

The Way We Were

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31 Years Ago In Kings Mountain

• Taking A Stroll Down Memory Lane •

Thursday,
Oct. 18,
1990

Population

Greater Kings Mountain	21,914
City Limits (1966 Census)	8,256
City Limits (Estimate 1968)	9,300

The Greater Kings Mountain figure is derived from the special United States Bureau of the Census report of January 1966, and includes the 14,559 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,124 from Number 5 Township, the "County and Crowder" Mountains Township in Gaston County.

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PRICE TEN CENTS

City Office Elective Terms May Be Lengthened, Staggered

Local News Bulletins

BUILDING PERMIT

City Inspector J. W. Webster issued a permit Wednesday to H. E. Lynch to alter a 2-story frame house on Cherokee St. Estimated cost of remodeling of the six room residence is \$3,000.

MEETING

Members of the board of directors of the Junior Chamber of Commerce will meet at the office of George Thomason, president, Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

CAKE SALE

Circles 4 and 6 of Central Methodist church will conduct a cake sale Saturday morning at Fife's Shoe Service, beginning at 9 a. m.

KIWANIS MEETING

Members of the Kiwanis Club will hear a program on Alcoholics Anonymous at their Thursday night meeting at the Kiwanis club. The local organization is sponsoring the out-of-town speaker. The club convenes at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's club.

CITY TAG SALES

A total of 646 city auto license tags had been sold through Tuesday, City Clerk Joe McDaniel reported. The tags are on sale at the city clerk's office, at the tax listing office, and in the police station. They cost \$1 each.

ATTEND MEETING

Cameron Ware, Lamar Herndon and Myers Hembright, of the Bethune Progressive Club, attended the annual meeting of the North Carolina Fair association held in Durham last week end.

TO INSTITUTE

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Harmon will go to Chapel Hill Thursday where they will attend the annual mid-winter North Carolina Press Institute sponsored by the University of North Carolina, Duke University and the state press association.

P-TA MEETING

Sam Stalling will present the program, "Maturity Through Guidance" at the Monday night meeting of West P-TA at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium. Baby sitter service is available and parents may bring their children with them, a spokesman said.

ON DEAN'S LIST

Four Kings Mountain students qualified for the honor roll at Appalachian State Teacher's college for the fall quarter. They include Mrs. Hilda B. Goforth, Dean B. Westmoreland, James R. Layton, and Martha Ann Baker.

P-TA MEETING

Ben F. Moorman, superintendent at Kings Mountain National Military Park, will show slides featuring the Battle of Kings Mountain at Monday's Park Grace P-TA meeting. The group meets at 7 p. m. in the school auditorium.

NO FIRES

City firemen report they have had no calls since January 12.

Credit Union Pays Dividend

Margrace Employees Credit union declared a five percent dividend at the annual meeting held last Saturday.

The dividend total paid to members on the basis of \$5 as one share totaled \$4,573.35, President Hugh D. Ormand said.

Directors elected at the annual meeting were Mr. Ormand, F. W. Davis, Luther Cansler, R. W. Plonk, Hubert Davidson, J. W. Gamble, and J. C. Arnette. Mr. Davis was elected vice-president and Mr. Cansler, secretary.

Assets at December 31 totaled \$126,241, including loans of \$76,981, cash of \$22,000, savings and loan association shares of \$25,000, and other assets of \$2,179.

Liabilities included \$108,874 in share deposits, reserves of \$11,419 and undivided earnings of \$5,948.

Herndon Funeral Rites Thursday

Businessman, Former Mayor Dies Tuesday

Funeral rites for James E. Herndon, Sr., 65, will be held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

Mr. Herndon, four times a Kings Mountain mayor and prominent Kings Mountain businessman, died at 11:30 Tuesday night at Presbyterian hospital in Charlotte. He had been ill four months.

CITY OFFICES CLOSED
Offices at City Hall will be closed Thursday afternoon during the funeral of J. E. Herndon, former mayor, it was announced by Mayor Glee A. Bridges.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that gifts be made to the St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Memorial Fund or to the American Cancer Society.

