

# Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 7,206

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## Local News Bulletins

### SCHOOL BOARD

The city board of education will hold its regular meeting Monday night at 7:30 p.m. in the office of Supt. B. N. Barnes. Last Monday night's regularly-scheduled meeting was postponed.

### SEWING CLASS

Kings Mountain women interested in registering in summer sewing classes are being invited to contact the school office (phones 212 or 437). If a sufficient number registers for the course, a beginners sewing class will be conducted by the city schools.

### PLAYGROUND OPEN

The city playground is being operated for children daily during the hours of 9 and 12 noon, according to announcement by Jake Early, Mikie White and Bud Bumgardner are supervising the program and parents are invited to have their children participate.

### YOUTH CARAVAN

A caravan of church youth workers will visit two Kings Mountain Lutheran churches July 28-30, according to announcement by church officials. The youth workers will be at both St. Matthew's and Resurrection Lutheran churches here.

### UNION SERVICE

Sunday night union service for five city church congregations will be held at Resurrection Lutheran church with Rev. James B. McLaughlin, pastor of Central Methodist church, to deliver the 8 o'clock sermon. Open house will be held following the service for visitors to see improvements being made in the Sunday school annex.

### MERCHANTS

Kings Mountain merchants will be open all day Wednesday, July 3rd, and will close for the July 4 holiday on Thursday, July 4th, according to announcement by Mrs. Elaine Queen, association secretary.

### SMALL BLAZE

Kings Mountain fire department answered a call Friday to the home of Mrs. Vera Ware, 401 E. Ridge street, where a small blaze was extinguished on a deep well cooker. A second call was answered this week to Belvedere circle where a car blaze was extinguished.

### TO CONVENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Harmon will go to Nags Head Thursday for the annual convention of the North Carolina Press association. Mr. Harmon will lead a panel discussion on news coverage Friday morning. He has also been appointed a member of the resolutions committee.

### LES MCGINNIS ILL

Leslie McGinnis, former Kings Mountain citizen, is reported seriously ill in a Richmond, Va., hospital, following a coronary thrombosis he suffered on June 10. Mr. McGinnis is a onetime Herald printer, visits here annually.

### METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$175.75, including \$148.21 from on-street meters and \$27.54 from Cherokee parking lot meters.

## Foote Official On Eastern Trip

Tom L. Kessler, Foote Mineral Company geologist, is in Washington, D. C., this week, where he is doing work for the National Academy of Sciences. He first went to New York on Sunday for a directors' meeting of the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers. Mr. Kessler is national chairman of the industrial minerals division of this 27,000-member professional organization. While away, Mr. Kessler is to visit Foote Mineral's new division at Cold River, N. H., to assist in mine planning for feldspar production.



**KINGS MOUNTAIN BRANCH WINS TROPHY** — Kings Mountain branch office of Liberty Life Insurance Company has been awarded the Statue of Liberty trophy in the company's central region for May. The Kings Mountain office had the best

record among 20 branch offices in May production totals. Admiring the trophy, left to right, c. Ken Smith, Keith Franklin, Gene Taylor, Manager George Hampton, Staff Manager Vardell Neal, Clarence Jones and Ed Hamrick.

## Commissioner Department Chiefs Named

Mayor Glee A. Bridges has appointed commissioner department heads for the coming year. He listed the appointments as follows:

- Commissioner of electrical service — Boyce H. Gault, Ward 2.
- Commissioner of public services (streets, sanitation, water) — Luther T. Bennett, Ward 3.
- Commissioner of fire and police protection services — R. Coleman Stroupe, Ward 5.
- Commissioner of administration — Ben H. Bridges, Ward 4.

The commissioners named will supervise the activities of the several city departments in conjunction with the mayor, in accordance with the city's commissioner - mayor form of government, Mayor Bridges commented.

## NCEA Officers Attend Meeting

Two officers of the Kings Mountain chapter, NCEA, have returned from Blue Ridge where they attended a leaders conference for NCEA officials June 16, 19.

Mrs. W. F. Powell, president of the local NCEA chapter, and Mrs. John H. Gamble, secretary of the chapter, attended the conference conducted on the theme, "To gether We Build."

The convention is sponsored by the North Carolina Education Association and is attended by NCEA and NEA officials from all over the state.

Discussion groups on building dynamic local units and professional, legislative, and public relations growth techniques were features of the program.

## NYSE Approves Listing Of Foote

PHILADELPHIA—Application for listing of the common stock of Foote Mineral Company on the New York Stock Exchange has been approved by the Exchange's Board of Governors. Certification by the SEC will require about thirty days, and trading is expected to begin in the middle of July.

