

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,256

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Margrace Plant, 60 Neighbors Want In City Limits

Community Center Federal Grant Will Be Sought

Mauney To Head Fund Campaign For Local Share

By ELIZABETH STEWART
Charles F. Mauney, general manager of Mauney Hosiery Mills and Carolina Throwing Company, will be chairman of a campaign next spring for \$150,000 to build a community center.

The city commission heard plans for the campaign Tuesday night and formally approved filing an application for federal funds for a neighborhood facility project with the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Target date for completing the forms and mailing the application is October 15.

Richard E. (Dick) Maxey, chairman of the 20-member city recreation commission, estimates the new facility will cost between \$500,000 to \$600,000 and would be patterned after the Hickory Center at Hickory. In addition to facilities for basketball, volleyball, Ping Pong and other sports activities, the center would be equipped with offices for Civil Defense, United Fund, Red Cross and other health and service agencies. Under the federal program, as outlined in the recently approved workable plan for community development, the center must serve purposes other than recreation, Maxey said.

Maxey told Mayor John Henry Moss and the full board present that cost to the city would be one-fourth the cost of the building and that "I foresee no difficulty in supplementing the U.S. government grant by community drives."

Mr. Mauney, also present at the regular city commission meeting, said the fund drive will begin with \$3,500, a gift made sometime ago for purpose of building a community center in Kings Mountain by the W. K. and Mary Simpson Mauney Foundation.

Mr. Maxey, who expressed himself as enthusiastic with projected plans for a community center, said he was elated by results of a survey recently conducted on recreation needs in the city.

Of the 4,500 persons who took part in the survey, Mr. Maxey said the No. 1 item in popularity was a community center as the town's most pressing need in the area of recreation.

Mayor Moss praised the recreation commission for "a most successful summer recreation program."

Mr. Maxey reported double participation in sports activities and cited as the biggest problem now is "supervision," calling for qualified leaders to help in supervising recreational activities here. He said he was also highly pleased with the summer recreation program just ended.

Yea, Discounts! Nay, Calaboosel

Discounts if you do, jail if you don't.

J. Lee Roberts, chairman of Mountaineer Days, emblem sales announced Wednesday, wearing of Mountaineer Days emblems will provide the wearer with these benefits:

1) Half-dollar discount in admission to all-night Gospel Sing.

2) Half-dollar discount on admission to Championship Rodeo.

3) Free admission to country and western shows and rock-'n-roll dance.

More monetary benefits are indicated, he added.

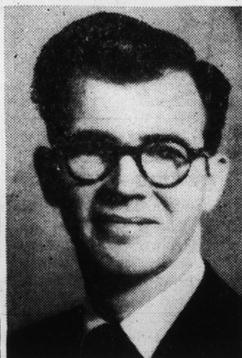
Penalty to the non-wearer: a trip to jail, the iron barred cage to be installed at South Battleground a venue and Mountain street.

Cost of the emblem is \$1.

KIWANIS SPEAKER

C. S. Reed of Matthews, vice-president of Duke Power Company of Charlotte, will speak on "Public Power Versus Private Power," at Thursday's Kiwanis club meeting at 6:45 p.m. at the Woman's club. Mr. Reed is a past president of the Charlotte Kiwanis Club.

Eugene Timms Is Parade Chairman



PARADE CHAIRMAN — Eugene Timms is serving as chairman of the October grand parade for the 168th anniversary celebration of the Battle of Kings Mountain.

Mrs. Jackson's Rites Friday

Mrs. Ida Blanton Jackson, wife of Jon Jackson of West King street, died suddenly Wednesday morning following a stroke of paralysis.

Funeral rites will be held Friday afternoon from Mount Zion Baptist church of which she was a charter member and long active in the Sunday School and Eva Hopper Missionary Society.