A Kings Mountain native, Mr. Herndon was a son of the late George C. and Eliza Bird Herndon. He had lived here for the past 32 years. Mr. Herndon, a one-time claim agent for Southern Railway Company, was founder and president of J. E. Herndon Company, brokers in textile by-products.

Mr. Herndon served as mayor from 1933-39 and from 1949-51. It was during his thirties administrations that the present City Hall was built and the overhead bridge at King street and Battle-ground avenue was constructed.

A veteran of World War I, Mr. Herndon was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, Past Master of Fairview Lodge A.F. & A.M., a Shriner, and Kiwanian.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Virginia Mauney Herndon, two sons, James E. Herndon, Jr., and William M. Herndon, both of Kings Mountain, two brothers, M. Elmer Herndon, Charlotte, and G. Bird Herndon, Columbia, S. C., and four sisters, Mrs. J. O. Black, Baskerville, Va., Mrs. W. P. Black, Union Level, Va., Mrs. C. W. Vick and Mrs. E. W. Gordon, both of South Hill, Va. Four grandchildren also survive. They are William M. Herndon, Jr., James E. Herndon III, Virginia, Gaither Herndon, and Patricia Lou Herndon.

Dr. W. P. Gerberding will conduct the final rites and burial will be in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Savings & Loan Meeting Is Tuesday

Annual meeting of shareholders of Home Savings & Loan Association will be held Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the association offices.

A. H. Patterson, secretary-treasurer, said principal business of the shareholders will be hearing reports of officers on 1958 operations and election of directors for the coming year.

LIONS MEETING

Regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Lions club will be held Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at the Woman's Club. The program is being arranged by George H. Houser.

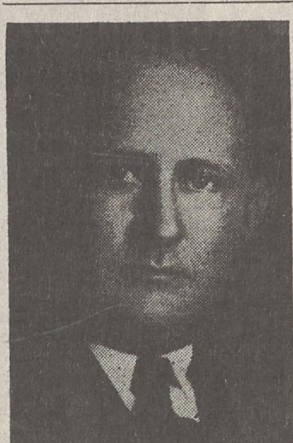
Town of Grover Almost Named Boaz, Octogenarian Hambright Recalls

BY ELIZABETH STEWART
"We're living in the good old days now," Ross Hambright, 85, believes.

Mr. Hambright was reminiscing on early history and growth of the Grover community to a group of Kings Mountain and Grover young people at Shiloh Presbyterian church Sunday night.

Of particular interest was his account of the naming of the town of Grover when the postoffice (then located in Whitaker, S. C.) was moved across the state line to North Carolina and subsequently named Grover during the administration of President Grover Cleveland (1885-1889 and 1893-97).

"This town (speaking of Grover) almost became the Town of Boaz," Mr. Hambright pointed out. He said the Masons had sug-



SUCCESSORS — J. E. Herndon, Sr., businessman and former Kings Mountain mayor, died Tuesday night in a Charlotte hospital. Final rites will be conducted Thursday afternoon.

Auto-Train Crash Fatal

William Levi Merritt, 38-year-old truck driver, became Kings Mountain's first highway fatality for 1959 Monday night.

Mr. Merritt was killed instantly at 11:15 p. m. when his car, a 1955 model Ford, smashed into the side of a freight train backing across N. C. 216 at the Superior Stone crossing just inside the city limits.

City Police Officers William Roper and Paul Sanders who investigated said Merritt apparently did not see Southern Freight train No. 52 across the highway as he headed north on N. C. 216 toward his home on Landing street.

Funeral rites for the accident victim were held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 from Antioch Baptist church in Bryson City, Tennessee.

A native of Knoxville, Tennessee, Merritt was a son of the late Simpson Merritt and Mrs. Dove Thompson who survives. He was a driver for Aker Motor Lines.

