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Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,329

City Limits 7,206

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Local News Bulletins

SERVICE SUNDAY

Rev. P. D. Patrick will close the series of services at the Presbyterian church which have emphasized the period of Prayer and Self-Denial Sunday night at 7:30 p. m.

PLANT SALE

Members of the Azalea Garden club are offering for sale daisy plants at one dollar per dozen, a spokesman for the group has announced. Interested persons should contact any member of the club or Mrs. E. R. Guter, project chairman.

VFW MEETING

Kings Mountain post 9611, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will hold a regular business meeting Thursday night at 7:30 p. m. at City Hall, it has been announced.

LIONS TO MEET

Regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Lions Club will be held on Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at the Woman's Club. Program for the meeting has not yet been announced. J. O. Harris, program chairman, said Wednesday he was awaiting confirmation.

ATTEND MEETING

Dr. Robert Baker and Dr. D. F. Hord attended the district dental meeting in Asheville in session Sunday and Monday.

METER TAKE

City parking meters returned \$327.12 for the two weeks ending Wednesday. The total included \$273.34 from on-street meters and \$53.78 from off-street meters. City Clerk Gene Mitcham reported.

222 KILLED

A total of 222 stray dogs were killed in Kings Mountain during the 30-day dog quarantine imposed on No. 4 Township. The quarantine began September 15 and closed October 13.

REVIVAL

Rev. Jeff Chastain, pastor of Bethel church, Gastonia, will begin a revival series Sunday at Gamble Hill Baptist church, according to announcement by Rev. W. P. Bumgardner, pastor. The services will continue through October 26.

P-TA MEETING

Central school P-TA will hold its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the school auditorium. The program will be on safety and will feature an address by Sgt. J. B. Kuykendall, of the State Highway Department.

Yule Parade Plans Mapped

The Kings Mountain Merchants association will stage its annual Christmas opening parade on Dec. 4, Charles Blanton, chairman of the committee on arrangements, said Wednesday. Mr. Blanton said his committee met Tuesday and that it is anticipated a 40-unit parade will be staged.

Plans call for bands, national guard units, community queens, floats and other units. Mr. Blanton said the parade budget is set at \$900. Fund-raising work is scheduled for October 28. Other members of the committee are John Wartick, Ross Alexander and Charles Dixon.

Jaycee Paper Drive Scheduled Sunday

Kings Mountain Jaycees will conduct a scrap paper drive on Sunday.

Members of the civic organization will conduct the pick-up beginning at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. B. F. Maner, spokesman for the club said Wednesday.

"We urge all citizens of the community to notify any Jaycees or leave the paper outside their residences," Mr. Maner said. "All citizens of the community are invited to participate in the drive, it was noted, by having the paper they wish to have collected ready Sunday or by informing Mr. Maner or any member of the sponsoring club on the date they wish the waste paper collected." The paper drive is a project of the local club.

City Contemplates Employing Women Patrolmen

Get Salk Vaccine, Says Dr. Mitchell

307 In Schools Of City Haven't Had Vaccine

A total of 307 city schools pupils have not received any Salk vaccine to immunize them against infantile paralysis, Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, county health officer said Wednesday.

Another 315 of the more than 2000 pupils have either had one or two Salk "shots," but not the complete set of three.

"These children should be immunized and they can get the vaccine for nothing," Dr. Mitchell said. "We and the state have Salk vaccine going begging and, unless it is used, it is going to die on our hands."

Dr. Mitchell explained that anti-polio vaccine has a limited life. He examined the expiration label on the Cleveland County health office supply and noted it will not be usable after January 13.

SALK VACCINE

The county health department begins Round 2 of its Salk vaccine shots for adults next week, offering the vaccine to adults at 75 cents per dose. A team of vaccinators will be at Mauney Hosiery Mills next Tuesday afternoon. At the same time, another health department team will be administering the vaccine at Shiloh Presbyterian church in Grover. Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, county health officer, pointed out that Shot 1 in the three-dose series will be available to any who wishes to start the immunization series.

