

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 7,206

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"Mother's March" On Polio To Be Held Thursday Night

Door-To-Door Solicitation Is Planned

The Junior Woman's club will conduct the annual Mothers' March on Polio Thursday night from 7 o'clock until 8 p.m.

Kings Mountain citizens who wish to contribute to the campaign to secure funds for infantile paralysis should turn their porch lights on and members of the club will pick up their donations. Citizens who are not contacted by a member of the club and who wish to donate to the drive should telephone the Woman's club (number 9135) from 8 o'clock until 8:30 p.m. and a member of the club will pick up the donations.

Mrs. James Alexander is Junior Woman's club chairman of the fund-raising effort which seeks to raise \$3,535 in the Kings Mountain area.

Co-chairmen of the drive here are Jonas Bridges and Ollie Harris.



Campaign Lags With Only \$1433 Of Quota Raised

Total donations for the 1957 March of Dimes fund campaign in Kings Mountain totaled \$1283.67 at noon Wednesday.

However, the Kiwanis - Lions Radio Auction held Wednesday afternoon put another \$150 into the polio pot.

These donations include \$241.89 collected at Central School, and \$160.20 from East School. It also included funds raised through the Jaycee Roadblock, and the Blue Crutch Sale conducted by the American Legion with the help of the Boy and Girl Scouts of the city.

No report had been received from Davidson School, where Mrs. Johnny Leach is chairman, according to Charles Dixon, chairman of school donations. Also no business or industrial donations have been reported.

Kings Mountain's quota for the 1957 drive was \$3535. Jonas Bridges and J. Ollie Harris are co-chairmen of this year's campaign.

Aubrey Mauney, one of the Kiwanians working the radio auction, reported that all items available were sold. He added that the bidders got bargains, with the selling prices averaging around 75 percent of retail price. The Lions Club collected the items to be auctioned, while the Kiwanians handled the selling end of the project.



Local News Bulletins

DUKE GIFT

Kings Mountain hospital was allotted \$739 by the Duke Foundation for hospital charity patients during last year, according to report announced Wednesday. Duke Foundation distributed over \$203,000 to hospitals of the two Carolinas.

METERS NOT "ROBBED"

The city police department did not make its customary collection of parking meter receipts Wednesday. With wet weather the money won't pass through the counting machines. A two-week collection will be made next Wednesday, weather permitting.

SEAL SALE DRIVE

Contributions of \$6,213.65 have been received in the Cleveland County seal sale drive, according to announcement by William Eldon, Kings Mountain area seal sale chairman. Citizens should forward their donations to the county TB office.

MISSION RALLY

Presbyterian churches of Kings Mountain Presbyterian will hold a World Mission rally at Gastonia First Presbyterian church Thursday (tonight) at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Hugh Bradley, missionary to China, will be the speaker. Kings Mountain Presbyterian church will be represented at the rally.

ROPER TO SPEAK

Sheldon M. Roper, well-known Lincolnton attorney and Methodist lay leader, will be the guest speaker at the weekly meeting of Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club Thursday night. The club meets at 6:45 p.m. Kings Mountain Woman's Club.

VARIETY SHOW

West school fifth grade will present a musical variety show Friday night, February 1st, at 8 o'clock at the school. Stephen Foster music, songs, and dances will feature the program. A collection will be received with proceeds to be used for a class trip.

CITY AUTO TAGS

A total of 617 Kings Mountain auto owners had purchased city auto licenses through Wednesday at noon, Assistant City Clerk Joe McDaniel said. This is less than half the total sold last year. Penalty for failure to buy the licenses will apply after February 15.

LICENSE OFFICE

The state driving license office will not be open here on Thursday at City Hall but will be open on regular schedule on Friday. H. L. Nolan, state driving license examiner, said illness of one examiner will prevent the office's opening on Thursday.

DIMES HELP THESE — Here are two Kings Mountain area polio patients who are aided by contributions made in the March of Dimes campaign. Odessa Lunsford, above, 16, 808 Church street, was stricken in 1954. Linda Sue Burris, below, route 1, Kings Mountain, is now age nine. She, too, was stricken in 1954. Both are receiving treatment toward rehabilitation through the Cleveland County Polio Foundation.

Legion To Talk Junior Baseball

Members of Otis D. Green, Post 155, American Legion, will hold their regular monthly meeting at the clubhouse on Friday, February 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Junior Baseball for 1957 is among the big items of business scheduled to be discussed. The future of the Legion-sponsored project in Kings Mountain may depend on the outcome of this meeting.

