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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 1955.

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East KM Citizens To Launch Annexation Movement

Local News Bulletins

DANCE CLASS
Registration for the fall term of Colvin School of Dance will be held Friday from 2 until 5 p.m. at Kings Mountain National Guard Armory. Classes will be available in tap, ballet and baton. Mrs. David Colvin and Miss Jane Chronister will be instructors.

HOSPITALIZED
Thomas Humphries, Dixon community farmer, is a patient in Kings Mountain hospital where he is receiving treatment for leg ailments.

KIWANIS CLUB
Don W. Blanton will give highlights of his trip to the Kiwanis national convention at Thursday's Kiwanis club meeting at 6:45 p.m. at the Woman's club.

METER RECEIPTS
Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday totaled \$206.65, including \$125.80 from on-street meters, \$59.25 from over-parking fines and \$21.60 from off-street meters.

BUILDING PERMIT
Franklin L. Ware, Jr., has just secured a city building permit for a one-room addition to his residence at 815 West Mountain. Estimated cost is \$300.

HOSPITALIZED
Percy F. Dilling underwent an emergency operation last Wednesday at Kings Mountain hospital and is "doing well," his daughter, Miss Annie Dilling, said this week.

IMPROVING
Mrs. Jim Smith, who underwent surgery Tuesday at Kings Mountain Hospital was improving nicely Wednesday, her husband said.

PRESBYTERIAN
Dr. Paul Ausley's sermon topic Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock worship service at First Presbyterian church will be, "Price of Marriage." The service will be broadcast via Radio Station WKMT.

CUB SCOUTS
An organizational meeting of parents interested in enrolling their children in a Cub Scout troop will be held Thursday (tonight) at 7:30 at First Presbyterian church fellowship hall. For further information, contact the church office or Mrs. Sam Robinson, 739-3951.

Plonk's Condition Said Much Better
The condition of C. S. Plonk, Sr., well-known Kings Mountain citizen, is "much better," his wife said Wednesday.

Mr. Plonk, prominent farmer, had undergone an emergency operation for removal of his gall bladder at Kings Mountain hospital a week ago Saturday. He developed pneumonia and his condition worsened last week.

Mrs. Plonk said Mr. Plonk was able to "be up some" yesterday.

Tax Prepayments Total \$57,097

Prepayments of 1966 city tax bills totaled \$57,097 Wednesday, approximately 31 percent of the estimated levy of \$186,902.

City Treasurer Joe H. McDanel, Jr., noted prepayments were slightly less than normally, as two of the largest tax-payment textile firms elected not to earn the discount. He guessed that the tight money situation might be a factor, the firms taking the position their tax funds would earn some more elsewhere.

He noted that the estimated levy is not final, pending receipt of utility valuations from the state board of corporate excess.

Other missing figures, he added, are failure of the county thus far to obtain inventory figures from some firms and to review for assessment personal property valuations for the few citizens who elected to itemize values rather than use the ten percent residence rule.



MISS BETHWARE FAIR — Sarah Edith Hambright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Myers Hambright of Kings Mountain, will reign as Queen of the 1966 Bethware Fair which opens Wednesday for a four-day run. A senior at Kings Mountain high school, Miss Hambright was selected by the Bethware Progressive club which sponsors this year the 19th annual agricultural fair. The fair opens at 4 p.m. Wednesday on the grounds of Bethware school.

Bethware Fair Opens Wednesday

19th Annual Fair To Feature Rides And Exhibits

It's fair time again in the Kings Mountain area and Wednesday marks the opening of the 19th annual Bethware Community Fair.

Fair exhibitors were readying their entries this week to vie for cash prizes again being offered for good farm products and in other events.

President Mearl Seism said that this year's exhibitors should exceed last year's and the 1966 edition of the fair reflects the changes and improvements in the area's ever-advancing agricultural, commercial and industrial fields.

The fair will open at 4 p.m. Wednesday on the grounds of Bethware school. Games and contests for children will feature opening day attractions. There will be nightly fireworks displays.

Judging of all exhibits will be completed on next Thursday, said Seism. Children's Day is also September 15th with midway rides and attractions to feature reduced prices from 1 to 6 p.m. The fair will open at 3 p.m. September 16th and at 1 p.m. the final day, on Saturday, closing at midnight.

There is no admission charge. *Continued On Page 8*

Anniversary Girls To Promote Event

This year's Battle of Kings Mountain anniversary celebration will not only feature the emblem of the historic Mountaineer of yesteryear in buckskins, with coonskin cap, long rifle and powder horn.

Mayor John Henry Moss, chairman of the event, said Wednesday eight young ladies will be tapped as "Anniversary Girls" and will be suitably costumed to delineate the story of Kings Mountain and to promote the celebration.

KMHS Students Hear Joe Vale

"Anyone creative, ambitious and enthusiastic can get a job and go," sees Joe Vale, executive director of the Kings Mountain Industrial Association, told KMHS sophomore home economic students Wednesday.

