

# Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 7,206

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## Local News Bulletins

### NEW ADDRESS

A/1c James R. Layton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Layton of Kings Mountain, has a new address, according to his family. Layton's address is now A/1c James R. Layton, Box 172, 90th Bomber Sqdn., TAC, APO 994, San Francisco, Calif.

### BAPTIST

Carl McCraw, president of Union National Bank, Charlotte, will speak at morning worship services Sunday at First Baptist church. Mr. McCraw, an active member of Charlotte's First Baptist church, is a Kings Mountain native.

### ONE CALL

City Fireman C. D. Ware reported Wednesday Kings Fire department answered a call Tuesday to the residence of W. K. Mauney where a furnace motor had short circuited. Only smoke damages were reported.

### ASSUMES DUTIES

Mrs. W. F. Stone, Jr., the former Miss Virginia Ware, has assumed duties at Central Beauty Shop as a beautician, according to an announcement by Mrs. Eloise Mabry, owner.

### HOSPITALIZED

Charles Dixon, office manager of Victory Chevrolet Co., was admitted to Kings Mountain hospital Tuesday for observation and treatment.

### TWO PERMITS

Building Inspector J. W. Webster issued a building permit Saturday to Thomas Dellinger to erect a frame house on Stowe street, at an estimated cost of \$4,000. Friday, a permit was issued to James Leigh to build a one room addition to his residence located on Gantt street, at an estimated cost of \$800.

## Lions Hear School Champs

Kings Mountain city schools' top readers and declaimers performed for the members of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night.

The program was presented by Rev. Douglas Fritz.

Sandra Plonk, winner of the elementary schools Baker Reading medal, read the humorous skit "Let Brotherly Love Continue."

Robert Plonk, winner of the elementary schools Neisler Declaration medal, declaimed "We, the People."

Evelyn Wright, winner of the high school reading contest, read the inspirational story, "White Lilies."

Dean Bridges, winner of the conference forensic contest, gave the declamation "I Am Innocent of This Blood."

Guests at the meeting were Gordon Williams and Gene Taylor.

## City Board Meets Monday Evening

The city board of commissioners will hold a special session Monday night at 7 o'clock.

Among items on the short agenda are consideration of proposals from accounting firms for handling the city audit for 1955-56, a petition from Kings Mountain Herald and First Baptist church for construction of about 67.5 feet of sidewalk on S. Piedmont avenue, and a hearing on a re-zoning request by Dan Huffstetler.

## State Grand Master Vance To Speak At Fairview Lodge Ladies Night

John C. Vance, of Asheville, Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, will make the principal address Saturday night at the annual ladies night banquet of Fairview Lodge 339, A. F. & A. M.

He will be presented by Dr. Charles H. Pugh, of Gastonia, immediate past Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina.

Many other prominent Masons from throughout the state are expected for the annual ladies night event, which will be held at Masonic Dining Hall at 7 o'clock.

Dinner will be served by Kings Mountain chapter 123, Order of



JAYCEE AWARDS PRESENTED — Bill Jonas, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, is handing to Mayor Glee A. Bridges a framed certificate conferring on the Mayor honorary membership in the Kings Mountain Jaycee organization for civic service and aid to Jaycee projects. Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan, Jr., seated, received a similar honorary membership. Martin Harmon, right, editor of the Herald, holds a certificate of "recognition and appreciation" for services of the Kings Mountain Herald in publicizing Jaycee and other civic projects. A similar award went to Radio Station WKMT. Manager Jonas Bridges could not be present for the presentation. (Photo by Pennington Studio.)

## Registration Books To Open Saturday

### Osborne Lists May 26 Primary Vote Officials

Registration books for the May 26 Democratic primary will open Saturday for the first time.

The books will be open for three consecutive Saturdays, through May 12, and May 19 will be challenge day.

Calling attention to the opening of the registration books in all precincts of the county, J. W. Osborne, county elections board chairman, announced the names of the several precinct officials. All are registered Democrats. Mr. Osborne noted that no Republican candidates had filed in the county and that no recommendations for Republican judges had been filed with the elections board. But, he added, a Republican judge would be named for each precinct in sufficient time for November general election.

