

**Population**  
 Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
 City Limits 7,206

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## North Carolina To Act On Pearsall Plan Saturday



**HYPNOTIST HERE NEXT WEEK**—Preston, the Hypnotist, is pictured above pulling a rabbit out of Charlie McCarthy's top-hat, as Edgar Bergen, the ventriloquist looks on. Preston will bring his show of magic and hypnotism here to the Dixie Theatre Monday and Tuesday nights under auspices of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce.

### Local News Bulletins

**JOINS BAIRD**  
 Miss Etha Hawkins has joined Baird Furniture, Inc., as bookkeeper, it was announced by Ken Jenkins, manager. Miss Hawkins will succeed Mrs. A. B. Falls, Jr., who is resigning.

**HAS OPERATION**  
 Carl A. Plonk, of Asheville, former Kings Mountain citizen, underwent an emergency appendectomy in North Wilkesboro last week. He was reported improving satisfactorily.

**HOMECOMING**  
 East Side Baptist church announces annual church Homecoming service which will be held October 7th, and the pastor, Rev. Carl Greene, invites all singers and church groups who wish to participate in an afternoon program of singing to contact the pastor.

**LEGION MEETING**  
 Regular monthly meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will be held at the Legion Building Friday evening at 8 o'clock, it was announced by Millard Prince, adjutant.

**MOOSE MEETING**  
 Members of Kings Mountain Moose Lodge 1748 will hold their regular Thursday night meeting at 8:15 at the lodge on Bessemer City road, according to Curtis Gaffney, secretary.

**METER RECEIPTS**  
 City parking meter receipts for the week ending noon, Wednesday, totaled \$181.18, according to a report by Miss Grace Carpenter of City Clerk's office. Miss Carpenter reported that street meters returned \$148.87, while off-street meters accounted for \$32.31.

**COMMISSION TO MEET**  
 The recently appointed City Recreation Commission is scheduled to hold its second meeting Monday night at 7:30 o'clock in city courtroom. Dr. W. P. Gerberding resigned as chairman of the commission, and Mrs. J. N. McClure, vice-chairman, will preside.

**KIWANIS MEETING**  
 Program Chairman John Cheshire was very skimpy with information concerning the weekly meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club set for Thursday night. All Mr. Cheshire would reveal was that the speakers would be two representatives from the San Francisco Convention, and that the program would be the most expensive one of the year.

**TAKES POSITION**  
 Mrs. H. A. Goforth of route 2, Kings Mountain, has accepted a position as fourth grade teacher at Stanley School in Gaston County. Mrs. Goforth attended summer school this summer to get her teacher's certificate. She reports that she will live in Kings Mountain and commute to her teaching job.

### Bloodmobile Here Monday; Quota 125 Pints

Kings Mountain's ministers are being asked to cooperate in the coming Red Cross Bloodmobile visit Monday at Kings Mountain Woman's Club, Bob Maner, blood program chairman, announced Wednesday.

Mr. Maner said that letters are being sent to each of the city's ministers asking them to remind their congregations during Sunday worship services of the Bloodmobile visit, and to urge them to help put Kings Mountain over the top in its quota.

Blood donors will be able to ride in style to the Woman's club to give blood Monday. Each of the city's taxicab companies has agreed to furnish free transportation to the Woman's club for anyone wanting to give blood.

Mr. Maner announced that donors may call either of the taxicab lots for free transportation.

Monday's quota has been set at 125 pints, and Bill Young, newly appointed recruitment chairman, says that every effort is being made to top this mark.

This visit will be the first for the Bloodmobile in Kings Mountain since the Red Cross adopted the "blood credit-card" system for blood donors. Under this system, a person giving a pint of blood is eligible to receive blood from the Red Cross for himself, his family, or dependent parents over age 65 for a six-months period.

Any blood released by the Red Cross other than to card-bearing donors will be on a strict replacement basis.

The mobile blood collecting unit will set up shop at the Woman's club from 11 a. m. until 5 p. m.