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The city-owned library operates on a meager budget of funds furnished the room rentals at the teacher and small appropriations from city and county governments. These funds are not sufficient to leave money to buy books, the library committee has pointed out.

All members of the library committee (who serve without pay) have donated to the fund. Dr. Pressly reported.

Donations for the library book fund should be mailed to or handed to Mrs. Charles Dilling, librarian, Dr. Pressly, or any member of the library operating committee. Other members are Haywood E. Lynch, Grady Howard, Mrs. J. N. McClure, Mrs. Hunter Neisler, Mrs. John Chesire and Mrs. Tolly Shuford.

Bethware Opening Set For Monday

With the harvest in, Monday, October 28 8:30 school bell will set the opening of Bethware school for the regular, full-day winter schedule.

Classes will begin at 8:30 a. m. and will run through 3:00 p. m.

The Bethware cafeteria will not be in operation Monday, but will operate thereafter.

Longtime Citizen C. T. Cornwell Logs 80th Birthday Anniversary

By ELIZABETH STEWART

C. T. Cornwell, well-known Kings Mountain citizen, observed his 80th birthday Sunday.

A long-time resident of the community, Mr. Cornwell says he only wishes he could remember things like he used to. "When you get to be 80," he said, "you forget things."

Retired since 1947, Mr. Cornwell attends First Baptist church regularly. He became a mason 55 years ago and has been a Shriner for 34 years.

Prior to 1947, Mr. Cornwell worked as a clothing salesman for Matthews-Belk Company in Gastonia and prior to that time was a traveling salesman for 30 years. Prior to 1922, when he operated a furniture store here, Mr. Cornwell was in business with his brother-in-law in Charlotte in the operation of Turner and Cornwell Furniture company.

Mr. Cornwell said he could recall a number of humorous inci-



DAR CITIZEN—Miss Polly Page, Central high school senior and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Page, has been selected DAR Good Citizen by Kings Mountain's Colonel Frederick Hambricht, chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Book Fund Totals \$433

The appeal for funds to buy books for Jacob S. Mauney Memorial library is bringing a good response, Dr. W. L. Pressly, chairman of the library operating committee reported this week.

A total of \$435 has been received to date Dr. Pressly said.

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Three-Month Gas Sales \$15,967

Sales of the city natural gas department for the first quarter of the fiscal year beginning July 1 totaled \$15,967, while expenses totaled \$10,769.

Report was presented by Gene Mitcham to the city board of commissioners last Thursday night.

The gas system budget anticipated annual sales of \$15,252. Anticipated expenditures are \$76,451.



OCTOGENARIAN—C. T. Cornwell, well-known Kings Mountain citizen, observed his 80th birthday on Sunday.

No Better, No Worse, Horvath Says

"Business is no better but no worse," Ernest Horvath, president of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company said Wednesday.

Mr. Horvath was here conferring with company executives Alfred Maino, general manager of the Neisler Mills Division, Thomas A. Roberts, and others.

Also here was J. W. (Mike) Milam, Neisler division sales manager.

Mr. Horvath said orders are needed, added he hoped results at the upcoming High Point market would be favorable.

Whitener Flays GOP Farm Plan

"The Soil Bank program is immoral and improper and should be stopped as soon as possible," said East Whitener, 11th District Congressman, in addressing the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club last Thursday.

He explained that profiteering had developed from the program, with a few persons cornering the markets in cotton ginning. The ginning industry has dropped from a former 28 plants to four in Cleveland and surrounding counties.

Mr. Whitener said he opposes the huge sums appropriated to foreign aid, reporting that 69.4 billion dollars has been allotted through the years to aid foreign industry. This, he reported, is equivalent to all the money and real property combined in the 17 largest cities in the United States.

People would not appropriate such for themselves here in the United States," Whitener said, stating that these appropriations are destroying the market for American manufactured goods.

