

## Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 7,206

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# Democrats To Choose Nominees In Saturday Primary

## Campaign Heads Exude Optimism



RALPH WEBB GARDNER

### White, Gardner Say One Primary To Settle Race

Confidence ran virtually unbridled here Wednesday among managers for the 11th district's three candidates for the Democratic Congressional nomination.

Jack White, district manager for Basil L. Whitener, the Gastonia lawyer and solicitor, was unequivocal in predicting victory on Saturday for his candidate.

"I predict there will be 46,000 votes cast in the seven counties of the district and we'll get more than 50 percent of them," Manager White said.

Lester Roark, campaign manager for Shelby Lawyer Hugh Wells, was also optimistic. Acknowledging his candidate had started in third position, he told the Herald Wednesday Wells had a very good chance of edging in to the runner-up spot.

"I think it is very safe to say," he added, "that no candidate will get a majority in Saturday's voting."

O. Max Gardner, Jr., district manager for his brother, Ralph Webb Gardner, matched Jack White's optimism, though his optimism concerned his brother.

Declining to predict the total district vote, O. Max Gardner, Jr., said, "We're going to win Saturday in the first, and only, primary."

On the local level, Kings Mountain area managers also got in their licks. Most optimistic was George Thomasson, the Gardner manager, who predicted three of four Kings Mountain area voters will mark ballots for Gardner.

J. W. Webster, the Whitener manager for Kings Mountain, did not predict a percentage but said, "We expect to carry Kings Mountain," adding, "The Gardner folks are just trying to build up their morale."

Wells has not formally appointed a Kings Mountain area manager, but Roark, former citizen of Grover, acknowledged "we could be stronger in Kings Mountain." However, he made a flat prediction that Wells would get 80 percent of the Grover vote.

### Schools Buy Thompson Lot

The Kings Mountain City School Board has completed the purchase of a lot adjoining Central School property from W. B. Thompson of Concord.

It was reported Monday night during the regular monthly board meeting that Mr. Thompson had accepted the \$10,000 offered by the board for the lot and the house which it occupies. The tract measures 127.5 feet by 138 feet. It is on the corner of Ridge street and Candler street.

The board members did not designate a definite use for the property at this time, but had announced earlier that the house would be rented "for the present." The house is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gilbert and family.

The board authorized Supt. B. N. Barnes to invest \$100,000, which constitutes the remainder of Kings Mountain's county tax monies, with the local building and loan firms, if property security can be obtained. Unless proper security can be obtained, the board indicated it would place the money in several building and loan firms throughout the county.

Miss June Rogers was re-elected city schools Bible teacher, an action taken upon the recommendation of the Bible-In-The-Schools Committee, which is responsible for funds to pay the teacher's salary.

Lee E. Weathers, Shelby newspaperman and author, appeared before the board to report on his recently finished history of Cleveland County. Mr. Weathers requested that the board purchase copies of his book at cost for use in the schools.

No action was taken on this request, but board members indicated that the books would be given in late August.

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**PRESS ON THE MOVE** — The Herald's big newspaper press got a ride last Friday as it moved into the newspaper's new quarters on South Piedmont avenue. The busy moving crew of Leroy Mann, seated at edge of truck, paused only long enough to allow the picture to be taken before continuing the job of housing the press in its new basement quarters. Pictured with Mann, left to right, are Ross Reagan, Jim Leming, and Bryson Hamilton. The press was back in action Monday. (Herald Photo by Pennington Studio.)

## Herald Occupies Its New Building

### Facts Are Listed On Primary Voting

Following are salient facts on Saturday's Democratic primary election:

Polls open 6:30 a. m.  
Polls close 6:30 p. m.

Number of ballots for Kings Mountain area voters: three—including state, county and township ballot.

Kings Mountain area precinct voting places: East Kings Mountain — City Hall; West Kings Mountain — Victory Chevrolet Company; Bethware — Bethware School; and Grover — new Grover Fire Department building.

Predicted vote totals: district, 44,000; county, 11,000; Number 4 Township—2,000.

