

# Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 7,206

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## Local News Bulletins

### ATTEND MEETING

James A. Childers and Billy Childers attended a school for roofing and sheet metal workers held at North Carolina State college, Raleigh, four days last week.

### CORRECTION

In the Kings Mountain Herald edition of last week nylon hose were inadvertently listed in the Amos & Son advertisement 3 pair for \$1.00. The advertisement should have read 3 pair for \$2.00. The Herald regrets the error.

### 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 Curtis Gaffney, secretary.

### MRS. MCGILL ILL

Mrs. Boyce McGill is reported to be improving as well as can be expected at her home on Cherryville road following a heart attack she suffered Sunday night.

### PRIZE WINNER

Pat McDaniel, of route 2, was the winner of a Bendix automatic dryer given by Timms Stop-n-Shop as a part of its new management sale promotion. The drawing was conducted last Saturday.

### MUSIC PROGRAM

Choirs of First Presbyterian church will present a message of Holy Week in music at 7:30 p. m. services Sunday at First Presbyterian church. Miss Rebecca Beam, church organist and choir director, will direct the program.

### AT CONVENTION

Dr. D. F. Hord, Kings Mountain dentist, attended a three-day dental meeting in Atlanta, Ga., Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday.

### METER RECEIPTS

City parking meter receipts for the week ending noon, Wednesday, totaled \$187.98, according to a report by City Clerk Gene Mitchem. Mr. Mitchem said the street meters returned \$154.30, while off-street meters accounted for \$33.68.

### ONE PERMIT

Building Inspector J. W. Webster issued a building permit Monday to J. E. Rhea to erect a one story block building to be used as a residence on N. Watterson street, at an estimated cost of \$3,000.

### BAPTIST SERVICE

Professor Robert Garr and the Gardner-Webb college choir will render a program of music at 7:30 p. m. services Sunday evening at First Baptist church. The program will include choral, solo, duet, and hymn arrangements. A social hour honoring the group will follow the service.

## Lions To Honor Farmers Of Area Tuesday Night

H. B. Godfrey, administrative officer of the North Carolina Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation committee, will make the feature address at the annual Farmer's Night banquet of the Kings Mountain Lions club.

The event will be held at Masonic Dining hall Tuesday night at 7 o'clock.

Gene Patterson, chairman of the Lions club committee on arrangements, said all area farmers are being invited to the banquet. Invitations will be mailed over the weekend.

"We look forward to a fine evening of fellowship with Kings Mountain area farmers," Mr. Patterson said. "The event is one of the highlights of the club year, and we hope all area farmers will make plans to attend."

Also to be invited will be agriculture officials of the county, including ASC and county agent's staffs, plus members of the county board of commissioners.

Mr. Godfrey joined the staff of the Agriculture Adjustment Agency in 1933 and has been associated with the federal agriculture set-up since that time, during its several successive name changes.

Mr. Godfrey is billed by the arrangements committee as an expert after-dinner speaker with a well-filled stock of witty anecdotes.

Other members of the Lions club arrangements committee are Edwin Moore and Otto (Toby) Williams.

## Graham Film Here Monday

Residents of Kings Mountain will have an opportunity to see MR. TEXAS, the world's first Christian western movie, here Monday night.

This film, starring Billy Graham and his entire evangelist team, is being sponsored here by the Kings Mountain Baptist Pastor's Association. It will be shown at high school auditorium at 7:30 p. m.

The film is the first major production of Billy Graham Evangelistic Films, Inc. Redd Harper and Cindy Walker play the leading roles in the production.

Produced as an experiment, "MR. TEXAS" has amazed religious leaders and motion picture authorities alike since its release several years ago. During the first two years, more than 5,000,000 persons have viewed the film. From this number, over 135,000 have made decisions to accept the Christian way of life, according to records on file in Graham's film organization's Washington, D. C., offices.

To produce the picture, an entire motion picture company was moved to Texas from Hollywood. The story revolves around the Billy Graham Crusade in Will Rogers Coliseum in Fort Worth, Texas. All the Texas scenes were actually shot around the Fort Worth area.

