

**Population**

**Greater Kings Mountain** 10,320

**City Limits** 7,206

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## Local News Bulletins

**WOMAN'S CLUB**  
Election of officers and a report from the state president are on the agenda for the general meeting of the Woman's club at the clubhouse Friday at 4 o'clock. The International Relations Department is hostess for the meeting and all members are urged to be present.

**OFFICE CLOSED**  
Mrs. Billie G. Logan has announced that her office here will be closed for several days while she is in Washington, D. C. on a business trip. Mrs. Logan expects to return home on Saturday.

**ON DEAN'S LIST**  
The Dean's List for the fall quarter at King's college includes the following students from Cleveland County: Doris Dellinger, Bobby Elmore, Betty Ford, Guy Allen Murray, Alfred Tate, and Jeanette Ivey.

**VFW MEETING**  
Kings Mountain Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will hold its regular meeting Thursday (tonight) at 7:30 p. m. at City Hall. It has been announced.

**SERVICES**  
St. Matthew's Lutheran church will broadcast the 11 a. m. service over radio station WKMT throughout the month of January. Sunday Dr. Gerberding will speak on "The Quest Of The Wise Men".

**PAYNE RETURNS**  
Dean Payne, former salesman for Cooper's, Inc., Kings Mountain furniture firm, has rejoined the staff. General Manager Harold Coggins announced this week.

### Blood Donors Give 137 Pints

Kings Mountain citizens donated 137 pints of blood, only 13 short of the quota, at the Monday visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile.

Rev. R. Douglas Fritz, chairman of the Kings Mountain Red Cross Chapter's blood program, said he was highly pleased with the response.

Of the 137 pints of blood collected, 124 were furnished by industrial employees and Mr. Fritz listed the following donations: Margrace Mill, 26 donors; Foote Mineral Company, 40; Burlington Mills, 18; Lambeth Rope Corporation, 8; Mauney Mills, 7; Slater Brothers, 8; Craftsman Mills, 4; Sadie Mills, 4; Park Yarn Mills, 2; Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company, 2; Bonnie Mills, 2; Mauney Hosiery, 1; Lithium Corporation, 1; and Neely Mills, of York, S. C., 2 donors.

Under the credit card arrangement, a firm will qualify, Mr. Fritz pointed out, for six month blood credit cards for all employees and their families, if 20 percent of the firm's employees donate blood.

With demand for blood high, a person must have a blood donor credit card to agree to replace blood should he be administered it. Mr. Fritz said he was pleased with the response of industrial employees to the credit card plan.

New members of the gallon club, announced by Mr. Fritz, include Nelson Ledbetter, Arlene Barrett, Andy Huffstetler, and Hilliard Black. Other members who have donated two gallons or more include C. J. Gault, Jr., George H. Mauney, Hood Watson, William B. McSwain, Troy L. Wright, Yates Harbison, John P. Lackey, J. H. Patterson, and Boyd Riley.

Volunteer workers included Mrs. J. B. Ellis, Mrs. Kenneth McGill, Mrs. C. F. Harry, III, Mrs. Audrey Mauney, Mrs. John McGill, Mrs. P. G. Ratterree, Mrs. C. J. Gault, Jr., Miss Ava Ware, Mrs. Paul Neisler, Jr., Mrs. Charles Neisler, Mrs. P. G. Padgett, Mrs. Arnold Kiser, Mrs. T. L. Kessler, Mrs. W. P. Gerberding, Mrs. L. W. Painter, Mrs. Philip Francis, Mrs. P. Wright, Mrs. Phyllis Herndon, Mrs. P. D. Patrick, Mrs. Don Blanton, Mrs. Grady Patterson, Mrs. Harry Page, Mrs. David Hamrick, Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. J. M. Rhea, Mrs. W. K. Mauney, Jr., Mrs. Andy Huffstetler, Mrs. Jacob Cooper, and Mrs. George Houser.