The body will remain at Enloe-Borders Funeral Home in Shelby until the hour of service. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Thursday night from 7 until 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Jackson was daughter of the late Bert and Amanda Blanton of Cleveland County.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by one son, Paul Jackson, pressman in the Kings Mountain Herald mechanical department; and two daughters, Mrs. Missouri J. Morgan of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Martha Mitchell of New York City; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Also surviving are two nephews, Leroy Blanton of Kings Mountain and Bolden Blanton of New York City.

Two Teachers Are Employed

Superintendent B. N. Barnes reported election of two regular teachers, to replace temporary teachers, for Kings Mountain school faculties during the past week.

Mrs. Lewis Hovis, of Kings Mountain, will teach third grade at North school, and Miss Mildred Moss, of Gastonia, will teach at Compact school.

The elections reduce to three the number of temporary teachers now on duty.

Funeral Rites Held On Tuesday For W. A. Allen, Farmer-Florist

Funeral rites for William A. Allen, 81, prominent retired farmer and co-owner of Allen's Flower Shop, were held Tuesday at 4 p.m. from Bethlehem Baptist church of which he was a member.

Mr. Allen died Monday at 1:30 a.m. in the Kings Mountain hospital following several months' illness.

He was a native of Cleveland County, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Allen.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Aurelia Ray Dover Allen; two sons, Hal Allen of Gastonia and W. E. Allen of Clemmons; three daughters, Mrs. Raymond Tal-

Gary Pageant Impresario; 25 Parade Units

Eugene Timms, Kings Mountain furniture dealer, is chairman of the grand parade of the 168th anniversary celebration of the Battle of Kings Mountain, Mayor John Henry Moss, ex officio chairman, announced this week.

There were these additional celebration week (October 3-8) developments:

1) Kays Gary, Charlotte Observer columnist and Cleveland County native, will serve as master of ceremonies at the Miss Kings Mountain beauty contest, official preliminary to the Miss

LIONS PLEDGE \$200
The Kings Mountain Lions club voted a \$200 contribution to the Battle Anniversary fund at Tuesday night's meeting, after budget session by Finance Chairman Charles Mauney and J. Lee Roberts, member of the finance committee.

North Carolina and Miss America pageants of 1967. Chairman Gerald Thomason announced.

2) Trophies await adults and juniors for best Revolutionary War era costumes.

3) Trophies await winners of the beard-growing contests.

4) Twenty-five units are accepted invitations to participate in the celebration parade, Chairman Timms announced.

Three famous displays will be in Kings Mountain during celebration week: 1) the McSwain gun collection, 2) the Fagin coin collection, and 3) the Douglas Aircraft Missile display.

Harry Reeder, general manager, said special events will be opened daily, from the formal opening ceremonies at 10:30 a.m., October 3, through the Saturday parade and Grand Ball, October 8. Business firms, organizations and individuals all throughout the Piedmont area of the Carolinas are offering full cooperation, he added.

Parade entries to date, Chairman Timms reported, include: floats by Sunrise Dairy, Duplex-Shannon, Inc., Queen City Trailways and to Spartanburg, S. C., U. S. Naval Reserve Unit; the Clemson University drill team, the United States Marine Corps Color Guard, of Charlotte; five units from the United States Marine Corps reserve unit, Charlotte; the 105th battalion, North Carolina Army National Guard; the Oasis Temple Calliope unit, Rock Hill, S. C.; the Kings Mountain Girl Scouts; Charlotte Police Drum & Bugle Corps; three units from the Gaston Life-Saving Crew; the Rock Hill Rescue Squad; Baton Twirler unit of Donna's DaDnce Studio, Charlotte; the Kings Mountain high school band; the Carolina Clowns; horse units, and the 100-piece band of Lee Edwards high school, Asheville.

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Original Stadium Plan In Fruition

John Gamble Memorial Stadium will be completed on original plan.

The stadium finance committee has informed the board of education sufficient cash has been pledged to permit inclusion of a section of seats on the visitor's (east) side.

Cost is approximately \$5,000.

