

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,256

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 1965.

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Board Would Enroll Out-of-District Pupils Legally



PURPLE HEART PRESENTATION — Mrs. Gerald Lee receives for her son Pvt. Christopher E. Brooks the posthumously awarded Purple Heart certificate from Mayor John Henry Moss. (Photo courtesy Shelby Daily Star).

Mrs. Gerald Lee Presented Son's Purple Heart

The mother of Pvt. Christopher E. Brooks, Kings Mountain's first fatality in the action in Viet Nam, was presented her son's Purple Heart medal and citation at ceremonies Monday morning at City Hall.

Major Robert Crittenden, of Davidson, presented the Purple Heart medal to Mrs. Gerald Lee. Also present were Mr. Lee, Pvt. Brooks' sister, Miss Betty Brooks, and his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phillips.

Mayor John Henry Moss presided at the ceremony and read the Purple Heart citation. It stated the award was made for Pvt. Brooks' death in June from wounds received in action in Viet Nam. It was also noted that the Purple Heart is the oldest award given by the armed forces of the United States, the first award having been presented by General George Washington in Newburgh, N. Y., in 1782.

Accompanying Major Crittenden from Davidson was Major Harold Fraley, representing Kings Mountain service organizations were Commander Markon Dixon, Frank B. Glass Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Commander Clinton Jolly, Otis D. Green Post, American Legion; and Mrs. Ida Long, American Legion Auxiliary.

Rev. Curtis Bundy, pastor of Oakview Baptist church, said the invocation and benediction.

O'Farrell Rites Held Wednesday

Graveside funeral rites for James William O'Farrell, 64, were held Wednesday at 4 p.m. from Mountain Rest cemetery with Dr. Paul Ausley officiating. Mr. O'Farrell died Tuesday morning at 5:45 in the Kings Mountain hospital.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was the son of the late Oscar Cameron and Harriett Brown O'Farrell. He was a member of First Presbyterian church.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Hayne S. Blackmer, of Kings Mountain, and Miss Katherine O'Farrell of Washington, D. C.

Local Student Receives Degree

Bentha Baumgardner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Baumgardner of 5050 Midpines, Kings Mountain, is one of 39 persons who received degrees from Mars Hill College at the close of the summer session.

A 1962 graduate of Kings Mountain high school, Miss Baumgardner received a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in English.

Gaston Board Is Adherent On Releases

By MARTIN HARMON
The Kings Mountain district board of education unanimously reiterated at a special meeting Wednesday morning its willingness to assign out-of-district pupils to Kings Mountain schools, as, with one exception, the Gaston county board of education remained adamant to continued requests of East Kings Mountain citizens residing in Gaston county to release their children.

The exception was for Bill and Jacob Bridges, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. Bridges, who live on the Long Creek Church road. Mr. Bridges' physician wrote the Gaston board that Mr. Bridges is seriously ill and that the declaration of the Gaston board to release his children was deleterious to his condition.

In its resolution the Kings Mountain board also authorized the seating, but not the enrollment, of out-of-district students through September 2. Gaston Schools will open Monday.

On Monday night, the board also met, discussing the problem at length. There was hope a court order might be issued Tuesday which would solve the plight of the East Kings Mountain residents at least. It was not. The board had voted, if the court order were not granted, to request a joint conference with the Gaston board.

The resolution of Wednesday morning, as recorded in the minutes, was:

"RESOLVED that the Kings Mountain City Board of Education will assign out-of-district students to Kings Mountain Schools provided they obtain legal authority for enrollment.

"FURTHER, that the Board authorizes children desiring to attend the Kings Mountain Schools to be seated until the end of the day, Friday, September 2, 1966 but not enrolled unless legal authority for enrollment is secured.

"Upon motion of B. H. Harry seconded by Mrs. Lena W. McGill, this resolution was adopted by unanimous vote, all members present and voting."

It was estimated up to 70 Gaston students might be involved. Meantime, the East Kings Mountain group, Roy Lynn, chairman, has retained Henry Whitesides, Gastonia attorney, to represent their interests and to draw an election petition to the Gaston board of elections for annexation to the Kings Mountain district. Should such an election prove successful, the annexation would become effective next July 1.