Mr. Fritz listed the following physicians who participated in the visit: Dr. George Plonk, Dr. Avery McMurray, Dr. Paul Nolan, Dr. P. G. Padgett, Dr. Kenneth McGill, and Dr. Craig Jones. Donors included: Joseph L. Hayes, Ira M. Farris, Paul Pat-



**FIRST 1958 BABY** — Mrs. Doyle Norris is pictured with her son, Scott Willard Norris, apparent winner of both the Kings Mountain and Cleveland county baby derby contests for 1958. The youngster arrived just after midnight January 1. The youngster is the first child of Mr. and Mrs. Norris. Pictured with the mother and baby is Mrs. Jean Dedmon, a nurse at Kings Mountain hospital.

(Photo by Paul Lemmons, Shelby Star)

## Norris Boy Wins 1958 Baby Derby

### Kings Mountain Arrival First In This County

Scott Willard Norris, apparently the winner of Kings Mountain's Baby Derby as well as the county wide contest, arrived just 12 seconds after the joyous shout "Happy New Year!" went up.

Kings Mountain and Cleveland County's first new citizen is the first child of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Norris of 613 Mauney Avenue.

Young Norris made his debut into the world at Kings Mountain Hospital just after midnight January 1, assisted by Dr. John McGill.

Weighing seven pounds-seven and one-half ounces at birth, the youngster is in line for a showering of gifts from Kings Mountain and Shelby Merchants.

The "proud papa" is an employee of Bridges Texaco Service Station.

The twenty-eight year old mother is the former Polly Haynes, and grandparents of the new arrival are Mr. and Mrs. Mart Haynes and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Norris of Kings Mountain.

Mrs. Norris replied to the query of how do you feel about the whole thing with, "Well, I certainly never dreamed ours would win the Baby Derby."

During the short interview a visitor came in for a short conversation and was overheard making plans to have a sling, shot and boxing gloves on hand for the "bouncing baby boy's" arrival at home.

## Herald Headlines Give Summary Of Area's Major 1957 Happenings

Newspaper headlines recorded a large number of news events during the year just ending.

Looking back on 1957, Kings Mountain citizens could see in retrospect that in 1957 they had generally had their share of fun and frolic, happiness, and sadness.

City politics claimed a share of Herald headlines during the year. Kings Mountain citizens at the biennial election in May approved fluoridation of the city water supply by a 2-1 margin. The election year also saw Rev. S. T. Cooke become the city's first Negro citizen to vie for a seat on the city commission board and saw 2135 citizens turn out to vote in a run-off election.

Announcement in December that Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company would become an industrial citizen of the county culminated a long series of events whereby Shelby Chamber of Commerce, aided by many other county groups and individuals, sought to bring Pittsburgh to Cleveland county. Cleveland County's economy is expected to be boosted considerably, both by construction of the multi-million dollar

### Too Bad, Chewers, No P. O. Cuspidors

Kenneth O. Pruitt, of the Kings Mountain postoffice staff, thought that the post-office cuspidors were outmoded and took the trouble to write a recommendation to the Atlanta regional headquarters.

The result of Mr. Pruitt's recommendation, given in connection with the post office employee suggestion program, is that Kings Mountain postoffice no longer has the old familiar cuspidors.

They were replaced on Monday with sand containers.

Postmaster Charles Alexander says correspondence with regional headquarters indicates an appropriate award will be forthcoming.

### Herald Erred In Loot Report

The Herald erroneously reported in last week's edition that local youths Gene Layton, Lill Staggs, Virgil Hamrick, and Pete Glaze, of Gastonia confessed to a Grover break-in.

The break-in should have been attributed to three Gaston County youths who confessed to the Tesser Service Station theft, Acting Chief Martin Ware told the Herald.

The Herald regrets the error.

# Businessmen Here Not Pessimistic

## It's Tag Time; 'FS-1' Forms Are Required

North Carolina and City of Kings Mountain auto license tags go on sale Tuesday.

There's no change at City Hall, where a dollar will get a motorist a shiny new 1958 license tag. But there is a big change regarding the North Carolina license plate, which can be ordered from the state department of Motor Vehicles or purchased at numerous spots throughout the state.

The change is this: a license plate won't be vended unless the owner can show an "FS-1 form", which is a certificate from an insurance agent showing that the automobile is covered with liability insurance.

