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Greater Kings Mountain	10,320
City Limits	7,206
The figure for Greater Kings Mountain is derived from the 1965 Kings Mountain city directory census. The City Limits figure is from the United States census of 1950.	

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## Area Industry Preparing For New \$1 Wage Minimum

### White Will Manage Whitener Congressional Campaign

**Local News Bulletins**

**HOSPITALIZED**  
Harold Phillips, superintendent of Craftsman Yarns, Inc., is in Kings Mountain hospital where he is recuperating after undergoing a minor operation last week.

**MOOSE MEETING**  
Regular meeting of Kings Mountain Moose lodge 1748 will be held at the lodge Thursday night at 8:15 p. m., according to announcement by Curtis Gaffney, secretary.

**GRASS FIRE**  
Kings Mountain Fire department answered a call Tuesday afternoon to extinguish a grass fire on Gaston street, Warren Ellison, city fireman, reported.

**CORRECTION**  
Miss Shirley June Falls, of 307 E. King street, is not the Shirley Falls involved in an accident as reported in last week's Herald. The Miss Falls injured in the accident resides at 221 Waco road.

**HONOR STUDENT**  
Bobbie Bargett, of route 1, Kings Mountain, was one of 195 students making the Dean's List at High Point College during the first semester, according to a report from the college. A student earning a grade average of "B" or better on all courses is admitted to the Dean's List.

**FAIRVIEW LODGE**  
An emergent communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AF & AM for work in the first degree will be held at Masonic Hall Monday night at 7:30 p. m., according to announcement by James Simpson.

**AT CONVENTION**  
J. H. Arthur, superintendent of Superior Stone Company, is in Chicago, Ill., attending a Rock Crushers convention in session there until Friday.

**METER RECEIPTS**  
City Clerk Gene Mitchell reported Wednesday that city parking meter receipts for the week ending noon, Wednesday were incomplete. Mitchell said the key used to unlock the street meters was broken and that a new one had been ordered. However, until the new key arrives, it is impossible to collect the money from street meters. He added that off-street meters returned \$30.87 for the week.

**Childbirth Tough For Rev. Mr. Fritz**

Expectant fathers don't necessarily settle down, even after the baby arrives and it's cigar-passing time.

His parishioners are telling this tale on Rev. Douglas Fritz, Resurrection Lutheran pastor.

Shortly after his newest (and second) arrival, Rev. Mr. Fritz was visiting his wife on a Sunday morning at a Gastonia hospital. He stayed as long as he could before rushing out to return to Kings Mountain and his customary 11 o'clock preaching engagement.

The ministerial auto was rolling along the four-lane strip between Gastonia and Kings Mountain when the minister heard the painful scream of a patrolman's siren.

Embarrassed, the minister presented his license and reported the circumstances. The patrolman grinned, shook the ministerial hand, and said, "Godspeed." No ticket was written.

But that isn't all. At a subsequent meeting of the Ministerial association, Mr. Fritz confers of the cloth were teasing him heartily about another lapse. Mr. Fritz, it was charged, completely forgot, in the excitement of the situation, a radio speaking engagement via WKMT.

**Kings Mountain Lawyer To Push District Effort**

Jack White, Kings Mountain attorney, will manage the 11th district campaign of Basil Whitener.

Announcement was made concurrently here today by the candidate and his manager.

Attorney White, Judge of city recorder's court, is a partner in the law firm of Davis & White. A Wilson native, he attained both undergraduate and law degrees at Wake Forest college and began practicing here in 1951. His wife is the former Dorcas Cline, of Fallston, Cleveland county, Mr. White is a prominent member of First Baptist church.

In commenting on his appointment as district manager for Whitener, Mr. White said, "I welcome the opportunity to aid Basil Whitener in his campaign for the Democratic nomination for 11th district Congressman. Mr. Whitener has made a successful record and has made it the hard way. Son of poor parents, he put himself through school by holding a textile job while attending school. He went on to college and law school by the same method, working in the college dining room during school terms and spending the summer in Gaston textile plants. His long record of activity in Young Democratic and Junior Chamber of Commerce activities, as well as his ability as a lawyer, his excellent record as solicitor of the Gaston-Mecklenburg district, and his long and continuing efforts to improve the lot of the youth of his area, eminently qualify him to represent the district in Congress. In addition, he is a navy veteran and an active Methodist layman.