A July 28 opinion of the North Carolina attorney general sustains the statute whereby written permission for release must be obtained before out-of-district students can be enrolled.

Addressed to Schools Attorney J. R. Davis, it reads:

"As discussed in our telephone conversation of this morning, the City of Kings Mountain has recently extended its corporate limits. The school pupils presently residing in this extended area are assigned to the Gaston County School District. You asked to be advised as to whether, because the corporate limits of the City have been extended, the pupils included in the extension

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Robber Relieves Reel's Of \$3300

Woman's Club Thieves Hungry; Maner Robbed

By ELIZABETH STEWART

City police and county officers are investigating a rash of thefts and break-ins in the Kings Mountain area early Wednesday morning.

A 1962 Negro Buick Wildcat was a suspected vehicle in the robbery of a woman's club near the intersection of a 1900 block, Wednesday night. The company cash register, a thief or thieves—apparently hungry—took the glass from a side door of the woman's club on East Mountain street, ransacked a refrigerator after breaking a padlock and sat down at a table in the dining room area to a meal of ice cream, cake and strawberries.

Third break-in was reported two hours later at 9 a.m. by E. F. Maner, a thief or thieves gained entry to the E. F. Maner insurance agency on S. Bateau-ground Avenue by breaking a glass from the side door. From a desk cash drawer, approximately \$285-\$290 is missing.

Sheriff's Deputy Jim Novan of Lawndale said three officers from the sheriff's department, including Sheriff Haywood Allen and Chief Deputy George Allen—took bloodhounds to the scene of the armed robbery at 1:35 a.m. Wednesday, following the robber's trail out York road on I-85 just outside the city limits. They theorize the robber was picked up in a car.

W. A. Reel, manager of Reel's Gulf Station at the York Road I-85 intersection, told officers the Negro bandit was in his early 20's, was wearing blue-gray work clothes and was alone. He said the bandit held him at gunpoint and demanded "give me all the money you have." He also lifted Reel's wallet from his black trouser pocket as he held the weapon to his back.

Reel's Gulf Station, which opened here June 16, is open all night and the manager was reportedly waiting for an attendant to pick up the night bank deposit, according to investigating officers. Reel leases the local station from Royster Oil Company of Shelby. He also owns Reel's Esso Service Station in Grover.

City Police Officers L. P. Beattie and Jackie D. Barrett said the hungry thieves broke the locks on four upstairs filing cabinets in the Woman's club. Glass in the side door was removed but was unbroken. They theorize the culprits were looking for money.

Wrappings from their supper from the refrigerator were scattered on the table, said Beattie.



PRESIDENT — Charles L. Alexander, Kings Mountain postmaster, has been elected president of the state branch of the National League of Postmasters for the coming year.

Postmasters Tap C. L. Alexander

Kings Mountain Postmaster Charles L. Alexander has been elected president of the North Carolina Branch of the National League of Postmasters.

He succeeds Grover Postmaster Fain Hambricht as president. The new officers were named at the branch's convention last week at Carolina Beach.

Other officers include executive vice president Allen Jobe, postmaster at Forrest City; vice president, Glenn Poyser of Bessemer City; Bob Montague of Newport; O. C. Tew of McEansville and Audrey Casshart of Randleman.

Mr. Alexander is a Kings Mountain native. He and his wife, the former Ruby Moss, and their two children, Reg and Cynthia, live on Country Club road. They are active in Kings Mountain's First Baptist church.

1061 At KMHS On Opening Day

Kings Mountain schools opened Wednesday for a half-day session, with first full-day schedules of the 1966-67 term scheduled for Thursday.

Full pupil count for the 10-plan system was not available late Wednesday, but high school attendance was 1061.

Wednesday was the first day of operation of a lone district high school, consolidation of Compact, formerly an all-Negro high school, having been effected since last spring, and the first day of integrated facilities in a regular school term.

Pupil desegregation was effected during the 1965-66 term, but facilities were desegregated only administratively and for in-service training.

At West school several students unassigned there appeared but were not enrolled due to over-crowding.

At the high school, opening day was regarded by one teacher "as smooth as I've seen an opening day."