### BAPTIST SPEAKER

Horace Eason, of Shelby, Baptist State Brotherhood secretary, will speak at 11 o'clock services Sunday morning at First Baptist church. Mr. Eason has served as minister of music and education at First Baptist church, Dallas, Texas, and in Shelby. He is an active member of the Shelby church.

## Graduation Exercises Begin Here Sunday; 74 To Receive Diplomas

The Rev. James B. McLarty, pastor of Central Methodist church, will deliver the Central High School baccalaureate sermon Sunday, May 27, at 8 p. m. in the high school auditorium.

J. R. Davis, city school trustee, will introduce the Rev. Mr. McLarty.

Other speakers on the program will include the Rev. Douglas Fritz, who will give the invocation; the Rev. W. C. Slides, who will read the Scripture; and the Rev. A. J. Argo, who will give the benediction.

Graduation exercises for the 74 graduating seniors of the Class of 1956 will be held Monday, May 28, at 8 p. m. in the auditorium.

Dr. J. H. Ostwalt, Davidson College faculty member, will make the principal address.

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### Today's Edition Was Published In New Quarters

Today's Herald was published in the newspaper's new South Piedmont avenue building.

Proceeding on a faster-than-anticipated moving schedule, the Herald had virtually all of its typesetting and job printing equipment in operation after a two-day moving chore, handled by Leroy Mann Transfer Company, of Gastonia.

Dean Styers, of the Gastonia Gazette, superintended moving of the typesetting machines and re-installing them in the new building.

The Herald has not completely emptied its former quarters on S. Piedmont, with some shelving and inventory yet to be transported to the new brick-block concrete building. The Herald anticipates the moving will be completed this weekend.

The moving job was speeded through decision to move the large and heavy newspaper press without dismantling it. This necessitated demolishing a portion of the brick wall at the back of

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## Voters To Settle Local, District State Contests

Kings Mountain area Democrats will join their Democratic neighbors throughout North Carolina Saturday to help decide identity of party nominees for state and district offices.

In turn, the local voters will help choose nominees for five county offices.

Voters of Number 4 Township, which includes Kings Mountain, Bethware and Grover precincts, will determine the nominee for constable.

Voters of Number 5 Township, who vote at Waco, will decide a three-man constable race.

Taking top spot in voter interest, as the voting day neared, was the district Congressional race, while the Number 4 Township constable race between seven candidates was claiming as much interest as any.

Ralph Webb Gardner, Hugh Wells, and Basil L. Whitener weren't sparing the horses as they worked at top pace for favor of district Democrats. Wells, a Shelby attorney, was still aiming his fire at Ralph Gardner, also of Shelby, and Gardner was replying with some strong statements of his own. Whitener, meantime, was able to avoid "charges."

Some evidence was available that interest in the three county commissioner races is increasing.

Three of the five incumbents on the county board have opposition to their bids for renomination. In District 2 (Number 4 and 5 townships), Hazel B. Bumgardner faces the challenge of J. D. Harmon, Shelby feed salesman who lives near Buffalo Creek. Chairman Zeb V. Cline is opposed by George Leukhardt in District 1, and John D. White is opposed by B. P. Jenkins, Sr., in District 4. Jenkins seeks to regain the nomination he lost to White two years ago.

For the first time since 1949, the races for the board of commissioners are county-wide. All Democrats throughout the county will have the opportunity of voting in all county commissioner contests. The 1955 General Assembly changed the voting rules, scrapping the district set-up, except as to residency of candidate.

Another county-wide race finds Wilbur W. (Ebb) Wright, former Kings Mountain citizen, challenging the incumbent, Dan W. Moore, for register of deeds.

Still another county race is the six-man sweepstakes affair for the county board of education. Dr. R. M. Maybin, of Lawndale, seeks to win one of the five nominations now held and re-elected by the board incumbents, who are Edwin Moore, Walter Davis, B. Austell, W. H. (Coot) Lutz, and Charles D. Forney, Jr.

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## Safety Lane Logs 464 "Customers"

Kings Mountain's automobile safety-check lane had logged 464 cars through its gates through Wednesday at 2 o'clock.

Officials of the safety-check committee said they were pleased with the results thus far and anticipated heavier business on Thursday and Friday.

Concurrently, it was announced that Saturday's primary voting would force closing of the lane a day early, due to the need for parking space at the City Hall precinct (East Kings Mountain).