Kings Mountain area precincts and officials are: East Kings Mountain — Mrs. Nell Cranford, registrar, Ted Gamble and Mrs. Craig Falls, judges, and Craig Falls, alternate.

West Kings Mountain — Mrs. J. H. Arthur, registrar, Mrs. F. A. McDaniel, Jr., and I. B. Goforth, Jr., judges, Mrs. Charles Dixon, alternate judge.

Bethware — Mrs. H. A. Goforth, registrar, Mrs. Myers Ham-bright and Leonard Gamble, judges, and J. Clyde Randall, alternate judge.

Grover — J. B. Ellis, registrar, Miss Ethel Martin and Mrs. Inez B. Ellis, judges, and Mrs. Bill McCarter, alternate judge.

Waco — G. M. Murray, registrar, Raven Craft and J. R. Hord, judges, and W. S. Brown, alternate judge.

The elections board has not called a new registration, meaning that Democrats who voted in the county primary two years ago, in the 1954 general election, or in the special bond election of 1954 are eligible to vote in the Democratic primary. Persons who have never registered, either due to age or residence requirements, should see the registrar at their particular precincts.

## East Principal Mrs. Thomson Will Retire

Mrs. J. H. Thomson will retire as principal of East School at the end of the current school year.

Mrs. Thomson announced her letter to the City School Board last week. The board, in a special meeting Monday night, accepted her resignation, but did not name a successor for the principalship.

The special meeting had been called to re-elect teachers for the coming year. All other teachers except Miss June Rogers, teacher of Bible were re-elected. The board expressed regret that it could not re-elect Miss Rogers due to the fact that the Bible Committee had not yet brought a recommendation before the board.

The election of a Bible teacher hinges on the recommendation of this committee which pays the costs of Bible teaching in the Schools, and the board can not take action until a recommendation is received. Miss Rogers was praised highly by the board for her work during the past year. Chairman A. W. Kincaid made it clear that the hold-up of the re-election was not a popular choice with the board members.

Mrs. Louise Albrecht was re-elected on the condition that she re-new her certificate which has expired.

Mrs. Rosalie P. Suber was elected to a teaching position in West School for next school year. Mrs. Suber had left her West School position during the current year, but reapplied. Mrs. R. S. Lennon replaced Mrs. Suber for the interim period.

The board passed motions that a letter be written to Mrs. Lennon thanking her for her services during Mrs. Suber's absence, and to draw up a resolution thanking Mrs. Thomson for her many years of faithful service to the community schools. Dr. P. G. Fadgett said, "Mrs. Thomson has definitely left her mark on this community, and many persons here have felt the influence of her years as a teacher."

## Roberts Heads Barber Chapter

Kings Mountain barbers organized a chapter of the Associated Master Barbers of America and elected officers here Monday night at Wright's Barber shop.

Officers are Lee Roberts, president; G. L. Wright, vice-president; S. R. Dixon, secretary-treasurer; Curtis Gaffney, corresponding secretary, and Baxter Wright, chaplain.

The chapter was organized by U. D. Koonce, of Greensboro executive vice-president of the Association of Master Barbers of North Carolina.

Pat Tignor, F. W. Davis, and C. E. (Gene) Wright were named to head the sick committee, F. W. Davis was named publicity chairman, Gene Wright was named chairman of the entertainment committee, and C. A. Goforth was elected sergeant-at-arms.

Charter members of the organization are G. L. Wright, C. E. Wright, both of Wright's Barber shop; Pat Tignor and C. A. Goforth, both of Central Barber shop; Lee Roberts, of Phenix Mill Barber shop; F. W. Dover

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## Kiwanians To Entertain Farmers Of Area Thursday; Pou Speaker

Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will serve as host to farmers in this area Thursday night when the club holds its annual Farmer's Night at Kings Mountain Woman's club.

Invitations have been extended to all farmers, and a good number are expected to attend this event.