He is survived by his wife, Norma Wiggins Merritt; a son, William Merritt, Jr., two daughters, Wanda Ann and Linda Carol Merritt; two sisters, Mrs. Jeff Isenhour, Hickory, Mrs. Fester Nations, Bryson City, one brother, Lawrence Merritt, Kings Mountain, and one half-brother, Edward Thompson, of Bryson City, Tennessee.

Road Bid Total Over Million

Low bids for structures and grading of the 9.13 mile section of Interstate 85 from the South Carolina state line to a point near the present convergence of U. S. 29 and 74 totaled over a million dollars.

The State Highway commission opened the bids Tuesday and reported these low bids: Roadway, William B. Dillard Construction Company, Rutherford, \$691,336.

Structures, Crowder Construction Company, Charlotte, 363,290. The commission convenes Thursday to let bids.

Training Course Series Launched

A training course series on church membership was launched Wednesday night at First Presbyterian church.

The course, to be conducted on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 by the pastor, Dr. Paul K. Ausley, will include history on the Presbyterian church, its doctrine, functions and responsibilities.

TO RALEIGH
Mrs. Aubrey Mauney and Mrs. Margaret Goforth went to Raleigh Wednesday where they attended a meeting of the board of directors of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Mauney addressed the group on "International Clubs."

Dr. Adams and his wife have an infant child.

Mrs. Pollock Resigns City Faculty Post

The city board of education discussed without action Monday night the report of an appraisal board which valued properties the education board requires to make an addition to West School.

With two members, Dr. P. G. Padgett and A. W. Kincaid absent, the board declined to take action on the appraisal report.

The appraisal team had assigned an aggregate value to the four properties of \$7894.

Pending obtaining the property, the board has stated it will construct a three-room addition to the West plant.

In other actions, the board: 1) accepted the resignation of Mrs. T. A. Pollock, sixth grade teacher at Central, and elected Miss Rosa Lee Carlyle, who will graduate Saturday at Lenoir-Rhyne college, to replace Mrs. Pollock. Miss Carlyle is a Gardner-Webb college graduate and has taught in Cleveland and Rutherford county schools. Miss Carlyle will begin her duties Monday.

2) Appropriated \$2100 to school bands for instrument repair and replacement, with \$1500 to the Kings Mountain school band and \$600 to the Davidson school band.

3) Voted to deposit \$10,000 of the school's capital outlay fund at Home Savings & Loan Association.

4) Heard a report from Supt. B. N. Barnes showing the schools have collected \$2,135 in dividends from savings and loan investments and that end of year totals were \$67,000 at Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association and \$62,000 at Home Savings & Loan association.

Wrecker Call Check Ordered

A city commission committee is checking on the method, if any, by which city policemen summon wrecker service.

Lawrence Putnam, of Putnam Brothers Garage, had told the board he felt the policemen should share the calls on a regular rotating basis.

Board members said they didn't know whether the policemen have a policy and suggested that it would be the owner of a wrecked car who could specify particular wrecker service.

The committee to investigate included Mayor Glee Bridges, Chief of Police Martin Ware, and Comm. Coleman Stroupe.

Jim Reichert, of Victory Chevrolet Company, later commented that Putnam Brothers use a radio receiver "presumably to monitor police calls."

The board: 1) Approved petition to install curb and gutter on Parker street, from Gaston to Deal.

2) Reopened from residential to business area a 50-foot lot on Broad street and from residential to neighborhood trading area a 50-foot lot in the 300 block of N. Gaston street.

3) Approved transfer of a tax franchise from Coley Freeman to Weldon (Smug) Morris and reported these low bids: Roadway, William B. Dillard Construction Company, Rutherford, \$691,336.

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Citizens Are Paying Assessments For Streets; Current Balance Low

Kings Mountain citizens are paying their street improvements assessments.

This fact was apparent in the report last week by City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., who told the board of commissioners that street assessments outstanding totaled only \$4,194.25, including \$1471.35 confirmed by the board of commissioners on January 14.