Previously, the lane had been scheduled to operate through Saturday.

The check-lane was being staffed voluntarily by Kings Mountain mechanics and service station operators and members of the Kings Mountain Woman's Club.

Dee Hughes, on duty Wednesday, said majority of the cars were passing the 10-point tests.

At the checklane, cars are being checked for condition of brakes, front and rear lights, steering, tires, exhaust system, glass, windshield wipers, rear view mirrors, and horn.

J. C. Smathers, chairman of the committee on arrangements, urged all Kings Mountain area motorists to avail themselves of the chance to get the free check-up.

"Motorists should not take chances of mechanical failure on the highways, for serious and sometimes fatal wrecks can result. They have in the past," Mr. Smathers continued.



Zeb V. Cline  
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
District 1



George Leukhardt  
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
District 1



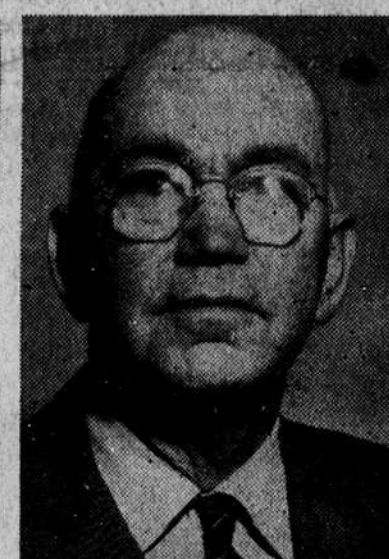
Hazel Bumgardner  
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
District 2



J. D. Harmon  
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
District 2



John D. White  
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
District 4



B. P. Jenkins, Sr.  
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
District 4



Dan W. Moore  
FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS



Wilbur W. Wright  
FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS

## Arnette Services To Be Held Friday

Funeral services for Airman Second Class Julian Ranny Arnette, 19, will be held Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock at First Presbyterian church, of which he was a member.

Interment will be made at Mountain Rest cemetery.

The body of Airman Arnette, who was killed in a truck crash in Korea only a few days before his 20th birthday, is scheduled to arrive in Atlanta, Ga., by air at 3 o'clock Thursday morning. It is scheduled to arrive here at 9 a. m. and will be taken to the Arnette home off Shelby Road at 5 p. m. Thursday afternoon.

The funeral rites will be conducted by Rev. P. D. Patrick, First

Presbyterian pastor, and he will be assisted by Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

Flower bearers and flower bearers will be members of the Kings Mountain High School graduating class of 1954, classmates of Arnette, who, with eight other members of the class, enlisted together in the Air Force shortly after receiving their diplomas.

A high school football star, Airman Arnette had made a good record in high school, both in scholastics and in extra-curriculars. He was vice-president of his graduating class and vice-president of the National Honor

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## Local News Bulletins

### SPEAKER

Dr. W. L. Pressly, pastor of Boyce Memorial ARP church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of Clover, S. C., high school Sunday night.

### METER RECEIPTS

City parking meters returned \$194 for the week ending Wednesday at noon. A total of \$158.62 was collected from on-street meters, while an additional \$35.38 came in from the Cherokee Street parking lot meters.

### KIWANIS MEETING

The Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club will hold its regular weekly meeting at the Woman's Club Thursday night at 6:45 o'clock. John Cheshire, program chairman, says in the Sinawik, club publication that due to so many requests, the program this week will be an Esso film.

### KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Coman Falls announced this week she is now accepting enrollments for the 1956-57 term of Jack and Jill Kindergarten. Classes will begin in late August.



**TO RECEIVE DEGREE**—Franklin Pethel will receive the master's degree from Union Theological Seminary School of Sacred Music, New York City, in exercises in New York's Riverside church Tuesday. Mr. Pethel is the husband of the former Miss Emelyn Gillespie of Kings Mountain.

## Pupil Assignment On School Agenda

A special meeting of the Kings Mountain Board of School Trustees has been set for Tuesday night at 7 o'clock in Supt. B. N. Barnes' office.

The meeting is for the purpose of assigning students to particular schools for the 1956-57 school term, beginning next Sep-

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