Fleete McCurdy, post athletic officer last season, is expected to again get the nod from post members. However, one big hurdle facing the local Legionnaires at the present time is the problem of getting a coach for the Junior baseball team.

Gus Hartsoe coached the squad last season. Coach John Gamble of the Central High School staff has been approached about the job, but has turned it down. Other coaching prospects being mentioned are Lawson Brown, principal of Central School and a former professional ball player, and Gene Kirkpatrick, who handled the Shelby Blues entry in the Legion wars last year.

LUTHERAN SERVICES

Sunday morning church services during the month of February at St. Matthew's Lutheran church will be broadcast over Radio Station WKMT at 11 a.m. each Sunday. Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor, will deliver the Sunday morning message on evangelism. Dr. Paul Graf, of Minneapolis, will be the visiting speaker at the February 10 service.



LATE DR. FALLS — Dr. Oliver Green Falls (1857 - 1930), Kings Mountain physician - industrialist, was honored by his widow last week when she presented a gift valued at more than \$2,200 to Kings Mountain hospital. The hospital laboratory will be named in his memory.

Hospital Naming Lab For Falls

As was anticipated, the county board of hospital trustees, at their January 23 meeting, accepted with appreciation Mrs. Katherine Falls Frazier's gift to Kings Mountain hospital and voted to use a portion of the funds to purchase a spectro-photometer for the hospital laboratory.

Specifically, Business Manager Grady Howard was authorized to sell 25 of the 50 shares of Southern Railway stock — donated by Mrs. Frazier in memory of her late husband, Dr. Oliver Green Falls — to purchase the laboratory test-making apparatus.

The trustees also voted to name the Kings Mountain hospital laboratory the Oliver Green Falls Memorial laboratory. A suitable plaque will be installed.

The other stock will be used to purchase other needed equipment. The spectro-photometer is described as a highly accurate testing machine which will perform 330 clinical tests. Present laboratory equipment can manage only 44.

Dr. Falls was a native of Number 4 township, born March 7, 1857. He was the son of Alfred V. and Fannie Neal Falls. Dr. Falls attended the Bell military academy here and was graduated from the medical department of the University of Maryland. He subsequently practiced medicine for 18 years at Clinton, S. C. Dr. Falls returned to Kings Mountain in 1900 where he and the late Captain Freno Dilling, his brother-in-law, organized the Cora Mill (now Craftsman Yarns, Inc.). He never practiced actively after returning here, though he was available to friends and kin for emergency medical treatment.

He retired as president, secretary and treasurer of the Cora Mill in 1928. He died on April 6, 1930.

At his death, Dr. Falls was president of the Home Building and Loan association, and served as county commissioner in both Cleveland and Gaston counties. He also served on the East Kings Mountain board of education. He was an elder of Boyce Memorial A.R.P. church. He and other heirs of A. V. Falls gave the site on which the church still stands.

Mrs. Frazier, nee Katherine Cassels, was the widow of Dr. David Providence of Barrow, S. C., when she was married to Dr. Falls on October 24, 1918. Subsequent to Dr. Falls' death she was married to the late George Frazier, of Statesville.

The value of Mrs. Frazier's gift was placed in excess of \$2,200.

Kiwanis, Doctors Promoting Fluoridation Of Water Supply

Home B. & L. Directors Re-Elected

Home Building & Loan Association may, within the next few weeks, change its corporate name to "Home Savings and Loan Association, Inc."

This was one of the permissive actions voted at the annual meeting of stockholders January 22, when the stockholders also authorized the directors to set up an employee pension plan, authorized change of annual meeting date "if deemed necessary by the directors", and complimented the staff for its work during 1956.

The stockholders also re-elected all directors, who are: Dr. J. E. Anthony, G. A. Bridges, J. H. Thomson, A. H. Patterson, W. F. Young, L. L. Alexander, J. B. Mauney, I. G. Patterson, B. D. Rattee, Jack H. White, and Hal D. Ward. Subsequent to the stockholder session, the directors re-elected all officers. Dr. J. E. Anthony is president, Mr. Bridges vice-president, Mr. Thomson vice-president, A. H. Patterson is executive vice-president, secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Emily A. Herndon is assistant secretary, and Mr. Young is assistant treasurer.

A. H. Patterson, in his report on 1956 operations, told the stockholders that assets had increased by \$391,589.36 to \$2,354,639.05, that dividends had been paid totaling \$58,926.66, and that association reserves had increased by \$34,502.08 to \$205,604.41. Reserves at year end totaled, Mr. Patterson noted, 9.6 percent of the association's withdrawable accounts.