Presbyterian

Dr. Paul Ausley's sermon topic Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service at First Presbyterian Church will be, "Deficiency of the Church."

The September services are being broadcast via Station WKMT.

Sub-committee To Recommend New Boundaries

By MARTIN HARMON
East Kings Mountain area citizens, property owners in Gaston county desire annexation to the Kings Mountain school district, elected a sub-committee at a mass meeting last Thursday night to recommend crottes and bounds of the area for which a special annexation will be petitioned.

Named unanimously to the five-member committee were Mrs. Norman McGill, Charles Hampton, N. C. McGill, Sr., John Butler Plonk and Fred Bowers.

Mrs. McGill said the committee has not yet organized, but that a meeting is contemplated within the next few days.

Meantime, the steering committee, of which Roy Lynn is chairman, continues as the executive committee of the group. Chairman Lynn presided at last Thursday's meeting.

Discussion indicated property owners south to Interstate 85 wish their properties included in the Kings Mountain school district.

Question arose as to how far east, north and northwest citizens and property owners might wish the Kings Mountain school district boundary extended into Gaston County, now the province of Gaston County district schools.

The five-member sub-committee was appointed to obtain this information and report it at a near-future mass meeting. Subsequently, the group will petition the Gaston County Board of Education for an election to determine whether the area included will remain in the Gaston district or be annexed to the Kings Mountain district.

Under terms of such an election, as called, the area desiring annexation also agrees to accept whatever special taxes are involved in the district annexed.

Present at the meeting, Kings Mountain Superintendent B. N. Barnes said he had not compared the special district taxes involved.

If 15 percent of qualified voters of the area involved petition for an election, the Gaston board is required by law to call an election.

A non-adjacent area desiring annexation to the Kings Mountain district was also represented.

Boyce Wells, who lives near the South Carolina-North Carolina state line on the North Carolina side, said an estimated 16 residents, their properties adjacent to the Kings Mountain school district at Oakview Baptist church, want inclusion in the Kings Mountain district.

The Oakview church is in the Kings Mountain district, within a "V" where the Cleveland-Gaston boundary turns northeast from Highway 161.

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The two children in the state line area who formerly attended Kings Mountain district schools are attending Gaston schools, Mr. Wells remarked. "They send a bus to pick up two children. Meantime, a Cleveland bus picks up all those on the other side of the highway for transport to Kings Mountain schools."

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Bethware Fair Is Underway; Cleveland Event Will Open

Nannette Minor To Open Fair Tuesday A. M.

Tuesday, September 20, the gates will swing open on the 43rd annual Cleveland County Fair. And, as usual, the midway, the exhibit halls, and the grandstand activity at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds will dominate interest until the lights flicker out late the night of September 24th.

Flags will soon be flying over the fairgrounds. Tons of sawdust have been hauled in and workmen are working at top speed to have the sprawling grounds and buildings in shape for Tuesday's opening.

Commercial building space at the fairgrounds has been doubled, and includes an office for entry clerks. Exhibits are expected to fill all available space, with \$15,000 to \$20,000 for exhibitors in all departments. Fair Manager Elbridge Weathers has announced that a number of Cleveland County manufacturing concerns will have fair exhibits this year, giving the public an opportunity to see displays of locally manufactured products.

The Deggeller Shows, a midway on wheels, will begin moving into Shelby Sunday and setting up equipment which will bring sideshow attractions and over 50 rides. The midwestern outfit prides itself on its clean approach to the county fair appearances.

Taking part in official opening ceremonies Tuesday morning will be Miss North Carolina, Nannette Jackson Minor, of Charlotte. Miss Minor will be a special guest of the Fair Association all day Tuesday. An invitation has been extended to Congressman Basil Whitener to attend opening ceremonies at 10 a.m.

Appearing every night and Friday afternoon in front of the grandstand will be: JOE PHILLIPS and his dancing horse GOLDEN MIST and star of television, rodeo and stage, has appeared most recently on the Ed Sullivan Show and at the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show.