"We expect to conduct an active, and winning, campaign."

Mr. Whitener said, "It is not necessary for me to say how proud I am to have a young man the caliber of Jack White to manage my campaign for Congress. Mr. White has demonstrated keen ability in the law, and in the courtroom as judge, and in many allied activities as civic and church leader. He is ideal in age, spirit, and qualification to conduct the active campaign we have mapped for the whole seven-county district."



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**Anthony Youth Faces Operation**

The condition of Tony Anthony, seven-year-old Bethware school student, who was struck by an automobile as he disembarked from a school bus some 10 days ago, is reported much improved.

Young Anthony, a patient at Charlotte Memorial Hospital, is said to be scheduled to undergo surgery there Thursday morning. Reports indicate that he had head injuries that have resulted in pressure on the brain. The operation will be performed in an effort to remove this pressure.

Tony, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Anthony, of Shelby road, was struck by an automobile operated by Thomas G. Bowen of Forest City as he crossed the highway from a stopped school bus near his home. Bowen has been charged with failing to stop for a school bus and with reckless driving. He is scheduled to appear in Cleveland Recorder's Court Friday for a hearing.

Relatives of the boy said Wednesday that his doctors are well pleased with his rapid recovery. The lad received no injuries other than the head injuries, the relatives said.

**Boy Scout Fund Now At \$250**

Contributions totaling \$250 have been received in the current Boy Scout fund campaign.

Draze M. Peeler, Kings Mountain district finance chairman, said the contributions have been received entirely from the letter campaign begun last week. In turn, he pointed out that the minimum goal is \$2,000 and he urged citizens who have not yet made contributions to forward them to him.

He added that business and industrial solicitations will be made next week.

**Woman's Club Directs Appeal For Heart Fund**

The Kings Mountain Woman's club will handle a mail solicitation for contributions to the Heart Fund in this area, it was announced today. Mrs. Paul E. Hendricks will serve as chairman.

The drive is part of a nationwide effort to fight heart and blood vessel disease, according to Mrs. Hendricks. "The money will go to speed heart research, which is being conducted here in North Carolina through the North Carolina Heart Association, and on a national level through the American Heart Association, to which the state group is affiliated," said Mrs. Hendricks.

"The problem of heart disease is a staggering one. About ten million Americans are suffering from diseases of the heart or blood vessels, half a million of them children, and every year more people under 65 die of these diseases than from all other causes combined, including accidents." Mrs. Hendricks pointed out that, with a problem of this scope, the most important help to the individual who has or may have heart disease, will come through research.

"At present, 90 percent of the causes of cardio vascular disease are unknown," hence the urgent need for continued research, and causes, better diagnosis, and treatment," Mrs. Hendricks continued.

"Rheumatic fever, the greatest threat to children, can be prevented through use of antibiotics when a child shows symptoms of a strep infection. Another form of heart disease, bacterial endocarditis, may also be prevented through penicillin or other of the modern drugs, it has been found. And new wonders are being performed every day in heart surgery to repair damaged hearts and blood vessels."

"Other uses for donations to the Heart Fund are in the education of physicians to keep them posted on new developments in diagnosis and treatment, and in education of the public on what is known so far about methods of prevention, but our first interest is in promoting the best means of helping the person who now or has or will have heart disease; and that, we believe, is research for new knowledge about the causes of what has grown to be the nation's Number One Killer," she concluded.

Heart fund contributions should be mailed to Dr. Paul E. Hendricks, campaign treasurer, PO Box 829, Dr. Hendricks is a member of the Cleveland County Heart Association.

**Davidson Names Pride Ratterree To Coaching Post**

Pride Ratterree, Kings Mountain native and Wake Forest line coach, will be an assistant football coach at Davidson college next year.

