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 City Limits ..... 7,208  
 Trading Area ..... 15,000  
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## SWORD OF GIDEON OPENS SEASON THURSDAY

### Slater Firm Now Building Addition

### Local News Bulletins

**TO SPEAK**  
 Miss Ann Worthy Johnson, Red Cross field representative from the Atlanta regional office, will be at City Hall Monday at 8:00 p. m. to make a talk to Bloodmobile committee members and all other persons interested in the project.

**JAYCEES**  
 The Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the Red Cross Bloodmobile Drive scheduled for July 31. All members are urged to sign as many contributors as possible.

**WOMAN'S CLUB**  
 Mrs. J. M. Cooper is the new house chairman for the Woman's Club succeeding Mrs. I. G. Patterson, retiring president who had been handling the house rental. Persons or organizations wishing to use the club house, on specified occasions may contact Mrs. Cooper at Telephone No. 310.

**LIONS MEETING**  
 Bethany, S. C. AEP church will be host to members of the Kings Mountain Lions club for a picnic supper on Tuesday night at 7:15, according to announcement by W. L. Plonk, program chairman.

**GROCERY SOLD**  
 Buford Ware has purchased the grocery business on Oak Grove Road, formerly operated by Boyles Cash Grocery, Willard Boyles, former owner of the business, has announced.

**UNION SERVICE**  
 Sunday night's union service for five city congregations will be held at Resurrection Lutheran church with James D. Newsome, summer supply pastor at First Presbyterian church, delivering the message at 8 o'clock.

**WOUNDED**  
 Cpl. James E. Lary, son of Mrs. Minnie L. McLain of route 3, has been reported wounded in U. S. casualty list No. 961 from the Korean war front. He is one of eight North Carolinians listed among the Army wounded on the list, and no details of the action in which he was injured were given.

**HOMECOMING**  
 Homecoming will be observed at Grace Methodist church Sunday. A picnic lunch will be served at 12:30 with special singing to begin at 2 o'clock. The public is invited to come and bring well filled baskets, Rev. C. L. Grant, the pastor, said.

**METER RECEIPTS**  
 A total of \$116.11 was collected from the city's parking meters Wednesday morning, according to a report from the city treasurer's office.

**Bridges May Ask \$500,000 Bond Vote**  
 Mayor Glee A. Bridges is informally mentioned a possible bond election again to the city board of commissioners last week, this time indicating he may ask them to call an election on issuance of a half-million dollars for a variety of purposes.

Included in the group of projects the Mayor asked the board to be raising over in their minds was \$100,000 for two swimming pools. Mr. Bridges said he estimated a swimming pool for whites could be built for \$55,000, and that a pool for Negroes could be built for \$35,000.

Other items the Mayor mentioned were sewer and water installations, \$200,000, power line extensions, \$50,000, and street improvements, \$150,000.



**RESIGNS — Rev. Vance Daniel, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church, has resigned effective October 1. He is accepting a new mission pastorate at Decatur, Ga.**

### Daniel Resigns Pastorate Here

Rev. Vance Daniel, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church, has resigned effective October 1, he informed the church council last Thursday evening and the congregation at Sunday morning services.

Rev. Mr. Daniel said he is resigning in order to go to Decatur, Ga., where he will serve as pastor to another mission church.

Mr. Daniel, first pastor of the Resurrection church, helped to organize the Kings Mountain church, Sanford, and Messiah Lutheran church, Salisbury.

During his tenure here, Mr. Daniel has been active in Red Cross work, having served as blood program chairman of the Kings Mountain chapter.

### Clean-Up Week Begins Thursday

### Citizens Asked To Cooperate In Program

The city board of commissioners has designated the forthcoming week — Thursday, July 23 through Thursday, July 30 — as city-wide Clean-Up Week and is asking all citizens to cooperate in improving the sanitation and appearance of the city.

The city is spending about \$250 to \$300 as its part in the clean-up effort to employ an airplane-spraying service to spray all streams flowing through the city. Max Mullis, of York, S. C., has been employed to do the spraying in an effort to rid the city of a seemingly large mosquito and fly population. He will also spray the city dump off York Road.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges, in a statement this week, asked Kings Mountain citizens to cooperate by removing rubbish from their premises, cleaning vacant lots, and spraying insect-breeding spots on their own property. He pointed out that city ordinances require the regular cleaning of vacant lots and added that citizens who cannot otherwise clean their lots may obtain mowing service from the city for approximate cost of \$3.50 per hour.

"To make the city clean-up campaign effective, everyone must cooperate," Mayor Bridges said. "No matter how much effort the city expends, or some individuals expend, the job won't be well-done unless everyone participates.