THE SHANGHAI TWINS, Chinese acrobats and contortionists and head and hand balancing, featuring the dive through three hoops and 24 sharp knives.

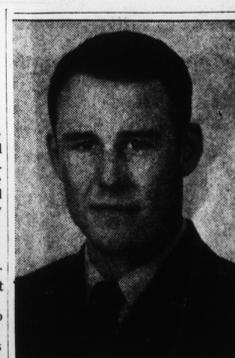
THE CORONAS, Europe's newest and greatest high wire family of five Czechoslovakian artists of balance who traverse a steel wire blindfolded and on bicycles, unicycles and a motorcycle.

Other grandstand attractions scheduled for the Cleveland County Fair include WILNOES BRAVES and the AL YOUNG-MAN BAND for every night and Friday afternoon; the HARMONICA RASCA'S SHOW which will be seen Tuesday and Wednesday nights; and pony running races on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

The Harmonica Rascals, well-known recording stars and T. V. celebrities, offer a sensational program packed with a variety of rollicking routines which include hilarious comedy capers and dazzling acrobatics. In addition to their zany antics and delighted nonsense, these superb musicians offer a musical repertoire of America's all-time favorites, including their famous renditions of "Peg of My Heart," "Beer Barrel Polka," and "I'll See You in My Dreams."

Also appearing in front of the grandstand on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights are Friday star of television, "daredevil" JACK KOCHMAN HELL DRIVERS. The 28-stunt performance will include such classic, high-speed thrill maneuvers as the bone-crushing "t-bone"

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Parker Wins Silver Wings

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Second Lieutenant James R. Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Parker of 800 Henry St., Kings Mountain, N. C., has been awarded silver wings upon graduation from U. S. Air Force navigator training at Mather AFB, Calif.

Lieutenant Parker is being assigned to Turner AFB, Ga., for flying duty with the Strategic Air Command which maintains America's constantly alert force of intercontinental missiles and jet bombers.

A graduate of Central High School, he received his B. S. degree in education in 1965 from The Citadel, Charleston, S. C., where he was commissioned upon completion of the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

Bit Of Room Left At West, North

Parents of a few pupils of Kings Mountain schools, their children, initially denied first choice of school due to indicated over-loading, have been notified a few more pupils may be enrolled at West and a few in the 6th grade at North School.

Replies as to whether the parents desire transfers have been asked by Friday, Superintendent B. N. Barnes reported.

Presbytery

Kings Mountain Presbytery will convene for the fall session at Lincoln's First Presbyterian church Tuesday, Dr. Paul Ausley, Moderator, pastor of First Presbyterian church, will attend the meeting.

City To Ask Bids For October 11 On Public Improvements Projects

The city commission Tuesday night voted to advertise for bids on two public improvements projects and authorized the city engineer to prepare plans for a third.

Bids will be sought until October 11 on both a one and two million gallon capacity water tank. The city presently has a 500,000 gallon capacity tank which was constructed in the twenties in the budget this year is a \$100,000 appropriation for the new tank.

At 6:30 the evening of October 11 the commission will also open bids for a garbage packet and container system for refuse collection in the downtown area, Cleveland, King and York road sections of the city.

Child's Day Thursday At Bethware

Three days remain of the 19th annual Bethware Community Fair which opened Wednesday on the grounds of Bethware school Thursday (today) is Children's Day and midway rides will feature a reduction in prices until 6 p.m., according to announcements by Bethware Progressive club officials.

Mid-afternoon rain threatened to mar the opening night of the agricultural fair but Fair officials were predicting that attendance all weekend would be even more than last year when record crowds flocked to the fair to see exhibits from farm and home.

Judging in the several exhibit halls will be completed Thursday and cash prizes await exhibitors. The Women's department of the fair and the horticulture department were again attracting much interest and President Mearl Scism said that this edition of the No. 4 Township Fair reflects the changes and improvements in the area's ever-advancing agricultural, commercial and industrial fields.