Other items in the report were: 1) The association made 246 mortgage loans during the year, bringing total loans to \$2,051,165.32 an increase of \$228,693.80. 2) Outstanding at year end were 802 mortgage loans and 31 share loans. 3) A total of 1454 savings accounts were held at year end totaling \$2,147,412 up from \$1,789,861 the previous December 31.

Area's Part Heavy In Mineral Surge

How much of the Carolinas' 24 million dollar increase in mineral output since World War II can be attributed to Kings Mountain area mining operations?

Local mining officials were interested Wednesday in the report of the Department of Commerce field office at Charleston, S. C., which showed the \$24 million increase.

Local folk were quick to note that the addition of Foote Mineral Company (which has heavily expanded the Solvay Processing Company World War II operation), of Lithium Corporation of America, and of Kings Mountain Mica Company, Inc., would indicate that Kings Mountain area mining operations contributed perhaps a major percentage to the North Carolina increase of over \$19 millions.

Cotton Soil Bank Sign-Ups To Start

Funds Available To Withdraw 6,000 Acres

Cleveland County farmers will start soil-banking cotton Friday.

Ralph Harrill, Cleveland ASC manager, has notified farmers to make soil bank applications at the ASC office beginning February 1. He said the sign-ups will continue through the month of March, or until Cleveland's \$460,550 cotton soil bank allotment is exhausted.

Mr. Harrill estimates the soil bank allotment will take about 6,000 acres of land out of cotton production this season, or approximately 17 percent of the county's 34,500-acre cotton allotment.

Farmers will get one of four figures as their cotton soil-bank payments: \$52, \$59, \$65, or \$72 per acre. Mr. Harrill said the figures were set "per farm" by the county ASC committee, who based decisions on a normal year yield, the operator himself, his work force and his equipment. It was noted that if a farmer feels he should have a higher acreage payment he can file application and have his complaint considered.

A farmer may soil bank either 30 percent of his allotment or 10 acres, whichever is the larger figure. Mr. Harrill noted that a farmer who wanted to soil bank a very large allotment should make application at the time he banks the permissible amount. Should soil bank funds not be expended, these added applications would be honored on a first-come-first-served basis.

When a farmer soil banks his cotton for 1957 he agrees to 1) let the soil banked acreage lie fallow, or 2) plant on it a conserving crop under ASC supervision. Mr. Harrill noted that the ASC would pay half the cost of the soil improvement practice.

Gantt Resumes Grocer Role

W. Mack Gantt announced Wednesday that he resumed operation of the grocery store on Linwood Drive, which has been operating as William's Cash Grocery for the past 30 months.

Mr. Gantt, a veteran of some 30 years in the grocery business, said his business hours would be from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. Plans were not complete as of Wednesday afternoon closings, but he said that he would probably follow the hours of the city's other merchants. Majority of the city's business firms close at noon on Wednesday.

Suggestion To Fluoridate Water Revived

Directors of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club went on record Friday night at a regular director's meeting as favoring the fluoridation of the city water supply.

The directors adopted this project as one of several for the club this year. This action followed a long discussion concerning fluoridation, during which time Dr. Paul Nolan and Dr. D. F. Hord pointed out the benefits and low cost of such a move.

Dr. Nolan reported Wednesday that the Kings Mountain Hospital medical staff also went on record as favoring the fluoridation plan at a meeting Monday night.

Fluoridation is recommended by some medical and dental authorities as being the answer to the problem of tooth cavities.

Kiwanis directors stipulated that the motion be brought before the Public Affairs committee for any action the committee deemed necessary.

Members of the Public Affairs committee are Arnold Kiser, chairman, John Smathers, director, Jim Anthony, Glee A. Bridges, J. R. Davis, and Hunter Neisler.

This proposal is not new in Kings Mountain. The idea was proposed some four or five years ago, but was turned down at that time due to "lack of funds".

Dr. Hord told the directors Friday that it would cost approximately \$750 a year to fluoridate the city's water after the fluoridating equipment was purchased. He did not estimate the amount required to purchase the equipment.

This question of fluoridation is one that has caused no end of controversy in North Carolina.

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Smith Assigned Added Duties

Effective January 1, 1957, the position of administrative assistant was created by the Foote Mineral Company plant at Kings Mountain.