Rodeo scenes used in the film, were shot at Hardin Simmons University in full color. The world-famous Mayo Rodeo Riders and the Hardin Simmons Cowboy band are featured in this portion of the picture.

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IN SENIOR PLAY CAST—Featured are five students who sing hit tunes of the Roaring Twenties in "Varsity Varieties", senior class play to be presented tonight and Friday at 8:15 p. m. at Central school auditorium. Left to right are Sammy McCarter, Glenda Spake, Diane Trammell, Jerrie Lea McCarter, and Gary Allran.

## Seniors To Give Variety Musical

### Show Scheduled For Two Nights At Auditorium

Kings Mountain high school seniors will present "Varsity Varieties" Thursday and Friday evenings at 8:15 p. m. in the school auditorium.

Bud Smith, one of the five stage managers said there are 60 seniors who make an appearance in the show, most appearing at least two or three different times during the hour and a half production.

The show is composed of a series of songs and dances and skits ranging from the Gay Nineties to the Roaring Twenties. Also heard are such songs as "Birth of the Blues," "Five Foot Two," "Just One of These Days," "Varsity Drag," "Sixteen Tons," and many others.

A chorus line including Jean Arthur, Frances Franklin, Billie Gibbons, Barbara Hill, Jackie McCarter, Judy Owens, Glenda Spake, Derice Weir, and Phyllis Wilson go through the paces of a kick line to "Get Happy" and in the second act perform the perennial favorite "Can-Can."

The senior football lettermen have banded themselves together and in two numbers present their version of a ballet and the "Can-Can." Both of these numbers promise to be outstanding. The dancing "girls" are George Harris, Mike Houser, Harold Jackson, Jerry McCarter, Joe Ormand, Bud Smith, Mearl Valentine, and Leonard Wright.

Two lavish numbers are "By the Sea" and "The Saga at the Spiked Spittoon." The former concerns itself with the Gay Nineties at the seashore and recaptures a Max Sennett movie involving the Keystone cops. The latter is a western drama worthy of any Hollywood movie company dealing with gold, love, dancing girls, jealousy and finally death.

To tie all of these separate eighteen skits together will be the job of Don Hord, who will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Bobby Cashion, the pianist for school's mixed chorus, will serve as the accompanist for all musical numbers.

Because of its immensity, several organizations in the school have volunteered their help. Particular service has been rendered by the school's Future Homemakers of America under the advisement of Mrs. John Gamble who

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## Teachers Oppose Canton Resolution

Kings Mountain unit of the North Carolina Education association voted by a substantial majority today against the Canton unit resolution which would provide that teachers stay away from the classrooms unless suitable pay raises are voted by the General Assembly.

W. R. George, unit president, commented, "The teachers want a raise and think they deserve it, but the vote against the Canton unit resolution was a substantial majority."

The vote was taken on show of hands.



PHI BETA KAPPA — Charles Mauney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Mauney, has been pledged to membership in Phi Beta Kappa scholarship fraternity at North Carolina State college, Raleigh, where he is a senior. Mr. Mauney is majoring in textiles and textile chemistry.

## Dr. Charles Fritz At Resurrection

Dr. Charles E. Fritz, president of the Georgia-Alabama Synod of the United Lutheran church, will deliver the sermon Sunday morning and assist in baptismal rites at Resurrection Lutheran church.

Dr. Fritz is father of the Resurrection pastor, Rev. R. Douglas Fritz.

The Sunday morning service will launch Holy Week services as the church will be held nightly through Good Friday. Sunday evening's service will be held at 7 o'clock. Services Monday through Friday will be at 7:30. The Lord's Supper will be served at Holy Thursday services. At Good Friday services the senior choir will sing the Stainer cantata, "The Crucifixion."

## Citizens Contemplate Kefauver Win; Ben Sessoms Seeks Constable Job

The Minnesota primary tests of Tuesday claimed top interest in politics here this week, in spite of several local level developments including:

- 1) Announcement by Ben Sessoms, former city policeman, that he would oppose incumbent Gus Huffstetter for the Democratic nomination for township constable.
- 2) Speaking engagements before civic clubs by Congressional Candidates Ralph Gardner and Basil Whitener.
- 3) Formal filing for renomination by all incumbent county commissioners.