## Sewage Fee Out For This Board, Two City Commissioners Report

A city sewage fee won't be enacted by this board of commissioners, two members of the board said Tuesday. Comm. Ben H. Bridges and Comm. Luther T. Bennett commented following Tuesday night's budget session. Both said they had heard plenty of complaints concerning a city sewage fee, which had been contemplated by Bridges Administration II to provide tax relief. The commission currently has indicated it will pare the tax rate by 20 cents per \$100 valuation

## Monday's Storm Wreaked Havoc

### Whirlwind's Damage Total Not Yet Added

A gale-proportion whirlwind whipped through the Crescent Hill-West Mountain street sector of Kings Mountain Monday afternoon wreaking damages not yet tabulated.

No injuries to individuals have been reported, which many say they consider miraculous.

Numerous chimneys were toppled off roofs, W. F. Osborne's garage was demolished, and garage of Otis Falls, Sr., and James Rotan lost their roofs. The steeple roof of Resurrection Lutheran church was whipped off its moorings and swirled in the air until it landed near the home of Joe McClure on Crescent Circle.

The storm arose suddenly about 4:30 Monday afternoon and was accompanied by heavy rain, thunder and lightning. The lightning resulted in one fire alarm.

The wind evidently crossed the wires leading to the home of Mrs. Ed Hord and the fire department was summoned. However, the fire did not ignite the home.

Chimney and roof damage was considerable and many trees were uprooted.

Mrs. Otis Falls, Sr., moved to the back room of her home where a grandchild was playing. Looking through the window, she saw the garage roof swirling through the air toward the house.

She grabbed her grandchild and headed for the front. The flying roof struck a corner of the house.

Mrs. Harry Page said a front-yard pecan tree was bent to the ground by the force of the gale, but it did not break off its trunk.

The gale was strong uptown. Andrew Jenkins, veteran film operator, was in his booth at the Joy Theatre. He said he felt this brick, steel and concrete building tremor.

Glenn Grigg, trying to shut a big garage door had to fight to

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**WINS SCHOLARSHIP** — Hunter Warlick, of Kings Mountain, recent Davidson college graduate, is one of five persons chosen for a \$1,000 regional scholarship to Duke law school.

## Warlick Wins Law Scholarship

Hunter Warlick, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Warlick of Kings Mountain, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Duke University law school.

Mr. Warlick was among five winners of the scholarship, awarded by Duke to regional competitors in the Southeast.

The scholarship, though granted only for one year, is twice renewable if the student maintains a "B" average.

Mr. Warlick expects to enter Duke law school in September. He recently was graduated from Davidson college with a degree of Bachelor of Arts in economics.

## Lions Banquet To Be July 8

Charles Elledge, Marlon school principal, will make the principal address at the annual ladies night banquet of the Kings Mountain Lions club on July 8.

Announcement was made by Sam Stallings, chairman of the committee on arrangements, who said other plans for the event are virtually complete.

Mr. Elledge is also a veteran member of the cast of "Horn in the West," the summer drama at Boone which opens Friday night for its sixth season. Mr. Elledge plays this year the role of Preacher Sims a robust riding frontier minister.

### ON DEAN'S LIST

Miss Carol Herndon of Kings Mountain has been named to the Dean's List just released for the spring term at King's College in Charlotte. She enrolled in the general business course at King's in June 1956.

## Most Industrial Employees Get Week's Holiday

Majority of Kings Mountain textile employees will take week of July 4th holidays via annual vacation schedules of local plants.

An exception is Phenix Plant of Burlington Industries, which has scheduled its annual week's vacation for employees the last week in August. J. S. Rotan, superintendent, said yesterday. Bonuses of four percent based on annual earnings are paid to employees with less than five years service, and bonuses of two percent, based on annual earnings, are paid to employees having five years service.

Craftspun Yarns will close Friday, June 28, for a week. Carl Swan, president, reported. Employees of Craftspun holding five years or more service with the company receive four percent of annual earnings, or an equivalent of two weeks wages, Mr. Swan said. Employees of Craftspun who have been with the company less than five years receive bonuses of two percent of annual earnings, or an equivalent of one week's wages.

Neisler Mills division of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Co. will shut down next Saturday, June 29, for a full week, reopening on July 8, an official said.

Mauney Hosiery Mills will close next Friday, reopening on July 8th.

Carolina Throwing Company will not observe a vacation, an official said.

Sadie Cotton Mills will close on June 29 and remain out of operation the entire week, reopening on July 8. Notices are to be posted in Bonnie Cotton Mills on Monday and in Park Yarn Mill and others when final plans are complete. Lambeth Rope Corporation and Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company may operate on partial schedules.