DeVere R. Smith assumed the responsibilities of this position in addition to retaining those of plant accountant, according to an announcement by Neil O. Johnson, operations manager. Mr. Smith reports directly to the operations manager in the new post, and is responsible for the development, administration and control of the accounting, purchasing, warehouse, plant security and general office activities of the operation.

A native of Norfolk, Nebraska, Mr. Smith attended George Washington University and Duke University. He began work at the local Foote operation May 6, 1953 as plant accountant and office manager, and for a time was also responsible for the personnel management activities. Prior to coming to Kings Mountain, he was employed by Government Services, Inc. for seven years in Washington, D. C., and Fontana Dam, N. C. He resides in Crescent Hill with his wife and two children.

Tax Penalty Deadline Near

Penalty on unpaid 1956 city and county tax bills applies on Saturday.

This means that one percent penalty will be added to all 1956 tax accounts not paid by the close of business on Friday.

Both city and county collectors anticipate the customary last-minute rush to avoid penalty.

City Collector J. W. Webster noted that his office closes at 4:30 Friday, and also noted that additional penalty applies at the rate of one-half percent per month after February.

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Whammy Take Falls Heavily

The city's "whammy" — the electric speed - timing device installed by the city police department on January 17 — put only seven persons in city court Monday, as compared to the 44 it sent up for speeding the previous court day a week before.

The "whammy" is being used sporadically on various city streets. The policemen may set up on King street in the morning, Piedmont avenue in the afternoon, Cleveland avenue the next day, or vice versa.

Other "whammy" notes: 1) The Herald's report of last week listing victims of the device included the name of Harold S. Falls. The name should have read Harold L. Falls. A check-up revealed that the name had been incorrectly copied from citation slip to warrant and court docket. Harold R. Falls called the error to the Herald's attention, said at least 25 persons had variously teased him and sympathized with him about his troubles with the "whammy". Harold R. Falls is an overseer at Craftsman Yarns, Inc. Harold L. Falls is a city mail carrier.

2) Miss Billie Gibbons, city court clerk, said she had paid attorney George Thomasson, the court's fee basis solicitor, \$203 for the month of January. The payment represented \$3.50 per defendant found guilty but excluded the \$3.50 on all "whammy" victim defendants who submitted. Miss Gibbons said she deducted the fee on instructions of Mayor Bridges.

3) City Clerk Gene Mitcham guessed the question of the fee - waiving agreement between Mayor Bridges and George Thomasson would be discussed at the city board's February 7 meeting. Mr. Thomasson's fee basis schedule was set by the board of commissioners.

4) Minimum court costs customarily are \$14.10 (excluding jail fees, witness fees, fines, etc.) Of the total \$3.50 goes to the solicitor, \$2 to the State of North Carolina, and \$8.60 into the city's general fund. The city pays the judge's salary and the clerk's salary, in addition to purchasing necessary bookkeeping supplies and other requirements.

Graf, Lineberger Lutheran Missioners



MISSIONER — Dr. Paul Luther Graf, Minneapolis, Minn., Lutheran minister, will be the visiting missionary at St. Matthew's Lutheran church during the Charlotte area evangelism mission February 10-14.

Dr. Paul Luther Graf, pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran church, Minneapolis, Minn., will be the missionary at St. Matthew's Lutheran church during the February 10-14 evangelistic mission.

Dr. Graf will deliver sermons twice on February 10 and evening sermons subsequently through February 14.

The North Lima, Ohio, native, is described by St. Matthew's pastor, Dr. W. P. Gerberding, as "a great leader of the church throughout the land and an eloquent speaker."

Dr. Graf serves one of the nation's largest Lutheran churches. Its membership totals 4,228. During 1956, the church logged 300 accessions and attendance at services at \$2,856. The church budget exceeds \$200,000.



MISSIONER — Rev. Corley R. Lineberger, Hendersonville, Lutheran pastor, will be the visiting missionary at Resurrection Lutheran church during the Charlotte area evangelism mission in February.

Rev. Corley R. Lineberger, pastor of Grace Lutheran church at Hendersonville, will be the visiting missionary at Resurrection Lutheran church here during the February 10-14 evangelistic mission of Charlotte area Lutherans.

Rev. Mr. Lineberger received his undergraduate education at Atlantic Christian College and studied for the ministry at the Lutheran seminary, Columbia, S. C.

Prior to going to Hendersonville, where he currently is president of the ministerial association, he served the Maiden Lutheran church for three years. He is an army veteran and is now VFW chaplain.

Mr. Lineberger is also a musician. When the Hendersonville schools were without a band director, the minister served a substitute for a semester until a full-time director could be obtained.

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