### Schools Enroll 2,292 Pupils

#### Pupil Total Slightly Less Than Last Year

Opening day enrollment in Kings Mountain schools Tuesday totaled 2,292 pupils, off 45 from opening day of 1955 and the first drop in opening day school enrollment in several years.

Kings Mountain city schools listed 2,108 pupils, off 24 from the 2132 last year, and Park Grace school in the county system had enrollment of 184, off 21 from 1955's first day.

Both B. N. Barnes, city district superintendent, and Mrs. J. C. Nickels, Park Grace principal, said opening day ran smoothly and that the schools were "settling down" Wednesday to normal schedule.

Mrs. Nickels said second day enrollment was up from first-day enrollment and attributed part of the first-day deficit to misinterpretation on the part of some patrons who live outside the city school district and east of York Road. Notices by the city district on school assignment did not apply to outside-city district patrons, but some thought they did and thought they were to attend East school, Mrs. Nickels said she had learned.

Supt. Barnes reported completion of the city schools faculty with employment of three elementary teachers. Added to the Central elementary staff were Mrs. William F. Young, of Kings Mountain, who will teach the seventh grade, Mrs. Young is a graduate of Greensboro college. Also added to Central was Mrs. Nell Gold Henrick, of Shelby, who will teach fourth grade.

Robert B. Bailey, of Plymouth, a 1956 graduate of Elizabeth City State Teacher's college, will teach eighth grade and serve as band instructor at Davidson school.

Mr. Barnes also announced that renovation of the Davidson cafeteria is virtually complete and the cafeteria is expected to begin serving meals on Monday. Other cafeterias will serve lunch for the first time Thursday.

For the first time, this year, all elementary school pupils will be expected to eat lunch at school cafeterias, the school employing a "closed" lunch period for elementary pupils. The "closed" lunch period has been in vogue



**NEW MEMBERS OF CITY SCHOOLS FACULTY**—Pictured are 18 members of the city schools faculty who greeted students Tuesday, 16 of those pictured being new faculty members for 1956-57 and two principals in new roles in the city system. Front row, left to right, are Carroll Hambricht, East principal, Mrs. William George, Mrs. James Yarbro, Mrs. Carl Finger, and Lawson Brown, Central principal. Middle row, left to right, are William George, former West school principal who is serving as North school principal this

### Favorable Vote On Amendment Would Change School Laws

Kings Mountain area citizens will join their neighbors throughout North Carolina Saturday in a general election to determine whether four amendments to the North Carolina constitution will be adopted.

Principal interest hinges in the first question on the ballot on which citizens will vote "yes" or "no"—on adoption of the so-called Pearsall Plan concerning public schools.

The Pearsall Plan, as adopted by a special session of the General Assembly several weeks ago, makes several changes in the constitutional provisions regarding schools. Essentially, the enactment of the amendment would provide tuition grants for pupils not wishing to attend segregated public schools and would allow school patrons to close particular school units.

The Pearsall Plan attempts to obviate, if not to circumvent, the May 1954 decision of the United States Supreme Court, which ruled contrary to the federal constitution segregated public schools.

North Carolinians go to the polls against a background of unrest in Tennessee, Texas, Alabama, and Virginia, as a result of efforts to integrate Negro and White pupils in schools and colleges. The National Guard was called out to maintain order in Clinton, Tenn., last week as mobs sought to prevent integration. Texas had a similar problem. Alabama had its Autherine Lucy case of last year, though the court recently did not force readmission of the Negro woman to the University of Alabama. Charlottesville was ordered to integrate its schools by the federal court, later got a stay of judgment pending action on an appeal to a higher court. Meantime, the legislature received a bill requiring the cutting off of all funds for any school which integrated Negro pupils with whites.

The Pearsall Plan has the endorsement of virtually all North Carolina's legislators, of Governor Luther Hodges, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Charles Carroll, and of United States Senators Sam Ervin and W. Kerr Scott, among others. The plan has been described as a "safety valve" to obviate the de-segregation order of the Supreme Court.

Opposing the plan are some elements of the Parent-Teacher Congress of North Carolina, and American Association of University Women, and other groups and individuals.