"There's no reason to prevent Kings Mountain from being the most clean, most healthful community in the whole area."

Mayor Bridges said the police epidemic in nearby counties focuses attention on the need for the clean-up effort here.

### Padgett To Head Blood Program

Dr. P. G. Padgett, Kings Mountain physician, will head the Red Cross chapter blood program as chairman for the year which began July 1.

Announcement of the appointment was made by chapter officials this week.

Hoyle D. (Snooks) McDaniel was appointed public information chairman for the blood program and the chapter and Carl F. Mauney was named blood donor recruitment chairman.

Dr. Padgett succeeds as blood chairman Rev. Vance Daniel.

### Bloodmobile Here July 31st

A bloodmobile visit is scheduled for July 31 at the Woman's Club House on East Mountain street from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m.

"All citizens are urged to come out and give a pint of blood which is sorely needed for our fighting men in Korea and also to be used in conjunction with the gamma globulin campaign which is under way fighting the polio epidemic," Dr. D. G. Padgett, new bloodmobile chairman said yesterday.

All persons who do not have transportation to the blood center can get transportation by calling Plonk Motor Company (138), Victory Chevrolet Company (49), Marlowe's, Inc. (1010) or Dean Buick Company (330).

Names of citizens who have contributed as much as one gallon of blood were given by Snooks McDaniel, new public information chairman. They are Miss Winifred Fulton, Yates Harbison, Furman Wilson, Dr. O. P. Lewis, Troy Wright, Hood Waterson, Dr. D. F. Ford, Lawrence Lovell, David O. McDaniel, and Fletcher Wright.

Several other citizens need only one pint to become members of the gallon club, he added, many of them new citizens who donated at prior residences.

"If there are others whom we have not listed, please contact the Red Cross office and give them your name so the list will be kept complete," Mr. McDaniel said. "Help make this list grow by making your contribution now," he urged.

Mr. McDaniel also pointed out that Kings Mountain hospital used 48 pints of blood for its patients during June.

In addition to supplying whole blood and its derivatives, the Red Cross supplies donors where fresh blood is needed.

"We need local donors right now for Mr. Hutchins, who must have blood less than 12 hours old in order to combat a disease. Persons desiring to have their names placed on the donor roll are invited to contact the Kings Mountain Red Cross office at City Hall," he continued.

Carl F. Mauney, new recruiting chairman, announced that the Junior Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the July 31 visit and urged all citizens to make an appointment with a member of the club or with the Red Cross office to donate a pint of blood.

### Schools Employ Five Teachers

Four new teachers were elected at the regular monthly meeting of Kings Mountain district board of school trustees.

New teachers elected were: Miss Jo Ann Easley, of Greensboro, elementary teacher; Miss Dorothy Hollis Lachmund, of Blacksburg, S. C., high school English.

Mrs. Betty Kendrick, of Ellenboro, primary.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lael Morrison, of Kings Mountain, elementary.

Mrs. Erma W. Thomson, who had considered retiring, was re-elected principal of East school.

The board voted to construct a cafeteria on the southeast corner at West Elementary school and to convert the old cafeteria and kitchen to two classrooms after viewing revised plans for the construction.

Mr. Barnes reported that the state's board of education building planning committee had recommended the changes when he met with the group in Raleigh on July 13.

V. W. Breeze, Shelby architect, and Mr. Holland of his staff, met with the board and presented his revised plans.

In reference to the East Elementary school building plans, Mr. Barnes also reported that the state committee suggested several changes in the plans submitted and that J. L. Beam, Cherryville architect, is at work on a revised plan.

Mr. Barnes also reported all dwellings removed from the construction site of the new Negro elementary school but that the new site had not been fully cleared of dwellings. Contention proceedings against Tom Hunter have not been instituted, he said.

The board is awaiting final plans on the new Negro school prior to letting of bids for the construction.

Chairman A. W. Kincaid presided and Trustees J. R. Davis and Fred W. Plonk were present for the meeting.

### Harmon Property Bid Is Raised

The T. N. Harmon property at the corner of Battleground avenue and Falls street will be re-sold for the third time on August 8, following a raise of the previous high bid to \$7,911.75.

The bidding for the August 8 re-sale will start at that figure, bid made Monday by E. D. Ratterree, Kings Mountain realtor.

M. L. Harmon was the previous high bidder having had the top bid of \$7,535 at the July 11 re-sale.

The sale is officially announced by Martin L. Harmon, Jr., commissioner, in a legal notice appearing in today's edition of the Herald.