School opening had been complicated administratively by efforts of out-of-district students, who previously attended Kings Mountain schools, to 1) gain release from Gaston county board of education, and 2) to obtain admittance in Kings Mountain "either/or".

John Butler Plonk, with three children in Kings Mountain schools, moved from his residence on the east side of the Cherryville road in the Gaston district, to the residence of his father on the St. Luke's road in the Kings Mountain district.

RE-ASSIGNMENTS

Requests for school re-assignments will be considered next week by the board of education. Superintendent B. N. Barnes said Wednesday. The board deferred action on three requests Monday night.

Donkey Ball Tuesday Night At City Stadium

The Lions and the Jaycees will sponsor a donkey baseball game Tuesday night at 7:30 at City Stadium with proceeds to go to a civic or charitable project.

The Optimist Club will also join in the game but its job will be to handle the concession stand.

Ralph Godfrey of Oklahoma will furnish the donkeys and public address system. In a donkey baseball game, all fielders, with the exception of the pitcher and catcher, ride a donkey.

The batter hits the ball, gets on a donkey and circles the bases, while at the same time someone is running alongside with a "hot stick" attempting to make the donkey throw the rider.

The fielder either has to catch the ball while on the donkey, or ride to the ball, get off the animal and throw the runner out.

Fred Withers will serve as serving as committee chairman for the Lions.

WMHS Trainer Earns "Doc" Brand

Jeff Mauney, trainer for the Kings Mountain high school football team, is getting the nickname "Doc" and Coach Bill Bates thinks he deserves it.

Speaking at the Lions club Tuesday night, Coach Bates inquired of Dr. George Plonk if four weeks were not par for the course for mending of a dislocated knee. Dr. Plonk replied, "Sometimes longer."

Coach Bates predicted that Bert Smith, a guard who dislocated his knee in last Friday morning's practice, would be ready for duty by Monday and credits the quick return to his trainer.

Trainer Mauney immediately placed the injured knee in an ice pack, has followed up with whirlpool treatments and massage. Bates said there was no swelling of the injured knee.

For the past two years, young Mauney has accompanied the coaches to clinics, where trainer clinics are also held. Bates reports that his trainer's ambition is to someday own a "Doc" legitimately, as does his father Dr. W. L. Mauney.

GOP Candidate Here On Monday

John Shallcross, of Smithfield, Republican candidate for United States Senator, visited in Kings Mountain Monday.

Mr. Shallcross, an electrical engineer, was being introduced to Kings Mountain citizens by Edward H. Smith.

Accompanying the candidate was his daughter, Joan Shallcross, soon to enter Wake Forest college as a freshman.

Shallcross is 46 and a native of Pennsylvania.

Prize Awards Await Top Salesmen Of Mountaineer Days Buttons

Mountaineer Days buttons, commemorating the 186th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain are on sale.

J. Lee Roberts, chairman of the button sale, announced this week prize awards await both individuals, clubs, civic and service organizations qualifying as top salesmen.

Individuals can win a first prize of \$50, second of \$25, and third of \$10.

Club prizes are the same. Price the button is \$1.

Chairman Roberts reported Robert Lee (Chick) Walker as purchaser of the first button.

Persons or clubs wishing to compete for the awards are invited to contact Mr. Roberts at his office, 114 S. Piedmont avenue, phone 739-3512.

TO OREGON

Dr. Martha Plonk has returned to Corvallis, Oregon where she is a member of the faculty of Oregon State College after spending the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Plonk. She was accompanied to Corvallis by her uncle, William L. Plonk.

C. Eugene Neisler Rites Wednesday

Industrialist Died Friday Of Emphysema

Funeral rites for Charles Eugene Neisler, Jr., 71, Kings Mountain industrialist, were held Wednesday at 11 a.m. from First Presbyterian church of which he was a member.

Dr. Paul K. Ausley officiated at the final rites, and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery. Serving as active pallbearers were Charles A. Neisler, Henry Neisler, Hunter Neisler, Jr., Hugh Neisler, Robert Neisler, Paul Neisler, Jr., and Harold Richard Hunnicutt, Jr., all nephews of Mr. Neisler.

