

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 7,206

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HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTS MEMBERS — Kings Mountain high school chapter of the National Honor Society inducted two new members and elected new officers recently. Pictured, left to right, are Mary Ann Beam, vice-president; Jane Osborne, Doris Cloninger, Jeanne Plonk, a new member and recently-elected secretary.

Mrs. W. T. Weir, chapter advisor, Curtis George, past president, E. L. Brown, high school principal, Pat Owens, Peggy Joyce Reynolds, and Sybil Stringfellow, David Baity, kneeling, a new member, was elected president of the organization.

Mauney Lot Bought By Bell For Future Dial Exchange

Unemployment Pay Claims Up; Textiles Spotty

"Claims are heavy," Franklin L. Ware, Jr., manager of the local office of the North Carolina Employment Security Commission, reported Wednesday.

"The four-week period ending January 25 was especially heavy due to the signing of many workers during Christmas lay-off," he added.

His report for the four weeks showed 1834 claims for unemployment compensation were processed during that period. This is an average of 458 per week.

The report also showed that 115 persons applied for work during that period, bringing the number of persons in file seeking work to 354. Only 50 openings were reported, with 36 of these positions being filled, Mr. Ware stated.

"The textile field is fluctuating, while other industries are remaining steady," Mr. Ware said in explaining the increase in unemployment compensation claims.

Several local plants are undergoing changes and temporary lay-off conditions, according to reports from various sources.

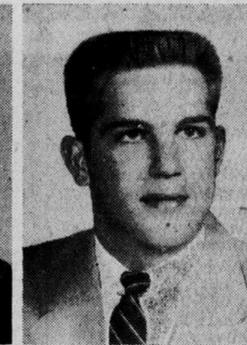
Craftspun Yarns, Inc., is installing new machinery and at the present time only about 50 percent of its employees are working. Mr. Ware said the plant was using a rotating method whereby one-half of the workers work each week.

Ralph Johnson, Slater Brothers manager, reported Wednesday that some 23 or 24 employees, mostly women, have been temporarily laid-off at that plant. Mr. Johnson blamed the lay-off on slow orders, and explained

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GRADUATED — Demouth Blanton, left, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Blanton, has received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity from Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest, and Bobby P. Huskey, right, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Huskey, Covington, Tenn., received the degree of Bachelor of Science in agricultural engineering from N. C. State college.



Dial Service Is Indicated By 1959-60

Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, has purchased from W. K. Mauney a lot Bell intends to use for building a dial telephone station in Kings Mountain.

Southern Bell bought the larger portion of the Mauney lot at the corner of Mountain and Candler streets. The lot fronts 173 feet on Mountain and 212 feet on Candler. The purchase price, Mr. Mauney said, was \$20,000.

Purchase of the lot was first announced by Floyd Farris, manager of the Kings Mountain exchange, in the course of an address to the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night.

Mr. Farris guessed that dial system telephones in Kings Mountain are "two to three years" away, but said a repeater station to be used in connection with the company's Charlotte-Shelby toll line service would be constructed soon.

Construction of a dial station will be begun on completion of necessary engineering studies and is contingent, Mr. Farris added, on growth of the Kings Mountain area and the company's financial resources.

Mr. Farris also noted that installation of dial service in Kings Mountain will not cost any employees their jobs. "All employees will be retained by the company," Mr. Farris said. "Dial service itself creates jobs."

The site purchased by Southern Bell is known to many citizens as the "Hambright property." Mr. Mauney still retains a portion of the property, fronting about 150 feet on Candler street.

For several years, many citizens have encouraged Southern Bell to build a dial exchange here. Some five years ago, Bell's Charlotte district manager told a group of citizens Kings Mountain would eventually get dial service. However, he said at that time dial service for Kings Mountain was several years away, due to the fact space was at a greater premium in other exchanges.

Since that time, Bell has added numerous stations in its Kings Mountain manually operated exchange.

On completion of engineering work—which not only will include building plans but specifications on the made-to-order equipment the company will purchase from Western Electric Company—the company likely will announce a specific date for the starting of construction and a target date for cutting the Kings Mountain phones over to dial.

Mr. Farris said the dial equipment would be of latest type and would be able to handle long-distance dialing.

Boy Scout Week Underway Here

Kings Mountain Boy Scouts and their leaders are joining in the world-wide observance of Boy Scout Week, commemorating the 47th anniversary of Scouting.

Rev. J. B. McLarty, Kings Mountain district chairman, announced this week that the annual Boy Scout banquet, for Boy Scouts and citizens interested in Scouting, will be held on February 14 as a joint session with the Kiwanis Club.

Featured speaker for the banquet will be M. G. Boswell, deputy regional executive for region six, of Atlanta, Ga. Tickets for the banquet are \$1 and reservations should be in the hands of J. H. Patterson, chairman of the Kiwanis house committee, by Monday.