### Henry Writes Contractor Walker Curb-and-Gutter Work Won't Pass

Tom Henry, the city's superintendent of publicworks, has notified O. Walker that the curb-and-gutter work on West Gold street is unsatisfactory and has demanded that some of the concrete be re-poured.

Mr. Henry set forth his complaints and demands in a letter dated July 16 and read to the city board of commissioners at their meeting on the same day.

Mr. Henry told the commissioners that J. D. Hord, foreman, had declined completely to accept suggestions when Henry was checking on the construction. Henry said the job showed "sloppy workmanship throughout, that the concrete would crack in winter, and that the job was short on the required concrete yardage."

Mr. Walker was awarded the contract for the curb-and-gutter job on low bid of \$2,104.32 on June 19.

Following is the text of the Henry letter:

"It is with regret that I must take these steps to officially inform you that the curb and gutter installations on Gold st. between Sim's st. and Juniper st. is of very poor workmanship. There are many items that must be corrected to my satisfaction, my being responsible to the taxpayers of the City of Kings Mountain to see that all phases of the work is done as specified. The first prerequisite for harmonious working conditions with any authority is respect for his request. They should be carried out so that they do not have to be made an order. Your representative on this job has not yet learned this after his many years of experience in this line of work. There is not a distance between any two stations of this curb and gutter that will meet the specifications in all respects. There are discrepancies either to thickness, grade, alignment, finish, tooling, curving, testing strength, separation for expansions, driveway width, radi-

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### Board Passes Budget, Sets Poll, Tax Rates

The city board of commissioners held a busy session last Thursday night, as they formally adopted a \$427,302.50 budget, set the tax rate for the current year at \$1.30 per \$100 valuation, and the poll tax at \$2.

No change was made in the budget and tax rate figures adopted tentatively last month.

The board, on suggestion of Building Inspector J. W. Webster, also voted to up the scale of building permit charges, from a maximum of five dollars to \$1 per \$1,000 of building cost, and ordered torn down two shacks at the corner of King and Candler street which had been previously condemned. The derelict shacks are owned by Mrs. Foster Love, of New York.

In other actions, the board voted to buy at \$1,648 an air compressor which it has been using for several months on a rental-purchase option arrangement from North Carolina Equipment Company, and invited bids on motor grader and police car. The board also asked bids on a used Harley Davidson motorcycle which it wishes to sell.

On recommendation of Hunter Allen, superintendent of the power department, the board invited bids on re-placement of power lines from the Duke substation to the city's distribution system. Mr. Allen explained that all the wires were over-loaded and, in addition, were on one pole. He said damage to the particular pole could mean a power blackout for the whole city for several days.

The board also:

- 1) Authorized refund of \$149.52 to Tom Strickland and T. F. Bridges for pipe they purchased to install a water line. The previous administration had made the refund arrangement.
- 2) Voted to join the National Safety council at dues of \$25 per annum.
- 3) Agreed to pay George Patterson, of Shelby, \$32.75 per month for his service in maintaining the city's radio equipment. Mr. Patterson appeared before the board and told the members he could not continue to do the work at \$28.75 per month.
- 4) Referred to City Attorney J. R. Davis for checking a plea of Gus Huffstetler, now a city policeman, that city taxes for several prior years were assessed in error. Mr. Huffstetler claims he lived outside the city limits at the time and that a cab he owned was not subject to the city's property tax.
- 5) Voted to supply power for operating a paper baler to J. C. Clary, provided Mr. Clary guaranteed to use the service for a minimum of one year.
- 6) Cut the pay of Tax Supervisor Clarence E. Carpenter by \$10 per month. Commissioner Harold Phillips, who made the motion, explained that the action was taken to make salaries of all department heads the same at \$325 per month.
- 7) Voted wage increases to certain hourly rated and weekly paid employees, and a raise of \$100 per annum to George Moss, water plant operator.
- 8) Voted regular policeman's pay status to Everett Bridges, police department desk sergeant. Mr. Bridges will receive \$189.50 per month and regular increments based on tenure. He had previously received \$175 per month, with no provision for increases.
- 9) Tabled suggestion of Chief of Police Hugh Logan to up the pay scale of the police department.
- 10) Requested for investigation a tabby by D. C. Mauney that the

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### Battle Drama Cast Ready For Opening



Officials of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre watched the clouds and hoped for drying skies yesterday as they prepared for Thursday's 1953 opening of "Sword of Gideon," the outdoor historical drama commemorating the Battle of Kings Mountain.

Alon Phillips, publicist for the drama, said Wednesday that everything is in readiness for the opening, with ticket sales increasing considerably during the past week.