This announcement came to the Herald in a telephone conversation with public relations officials of the Presbyterian school Wednesday morning.

Dr. John R. Cunningham, president of the college, released a statement announcing that Carroll Hambright, assistant football coach and head swimming coach, has resigned effective at the end of the current school year.

Dr. Cunningham said, "Carroll Hambright leaves Davidson with the appreciation of the administration, faculty, and student body. He has proven himself a loyal member of the Davidson family by his many acquaintances. We are very sorry to lose him."

Head Coach Bill Dole said, "Hambright has done a good job at Davidson, and is one of the finest men I have ever known. All of us wish him well. We are very fortunate in being able to replace him with a man of Pride Ratterree's ability and caliber."

Ratterree has served as line coach at Wake Forest for the past two years, but was caught in the change over at the Baptist institution when Paul Amen replaced Tom Rogers as head football coach. Amen has already named his assistants for the coming year, and Ratterree was not among them.

Prior to his Wake Forest position, Ratterree was football coach at Staunton Military Academy and an assistant coach at Lenoir Rhyne college.

Mr. Ratterree is a graduate of Wake Forest and played professional ball with the Chicago Cardinals at one time.

He will assume his duties at Davidson on August 1, 1956.

Hambright, a former Clemson gridiron great, came to Davidson in 1952 in his present position. Prior to this, he was football coach at Greer High School, Greer, S. C., and was also with Charlotte Tech High School during the years 1946-49.

Mr. Hambright did not indicate his future plans.

Ratterree is the son of Mrs. Pride Ratterree, of Kings Mountain.

**Mrs. Hamrick's Rites Thursday**

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She was a charter member of Patterson Grove Baptist church. She and her husband, Oeuphus Hamrick, celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary last year.

Survivors, other than her husband, include five daughters, Mrs. Glee A. Bridges, of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Broadus McGinnis of Cliffside, Miss Mae Hamrick at home, Mrs. Hazel Allen of Shelby, Mrs. Talmadge Beam of Hickory; two sons, David Hamrick of Kings Mountain; and 14 grandchildren.

The Rev. J. J. Thornburg and the Rev. W. T. Furr will officiate. Burial will be in Paterson Grove cemetery. The body will lie in state at the church for 30 minutes prior to services.

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**Merchants Hold Annual Banquet**

A near-capacity crowd of Kings Mountain retail salespeople filled Masonic Dining hall Monday night for the annual Merchants association employee - employer banquet.

They digested a hearty dinner with the aid of a humor-filled address by Sam D. Bundy, Farmville, schoolman, and witnessed installation of officers and directors for 1956-57.

Paul Walker was installed as president, and made a brief talk expressing appreciation for the confidence in him and other officials newly elected, and pledged his best efforts to "further the good record of the association."

Other new officers are Charles H. Dixon, vice-president, and Charles Blanton, Yates Harbison, Menzell Phifer and Ed Tutor, directors. The directors will serve two-year terms. Hold-over directors, with terms expiring in 1957, are Richard Barrette, Jonas Bridges, Bill Jonas, and William Plonk, with Sam Collins, outgoing president, a director ex officio.

Retiring directors were John Lewis, Hubert McGinnis, Martin Harmon, and Dan Weils.

In his report, Mr. Collins, who presided, stated that the association had enjoyed an active and prosperous year, had been able to increase its cash assets, and added that the merchant-sponsor-

**Dixon Area Surveying Preliminary To Major U. S. 29 Improvements**

By MARTIN HARMON

Survey work in the Dixon community recently by a Hickory engineering firm is preliminary to possible construction of a new portion of U. S. 29, including the by-passing of both Charlotte and Gastonia.

This statement was made Wednesday by E. L. Kemper, of Shelby, division highway engineer.

Mr. Kemper told the Herald the road, when and if built, would be a "super-duper inter-state road with no grade connections." When and if it will be built, Mr. Kemper professed not to know, stating that pressure for funds for road-building remains unusually great in spite of record collections of highway fund revenues.