Though Minnesota is far-distant, local area citizens expressed interest in the primary voting and speculated on the results, which found Senator Estes Kefauver, pre-voting underdog, claiming at least 24 of the state's 30 convention delegates. Local citizens wondered if the results marked the end of Adlai Stevenson's efforts to carry the Democratic standard into the 1956 campaign.

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## Methodist Choir To Sing Cantata "The Holy City"

The 21-voice senior choir of Central Methodist church will present Gaul's "The Holy City" at the church on Sunday evening at 7:30.

Solo parts will be taken by Mrs. Delbert Dixon, soprano; Earl Marlowe, baritone; and B. S. Peeler, Jr., baritone.

Describing the two-part cantata, a feature of the church's observance of Lent, Miss Bonnie McIntosh, choir director and organizer, said the first part of the cantata was suggested by the passages of Scripture reading, "Here we have no continuing city," and "Thy Kingdom Come", setting forth the desire for a higher life as expressed in the words "My soul is athirst for God."

Miss McIntosh said the second part of the cantata was suggested to Gaul by the words, "I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away."

With the exception of two hymns, a verse from Milton and three verses from "Te Deum," she added, the words of the cantata are entirely Biblical.

The choir members are: Sopranos — Jane Byars, Jane Crocker, Mrs. Delbert Dixon, Shirley Falls, Winifred Fulton, Dorothy Goforth, Jean Hicks, and Mary Alice McDaniel.

Altos — Ann Byars, Linda Biser, Barbara Hill, Kay Mildredter, Mrs. J. N. McClure, Mildred McDaniel, and Mrs. Y. F. Throneburg.

Tenors — Jacob Dixon, Buddy Murray, and Arthur Walker.

Basses — Rev. James McClarty, Earl Marlowe, and B. S. Peeler, Jr.

## Jaycees Elect J. T. McGinnis

Kings Mountain Jaycees listened to an address by Congressman Candidate Ralph Gardner Tuesday night then proceeded to hold a rough-and-ready club election of 1956-57 officers.

The result was hard-sledding for the nominating committee slate, as only two of the committee's nominees were elected to the specified positions. The voting was close, the speech-making ardent, and there were numerous run-offs, resulting from ties in the early voting.

The Jaycees finally elected J. T. McGinnis president in a hot contest with Clavon Kelly, the nominating committee suggestion.

Other officers elected were: Delbert Dixon, vice-president; R. G. Plonk, second vice-president; Ed H. Smith, secretary; Bob Manner, treasurer; Dr. Blake McWhitter, Jaybird; and William Lawrence Plonk, Charles Blanton, and Dean Payne, directors for two-year terms. Bill Jonas, retiring president is ex officio state director for the coming year.

In addition to Clavon Kelly for president, the nominating committee slate was R. G. Plonk, first vice-president; George Thomas, second vice-president; Gene Mitcham, secretary; Harold Cloninger, Jaybird; and J. T. McGinnis and Lou Sabetti, directors for two-years.

Holder directors with a year's term remaining are Clinton Jolly, William Herndon and Charles Dixon.

The nominating committee included Charles Alexander, Grady Howard, Wilson Griffin, J. T. McGinnis and Bill Jonas.

## Area Red Cross Fund Drive At Halfway Mark; \$2800 In



PRESIDENT — Jack White, Kings Mountain attorney, was elected president of the Kings Mountain Country Club, Inc. for 1956-57. He succeeds Henry P. Neisler.

## White Elected Club President

Jack White, Kings Mountain attorney, was elected president of the Kings Mountain Country Club for the coming year at a director session last Saturday morning.

Mr. White succeeds Henry P. Neisler.

Other officers named were Fred J. Wright, Jr., vice-president; R. S. Lennox, secretary, treasurer; and J. E. Herndon, Jr., assistant secretary-treasurer.

The organizational directors meeting followed Friday night's annual stockholders' meeting at which the members as directors for one-year terms: Jack White, John Chesire, Grady Howard, George W. Mauney, Dr. N. H. Reed, Jack Arnette, Fred Wright, Jr., J. E. Herndon, Jr., R. S. Lennox, W. S. Fulton, Jr., Dan Finger, and P. M. Neisler, Sr.