Mr. Phillips predicted that, with good weather, the opening will attract a capacity audience. Florette Henri's drama is written against the background of the October 7, 1780, Battle of Kings Mountain.

Tickets for "Sword of Gideon" are on sale daily until 5:30 at the Kings Mountain Little Theatre office, 510 E. King street. On performance nights, the boxoffice at the military park amphitheatre opens at 6 o'clock. Admission prices are: reserved seats, \$2; General admission, \$1.20, and children, 60 cents.

Kings Mountain which turned the tide of the Revolutionary War against Great Britain. The story involves as the hero Reece McDermott, a patriot, and a half-breed mountain girl, Sally, intrigue and the continuing rift between neighbors, which included both Tory and Whig, form the drama of the story.

Lead roles are played by R. G. Plonk, Jr., as the rangy McDermott, and Jean Cash, as the pretty Sally. Both are newcomers to the cast.

Nick Moss, of Kings Mountain and New York, is director of the production.

Rehearsals have been underway nightly at the amphitheatre of Kings Mountain National Military park, erected virtually at the site of the famous military engagement.

Performance dates are July 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, and August 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15.

Seventeen Cleveland county men underwent physical examination at the Charlotte induction center Wednesday to determine their fitness for duty in the armed forces.

The Cleveland county board has a call for 15 men for induction on August 3, and a call for 40 men for pre-induction physical examinations on August 17.

### Plonk School Program Sunday

The Plonk School of Creative Arts, of Asheville, will give a program of Bible readings and music at the 11 o'clock service hour on Sunday morning at Resurrection Lutheran church, it was announced this week by the Rev. Vance Daniel, pastor.

The readings will include the Miracles of Jesus Christ, taken from the Gospel of St. Mark. Other readings will be taken from Kahlil Gibran's "Jesus, the Son of Man".

Featured soloist at the program will be Alice Burnette, soprano, who for the past three years has been a student of voice at the Mannes School, New York. Choral selections will include Stanley Dickson's "Thanks Be to God" and "In the Night Christ Came Walking".

The Plonk School was founded, and is operated by, two Kings Mountain natives, Dr. Laura Plonk, who is director of the school, and Dr. Lillian Plonk, assistant director.

### Hospital Board Elects Yelton

Paris Yelton, of Shelby, was elected chairman of the county's hospital board of trustees at the annual organization meeting held at Brackett's Cedar Park on July 15.

C. F. Harry, of Grover, was elected vice-chairman of the board.

Mr. Yelton succeeds C. C. Horn, of Shelby, and Mr. Harry succeeds Hunter Neisler, of Kings Mountain. Both Mr. Horn and Mr. Neisler have completed three-year terms on the board.

C. D. Blanton was re-elected treasurer of the Kings Mountain unit.

### Blackburn Tract Re-Sale August 1

Commissioner's resale of the property of the late W. L. Blackburn has been set for August 1 at 10 a. m. at the site in Grover.

The bidding will begin at \$8,400 on the large block of property, which includes a dwelling and several outbuildings. Resale was necessitated by a five per cent increase of the original bid by J. B. Ellis.

Glenn Roundtree was the high bidder at \$8,000 at the first commissioner's sale.

G. S. Blackburn is the commissioner.

### Third Set Of Twins Born Friday To Woman Of 26 At Hospital Here

A 26-year-old mother gave birth to a third set of twins and her eighth child at Kings Mountain hospital last Friday night.

Mrs. Ray Owens, native of Kings Mountain, now living in McAdenville, and her twin sons were reported "doing fine" by hospital authorities Wednesday morning.

The twins, born about 8:30 Friday night, weighed three pounds each, with Dr. P. G. Padgett as the attending physician.

The former Miss Bonnie Heavner, Mrs. Owens is the daughter of Mrs. Minnie Heavner of Kings Mountain, and the late F. F. Heavner. Her husband, Ray Owens, is a native of Rutherford county.

"Twins are common in both families," Mrs. Owens said.

The Owens' first set of twins, who died shortly after birth, were born in 1947. A second set, girls, were born in 1949. One died 24 hours after birth, but the other, Sherry Lee, was four years old on June 24.

Other children in the family include Baxter Roger, eight, and Kathy Diane, two.

### Merchants Picnic Set For August 12

The annual Kings Mountain Merchants association employer-employee picnic will be held Wednesday, August 12, at Lake Montonia. It was announced this week by Yates Harbison, chairman of the committee on arrangements.

Mr. Harbison said Red Bridges would serve a barbecue dinner, and he suggested that association members and their employees make plans now to attend the annual outing.