Other amendments North Carolinians will consider in Saturday's voting include:

- Change of the convening date of the General Assembly from January to February of each biennium.
- Change of the constitution to allow a husband to convey power of attorney to his wife.
- Change of the constitution to allow increased pay of legislators, and expense allowances for members of the General Assembly. (The legislators now receive \$15 per day for each day of the legislative session, up to 90 days. Should the amendment pass, the legislators would receive \$15 per day up to 120 days.)

### Legion Building Being Improved

Work is underway on expansion and improvement of facilities of the American Legion building.

Officials of Otis D. Green Post 155 said this week the plans call for construction of an auditorium, with seating capacity for 500 persons in the center of the building, building of a kitchen in the west wing, and construction of three rest rooms, two large ones in the main area, and one to serve kitchen personnel.

W. D. Morrison, post commander, said the work is not being let to contract but estimates the cost of the improvements will approximate \$5,000 to \$6,000.

The Legion post recently celebrated the completion of payments on its building debt and held a mortgage-burning ceremony.

The post committee in charge of the improvements program includes Fleet McCurdy, chairman, Dean Payne, Sam Collins, James Bennett and John Lewis. Commander Morrison said, "We plan an auditorium which will be available to other groups for use for many purposes."

### Freak Crash: Man Rams Auto

James W. McCraw, an Ed. neyville, N. C., pedestrian, left some puzzled people in Kings Mountain, following a freak automobile accident on West King street Tuesday.

Police reports indicated that McCraw was running across King street from Union Bus Terminal and crashed into the side of a 1953 Chevrolet operated by Mrs. Annie Bridges Blanton, of 109 McGinnis street.

The impact of the collision broke an outside mirror and a glass in the Blanton car.

Much to the surprise of Mrs. Blanton and other persons around the scene of the accident, the "victim" jumped to his feet, left his fully-packed suitcase in the middle of the road, and started running again.

McCraw ran across the King street bridge and hailed and boarded a passing westbound bus. The Kings Mountain Police department did a little checking and found that the man left the bus in Chimney Rock.

It seems that McCraw was trying to hail a truck from his home town, and when the collision caused him to miss connections he caught the first transportation headed west.

Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr., got the man's side of the story by telephone Wednesday. McCraw, a magazine salesman, called from Chattanooga, Tenn., asking that his suitcase be released and sent to him. He said he was not injured in the accident. The police department has forwarded McCraw's bag.

### Ninth Annual Bethware Fair Will Open Next Wednesday



**SHOW ON T-V**—Miss Frances Goforth, Kings Mountain native, has co-authored a drama "Ark of Safety," which will be telecast nationally by NBC on the Goodyear Playhouse Saturday evening.

### Fair Officials Predict Event To Top Records

The ninth annual Bethware Community Fair, sponsored by the Bethware Progressive club, will open at 1 o'clock next Wednesday.

The four-day event, immediately preceding the annual Cleveland County fair, will continue through Saturday, September 15.

Lamar Herndon, fair president, said this week he expects the Bethware Fair to break all previous records, both for attendance and for quantity and quality of exhibitions.

"Farmers generally have enjoyed a better season in the Kings Mountain area this year and the quality of crops is correspondingly improved," Mr. Herndon commented.

For the first time, cash prizes are being offered winning exhibitors and this addition to the fair format is expected to increase competition in the various classes. In addition, several divisions have been expanded to include more products.

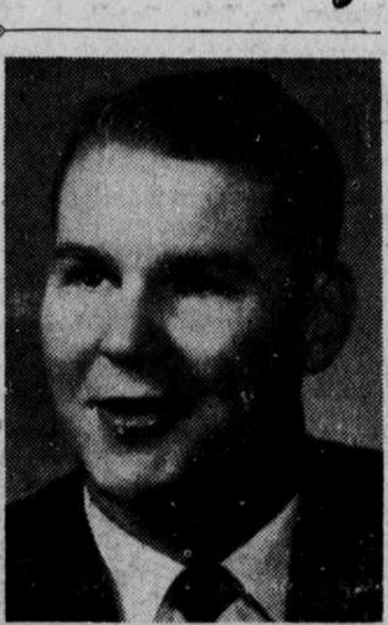
R. C. Lee riding devices will again be a midway feature, and numerous other games and attractions will adorn the midway. Numerous area firms are planning commercial exhibits. Fireworks displays will be featured.