Minette Mills, of Grover, ceases operations Saturday to give their employees a full week's vacation.

The city's dry cleaning industry will be closed from July 1-6, reopening on July 8.

## Red Cross Meets Monday

Election of officers and reports of service chairmen will feature the annual meeting Monday night of the Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter.

Members of the chapter are urged to meet at 7:30 at City Hall courtroom. To be elected are chapter officers and directors for the coming year.

Reports will be given by J. C. Bridges, fund drive chairman; Bob Maner, blood program chairman; Don Crawford, life saving program chairman; Bill McDaniell, first aid program chairman; and Ben H. Bridges, disaster chairman.

J. Ollie Harris is president of the Red Cross organization here.

## By-Pass Hearing Next Wednesday

Public hearing on the proposed new construction of U. S. Highway 29 for Gaston and Cleveland county residents will be held next Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock in the Gastonia circuit courtroom, according to an announcement by E. L. Kemper, 12th division engineer.

Contemplated location of U. S. 29 will by-pass Gastonia and Belmont to the north and Kings Mountain and Grover to the east. McDenville and Lowell will be by-passed, while the road will be near Ranlo and Flint Grove communities.

The addition of a double lane to the present two-lane strip from the Richard Owens farm to the Archdale Farms intersection is also anticipated. Several overpasses are tentatively scheduled.

Definite information as to additional right-of-way along the present U. S. 29 by-pass route was not learned but an unofficial guess by highway office employees was that more than the 260-foot right-of-way would be required where overpasses and cloverleaf entrances are constructed.

Program plans are incomplete for Tuesday, June 23 meeting of the Lions Club to be held at the Woman's Club at 7:30, according to an announcement by program chairman Jonas Bridges.

## Who Will Succeed Rep. B. T. Falls?

### Kings Mountain Area Would Like Representation

Appointment by Governor Hodges of Rep. B. T. Falls, Jr., as 16th judicial district solicitor posed immediate speculation on who would succeed the veteran Cleveland county legislator in the House of Representatives.

The appointment also had Kings Mountain area citizens commenting that it's about time Kings Mountain has a recipient of the county elective honor.

Attorney J. R. Davis occupied Cleveland's House of Representatives seat in 1923 and the late H. Tom Fulton, Sr., served in the Senate, 1925-24.

Most folk can't remember Kings Mountain's having represented the county in Raleigh since.

Who would the candidate be? Majority of political observers listed J. Ollie Harris, mortician and currently county coroner as the Kings Mountain man most likely to succeed in next spring's Democratic primary. Mr. Harris admits he would like to serve in Raleigh.

Other names have been mentioned, among them Attorney Jack White, Realtor J. Wilson Crawford, and Arnold W. Kincaid. Charles Dixon, auto firm sales manager, has expressed county political ambitions. Most acknowledge that Mr. White, as manager of Congressman Bassi Cleveland's campaign against the territory damaged temporarily, is not permanently, his county-wide political popularity.

Most agree that a Kings Mountain area candidate would have to be politically palatable to county seat citizens (who cast about 40 percent of the Democratic primary vote total), and would also have to be reasonably well-known throughout the county.

Shelby likely will have candidates, too. Already mentioned is the name of Virgil Weathers and there are a large number of Shelby attorneys who figure to be interested in a legislative trip to Raleigh.

Currently, Democratic Chairman C. C. Horn says, appointment of a replacement to Rep. Falls is in the hands of the Governor. However, he doubts the Governor will make the appointment, barring a special session of the North Carolina General Assembly prior to next spring's primary.

Mr. Falls replaces James Farthing, of Lenoir, who was named by the Governor to serve as a Superior Court judge. Raleigh newsman say Falls' excellent handling of the state's new tax bill won him the solicitorial appointment. The post pays \$10,000 annually, including \$2,000 travel expense.

All her children (12 living) have married and left home. "They'd help me out, of course, but they've got to live their own lives. Besides, I needed to know how to drive," Mrs. McGinnis added.

Mrs. McGinnis, married over half a century, a mother 13 times and a grandmother 19 times, has been whisking a green - and white auto about town in quite acceptable fashion in the past two weeks. She acquired her state driver license after less than two months of training.

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**APPOINTED**—Rep. B. T. Falls, Jr., was appointed by Governor Hodges this week to become solicitor of the 16th judicial district, succeeding James Farthing, of Lenoir, elevated to a Superior Court judgeship.

