

# THE WAY WE WERE

35 Years Ago In Kings Mountain  
•Taking A Stroll Down Memory Lane•

Section B

**DIXIE**  
Family Theatre  
... WIDE SCREEN ...  
Friday - Saturday  
Double Feature  
UNIVERSAL INTERNATIONAL  
PRESENTS  
**RONALD REAGAN**  
**LAW AND ORDER**  
COLOR BY TECHNICOLOR  
DOROTHY MALONE - PRESTON FOSTER - ALEX NICOL  
and starring RITA HAMPSON - CHINA CLARK in "WILLOW & WENDY"

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**Population**

Greater Kings Mountain	10,320
City Limits	7,206

The 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 1950.

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### Cleveland County Fair Opens Next Tuesday For 32nd Year

#### Local News Bulletins

**HOSPITALIZED**  
Mrs. Jacob P. Mauney is a patient at Gaston Memorial hospital. She was reported improving Wednesday by members of her family.

**GRANTHAM BETTER**  
City Commissioner W. G. Grantham who underwent an appendectomy at Kings Mountain hospital last weekend was reported improving satisfactorily on Wednesday.

**JOINS PLONK'S**  
Arthur Walker, well-known Kings Mountain man, has joined Plonk Brothers & Company as salesman in the men's department. He replaces Don Bumgardner who resigned to enroll as a student at Western Carolina college.

**KIWANIS MEETING**  
Members of Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club will hold their regular meeting Thursday at 6:45 p. m. at Masonic Hall dining room. Coach Everette (Shu) Carillon will be guest speaker of the evening.

**MOOSE MEETING**  
The regular meeting of Moose Lodge No. 1748 will be held Thursday night at the lodge on Bessemer city road.

**JAYCEE MEETING**  
Members of Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will hold their regular meeting Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at Masonic dining hall.

#### Mrs. Cline's Will Is Probated

The will of Mrs. Sarah Isenhower Cline, who died April 20, 1949, was recently probated in the office of Clerk of Court E. A. Houser.

The will, dated September 19, 1942, was found among the personal papers of her husband, A. E. Cline, after Mr. Cline's recent death.

Mrs. Cline had directed that all her properties "kept everything that belongs to me as long as he wants it".

Subsequently, she bequeathed to her sister, Mrs. Anna Isenhower Mauney and her family certain stock in a hosiery mill, and further directed that her real estate be sold with the residue to be divided equally between all her nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Cline further directed: "If I have anything personal that the children want, I want Anna's children to have first choice. I want them to have the things they gave me. Last but not least, I want my clothes given to the needy, all the family does not want. This is written leaving more love than anything else."

Dr. Jacob P. Mauney, a nephew, qualified as executor of Mrs. Cline's will.

#### New School Plans Approval Is Near

The city board of school trustees may meet Friday to formally approve architect plans for the new North elementary school and to adopt a resolution advertising for bids on the 14-room plant.

B. N. Barnes, superintendent of city schools, said the plans have been fully completed by Architect T. W. Cothran and that the Friday meeting would depend on return to the city of Board Chairman A. W. Kincaid.

Currently, individual members of the board are perusing the plans. If the Friday meeting is not held, the formal approval and advertising resolutions would likely be taken at the Monday night regular meeting of the board, Mr. Barnes added.

Mr. Barnes said the board seeks earliest possible letting of contracts in order to assure use of the new plant by opening of the 1956-57 school term.

#### Premiums Up, Entertainment To Be Broadened

Cleveland County's 32nd annual fair will open for its five-day run next Tuesday, again featuring new attractions designed to make it the largest and most varied fair in the world.

At the helm of the big, sprawling operation is Dr. J. S. Dorton, who is predicting that attendance for the 1955 event will break all previous records, barring unforeseen bad weather.

As is customary, school children from Cleveland and surrounding counties will get a free admission ticket for particular days of the fair. Cleveland county school day will be next Tuesday, Kings Mountain school day will be on Friday, September 23. Tickets will be distributed through the schools and in Kings Mountain, September 23 will be the usual fair half-holiday, school officials have announced.