The Fair opens at 3 p.m. Friday and at 1 p.m. on Saturday, closing at midnight.

There is no admission charge to the grounds of the fair. School groups will again operate concession stands, and rides and kiddie attractions are featured along the midway. There are fireworks displays nightly and free drawing for valuable prizes offered by Kings Mountain area merchants.

Duke Coach Harp To Speak At Lions Fete

Duke football Coach Tom Harp will be the guest speaker at the annual Lions Club football banquet to be held at the Kings Mountain Woman's Club on December 13.

The announcement was made at Tuesday night's meeting by football banquet committee chairman George Thomason.

Harp is in his first season as head coach at Duke. He is a 1951 graduate of Muskingum College of New Concord, Ohio, Ohio state champions in 1950 and '51.

Harp comes to Duke from Cornell. He took over as head coach at Cornell in 1961 and coached there through the '65 season when his charges finished fourth in the Ivy League with a 4-3-2 overall record.

The Lions Club annually honors members of the Kings Mountain high school team. Last year's guest speaker was Homer Smith of Davidson College.

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Petitions Filed With City Board Tuesday Night

By MARTIN HARMON

Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company Neisler division and 60 other property owners in the Margrace plant area petitioned the city commission Tuesday night for annexation in the city.

Al Maino, Mohair general manager, presented the petitions along with supporting copies of tax maps and index data.

Mr. Maino said Wednesday the petitions represent property valued for ad valorem taxes at over a million dollars.

Queried concerning the North Carolina statute requiring property annexed to other governmental agencies to be adjacent and contiguous, Mr. Maino said single petitions, either between Crescent Hill and Mohair property along the Southern Railway tracks (Weir property) and in the area between Crescent Hill in the Phifer road area and other petitioners adjacent to Mohair (Fred Wright, Jr., residence).

"We hope to be able to establish one or preferably both corridors soon," Mr. Maino commented.

At Tuesday night's meeting, Mayor John Henry Moss, on behalf of the commission, received the petitions "for study."

Under state statute, the city has the power to annex adjacent areas, minus property owners consent, provided the city has cash-in-hand and/or borrowing authority to provide citizens of the annexed areas all city services within a two-year period. The City of Kings Mountain, however, has followed a policy since 1923 of annexing areas only on petition of property owners effected. Several annexations via petition of owners have been effected since 1945.

Mr. Maino acknowledged several weeks ago his firm had changed its attitude "by 180 degrees" concerning annexation to the city. Principal reason for the change was Mohair's order by the State Stream and Sanitation committee to cut contamination of Beeson's Creek, due to chemical effluent connected with Mohair's dyeing operation, concurrent with the city's plans and voter approval for building a two-million gallon disposal plant to service the western area of the city.

Another consideration, Mr. Maino added, would be lower insurance rates, a benefit of city fire protection.

Mayor Moss commended Wednesday, "The commission and I have not had time to study the proposal. As I see it from the city's standpoint, it is a matter of figuring. The city obviously would be required, both legally and morally, to provide all services now provided other citizens, some of them quite costly. These costs must be weighed against the potential tax return from the area annexed and other financial benefits to the city, particularly in those areas where city population is a factor."

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City Cash-On-Hand Totals \$424,705

The city's cash balances at August 31, totaled \$424,705, City Clerk Joe N. McDaniel, Jr. reported Tuesday to the board of commissioners.

Included are short-term investments, bearing 5.15 percent interest, totaling \$200,000 at the city's two banks and long term investments at the city's two savings and loan associations, at 4.5 percent interest, totaling \$84,500. Of the latter, \$42,500 are in escrow funds representing utility customer deposits against non-payment of accounts. The cemetery perpetual care fund totaled \$39,000, the community civic center fund \$3,000.

Operating fund bank balances included \$134,529 for all accounts and also \$5,675 for the gas system.