Mr. Vale spoke to two classes of students at Kings Mountain high school.

Elaborating on job opportunities at home for young people, Mr. Vale encouraged young women not going to college to pursue a career in Kings Mountain.

He said the Kings Mountain Industrial Association through federal government funds is providing training for some 150 people now in the Kings Mountain area.

City Powell Bill Check \$41,168, \$2072 Gain Over Previous Year

Kings Mountain's share of the Powell Fund rebate of gasoline tax to qualified municipalities increased this year by \$2072.

The 1966 payment will be a record \$41,168 compared to last year's \$39,096.

The fund accrues from one-half cent of the six-cents state per gallon tax on gasoline, which during fiscal 1965-66 returned for the rebate a record \$9,322,714.

A total of 420 cities and towns qualified, compared to 422 the previous year.

Half of the total allocation to

Mrs. Cheshire Succumbs; Rites Thursday at 4

Mrs. Angelique R. de Cheshire, 4, wife of John Allyn Cheshire, Jr., died Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Kings Mountain hospital.

Funeral rites will be held Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home.

Rev. Charles Easley, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, will officiate at the final rites and interment will be in Mountaineer Rest cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be Dan Finger, Grady Howard, George H. Mauney, W. S. Fulton, Jr., Glee Edwin Bridges and S. R. Suber, Jr.

Mrs. Cheshire was recovering, apparently satisfactorily from a major operation, until she suffered a stroke of paralysis August 30.

She was a native of France. Besides her husband, she is survived by a son, John Allyn Cheshire, Jr.; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Cheshire, Jr.; six grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Anna Reiter of Germany.

Mrs. Womack's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Edith Hoover Womack, 74, were held Saturday at 4 p.m. from Kings Mountain Baptist church of which she was a member.

Mrs. Womack, widow of George Womack, died Thursday in the Kings Mountain hospital following illness of two days.

Daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Hoover, Mrs. Womack was educated at Claiborne college and taught school for a number of years in Lincoln County. Since her husband's death in 1954 she had lived here with a daughter, Mrs. Hilliard Black and family, 517 Rhodes Avenue. She was a Sunday School teacher and active in Kings Mountain Baptist church.

Surviving are two sons, George Womack, Jr. of Jacksonville, Fla., and Kenneth Womack of Savannah, Ga.; and four daughters, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Grady McCarter, both of Kings Mountain; Mrs. Robert Doyle of Chester, S. C.; and Mrs. David Kessler of Lincolnton. Also surviving are 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Rev. James Wilder and Rev. Howard Jordan officiated at the final rites, and interment was in Mountaineer Rest cemetery.

ASC Balloting Deadline Friday

Ballots for township committees for the Cleveland County Agriculture and Stabilization committee to be counted must be returned via mail, postmarked not later than Friday.

In Number 4 Township, farmers will choose five of nine nominees, with the nominee receiving highest number of votes to be chairman, second high vice-chairman, third regular member, and fourth and fifth alternates.

Nominees in Number 4 Township are Roy Bell, W. V. Dellinger, Hugh Falls, Ben Hamrick, Tom Hamrick, J. Nevette Hughes, Edwih-Moore, H. O. (Toby) Williams and Stowe Wright.

The chairman, vice-chairman and regular member will be delegates to the county convention.

Barbecue Tickets Are Now On Sale

Advance ticket sales to the annual Jaycee barbecue are underway, according to Jaycee President Herman Greene.

The barbecue sale is conducted each year as a feature of annual Mountaineer Days in October.

Plates are \$1 each, and the civic club is advertising that members will deliver the barbecue.

The civic club will give away a prize drawing a used car during the celebration, said Greene.

IN HOSPITAL

George W. Sellers was admitted to Kings Mountain hospital Sunday for observation and treatment.



MENTAL HEALTH BOOK PRESENTATION — School officials are pictured above accepting a set of mental health encyclopedias, gift to the Kings Mountain high school library from Cleveland County Mental Health Association. W. K. Mauney, Jr., Kings Mountain member of the Mental Health Association board of directors, makes the presentation to Mrs. Wilson Griffin, KMHS librarian, as KMHS Principal Glenn Brookshire, from left, and Schools Supt. B. N. Barnes look on. All five high schools in the county are being given the set of six books with the first presentation made here Friday morning. Mr. Mauney said the new books are intended to acquaint the students, as well as the community, with the importance of mental health and the fact that such a center is located in Shelby and available to local people. "Many things cause mental disorders," Mauney continued, "and these books discuss the subjects at length." (Photo for the Herald by Paul Lemmons).

Sing Out Dixie Group Billed; Celebration Manager Named

Jonas Bridges Events Chairman For Celebration

Harry Reeder, of Charlotte, assumed the duties Tuesday of general manager of the 186th anniversary celebration of the Battle of Kings Mountain.