**FAIR TICKETS**  
Grandstand tickets, both general admission and reserved seats, are available here at Kings Mountain Jaycees who are using The Appliance Center, S. Battleground avenue, as ticket sales office. Reserved seats for the grandstand performances vary from \$1.50 to \$2, depending on the admission for particular performances, while general admission seats are priced at \$1, Jaycee President Bill Jonas announced.

Among the feature attractions of the fair will be the George A. Hamid events at the grandstand, including ice varieties of 1955, scheduled each evening at 8 p. m., a performance by Irish Horan's Lucky Hell Drivers, on Tuesday evening at 10 p. m. and Jack Kochman's Lucky Dogs, to be seen at 10 p. m. Thursday, September 22.

Back for another year will be the World's Championship Rodeo, to be given each afternoon except Saturday, September 23, when the big car races are held featuring drivers who customarily compete at the famed Indianapolis Memorial Day "500."

The James E. Strates' mile-long midway will furnish the carnival this year boasting new attractions and intricate riding devices designed to thrill and chill young and old.

Competition among fair exhibitors is expected to be keener ever, with premium money upped to \$15,000.

The Rev. John W. Suttle, affectionately known to Clevelanders as "The Little Preacher", and who has for over 65 years served as a country preacher in this county, will be honored Thursday evening, September 22. Rev. Mr. Suttle was first to direct the Fair's Poultry department and for the 32nd year has been the Fair's unofficial chaplain and "greeter," having attended more regularly than any officer or director.

**METER RECEIPTS**  
City parking meter receipts total \$153.39 for the week ending Wednesday, September 14, reports Miss Grace Carpenter of the city clerk's office.



**SHRINERS GREET HIGH OFFICIALS** — Kings Mountain Shriners turned out in force last Saturday morning to greet two visiting Shrine delegations, the uniformed Divan and the Oasis Temple band. Standing, left to right, are T. W. Grayson, Denver King, Fred Wright, Jr., N. F. McGill, E. W. Griffin, Paul A. Jones, of Winston-Salem, Potentate of the North Carolina Shrine; Sam Collins, D. L. Saunders, Mayor Glee A. Bridges, George W. Mauney and J. Lee Roberts, kneeling at front are J. H. Thomson, S. Casper Chandler, of Charlotte, Shrine Recorder, and John Smathers. (Herald photo by Foye Meacham.)

#### Bobby Early Cops Spelling Contest

Bobby Early, a 14-year-old West school eighth grader who says he wants to be a Methodist missionary to Africa, won the Charlotte Observer's five-county area spelling bee last Friday night and will represent the district in the National Spelling Bee at Washington, D. C., on May 16.

Young Early out-stood eleven other candidates who were school champs from Union, Mecklenburg, Lincoln, Gaston, and Cleveland counties.

At Washington, he will compete with 60 other boys and girls in the national contest, with a trip to New York and \$500 cash award awaiting the winner.

Early, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Early, of Kings Mountain, defeated Richard Berryhill of Love's Grove in Lincoln county. Berryhill had stumped his toe on "boisterous". Early successfully spelled that word then copped the championship by reeling off "tempestuous".

The contest was over in 30 minutes.

Early outlined his ambition to be a missionary to Randolph Hancock, Charlotte Observer staff writer here Tuesday. He also said that his chief hobbies are stamp and coin collecting, along with music.

W. R. George, principal of West school and Early's home-room teacher, described him as an excellent student.

Bobby's father, Jake Early, is a former major league catcher for the Washington Senators and is now groundskeeper for the Charlotte Hornets.

#### Jaycees Hold Ladies Night

Installation of new officers and an address by J. Graham Morrison, former Lincoln County farm agent, highlighted the annual ladies' night banquet of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, held at Masonic Hall Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.