"We are destroying ourselves out of jobs to this competition," he contended.

Lamproving appropriations to foreign lands to reduce their national debt to another country, Whitener stated that all other nations' debt combined are not as great as that of the United States. He went on to say that these countries would report they can not pay the interest on former loans and then demand another.

He also said these appropriations were granted in many instances.

The 11th District Congressman took a stand against the amendment of the Agriculture Act by the 84th Congress which provided 100,000 additional acres to cotton growers, bringing the allotment to four acres per farmer.

He said the practice is ruining the cotton industry for farmers who depended on it and had life savings invested in cotton farms.

Mr. Whitener reported he introduced a bill in February to limit 157,000 more acres to cotton farmers, but the Committee on Agriculture voted 16-16 on the bill, thereby tabling it.

He reported that the present allotment program has placed an unjust burden against North Carolina farmers, centering the cotton industry in Arizona and California. Present value of the

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Webb To Join Morgan Mills

R. Halbert Webb, head of dyeing and finishing operations at Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company's Margrace plant here, has tendered his resignation to accept a similar position with Morgan Mills in Laurinburg.

Morgan Mills is constructing currently a new finishing plant, Mr. Webb said.

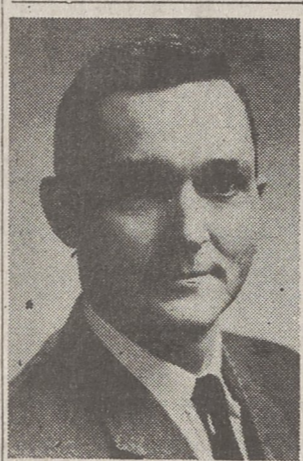
Mr. Webb said his departure date is not yet set, but that he is working a notice and expects to be free to join the Laurinburg firm no later than November 1.

Mr. Webb is a long-time Kings Mountain citizen. He is a native of Concord and came to Kings Mountain in August 1930, when he joined Neisler Mills, Inc.

He and his wife, the former Mary Belle Cannon, expect to move to Laurinburg as soon as housing accommodations can be obtained. A son, Dick Webb, is a graduate student at North Carolina State College.

The Webbs are members of First Presbyterian church. Mr. Webb is a member of the Kiwanis club.

Neisler Enterprises Report 30 Looms Are Now Installed



SURGEON—Dr. George W. Plonk, Kings Mountain native, will return to Kings Mountain early next month for the general practice of surgery here.

Surgeon Plans To Open Office On November 15

Dr. George W. Plonk, general surgeon and Kings Mountain native, will return to Kings Mountain early in November for the practice of surgery.

Dr. Plonk has made arrangements to open offices November 15, in the George W. Mauney building on W. King street, in quarters formerly occupied by Dr. A. W. McMurry and Dr. J. W. Maribson.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence S. Plonk, Dr. Plonk, 38, has been a practicing surgeon in Raleigh, in partnership with Dr. L. Gordon Sinclair, since August 1952.

He was graduated from Kings Mountain high school in 1936 and was awarded the Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry from University of North Carolina in 1940. He spent his first two years in medical school at the university, then won his medical degree at Jefferson Medical college in January 1944.

He served a rotating internship at Lankenau Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa., until October 1944, when he became an army medical corps officer. He remained in the army until January 1947, serving a year on surgical service at Camp Pickett, Va., and another year as a battalion surgeon in Italy. He subsequently spent 23 months in general practice at Murphy, before returning to study for a post-graduate course in surgery at University of Pennsylvania. He subsequently spent three years in surgical residency at Lankenau hospital before going to Raleigh.

In June 1952, Dr. Plonk completed successfully the examination of the American Board of Surgery and in 1954 was elected to membership in the American College of Surgeons.

Proposed Firm Has New Name

Kings Mountain Business Development, Inc. is the new name chosen for a Chamber of Commerce-fostered industrial development corporation for Kings Mountain.