Dr. John William Pou will be guest speaker for this occasion. Dr. Pou is head of the Animal Industry Department at N. C. State college. He is considered one of the state's leading authorities on dairy cattle breeding and genetics, as well as dairy production.

Born in Elmwood, Iredell County, July 3, 1917, Dr. Pou received his B. S. degree in Animal production from N. C. State college in 1938, was awarded his M. S. degree in dairy husbandry by the University of Wisconsin in 1947, and earned his Ph. D. degree in animal breeding at Cornell University in 1951.



SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED — Pictured are two Kings Mountain recipients of Chambers college Scholarship awards for the 1956-57 school year, given annually to children of Foote Mineral Company employees, with their parents and Neil O. Johnson, Foote Mineral Kings Mountain manager, who announced the awards. Left to right, are Mary Elizabeth Adams, Compact school scholarship winner, her father Jack Adams, Manager Johnson, Leo Thoms, and his daughter, Annie Thoms, Davidson scholarship winner. Sara Thoms, a college freshman awarded a scholarship for her sophomore year, was not present for the photo.

## Three Students Get Scholarships

### Foote Mineral Manager Lists Area Awards

Award of three one-year college scholarships to Kings Mountain children of Foote Mineral Company employees was announced this week.

The recipients are: Mary Elizabeth Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Adams, who will graduate from Compact high school this year, and who expects to enroll next autumn at A. & T. College to study French and home economics.

Annie L. Thoms, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Thoms, who will graduate in June from Davidson high school, and who expects to enroll at A. & T. college to work toward a B. S. degree in nursing.

Sara Thoms, who is completing her freshman year at Livingston College, Salisbury, on a Chambers Scholarship awarded last spring.

The Chambers scholarships are awarded annually to qualified children of Foote Mineral Company employees from a scholarship fund set last year by Mr. and Mrs. Gordon N. Chambers. Mr. Chambers is chairman of the board of Foote Mineral Company.

The scholarships are renewable annually for a four-year period provided the recipient's grades are adequate. The student, to receive a renewal scholarship, must finish in the upper 50 percent of his or her class.

Value of the scholarship is sufficient, Foote's Kings Mountain personnel manager Ben H. Goforth, Jr., said to pay virtually all expenses of a one-year college term.

LIONS DIRECTORS — Directors of Kings Mountain Lions club will meet Thursday night at 7 o'clock in the office of Dr. N. H. Reed.

## Oak Grove Votes Full-Time Pastor

Oak Grove Baptist church congregation voted on Sunday to employ a full-time pastor, then received the resignation of the pastor Rev. Hoyle Alexander, who has been serving both the Oak Grove and Mull's Chapel Baptist church.

Rev. Mr. Alexander resigned to accept the pastorate of West End Baptist church at Gaffney, S. C.

Under action by the congregation, Mr. Alexander's replacement will be employed to serve only the Oak Grove church.

## Third Shift Work Halted By Neisler

### Orders Short, Firm To Suspend Swing Shift

Approximately 75-90 employees of Neisler Mills Division Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company will receive layoff notices next week.

W. M. Ford, Neisler division general manager, confirmed the lay-offs Wednesday.

He reported that third shift workers at both Margrace and Pauline Mill will have to be "temporarily laidoff." Mr. Ford added that some of these workers would be absorbed by first and second shifts at the two plants, but still placed the number of effected employees at 75-90.

"We didn't feel that these workers were getting enough work to be fair to them, and decided that they should be allowed to draw unemployment compensation," Mr. Ford said.

When asked about the status of the remaining workers, Mr. Ford said that both Kings Mountain plants will run two shifts.

"Naturally we hope we will be able to put the third shift back into production soon. We had hoped that the market situation would have improved six or eight weeks ago, and we still have hopes that the situation will improve shortly," he added.

## Schools Want Thompson Lot

Kings Mountain City School Board voted Monday night to attempt to purchase a lot and house adjoining Central School at 107 East Ridge street for \$10,000.

The property, which is owned by W. B. Thompson of Concord, formerly of Kings Mountain, was reported to be for sale, and board members expressed interest in obtaining the lot, which measures 127.5 feet by 138 feet.