William G. (Bill) Jonas was installed as president of the club, succeeding Wilson Griffin. Installing officer was Edgar "Red" Gerhart, North Carolina national director of Williamston, who also installed the following officers:

Clavon Kelly, first vice president; Herbert Mitcham, second vice president; R. G. Plonk, Jr., secretary; Louis Sabetti, treasurer; Delbert Dixon, sergeant-at-arms (Jay Bird); Charles Dixon, William Herndon and Clinton Jolly as two-year directors and Dean Payne, one-year director.

Mr. Morrison kept the overflow crowd of some 100 in stitches, with his wit and humor in an address.

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#### Tax Collection Drive Planned

Tax Supervisor Clarence E. Carpenter said he would begin special efforts, effective October 1, to collect all delinquent personal property taxes for the years 1945 through 1954.

Mr. Carpenter said the collection efforts will include 1) garnishment of wages, 2) attachment of personal property, and 3) other legal means to obtain payment of the delinquent accounts.

He added he may seek permission of the board of commissioners to advertise the names of delinquent taxpayers as other cities have done.

Mr. Carpenter estimated the delinquent personal property taxes total in excess of \$15,000. Urging payment prior to October 1, Mr. Carpenter noted, "At least 95 percent of the city's taxpayers pay their accounts each year and they cannot understand why the remaining five percent are not required to pay their tax bills."

#### Webster Issued Three Permits

Three building permits were issued Monday by Building Inspector J. W. Webster.

A permit was issued to Bonnie Mill, Inc., to erect a one story frame house on Lake street, at an estimated cost of \$2,000.

Mauney Mill, Inc., was issued a permit to erect a building to be used as a warehouse, at an estimated cost of \$30,000.

A permit was issued to Norman Davis to build an addition to his house on Wagon road, at an estimated cost of \$400.

### Morgan Thinks Abandonment Of Public Schools Is Possible



**GROUND BROKEN FOR NEW BUILDING**—Mrs. A. P. Falls, 81, oldest member of Patterson Grove Baptist church is shown with the shovel as ground is broken for the church's new \$50,000 educational building. Other persons participating in the ceremonies are from left to right, Frank Hamrick, Brotherhood president; Mrs. Falls, Crady Sclain, chairman of the board of deacons and of the building fund; Edwin Moore, Sunday school superintendent; Max Futnam, church clerk; and the Rev. J. J. Thornburg, pastor.

#### Senator Assessed Assembly Opinion In Address Here

State Senator Robert Morgan, of Shelby, thinks abandonment of the public school system in North Carolina a distinct possibility if de-segregation is forced "all at once".

Senator Morgan made the statement during a question-answer period following his Tuesday night address to the Kings Mountain Lions club. He noted that the statement was his opinion on what the General Assembly might do and not necessarily an indication of how he, himself, might vote on the question. After the meeting, he remarked he would have to think "a mighty long time" before voting to abandon the public school system, but noted that the temper of Eastern North Carolina opposing de-segregation could swing the issue.

Previously, Senator Morgan had voiced whole-hearted support of Governor Luther Hodges' appeal for continued segregation in the public schools, voluntarily, if not otherwise. The Senator also said he felt the one possible means of continuing North Carolina's historic segregation in the schools is by further equalizing school facilities for Negroes.

Senator Morgan, who was presented by Ollie Harris, as the "Governor's right-hand man", in the 1955 General Assembly, said the Assembly had been castigating as a "cap pistol" legislature and praised as "one in high accomplishment".

"You be the judge," he invited, then reviewed major legislation passed by the Assembly. He noted that the sales tax changes were indeed "scatter shots" in an effort to obtain required revenue and suggested that the whole revenue act needs to be re-considered to remove inequities. He referred to his support of additional taxes on luxuries (tobacco, beer, whiskey) rather than on necessities and said his feelings are the same in spite of the fact "we were beaten and outvoted."

He explained the changes in the school laws which returned much authority to local boards and pointed out that 70 cents of the general fund tax dollar is expended for education, aggregating about \$140 millions per year. Of that total, 80 percent goes for public schools and the remainder for state-supported colleges and universities. He offered the opinion that the recently appointed commission on higher education would be beneficial in eliminating duplication of courses and thereby result in more education for less money.