The surveying by the Hickory firm, Rex Miller & Company, was actually being done, Mr. Miller had previously informed the Herald, for Always Engineering, Washington, D. C., which firm had been retained by the State Highway & Public Works commission for an aerial survey.

"Aerial surveys cover a two-mile strip," Mr. Miller said, "and some ground survey work is required in conjunction with it. That's our job."

Mr. Kemper said the survey had no connection with the discussed toll road which some want to see built to link, eventually, with the West Virginia toll road.

Discussing further the U. S. 29 situation, Mr. Kemper said, "There's not much way to improve the Gastonia traffic situation any further without by-passing."

Passage by the federal Congress of the pending highway appropriation bill — which calls for a widely expanded funds for federal — state building of interstate roads — probably would speed the project now being mapped aerially, Mr. Kemper indicated.

"In spite of the great improvements to U. S. 29, both in the Kings Mountain area and elsewhere," Mr. Kemper continued, "U. S. 29 still doesn't come up to interstate road specifications. There are too many grade connections."

## Roberts And Son Give Lot To City District Schools

### Gift Includes 2.15 Acres For North Plant

Kings Mountain city schools received a realty gift Monday night. At the regular monthly meeting held in the superintendent's office, the board accepted a warranty deed for 2.15 acres adjoining the new North Elementary school property from J. Ross Roberts. The lot was given to the schools by Mr. Roberts and his son, Eugene Roberts.

Chairman Arnold W. Kincaid accepted the deed from Mr. Roberts and said in behalf of the board, "We appreciate more than you'll ever know this gift, and the help you and your son have given us in the procurement of land for the construction of the new North Elementary School."

J. R. Roberts present to make the conveyance, replied, "I have always been in favor of our schools."

Other business on the agenda included the passing of a resolution on social security, a routine matter. This resolution okayed locally a previous vote by state school teachers whereby teachers will be covered by social security benefits.

The biggest discussion of the meeting came on the type of floor covering used in the new North School building. The contract, as yet, called for plastic or rubberized tile on the floor, but board members expressed conviction that terrazzo tile, such as is used in postoffices and other public buildings, would provide the "most floor for the money."

After a long discussion of the pros and cons of terrazzo tile, the board voted that bids be taken to determine the additional cost of terrazzo over other types of tile.

One board member said that in his opinion the terrazzo would outlast two or three plastic tile floors, and that the additional cost of the better material shouldn't run over \$1500.

## Truth Still Better Than Fictional Tale

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The old saying "Truth is stranger than fiction" was well-proven here this week.

A 1955 green Ford pick-up truck had been parked on the Dean Buick lot since October, but no eyebrows were raised because motor company officials thought the truck belonged to the City of Kings Mountain.

Meanwhile, police officers checking the lot saw nothing wrong with the truck being parked there, since they thought it was the property of Dean Buick Company.

However, the two organizations got together and found that the truck belonged to neither the city nor Dean Buick.

A hurried check by police officials revealed that the truck had been stolen in Maxton, last October 29, and that no word as to its whereabouts had been received.

The truck, which had been abandoned on the Dean Buick lot, is being returned to its owners, but the thief's trail is a bit cold after nearly four months.

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## Mayor Pushing Community Adoption Of United Fund For Charity Drives

Mayor Glee A. Bridges used the rostrum at the Merchants association banquet Monday night to make a plea for adoption here of a United Fund campaign "to eliminate all this continued soliciting."

The Mayor said civic organization members and leadership are discussing the possibility of consolidating as many fund raising campaigns as possible into one large effort and he asked an expression of the 175 persons on their feelings concerning the proposal.

There was a scattering of up-lifted hands when the Mayor asked a vote. None raised a hand in opposition to the proposal and Mr. Bridges remarked, "I can assume it's unanimous." However, several comments were heard indicating some non-voters weren't fully informed or wanted to investigate the proposal further.

The Mayor suggested that the merchants install the payroll deduction method of giving for their employees as a means to assuring obtaining large amounts of cash in a one-time-per-year campaign.