Mr. Reeder fills the 1965 celebration role of Joe Vale, now executive secretary of the Industrial Association of Kings Mountain, Inc.

Meantime, Mayor John Henry Moss, ex officio chairman, announced that Jonas Bridges, manager of Radio Station WKMT and president of Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, will serve as events chairman.

Garrison: No News On US 74 By-Pass

W. B. Garrison, district highway commissioner, said Wednesday he had no news concerning the U. S. 74 by-pass through Kings Mountain.

He added, however, that a slowdown in federal aid funds is slowing numerous projects.

He also added that he expected to attend a meeting in Raleigh Monday of the federal aid schedule committee, which precedes a Tuesday commission meeting.

Neighborhood Facility, Long-Range Planning On Tuesday City Agenda

A busy agenda is scheduled for city commission consideration at the regular September meeting at City Hall courtroom Tuesday night at 6:30.

Mayor John Henry Moss said he would outline a neighborhood facility project and ask approval of the commission for filing an application with the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The facility, for recreation and numerous other purposes, was outlined in the recently approved workable plan for community development.



EVENTS CHAIRMAN — Jonas Bridges will serve as events chairman for the upcoming celebration of the anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain.

Mrs. Rogers' Rites Conducted

Mrs. Martin Luther Rogers, 79, of Albemarle, a Kings Mountain citizen in the early twenties, died suddenly Saturday afternoon at a Concord nursing home, where she had been a patient for several weeks.

Mr. Rogers was superintendent of the Dilling Mills, now Phenix plant of Burlington Industries, in 1922-23. The Rogers family resided on North Piedmont avenue.

The former Miss Carrie Moody, Mrs. Rogers was the daughter of the late Luke M. Moody and Margaret Ellen Hatley Moody of Stanley County. She was one of Albemarle's best known women and a member of one of the county's oldest families.

A faithful member of First Baptist Church, she took an active part in her Sunday school and in the Woman's Missionary Union as long as her health permitted.

She was married 59 years ago to Martin Luther Rogers, who was general superintendent of American and Efrim Mills in Albemarle. *Continued On Page 8*

Mrs. Mauney's Father Passes

Funeral rites for D. G. Kelly, Sr., 83, of Winston Salem, father of Mrs. Jacob P. Mauney of Kings Mountain, will be held Thursday morning at 11 o'clock from the Chapel of Vogler's Funeral Home in Winston Salem.

Mr. Kelly died Tuesday of cancer. For a number of years prior to his retirement he was associated with the City of Winston Salem. He was a Mason, Shriner, and active in Trinity Moravian church.

Other survivors include a daughter, a son, and five grandchildren.

Temporary Order Permits Pupils To Enroll Here

By MARTIN HARMON

East Kings Mountain citizens and property owners who desire annexation into the Kings Mountain school district will meet at City Hall at 7 o'clock Thursday night to determine geographical boundaries to be included in the petition.

Roy Lynn, chairman of the 16-family group of citizens successful Friday in obtaining admission of their children to Kings Mountain district schools via temporary Superior Court order, announced the meeting and urged that all interested in the East Kings Mountain area attend.

He pointed out, "Previously, the only citizens directly involved were the parents of children, formerly attending Kings Mountain schools who were now being required to attend Gaston County schools."

He added, "Our plan is to petition the Gaston board of elections for an election to determine what property owners in the area wish their properties in the Kings Mountain school district."

Mr. Lynn said he had learned that some York Road citizens wish to be included in the Kings Mountain district. Since the area is not contiguous nor adjacent to the East Kings Mountain section, a separate petition would be required. These citizens will be welcome at the Thursday night meeting, he continued, to learn what they might about legal procedures involved.

Mr. Lynn said he and the 16 families are "highly elated" at the favorable decision given on Friday by Judge G. L. Houk.

"It was a community project," he continued, "We had the full cooperation of the 16 families effected, the Kings Mountain Board of Education, Senator Jack White, Senate candidate Marshall Rauch, Representative candidate W. K. Mauney, Jr., and the press."

Judge Houk considered the petition of the East Kings Mountain citizens in chambers, questioning Hunter Huss, Gaston county superintendent of schools, George H. Mauney, chairman of the Kings Mountain board of education, and John R. Rankin, chairman of the Gaston board of education. Only others present were attorneys, Henry M. Whitesides, for plaintiffs, and Smith & Gaston, for defendants.

Some 25 parents, as well as Mrs. Lena W. McGill, Kings Mountain school trustee, were in the courtroom when Judge Houk gave his decision.

Under a North Carolina statute adopted in 1955, pupils are not permitted to cross district lines without 1) written releases from the boards of the districts they would normally attend, and 2) written statements of intent by admitting boards.

A dilemma of the East Kings Mountain residents was that they reside within the city limits of Kings Mountain, but not within the Kings Mountain school board, apparently, though living within walking distance of East school, were going to see their children transported by bus to schools several miles distant.