The original choice, Kings Mountain Industrial Development, Inc., was rejected by Secretary of State Thad Eure, due to the fact another corporation with a similar name—Kings Mountain Industries, Inc.—was already registered in North Carolina.

George B. Thomasson, attorney, said Wednesday the new certificate of incorporation is prepared and ready to forward to the Secretary of State for registration and approval.

Under the charter, the business development firm will have authorized stock of \$100,000 with par value of \$10 per share.

The firm will seek to attract industrial companies to Kings Mountain.

Incorporators are J. Wilson Crawford, B. S. Neill, Ben H. Bridges, Jr., W. K. Mauney, and Glee A. Bridges.

New Plant Now Beginning To Make Samples

Neisler Enterprises, Inc., the new Neisler novelty fabric plant in Shelby, has a dozen employees on scene, 30 looms on the floor, and is beginning to make fabric samples.

Paul M. Neisler, Sr., head of the firm, declined to estimate an "in production" date.

He said machinery is still being installed and that the firm, when it gets in production, will employ approximately 100 persons.

Paul M. Neisler, Jr., formerly with Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company here, has joined Neisler Enterprises.

The new plant is located west of Highway 74 near Shelby Radio Station WOHS.

Construction of the new brick-block building is complete, Mr. Neisler said.

Homecoming Set For Friday

Pat Rice, the former Patsy Ledford, will hold the office of Queen of the Homecoming festivities to be held in Kings Mountain Friday, October 18.

Sponsors for senior football players include in the homecoming activity are Phyllis Dean sponsoring Tony Goins; Phyllis Henderson, Bill Herndon; Carolyn Wright, Keith Layton; Paula Johnson, Steve Wells; Maude Owens, Bill Ware; Diane Casler, David Marlowe; Linda Mikel, Vick Smith; Mikie White, Ken Baily; and Jean Hicks sponsoring Jerry Wilson.

These beauties will be only a few of the girls taking part in the annual homecoming parade to be held Friday afternoon at 3:45.

Originating in the Central square parade in the homecoming will wind its way through the business district of Kings Mountain.

Among participants in the parade will be a police escort, color guard, cheerleaders, sponsors, twelve floats and cars, plus other attractions.

Floats will be judged before the parade, a cash prize of \$5 for the best car and float each being donated by the Kings Mountain Merchants Association.

The parade will be followed Friday night with the finale of festivities in City Stadium before the Kings Mountain-Lincolnton football game.

Pat Rice will be crowned queen of Kings Mountain High school principal E. Lawson Brown with Dwight Dixon and Karla Smith, senior class mascots, participating as crown-bearer and flower girl.

Mrs. Mayes, Mr. And Mrs. Cash Cop Top Honors At Floral Fair

By ELIZABETH STEWART

Winning flower show ribbons seems to run in the family at one Kings Mountain household.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Cash won two of three top awards in Wednesday's floral fair of Kings Mountain Woman's club.

It is the 54th annual presentation of "Autumn Harvest," and the event was attracting large crowds.

Mrs. Cash won the sweepstakes award for having the most blue ribbons in the fair. Her blue ribbon winners were all in the arrangements division. Her husband entered an exhibition bloom of dahlias in the horticulture section and his entry topped the tri color seal for the most outstanding entry in that category.

Mrs. Carl Mayes, also a long-time winner in flower shows, won the tri-color seal given to the entry judged most outstanding in the arrangements division. Mrs. Mayes' entry included Mrs. Paul Kincaid, Mrs. Ennis



ASSUMES DUTIES—Rev. and Mrs. Alvin K. Morgan, formerly of High Point, recently moved to Kings Mountain where Mr. Morgan is pastor of East Gold Street Wesleyan Methodist church. Mrs. Morgan is a fifth grade teacher at East school.

