethware; Richard E. Hamrick, Shelby, Central; Miss Sarah W. Jones, Shelby, Central; Mrs. Sarah Keeter, Grover, at Grover; Miss Willie McGill, North; and Mrs. Lee Phoenix, Shelby, Central.

Rev. Wayne Ashe, pastor of Macedonia Baptist church, officiated at the final rites.

Thomas H. Davison, manager of the A & P Food Store here, became a member of the exclusive "four gallon" club of blood donors at last week's visit of the regional blood collecting unit.

Davison Joins Four-Gallon Club

Joining the "three gallon" club were Frank Hofffield, Mrs. Ray Cline and Leonard A. Smith.

Dennis L. Goforth became a member of the "two gallon" club and Harold Cloninger, Thomas McAbee, Ernest Mauney and Mickey Wagoner joined the "one gallon" club.

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Senator Jordan Heads Committee

45 Melons Sliced For Kids To Eat

The 138 children enrolled in Kings Mountain's first Operation Head Start program can eat.

Principal Howard Bryant and faculty members accompanied the group of pre-schoolers to Kings Mountain National Military Park Friday for a watermelon slicing.

Forty-five watermelons were sliced for the group of young folk and adults to eat.

The eight-week Head Start program ended here this week.

Mrs. Gunnells' Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Lela Gladden Gunnells, 62, widow of Robert I. Gunnells, were held Tuesday at 4 p.m. from Second Baptist church, interment following in Shady Grove cemetery.

Mrs. Gunnells died Sunday night at 10:30 in Gaston Memorial hospital following several weeks' illness.

She was a daughter of the late William Walter Gladden and was a member of Second Baptist church.

Surviving are her mother, Mrs. Mary Ellen Stoupe Gladden; three sons, Clarence Gunnells of Charlotte, Jack Gunnells of Shelby and James Gunnells of Fort Myers, Fla.; one daughter, Mrs. F. L. Blanton of Kings Mountain; five brothers, Furman Gladden, Clyde Gladden, Earl Gladden, all of Kings Mountain, Howard Gladden and Frank Gladden, both of Washington, D. C.; and eight grandchildren.

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Watterson Clan To Hold Reunion

Descendants of the late John W. Watterson will hold the annual clan reunion Sunday at the Grover-Rescue Squad building. It has been announced by W. L. Watterson, of Kings Mountain, member of the family.

Picnic dinner will be served at 1 p.m.

Title I Program Report: Blalock Terms Reading Program Successful

Kings Mountain's Title I summer program was highly successful, Director D. B. Blalock, Jr. said Tuesday following an evaluation session.

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Goforth To Hurl Morning Game; Four From Flag

By MARTIN HARMON
Rocky Goforth will go to the mound at 9 a.m. (EST) Thursday morning, as the Teeners face River Rouge, Mich., in the semi-finals of the national championship tournament at Hershey, Pa.

Coach Ken Booker, of River Rouge, is expected to counter with Gary Baker, a right-hander who lived in Asheville until 1958, or Tony Rinna, a southpaw and nephew of his team's Assistant Coach John Rinna.

Mountaineer Coach Roy Pearson said he would hold Darrell Whetstone in reserve. If Whetstone should be called on for relief, Pearson said Wayne Mullinax would be his Friday morning choice.

Elgin, Ill., three times victor without defeat is in the favored spot, already sure of a date in the finals series of the double elimination tournament starting Friday morning.

Like Kings Mountain, the other remaining teams other than Elgin, including River Rouge and Lebanon Valley, Pa., face the difficult chore of winning four consecutive games to come home with the championship.

The winner of the Kings Mountain-River Rouge game will meet Lebanon Valley in an afternoon game. The winner of that encounter will be Elgin's Friday morning opponent. If Elgin wins, it's all over. If Elgin loses, it will be sudden death for both in the Friday afternoon game.

River Rouge, like Kings Mountain, lost its opening game, 6-4 to Pierre, S. D., but stayed alive by coping two games Wednesday, sending Del City, Okla., home by 10 to 8 in the morning game, and eliminating Bellefonte, Pa., victor over Kings Mountain 5-4 Monday, in the afternoon by 5-0.

Under Teener rules no pitcher may hurl more than 27 outs per day.

Earl E. McGill Clan President

Earl E. McGill, of Blacksburg, S. C., was elected president of McGills of Gaston at the 70th annual clan reunion Sunday. He succeeds William Lawrence Plonk.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Earl E. Carpenter, vice-president and Mrs. N. F. McGill, Jr., secretary-treasurer.

Norman McGill, Mrs. Louise Wright and Miss Annie Wolfe were named to the nominating committee to report at the 1967 convention.

Bonner McGill, of the William McGill Clan, brought greetings from his group and noted that William McGill and Thomas McGill, forbear of McGills of Gaston, were brothers.

U. S. Congressman Basil L. Whitener told the clan he had learned, on his recent trip to Viet Nam, that the military leaders declare the today's young fighting man "the finest of three wars."

He suggested, "We worry about the Beatles bangs are in worse than our young people, yet I doubt if than dancing the Charleston." He added, "Let's look at what the good youngsters do, and they do a lot."

Fair Barbecue Attracts Crowd

Bethware Community Fair's annual pre-fair barbecue was a sell-out Wednesday.

Fair patrons were guests of the Bethware Progressive club, sponsors of the fair, for supper. There were long lines at the supper table, set at 7:30, over an hour after serving began at Bethware school cafeteria.

The 19th annual Bethware Community Fair will be held September 14-17 on the grounds of Bethware schools.

The agricultural fair offers cash prizes to exhibitors of farm products and the premium list is printed in a fair catalog just off the press.

Bethware Fair is approved by the N. C. Department of Agriculture and is a member of the North Carolina Associations of Fairs.