In lieu of flowers the family has designated memorials to Barium Springs Orphanage and Boys' Home at Lake Waccamaw.

Mr. Neisler succumbed Friday afternoon at 1:30 (EST) in a Lincoln, Nebraska hospital, where he was admitted several weeks ago after becoming ill during a vacation trip to Canada and the Far West with his wife and his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Page. Death was attributed to emphysema.

He was a former city commissioner and member of the county hospital board of trustees.

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A native of Gaston County, born January 15, 1895, he was a son of the late Charles Eugene Neisler, Sr., and Ida Pauline Mauney Neisler. He attended Davidson college and served in the Navy during World War I.

Former president of Neisler Mills of Kings Mountain, he was president of Neisler Brothers, Inc. of Kings Mountain, Long Shoals Cotton Mills in Lincoln and Neisler Brothers Company of Florida. He was an elder in First Presbyterian church, a Mason, a Shriner, a charter member of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club and a member of American Legion Post 155.

He was twice married. His first wife, the former Myrtle Baker died in 1933 in an automobile accident.

He is survived by his second wife, the former Lucille Terry of Charlotte; a son, Charles Eugene Neisler, III, of Kings Mountain; three brothers, Paul M. Neisler, Sr., of Kings Mountain, Joe A. Neisler, Sr., of Lake Waccamaw, and Hunter R. Neisler, Sr., of Hilton Head, S.C.; and three sisters, Mrs. Harold R. Hunnicutt, Sr., Mrs. Harry E. Page, both of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. W. F. Brewer of Paris, France.

Six Teachers Are Elected

Kings Mountain board of education Monday night employed six faculty members, still needs eleven for permanent duty.

School opened Wednesday morning with only two actual vacancies in special education for the teachable retarded. But nine faculty positions were filled by teachers not available for the full term, Superintendent B. N. Barnes said.

Elected Monday night were Marvin Elmer McGill, Kings Mountain, 7th grade Central; Miss Donna R. Dotson, Black Mountain, high school English; Hugh W. Putnam, Cherryville, high school biology; Miss Della Jagers, Charlotte, principal reliever for Davidson and Compact; Mrs. Frances D. Coupland, Charlotte, 1st grade at West; and Mrs. Irma Drum, Shelby, high school mathematics.

Kiwanis To Hear Mr. Williamson

William H. Williamson, III, general partner of Reynolds & Company, stock brokers, of Charlotte, will be guest speaker at Thursday's Kiwanis club meeting at 6:45 p.m. at the Woman's club.

Another member of the firm, Mrs. Devere R. Smith, of Kings Mountain, who assisted R. S. Lennon in arranging the program, will also be a guest.

Mr. Lennon will present Mr. Williamson who will use the subject, "Stocks."



SUCCUMBS — Charles Eugene Neisler, Jr., succumbed Friday. Funeral rites were held Wednesday morning.

Shannon-Duplex To Enter Float

Shannon - Duplex, Ltd., is the first firm to enter a float in the Battle Anniversary parade on October 8.

Mayor John Henry Moss, ex officio chairman of the 186th anniversary celebration, said he had been informed by Shannon's Alfred Tucker that the float will be entered and that employees are being asked to supply suggestions concerning the float.

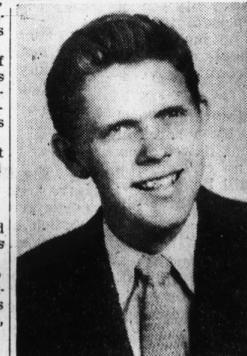
Mayor Moss also said Citizens Band Radio of Kings Mountain, of which Mr. Tucker is president of the 30-member organization, will direct the parade.

Efforts to obtain a speaker of national prominence are well underway, he added.

He had conversed by telephone with U. S. Senator B. Everett Jordan, chairman of the committee, on Tuesday. The Senator reported members of the North and South Carolina delegations enlisting their support.

WINS MASTERS' DEGREE

Bill Briggs, Kings Mountain native and son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Briggs, received his master's degree in summer commencement exercises at Western Carolina college last week-end. Mr. Briggs is dean of students at Pfeiffer college.



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