Morgan Fills Wesleyan Post

Rev. and Mrs. Alvin K. Morgan recently moved from High Point to Kings Mountain where Mr. Morgan has assumed the pastorate of East Gold Street Wesleyan Methodist church.

Mrs. Morgan is a member of the faculty of East Elementary school.

The minister and his wife came to Kings Mountain from Providence Wesleyan Methodist church in High Point where they were residents for five years. Mr. Morgan replaces Rev. Hoover Smith here. Mr. Smith has accepted the pastorate of a Wesleyan Methodist church in Long Shoals.

Mr. Morgan studied at Central college, Central S. C., received his AB degree from Marion college in Marion, Indiana, and his master of education degree from the University of North Carolina.

Mrs. Morgan, the former Miss Treva Brown, received her degree from High Point college.

City Quarterly Report Is Given

First quarter report of the City of Kings Mountain shows a total of \$239,476.92 collected and \$119,675 expended, indicating collections are normal and that spending is well within the budget.

It was noted by City Clerk Gene Mitcham that revenues are heavier in the first part of the fiscal year, accounting for the bulge in receipts.

At September 30, citizens had paid \$86,049 in taxes against the \$134,277 levy.

Utility receipts totaled \$81,099 against a budget estimate of \$94,000.

The city has received several

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Part-Time School Patrol Duty Being Talked

The city may invite some of its female population to serve on school traffic patrol posts.

Action on employment of women to man school boy patrols was tabled at Thursday night's regular session of the city board of commissioners, as councilmen also delegated another employment question to a committee with a called meeting to be held when the group's work is complete.

The suggestion of employment of women to assist in the traffic program during school hours was brought to the board's attention by Commissioner Luther Bennett who reported that many cities hire women to work at least two hours daily as school traffic patrolwomen.

"Lots of grown ups just don't pay any attention to the youngsters on school patrol duty," Comm. Bennett declared.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges agreed to investigate and discuss with surrounding town officials their methods of school patrol duty and to report his findings to the board.

Otherwise, the board, on recommendation of Mayor Bridges, elected Commissioner Ben H. Bridges a representative of the commission on the board of Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library. The mayor reported the paving program "in high gear" and commented that City Clerk Gene Mitcham's report for the first quarter was "interesting" and "a little early in the year to get a definite picture."

In other actions, the board:

1) Tabled request by the city's radio serviceman for a \$10 increase in pay. The city pays \$50 per month for service on its radio.

2) Voted to replace the traffic light at the corner of West King and Waterson streets with a four-way signal and invited a representative of the board to attend the meeting. Mayor Bridges was to report to the board the decisions made by the board.

3) Discussed the water problem of some citizens on Shelby road, who were to have met Monday night to form an organization for building of a water line. C. E. Blalock, representing the Shelby road residents, met with the board and invited a representative of the board to attend the meeting. Mayor Bridges was to report to the board the decisions made by the board.

4) Instructed the city clerk to have compiled in the tax office an accurate list of delinquent taxes and authorized the tax collector to use whatever means available to collect delinquent taxes and privilege taxes in arrears. They also asked the tax collector to make a report at the next meeting of the commission.

Bloodmobile Here On October 28th

Kings Mountain Red Cross Chapter was some 50 pints short of blood of its quota at the last visit of the Red Cross regional blood collecting unit.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will come to Kings Mountain again on Monday, October 28, and officials are hopeful that more citizens will visit the unit and that more who received blood with no crested cards will furnish replacements at that visit.

During July and August, the record was: 121 pints of blood used, 106 pints of blood collected. At the last visit only 106 pints of blood was collected. The quota at each scheduled visit during the year is 150 pints of blood.

Donors will be processed at Central Methodist church from 11 o'clock a. m. to 5 o'clock p. m.

Format of the one-day show followed that of previous events. Members of the club served both the noon and evening meal, and on display were aprons, other handmade articles, and items in the bazaar section.

List of winners of prizes in the flower division follows: Division 1—Arrangements Section A (Invitation Class)

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