Sunday will be "Boy Scout Sunday" and majority of the city's churches will take note of Scouting in their Sunday morning services. Boy Scout troops and Cub Scouts packs customarily attend these services in a body.

The annual fund drive for the Kings Mountain district will get underway February 15, with a \$2,000 goal. J. H. Patterson is serving as chairman of the finance committee and as fund drive chairman. Sam Stallings is co-chairman.

Currently in the Kings Mountain district there are four active

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Lutheran Evangelism Mission Plans Are Reported Complete

Kings Mountain's two Lutheran churches reported plans complete this week for their Lutheran Evangelism Mission activities which begin Sunday morning.

Members of the committees in charge for St. Matthew's and Resurrection Lutheran churches have been working on their respective projects for the past three months.

Both churches will have visiting missionaries who will preach on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at evening services at eight o'clock, Sunday through Thursday.

Coming to St. Matthew's is Dr. Paul Graf, of Minneapolis, Minn., described by Dr. Gerberding as "one of the outstanding ministers in America." In New York for the past ten days on business of the United Lutheran Church in America, Dr. Graf will come to Kings Mountain by plane on Saturday. He is a member of the ULCA foreign mission board and pastor of the large Holy Trinity church of Minneapolis.

Coming to Resurrection is Rev. Corley R. Lineberger, of Hendersonville, described by Rev. R. Douglas Fritz as a busy minister with a wide range of civic as well as ministerial activities. A musician, the minister played in an army band in World War II. He is chaplain of the Hendersonville VFW.

In addition to the preaching services, each church has a visiting committee which will convene at their respective church for supper each evening, Monday through Thursday. Subsequently they will visit prospective members and invite them to attend 8 o'clock services.

Mornings will be devoted to a Pastor's Bible Study, to be held at St. Mark's Lutheran church in Charlotte.

The Lutheran Evangelism mission, which is being conducted

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Local News Bulletins

LIONS TO MEET
The regular meeting of Kings Mountain Lions Club will be held Tuesday night at 7 o'clock. The club meets every second Tuesday at Kings Mountain Woman's Club.

ORDAINED
Dewitt Hambricht was ordained an elder by Dixon Presbyterian church at Sunday services. Other elders are Dan Wells, J. V. Stewart, and Gordon Hughes.

ATTENDS MEETING
Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of First Presbyterian church, attended a meeting of Presbyterian Synod's Council at White Memorial church, Raleigh, on Friday.

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

SUPPER
Women of the Church of Dixon Presbyterian church will serve hotdogs and cold drinks in the church fellowship hall Saturday night beginning at 6 o'clock p.m., it was announced by Mrs. Wayne Wells, president of the Women of the Church.

TO CONVENTION
Mrs. George Morrow leaves Sunday for Durham to attend the State convention of Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association, a trade and educational convention scheduled Sunday through Tuesday at Washington - Duke Hotel. Mrs. Morrow is a member of the staff of Helen's Beauty Shop here.

KIWANIS MEETING
Laxton Hamrick, superintendent of the Mt. Holly City Schools, will be the guest speaker for the weekly meeting of Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club this week. The club meets at Kings Mountain Woman's Club Thursday evening at 6:45.

TIED FOR TOP
Bethware boys basketball team defeated Fallston in a six-point thriller Tuesday night to move into a three-way tie with Fallston and No. 3 high for top spot in the county basketball league.

SHAREHOLDER MEETING
Annual meeting of shareholders of Kings Mountain Building & Loan association will be held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the offices of the association.

Patterson Won't Seek Re-election



NEW PRESIDENT — Charles Dixon, Victory Chevrolet Co. salesman, will head the Kings Mountain Merchant's Association during 1957-58. Dixon was elected to the presidency last week by local merchants. He succeeds Paul Walker as president.

Dixon Will Head Merchant Group
Members of Kings Mountain Merchant's Association last week selected Charles Dixon, Victory Chevrolet Company Salesman, to succeed Paul Walker as president of that organization.

Mr. Dixon, who served as vice-president of the association during the last year, was selected over Fleete McCurdy in balloting by local merchants.

Other officers of the organization elected for the coming year are: Jonas Bridges, vice-president; directors elected for two year terms included, Dick McGinnis, Odus Smith, Gene Timms, and John Warlick.

Hold-over directors with a year left to serve are Charles Blanton, Yates Harbison, Menzell Philfer, and Ed Tutor.

Mrs. Elaine Queen is secretary of the local merchant's group. These officers and directors will be installed at the association's annual banquet on March 11.

COMPLETE COURSE
Nine high school Home Economic students have completed a Red Cross course in home nursing conducted by Mrs. W. P. Sweezy for the local Red Cross chapter. Completing the course were Ellen Baker, Joyce Hope, Helen Morrison, Barbara Smith, Jeanne Plonk, Shirley Ann Whitaker, Nellie Sue Norman, Judy Yarboro, and Joyce B. Hord.