The low total outstanding is not due to lack of assessments. At June 30, 1957, the unpaid assessment total was \$9,294. Since that date, assessments for more street work totaled \$40,937. Thus, in a period of slightly more than 18 months, property owners have

paid assessments totaling about \$46,000.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges credits the much-improved payment rate situation to two factors: 1) a adoption of the cash basis for street improvements, and 2) a vigorous collection policy.

Contrary to the former method, when citizens were allowed three years from confirmation date to pay their assessments, petitioners for street improvements agree to pay their portion of the cost on completion of the work. Majority now pay prior to advertising of a public hearing on the confirmation.

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JAYCEES PRESENT AWARD — B. F. Maner, pictured at right, is shown receiving from Grady Howard, left, the "Young Man of the Year" award for 1958 as Jaycee President George Thomason looks on. Mr. Maner was presented the distinguished service award as a highlight of the Bosses' Night banquet Tuesday of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. (Photo by Paul Lemmons, Shelby Star)

Maner Is Winner Of DSA Award



GROVER PHYSICIAN — Dr. Charles Adams will begin the practice of medicine in Grover in the near future. He will become the community's first resident doctor since 1935.

Grover To Get Resident Doctor

Dr. Charles Adams, now completing an internship at Cone Memorial hospital, Greensboro, will begin the practice of medicine in Grover in the near future.

Dr. Adams' decision to establish his practice at Grover culminates a long effort by Grover citizens to obtain a medical doctor. An office building will be constructed for Dr. Adams and efforts are underway to obtain drug store facilities.

Dr. Adams is a native of Glenville, W. Va., and graduated from Glenville State college. He holds a masters of arts degree from University of West Virginia and a medical degree from the University of Virginia. He served with a surgical research team in Korea and subsequently at Walter Reed hospital, Bethesda, Md.

Grover has not had a resident physician since the retirement of the late Dr. George Oates. Rev. Trent Howell, who spearheaded the effort to obtain a physician, said it had been about 20 years since Dr. Oates retired. Since that time Dr. E. V. Moore, of Shelby, Dr. T. A. Campbell, Jr. of Blacksburg, S. C., and Dr. Robert Jones, of Shelby, have maintained part-time office hours in Grover, but it has been about two years since Dr. Jones discontinued the service.

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Insurance Man Fifth Citizen To Win Honor

B. F. Maner, Kings Mountain insurance man, is "Young Man of the Year" for 1958.

Presentation of the distinguished service award to Mr. Maner was a highlight of the Bosses' Night banquet Tuesday of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Cited for outstanding community achievement by a committee of prominent citizens over 35, Mr. Maner is the fifth winner of the Jaycees' Distinguished Service award in Kings Mountain.

"I've found my roots in this community," the recipient said in accepting the handsome DSA plaque from Grady Howard, a ward winner in 1955. Mr. Howard commended Mr. Maner for his numerous church, civic, and community activities during the past year and for his interest and promotion of the Little League baseball program.

Virgil Weathers, Shelby Insurance man, challenged the Jaycees to "preserve those freedoms of friendship, worship, speech and choice of profession which he pointed out are enjoyed by all Americans and not enough appreciated."

He continued, "We should have that attitude St. Francis was speaking of when he said to seek to console, to understand, and to love—because in giving one receives, in pardoning one is pardoned, and in dying one is born to everlasting life." "We should feel," he added, "that

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Hedden Joining Fibre Glass Firm

Joe Hedden, personnel manager of Best Bakeries, Inc., Shelby plant, has accepted a position in the personnel department of Carolina Fibre Glass Company, the Pittsburgh Plate Glass subsidiary which will soon begin production.

Mr. Hedden will assume his new duties Monday.

A Kings Mountain citizen, Mr. Hedden for 12 years was city schools band director. He resigned from the city faculty to join Best Bakeries more than 18 months ago. He is a graduate of Western Carolina College and holds a master's degree from Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn. He is a navy veteran of World War II and a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

Mrs. Hedden is the former Frances Crouse. The Heddens live in Crescent Hill.