Gastonia, Charlotte, Shelby and Hickory employ United Fund or Community Chest campaigns for charitable money - raising. The idea has been advanced here in the past but has not yet been tried. Essential argument in favor of the United Fund type of effort is the saving of volunteer manpower, with one crew of solicitors doing the job for all charities and welfare funds, rather than conducting several different fund campaigns during the year.

## Most Area Firms Face Increases In Wage Scale

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Pencils, adding machines, and computers were working busily this week in many Kings Mountain industrial establishments, as virtually all endeavored to figure the impact of the new \$1 per hour minimum wage law which becomes effective March 1.

A few firms were through figuring and at least two had no figuring to do.

Mauney Mills, Inc., estimating the wage changes would add a bout eight percent on the regular weekly payroll, were installing the wage increases this week, George H. Mauney reported. "We've sharpened our production and don't think the increase will hurt us much," Mr. Mauney commented.

Burlington Industries' James Rotan and Foote Mineral Company's Ben H. Goforth, Jr., said the wage change would not effect them. Mr. Rotan said no Burlington plant employee had made less than \$1 per hour since last August. Mr. Goforth said Foote's basic minimum is \$1.18 per hour.

Acknowledging the new federal minimum would cause changes were William Ford, general manager of Neisler Mills division of Massachusetts Mohair Flushing Company, and J. M. Cross, secretary-treasurer of Craftsman Yarns, Inc. Both, however, were not ready to report finally the potential impact of the change. Mr. Ford commented, "We're in the middle," and Mr. Cross said it would be early next week before Craftsman's figures and new wage scales are complete.

J. H. Patterson, superintendent of Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company, said his firm would do some raising, though only a few employees, he added, now receive the company's basic minimum of 80 cents per hour.

Lambeth Rope Corporation will be effected only on its apprentice pay. Superintendent J. T. Malcolm reported. The basic minimum at Lambeth is now \$1.15, except for apprentices who start at 85 cents per hour. Lambeth employs 92 persons.

Superior Stone Company has already instituted wage increases to conform with the new statute.

Kerns Brothers will also be effected by the change, Clyde Kerns said. He added, "We only know that we are covered by the law and that hourly rates will go up."

J. C. Smathers estimated that the overall payroll of Park Yarn Mills would increase eight per-

## Candidates Visit City

Increased evidence that Kings Mountain will be a major battleground in the warming campaign for the district Congressional campaign came from all three candidates this week.

Basil Whitener named Kings Mountain attorney Jack White as his district campaign manager.

Ralph Gardner and his wife, Carrie, spent Tuesday afternoon and much of Wednesday on a hand-shaking tour of the city.

Hugh Wells and his publicist, Les Roark, invaded the city in quest of votes Wednesday afternoon.

All three candidates are now "official," each having paid the \$225 filing fee to the state elections board.

Voting day is slightly more than three months away, but the deadline for filing for state office is less than a month away.

The trio of candidates, one from Gaston county and two from Cleveland, seek to succeed Woodrow W. Jones, of Rutherfordton, first as Democratic nominee, second (and principally) as 11th district Congressman. In the seven-county district, Democratic nomination is considered and has always been tantamount to election. In 1928, the late Congressman Charles R. Jones, Sr., a Republican, defeated the late Congressman for the 10th district House of Representatives post. However, the district has been reserved since that date.

Each of three candidates let it be known they were mapping an active and aggressive campaign.

Other political development of the week was announcement of John Frederick, of Charlotte, that he would again seek nomination as state commissioner of insurance, a position now held by Charles F. Gold, of Rutherfordton.

## McCarter Candidate For Scholarship

Don McCarter, Kings Mountain student at Lees-McRae college at Banner Elk, is among junior college students under consideration for a Morehead scholarship to the University of North Carolina.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McCarter, the Kings Mountain Lees-McRae student is to be interviewed by the central Morehead Scholarship committee at Chapel Hill on February 24 and 25. He was nominated by Lees-McRae officials.

The scholarships are granted for one year at the time and are worth \$1250 in cash. They are renewable annually.

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