The stockholders convened for a steak dinner and to hear reports on the past year's operations. Retiring President Henry Neisler said he felt the club had enjoyed a good year, noting particularly house improvements and membership increases, and called on other officers and committee chairmen for reports.

Jack White, retiring secretary-treasurer, John Chesire, retiring assistant secretary - treasurer, gave the financial summations of the year's work.

Tom Kesler, house committee chairman, cited kitchen equipment additions and building of

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## Peach Crop Still In Good Shape

Peach crops in the Kings Mountain area have not been damaged too much thus far by cold weather, according to reports received Wednesday.

Mrs. Wayne L. Ware reported that although the cold snap had killed a few peaches, the percentage was not too high.

Another report from Mrs. R. L. Plonk indicated that although the Plonks had not checked their orchards Wednesday they felt the damage has not been great.

Both indicated that Wednesday night's weather may hold the deciding factor as to the damage.

However, most peach growers are keeping their fingers crossed since last year's crop was destroyed by a freeze on March 27.

Most people felt that Wednesday's rising temperatures might indicate that winter's icy fingers had been felt for the last time this spring.

## Bouligny To Map Electrical Lines

The city will contract with R. H. Bouligny & Company, of Charlotte, for engineering services in mapping needed lines installations to serve the Consolidated Textiles community. City Clerk Gene Mitcham said Wednesday.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges and Electrical Superintendent Hunter Allen had been authorized to contract an engineering firm to handle the work.

Under terms of the Bouligny offer, the firm will get a fee based on ten percent of the accepted contract. Bouligny is an electrical contractor. If the firm receives the contract, on bid, it would relinquish the engineering fee.

## Grover Leaders Report Campaign Quota Exceeded

Red Cross collections in the 1956 fund drive campaign totaled \$2,860 Wednesday and James E. Herndon, Jr., chairman, said the amount represented 51 percent of the drive quota.

Quota of the campaign in Kings Mountain and number four township is \$5,545.

Mr. Herndon, who said that all collections had not been reported, noted that Grover had completed its drive donating \$373.85 against a quota of \$300.

Co-chairmen in Grover were Holmes Harry and Bob Ham-bright. Mr. Herndon expressed appreciation to Grover citizens and solicitors who, he said, "had done an exceptional job in raising more than their quota in a short time."

Colored citizens of the community are to meet Tuesday night at 7:30 p. m. at City Hall to report on solicitations.

Officials anticipate that the drive will be completed in ten days.

## Plonk Case Clues Reach Dead-Ends

Sheriff Haywood Allen reported Wednesday that there have been no new developments in the \$13,700 C. S. Plonk robbery.

"I have all available men working on the case," the Sheriff said, "but so far we have come up with nothing new." I have been working on the case myself since my return Saturday.

Sheriff Allen said clues to the robbery were at a minimum. He added that he and his men have been running down leads in adjoining counties without success.

The bold Sunday morning robbery was committed March 11 while Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Plonk were attending Sunday worship services. The thieves beat open a safe in the Plonk home, and took \$12,500 in cash and diamond rings valued at approximately \$1200.

Mr. Plonk had picked a suspect from "mug-shots" furnished by the SBI, but an investigation revealed that this particular man was in a South Carolina jail at the time of the robbery.

A week before the robbery, a man had come to the Plonk home during church hours and knocked. Mr. Plonk answered the door and the man asked for directions and other information. It was this man that Mr. Plonk attempted to recognize from the pictures. Officers working on the case seem to think that the as yet unidentified man might have been " casing " the house.

Officers also surmised that more than one man was involved in the robbery. The thieves used a sledge-hammer and crow-bar to gain entrance to the safe which was kept in a storeroom. Included in the loot were a few \$100 bills and 100 silver dollars.

State Bureau of Investigation officers have been assisting the sheriff's department in the investigation.

## Short Stretch Of 29 Dangerous, Claims Ten Lives Since August

By BOB HOFFMAN

Has the recently opened strip of U. S. 29 become a highway death trap for motorists?

Fatality records for the by-pass seem to indicate that it is the most dangerous seven-mile stretch of highway in Western North Carolina.