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Committee Now At Work On Proposal

The city board of commissioners is considering seeking a city charter amendment which would result in election of the mayor and city commissioners to four-year terms.

If the plan is adopted, a staggered term arrangement, similar to Shelby's, would be employed, with the mayor and two commissioners elected at the end of one biennium and three commissioners at the end of the next biennium.

To effect the change, legislation would be required by the North Carolina General Assembly, which convenes February 3.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges said he thought terms of office should be staggered and commissioners also commented in favor of the change. Subsequently, the commissioners voted to authorize the Mayor to appoint a committee to investigate the idea and to file a report with the board.

Mayor Bridges named to the committee Comms. Ben H. Bridges and Boyce Gault, City Clerk Joe McDaniel, and City Attorney J. R. Davis. The committee met Wednesday afternoon.

Should the General Assembly enact the change proposal in time for the forthcoming May 1959 election it would be 1961 before the new arrangement becomes fully operative. One group would be elected in May for two years, the other for four year terms.

The mechanics on which offices would be filled for the short term and which for the long term were discussed only informally at the January 21 board session. One commissioner suggested commissioners obtaining highest vote totals might take the four-year terms.

Should the commission seek the change, the county's legislative representative, Sen. Robert Morgan and Rep. Jack Palmer, would be requested to introduce a charter amendment in the General Assembly and obtain enactment.

Concurrent with the staggered term proposal, City Clerk McDaniel had suggested that the taking of office of new candidates be delayed to June 30, last day of the fiscal year, rather than two days following the biennial election. He agreed that adoption of the staggered term of four years would minimize necessity for the change of date in seating newly elected officials. Mr. McDaniel said budget work is already well underway by the time a new commission is seated and that the change would facilitate city office budget work.

City Attorney Davis objected that a later office-seating date would create a "lame duck" situation, and he expressed doubts that a lame duck commissioner would take much interest in the work of the city.

Hal Haynes, 33, Dies In Florida

Hal Reed Haynes, 33, former Kings Mountain resident, died at Tampa, Fla., General Hospital Tuesday.

The body has been shipped to Harris Funeral Home, where funeral rites will probably be held Friday afternoon.

A native of Lincoln county, he was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William C. Haynes.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ruth Shylte Haynes, a son, Rocky Haynes, both of Kings Mountain; four brothers, Russell Haynes, Hudson, Ernest Haynes, Kannapolis, Rev. Howard Haynes, Wilmington, and Roy Haynes, Kings Mountain; and four sisters, Mrs. Doris Whitesides, Kings Mountain, Mrs. Clyde Dills, Gastonia, Mrs. H. A. Flyer, Pineville, and Mrs. Jack Jenkins, Cherryville.

'58 Blood Report Shows Red Ink

Kings Mountain area citizens showed a 115-pint blood giving deficit for 1958, Bob Maner, Red Cross blood program chairman, said this week.

During 1958, Kings Mountain area citizens gave 261 pints of blood via the Red Cross Bloodmobile.

But citizens required 376 pints of blood during the same period.

Mr. Maner pointed out the deficit and urged a big turnout of blood donors when the Bloodmobile makes its forthcoming February 2 visit to Kings Mountain.

"We're behind and we need to catch up," Mr. Maner commented.

The Bloodmobile will be at the Woman's Club.

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• Grover Industries
• Baco Machinery, Inc.
• City Of Kings Mountain
• Bridges Textiles
• Tultex Yarns
• Parkdale Mills, Inc.

• Anvil Knitwear, Inc.
• Spectrum Dyed Yarns, Inc.
• T & W Textiles Machinery
• Henry Fibers, Inc.
• Arlee Industries, Inc.
• Clevefont Mills

• Dicey Fabrics, Inc.
• Hoechst Celanese
• Preparation Machine Service
• Minette Mills, Inc.
• Stedman Knit Products
• Dixie Yarns, Inc.