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City Election Speculation Is Underway

At least one new face will appear in the next city administration.

J. H. Patterson, completing his second term as Ward 2 commissioner, announced this week he would not be a candidate for re-election.

Majority of the other members of the present administration are expected to seek re-election, though W. G. Grantham, completing his second term as Ward 5 commissioner, is telling friends he doubts he will offer again. However, he made no formal announcement.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges is expected to seek a third consecutive term, though he says he would step down "if the right man offered."

For the Ward II spot, several names have been mentioned. Among them are Hilton Ruth, W. S. Fulton, Jr., and A. D. Cornwell. There has been rumor of an opposition candidate to Mayor Bridges, the names having included J. Lee Roberts and Haywood E. Lynch. Ward 3 Commissioner T. J. Ellison, as he did two years ago, has also been reported considering a race for the top spot, but is generally regarded as a candidate for re-election as commissioner. Expressing disinterest in seeking the mayor post have been Ollie Harris, Wilson Crawford, and W. M. Gantt.

In Ward 4, where Paul Ledford is expected to run again, Ben H.

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Junior Woman's Club For Fluoridation

The Kings Mountain Junior Woman's club voted Monday night to endeavor to acquaint Kings Mountain citizens with the arguments in favor of fluoridating.

The organization becomes the third to endorse fluoridation. First was the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club and the medical staff of Kings Mountain hospital shortly followed suit.

Proponents contend that fluoride in drinking water will prevent the formation of cavities in teeth and will thereby cut tooth decay and lower the community's aggregate dental bill.

Opponents contend that fluoridating is harmful to older persons, causing the formation of calcium deposits in joints and thereby producing arthritis and rheumatism. (See editorial page, this issue.)

Farmers Rush To Bank Cotton

Cleveland County's farmers have been flocking to the ASC office in Shelby since last Friday to bank their 1957 cotton crop.

Wednesday morning, Secretary Ralph Harrill estimated that the original allotment of \$460,550 would be exhausted sometime Thursday.

The pace of sign-ups, however, had slowed somewhat Wednesday morning, Mr. Harrill said. Using a number system on a first-come-first-served basis, the ASC official said there was much less of a jam-up Wednesday than had occurred on the previous three sign-up days.

One Kings Mountain farmer said he was at the ASC office Monday at 5 a.m. It was 3:30 p.m. when he completed his soil-banking transaction.

Mr. Harrill emphasized that farmers who wish to soil bank their cotton should continue to sign up, even after the original allotment funds are exhausted. There are two reasons: 1) Cleveland's allotment of cotton soil bank funds may be increased, and 2) some farmers who have signed soil bank agreements may change their minds and thereby release soil bank money.

The score through Tuesday's soil-banking showed farmers had soil banked 5,060.9 acres, with \$126,824.80 of the \$460,550 remaining.

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.

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.

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Blanton, Huskey Get Diplomas

Two Kings Mountain men received degrees in recent college commencement exercises.

Demouth Blanton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Blanton, was graduated from Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest and will be ordained a Baptist minister at March 3rd church services at First Baptist church. A graduate of Mars Hill Junior college and Wake Forest college, he is chaplain at State Hospital in Raleigh.

Bobby P. Huskey, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Huskey of Covington, Tenn., formerly of Kings Mountain, received a bachelor of engineering from North Carolina State college at Raleigh and received a reserve commission as a second lieutenant in the Air Force. Mr. Huskey was designated a distinguished military graduate which entitles him to regular commission upon entering active duty. He plans to do research work with the Agricultural Engineering department at State college until being called to active duty in the Air Force.

Mr. Huskey is married to the former Miss Laura Lane Morris, of Kings Mountain.

Scranton Lace Diversifying

Scranton Lace Company, Scranton, Pa., parent company of Craftspun Yarns, Inc., and Cora Lee Fabrics, Inc., of Kings Mountain Wednesday announced it had acquired 100 percent of the common stock of Southwestern International Corporation, thereby obtaining a substantial interest in companies manufacturing a wide variety of products, as well as an interest in industrial properties at Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., and St. Louis, Mo.

The acquisition was made through the issuance of common stock of Scranton Lace Company. The purchase price was undisclosed.

Diversification of activities by Scranton Lace was the motivation behind the acquisition, Carl Swan, Craftspun president said. It is probable, he added, that this first step in enlarging the scope of operations will result in further diversification in the products manufactured at the Scranton plant.

Penalty of one percent is added to delinquent tax bills after February 2, and one-half of one percent is added for each additional month of delinquency.

1956 City Tax Levy Is 80 Percent Paid

City of Kings Mountain collected approximately 80 percent of its \$163,184.85 personal property tax levy before penalties were added February 2, according to a report by City Tax Collector J. W. Webster.

Mr. Webster reported that \$130,386.73 of the total levy has been collected.

January 30, 31, and February 1, last three days of collection prior to penalty date brought in \$6,952.07 in a last minute rush of business.

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