Six persons have met their deaths in automobile accidents there since its opening October 17, 1955. In addition, four other persons were killed on the by-pass before it was opened to traffic.

This makes a total of 10 highway fatalities in the period August 4, 1955, to March 15, 1956.

The by-pass death toll started on August 4, 1955, when a two-car head-on collision took the lives of all occupants in the vehicles. This was some 10-weeks prior to the opening of the highway. Persons killed in this mishap were Paul Kenneth Furr, 19; Ronnie L. Blackwelder, 21; Mrs. Mary Emmaline Sanning Grigg, 41; and Lyman E. Champion.

Fred McClure, 24-year-old Traveler's Rest, S. C., man, was the by-pass' next victim. McClure was fatally injured while riding a motorcycle January 1.

Two weeks later, January 15,



ELECTED — John Gamble, eighth grade teacher at East school, was elected president of the Kings Mountain unit of the North Carolina Education association for 1956-57. He will assume his duties next autumn. He will succeed W. R. George.

## Seven To Attend NCEA Convention

Seven Kings Mountain school teachers will represent the Kings Mountain unit of the North Carolina Education association at the Asheville convention which opens Thursday night.

Delegates from the Kings Mountain unit will be President W. R. George, John Gamble, Mrs. F. S. Morrison, Mrs. James Logan, Mrs. Carl Logan, Mrs. Jack White and Mrs. John Gamble.

At a meeting held recently, the Kings Mountain unit elected officers for the 1956-57 school term. They are: John Gamble, president; W. R. George, vice-president; and Mrs. George Moss, secretary-treasurer.

The Kings Mountain unit was meeting Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 to consider the Canton unit resolution and other matters relating to instruction of delegates.

## Argo To Preach Easter Sermon

Rev. A. J. Argo, pastor of First Wesleyan Methodist church, will deliver the sermon at the annual Easter Sunrise service at Mountain Rest cemetery.

Announcement was made this week by Rev. R. Douglas Fritz, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church and president of the Kings Mountain Ministerial association, which sponsors the annual community-wide religious event.

Other ministers who will take part in the service are Rev. Aubrey Quakenbush, pastor of First Baptist church, and Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of First Presbyterian church.

The Kings Mountain school band also will participate in the service, which will begin at 6:30 a. m.

## Keeping Lice, Not Getting 'Em, Disgraceful; Doctor Lists Cure

"It's no disgrace to get 'em, but it's a disgrace to keep 'em."

This was an average comment to last week's news account of the lice-in-school problem aired March 12 in city court.

Meantime, scores of citizens could remember that lice-in-school is an old problem which has existed as long as schools themselves, and all acknowledged that the key to salvation from the vermin is quick and continuous action to eradicate them.

Dr. P. G. Padgett, Kings Mountain physician and city district school trustee, says 24 hours is a bit brief to assure eradication of head lice.

This is the treatment he prescribes: Clip hair as short as possible. Soak the head for four to six hours in a solution made of half kerosene and half vinegar. Follow with a thorough shampoo. Then comb hair well with a fine-tooth comb. Repeat daily until all signs of "nits", or lice larvae, are removed.

Dr. Padgett described as a myth the contention that head lice infest walls of buildings, school desks, or other furnishings.

"The lice like hair too well," he

said. "The lice are transmitted by close contact between people, frequently from sleeping together or from wearing caps or hats previously worn by a person infested."

Dr. Padgett said danger of disease from head lice is not great and then not from the lice themselves. Itching of the scalp from lice infestation would cause scratching, which might result in scalp abrasions. In this instance, a patient might be in danger of contracting impetigo, or some other similar disease, or in developing boils.

In addition to the kerosene-vinegar mixture druggists have compounds suitable for curing the disease, one being a product called "Kuprex."

Dr. Padgett noted that all types of lice which infest humans are kin. He included both body lice, which plague soldiers in the field and crab lice. All types, he said, seem more contractible in unsanitary situations.

"It's hard to see the lice. In fact, I've never seen one," Dr. Padgett concluded. "But the 'nits' are easily recognizable. A lice-infested head isn't free of lice until all the 'nits' are completely removed."

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