The play, starring Beula Bondi, veteran stage and film star, will be telecast coast-to-coast via NBC and can be seen in this area on Channels 10 and 12 at 8 p. m. Sunday night.

Collaborating with Miss Goforth in writing the drama was Howard Richardson. He and Miss Goforth have been co-authoring dramas for several years, but "Ark of Safety" is the first of their products to be televised. Mr. Richardson is a native of Black Mountain. Both now live in New York. Setting for the television drama is Tennessee, the time immediately following World War I.

Miss Goforth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Goforth.

Both Miss Goforth and Mr. Richardson are graduates of the University of North Carolina.



**SCHOLAR**—Charles F. Mauney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Mauney, of King Mountain, has been awarded a \$400 scholarship in the School of Textiles at N. C. State College. Mr. Mauney is a State College senior.

### Mauney Wins Scholarship

RALEIGH—Charles Mauney of Kings Mountain has been awarded the \$400 Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Company Scholarship in the School of Textiles at North Carolina State College for the 1956-57 academic year.

### Ware Raises Logan's Bid

Franklin L. Ware, Jr., Tuesday raised the bid of Hugh A. Logan, Jr., on the residence of the late W. E. Blakely.

Mr. Ware raised the bid by the required five percent in the amount of \$665. The raised bid forces resale of the property, being offered at public auction to settle the Blakely Estate. The bidding will begin at \$13,995.

Resale of the property will be conducted on Saturday, September 22, according to legal notice published in today's Herald by Davis & White, attorneys.

### Baptist Revival Starting Sunday

Evangelist Don Austin of Greensboro will conduct a series of revival services at Second Baptist Church starting Sunday night and lasting through September 16.

Mr. Austin was formerly associated with Evangelist Billy Graham, and traveled abroad with the noted minister.

Services will be held each evening at 7:30 o'clock, the Rev. Howard T. Cook, pastor of Second Baptist Church, reported. Special singing will also be a feature of the revival series.

### Trustees Postpone Reassignment Action To Monday; Requests Few

Kings Mountain city district school trustees will meet Monday night at the Central school office of the superintendent at 7:30.

The board, at the special session, will consider pupil reassignment requests, which school officials reported Wednesday, have thus far been few.

Supt. B. N. Barnes said his office had received only 30 assignment "exception" requests.

Deadline for applying for exception to the school trustees 1956-1957 assignment plan is Saturday.

The board made its assignment plan in conformance with the state statute adopted in 1955. The law provides reassignment re-

### City Tax Prepayments Set Record For August; County's Heavy, Too

Kings Mountain citizens have pre-paid 1956 city tax bills in record amount this year, according to report of J. W. Webster, city tax supervisor.

Mr. Webster said total payments through the close of business last Friday totaled \$76,977.21, up nearly \$10,000 from the \$67,283 paid during the month of August last year.

Pre-payments are still possible, though the discount rate dropped on September 1 to one percent. All persons paying taxes last month received a two percent discount.

### Facts Are Listed On Saturday Voting

Facts on Saturday's general election follow:  
 Polls open—6:30 a. m.  
 Polls close—6:30 p. m.  
 Eligibles to vote: All registered voters, regardless of party affiliation.

Kings Mountain area voting places—East Kings Mountain precinct at City Hall, Mrs. Nell Cranford, registrar; West Kings Mountain precinct at Victory Chevrolet Company, Mrs. J. H. Arthur, registrar; Bethware precinct at Bethware school, Mrs. H. A. Goforth, registrar; Grover precinct at Grover fire station, J. B. Ellis, registrar.

Ballots: one, containing four questions on amendments to North Carolina Constitution, on which voters will answer "yes" or "no" on question of adopting the several amendments.

Predicted vote: in Number 4 Township, 800; in Cleveland county, 600.

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