A purchase price of \$10,000 was agreed upon by the board after a long discussion. During the discussion, it was brought out that the school needs all additional property adjacent to the Central plant that it can obtain.

An attempt to purchase the property some five or six years ago did not materialize because at that time the board did not have money available for purchasing additional land. The price offered by the board at that time was \$10,100.

Board Member Fred Plonk extended the board's offer to Mr. Thompson following Monday's meeting. Mr. Thompson told Mr. Plonk that he would come to Kings Mountain to discuss the matter with the board.

No specific project is in mind for this tract if obtained, but the board felt it could be used for any number of needed additions to the Central plant.

The house is presently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Tom L. Gilbert and family.

## POSTPONED

Regular Thursday morning meeting of the Credit Women's Breakfast club has been postponed, according to announcement by Miss Ray Humphries, program chairman.

## Jerry Ball To Play For Jaycees At Annual Ladies Night Tuesday

Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Ladies night banquet on Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock at the Woman's Club, with Jerry Ball, Charlotte pianist, to feature an entertainment program.

In addition to the entertainment by Mr. Ball, public relations man for Esso Standard Oil company and well-known through his musical activities for the annual March of Dimes fund drive, the program will feature installation of new officers for 1956-57.

Jack Sharp, of Kannapolis, Jaycee national director, will conduct the installation ceremonies.

Bill Jonas, retiring Jaycee president, will preside. Officers to be installed are: J. Bert Dixon, vice-president; Ed H. Smith, secretary; Bob Maner, treasurer; Dr. Blake McWhirter, jaybird; and William Lawrence Plonk, Charles Blanton and Dean Payne, directors.



TO BE INSTALLED — Horace Brown, recently elected governor of the Kings Mountain Moose Lodge will be installed, along with other newly elected officers, at the regular meeting of the lodge Thursday night.

## Moose Officers To Be Installed

Kings Mountain Moose Lodge 1748 will install officers for the coming year at its regular meeting at the lodge Thursday night.

Horace Brown will be installed as governor succeeding Warren Reynolds.

Other officers to be installed are: George Newton, of Bessemer City, junior governor; Jack Killian, Jr., of Gastonia, prelate; John Lackey of Kings Mountain, treasurer; L. W. Carpenter, of Bessemer City, three year trustee; J. C. Williams, of Bessemer City, two year trustee; and Willie Grice, of Kings Mountain, one-year trustee.

Fred Dixon, past junior governor, will be the installing officer. The meeting is set for 8:15 p. m.

## Band, Pianist Get II Ratings

Central school's 52-piece band received a rating of II or "excellent" in the annual state music contest last Wednesday afternoon in Greensboro.

Peggy Joyce Reynolds, piano student of Mrs. Martin Harmon, also received a rating of II or "excellent" in the senior high school piano contests, held at Greensboro last Saturday. Miss Reynolds is a high school junior.

Selections by the band included "New Colonial March" by R. B. Hall, "Mexican Overture" by Merle J. Isaac, and "Thendara Overture" by Maurice C. Whitney.

Other bands receiving the rating of excellent in grade three were Albemarle, Dallas, and Hedgesville school bands. Joe C. Redden directs the Kings Mountain band.

## CORRECTION

In a sanitation market rating report published in last week's Herald, Morrison's Market of Timm's Stop & Shop was reported by Cleveland County Health department as Grade "B". The report should have read Grade "A", according to notification by Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, county health officer.

## Phifer Worked 2,196 Consecutive Days

Rufus Phifer, the city post-office's contract mail messenger, was back on the job Monday, after a hospital siege broke a long record of service without a single day's absence.

Mr. Phifer took over the duties of mail messenger—which includes dispatch and receipt of mail handled by the railroads, plus delivery of special delivery mail—on April 16, 1950.

It was April 19, 1956, when Mr. Phifer was hospitalized with a kidney ailment, after 2,196 consecutive days of service. The mail messenger job is a seven-day-per-week duty schedule.

During the three-plus day interim, Acting Postmaster Ted Weir and other postal employees handled the duties of the ill messenger.