## Injuries Slight In Fall From Car

Nancy Bagwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bagwell, was released from Shelby hospital Monday after receiving treatment for injuries caused from a fall from a moving automobile late Sunday afternoon.

The three-year-old girl, who is still under doctor's observation, apparently escaped with only scratches and bruises.

Mrs. Bagwell, who is employed at Kings Mountain Drug Company, stated she and her husband were traveling east on U. S. 74 west at a speed of approximately 50 miles per hour. As the car approached Bridges Barbecue, the child fell from the left rear door into the left traffic lane.

By the time Mr. Bagwell had stopped the car, the daughter had arisen and was walking toward the Bagwell car crying, "Daddy, daddy!"

## OES Elects Mrs. Kincaid

Mrs. Arnold W. Kincaid, of Kings Mountain, was elected district deputy grand matron of the 17th district, Order of the East, Iron Star, at the Grand Chapter session in Wilmington last week-end.

She succeeds Mrs. B. E. Callis, of Bessemer City.

Kings Mountain delegates to the meeting attended by OES members from all over the state included Mr. and Mrs. Kincaid, Miss Helen Logan, Miss Kittle Lou Sutton, and Mrs. Emmett Ross.

Nineteen chapters are included in the 17th district.

## It's Not Hard To Learn Driving, Mother Of 13 Shows With License

Youngsters having trouble, or imaginary trouble, trying to obtain their driver licenses should take a cue from Mrs. Hinkle McGinnis.

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## Board Paring Police Budget Nearly \$10,000

Kings Mountain's city commission tentatively set the 1957 tax rate at \$1.50 per \$100 valuation this week. The total, if finally adopted (as anticipated), will represent a cut of 20-cents per \$100 valuation.

The board vote specified \$1.45 per \$100 for regular city operations about \$45,000 less than the current budget estimate.

In spite of the cut, the board was able to up its contemplated expenditures for capital outlay. The board has added \$5,000 for re-building of the North Piedmont avenue power line, \$1,000 for the purchase of surplus federal equipment, if available, \$1,200 for re-roofing leaky City Hall, and more funds for providing a sidewalk at North school, should the city board of education petition for it.

The action came as the commissioners, completing their third long session on the forthcoming fiscal year budget, slashed \$9,995 off the police department's estimate of needs for the year beginning July 1.

The board, in its paring, contemplated the discharge of two policemen, also reduced to \$1,200 the amount of salary it expects to pay the chief of police, Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan, Jr., currently receives \$4,200 per year. He had asked \$5,000.

There was no indication concerning the identity of the two policemen who will lose their jobs, either from the board or from Chief Logan. Mr. Logan was not present at the session, said he would have to await the commission's ideas before formulating plans under the abbreviated setup.

The other half of the tax rate slash was arrived at by a series of small deductions in numerous areas. Among them is continued inclusion in the revenue estimate of full receipts from parking meters. Bridges Administration II had indicated it would appropriate \$3,500 from this revenue item for use of the recreation commission.

Another \$2,600 paring was accomplished in the administrative department budget. The commission left the mayor's pay at \$3,600 for the year against the maximum payable of \$6,000. It slashed another \$200 off the amount it thought would be required for telephone expense.

In its economy efforts the board hit one snag. Comm. Coleman Stroupe suggested that the commissioners leave their pay at \$10 per month. It was the opinion of the mayor and the city clerk that the recently enacted General Assembly statute requires payment of commissioners \$25 per regular meeting attended. A legal check was ordered.

Comm. Ben H. Bridges made the motion tentatively setting the tax rate at \$1.50. He commented, "I've been waiting a long time to make that motion."

Considerable help was provided in the estimate of the clerk that the debt service fund will have at end of the current year a \$25,000 surplus. Mr. Mitchell declined to estimate whether there will be surpluses in other departments. He said the city will make an effort to pay all 1957 bills not later than June 30, in order that there will be no carry-over of accounts into the new fiscal year.

In other actions the board, meeting in special session following the informal budget session:

1) Appropriated from funds exceeding revenue estimates a total of \$1,036 to take care of over-expenditures in three departments. The over-spent departments are Recorder's Court, \$36; cemetery, \$200; and police, \$800.

2) Authorized the clerk to transfer certain receipts for sale of capital items during the year from the general to the capital fund, also to compensate for over-budget expenditures.

3) Changed the date of the board's regular monthly meeting to second Thursdays in each month at 8 p.m.

4) Approved petition for paving a portion of Wilson street and for providing sidewalk on one side of the street. The item was included in the budget estimate.

5) Voted a 20-minute parking limit in Stroupe Alley, off Waco Road.