Senator Morgan offered the opinion that Cleveland County's total state tax bill will not be greater during the next two years, with raw cuts on government machinery balancing some of the new taxes.

In the question-answer session, he praised the action of the legislature in tightening rules governing health-and-accident insurance and decried the new laws covering procedures for dispensing certain drugs and barbiturates.

George Thomasson reported the Jaycee-Lions softball benefit a financial success and Jacob Cooper presented a membership certificate to F. A. (Pete) McDaniel, Jr.

#### Gas Line "Overage" Bills Being Mailed

The city natural gas department was busy mailing statements Wednesday to citizens for installation fees on natural gas lines.

Assistant City Clerk Joe McDaniel said majority of the bills are for "overage" extensions on original gas taps bought by citizens at \$10 each. He noted that the original contract specified that the \$10 covered the tap fee plus line extension on the citizen's property of 75 feet, with additional footage to be paid for at 50 cents per foot.

Currently, the tap fee is \$30 and provides a 60-foot gas line, with additional footage at 50 cents per foot.

### Bethware Fair Is Underway, Continues Through Saturday

#### Record Crowds Are Expected At Bethware

Bethware Community opened the gates of its eighth annual fair Wednesday at 1 p. m. Opening day was designated as children's day and a host of youngsters were on hand to take part in games and contests that were arranged for them.

Myers Hambricht, manager of the fair, has said that the largest crowd in the history of the fair is expected to attend this year.

A full schedule of events has been lined up for the four day event. Many exhibits have been set up to take care of the large numbers of persons entering in the competition for prizes.

Thursday the fair will open at 1 p. m. for the judging of all exhibits and in all other departments. The midway, with its shows and rides, will be in full swing, and drawings for prizes will be held at 9:30 p. m. Immediately following the drawings, fireworks will be displayed.

Friday's schedule includes special events and the regular drawings for prizes with fireworks to follow.

Saturday, the fair will open at 1 p. m. and remain open until midnight. Drawings and fireworks will be displayed at 9:30, and the shows and rides will be offered as other entertainment.

Premium lists telling of the various departments open for competition are available from Mr. Hambricht.

This annual event is sponsored each year by the Bethware Progressive club.



**ELECTED** — E. S. Peeler, Jr., has been elected to the presidency of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club for the year beginning in January. He will succeed J. C. Bridges.

#### Kiwanis Elects Peeler President

The Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club elected new officers and directors at its meeting last Thursday night.

Sonny Peeler was named to head the club as its president in 1956. He will succeed J. C. Bridges as president of the organization.

Other officers and directors elected were Harold Coggin, first vice-president; John C. Smathers, second vice-president and program chairman; and Ben H. Bridges, James E. Herndon, Jr., Richard S. Lennon, Joe N. McClure, Fleete McCurdy, Joe A. Neisler, Jr., and William L. Pressly, directors.

These new officials will take office in January 1956 to serve for one year.

A secretary and treasurer will be named by the board of directors at a called meeting, which will probably be held Thursday night.

#### Firemen Answered Two Fire Alarms

Firemen answered two calls this week, according to a report of Ted Gamble, fireman.

Monday, firemen extinguished a blaze which had ignited curtains and window shades at the Camp residence on Canler St. Wednesday, September 7, firemen were called to the residence of W. E. Herd, of Cleveland ave., to extinguish a car blaze. Damage to the car was reported to have been extensive.

#### Woman's Club To Hold Book Fair Here Next Wednesday, Thursday

The Kings Mountain Woman's Club will hold its first Book Fair next Wednesday and Thursday, September 21 and 22, with a showing of 3500 volumes from Straghan's Book Store, of Greensboro.

Mrs. W. L. Mauney, chairman of the project, issued an invitation to all Kings Mountain citizens to attend the book fair and to purchase whatever books they find desirable.

Mrs. Mauney said all types of books will be displayed, including best-selling fiction, children's books, biography, historical works and other types.

No admission will be charged. The event will be conducted from 10 a. m. to 9 p. m. on both Wednesday and Thursday.

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