It's a new state law passed by the 1957 General Assembly that became effective January 1. No longer will a citizen be able to drive, have a wreck, then offer himself as the turnip from which the other wrecked motorist can't remove blood. He'll either have coverage if his car is North Carolina licensed, or he can't drive it after February 15, unless he's willing to have a state highway patrolman hail him to court.

The new law has resulted in heavy new business for virtually every insurance agent in the state, but the necessity to provide clients "FS-1" forms has kept the insurance agents especially busy.

The Department of Motor Vehicles warns:

"Don't go up to the license counter with nothing more than money and a registration card in your hand. If you do, you will have to go back for the certificate and then go back to the end of the line. If you order tags by mail you should send in your certificate along with money and registration card. If you don't, this too will cause considerable delay.

You can't drive your car after February 15, without a license; you can't buy your license without an FS-1; and you can't get a certificate without insurance. That answers all the major questions except one—"How much will it cost?" And the cost for each individual depends on a number of factors we are told. The best thing to do is to see an insurance agent who can give you the correct answers about costs."

### Martin Wreck Damages High

A skid on a slippery road ended in a costly accident for Walter Clifton Martin of Polkton as he motored in Kings Mountain Christmas Day.

Traveling west on E. King St. he entered a curve in his 1957 Buick, lost control on the slippery pavement and skidded 25 feet. Leaving the road on the right side his automobile skidded backward for another 75 feet, going through a picket fence and hitting a large neon sign at Kings Mountain Court.

The Martin vehicle was damaged to an estimated \$900.00 extent to the right front wheel, left rear fender, door, tail-light and rear. The back end was reported out of line.

Also damaged was the large neon sign and the picket fence, listed at \$800.00. An accident Monday, December 30 at 4:25 on N. Piedmont Avenue involved a 1949 Ford coup driven by Geneva Ware of 824 N. Piedmont ave., and a 1954 Chrysler driven by Oscar Harold Annis of 207 Wilson St., Morganton.

The Ware vehicle was turning into the driveway at Mrs. Ware's residence, making a right turn in doing so. The second vehicle struck the Ware car in the right rear fender.

Damage to the Ware car was estimated at \$50.00 while the Annis vehicle received \$100.00 in damages to the right front fender and bumper.

There were no injuries and no arrests were made. Investigating officers were B. P. Cook and P. R. Sanders.

### Red Cross Asks Gifts For Needy

Donations to an area needy family of eight are being sought by the Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter.

Mrs. J. N. Gamble, Red Cross executive secretary, said the family is especially in need of a cook stove, though donations of food and/or clothing may be directed to the Red Cross office for distribution.

The father, Mrs. Gamble says, is without a job and the children are small.

## Myers' Will Close Department Store



**PRESIDENT** — John A. Cheshire, Jr., will be installed Thursday night as president of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club for 1958. Mr. Cheshire will succeed Harold Coggins.

## Kiwanis Officers To Be Installed

Richard E. Thigpen, Charlotte attorney, past president of the Charlotte Kiwanis club, and past governor of the Carolinas district, will install 1958 officers of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at a ladies night event Thursday night.

The banquet will begin at 6:45 at the Woman's Club.

Officers to be installed are John A. Cheshire, Jr., president, George H. Mauney, vice-president, John C. Smathers, second vice-president, John L. McGill, treasurer, and W. S. Fulton, Jr., secretary.

Mr. Cheshire will succeed Harold Coggins as president of the civic club.

Directors to be installed are J. T. Nance, James E. Amos, W. Gurney Grantham, J. H. Thomson, William F. Young, Drace M. Peeler, and Charles Neisler.

## Beaver Gives Organ Recital

Gordon Beaver, former minister of music at St. Matthew's Lutheran church, presented his graduating recital in St. James Chapel of Union Theological Seminary in New York recently. Mr. Beaver will receive a degree of master of sacred music upon his graduation in the spring.

The pipe organ recital included "Chorale Partita" on "Oh What Shall I A Singer, Do?" by Pachelbel; four selections by Bach, "By The Waters Of Babylon", "From Naught Shall God Divide Me", "Jesus Christ, Our Lord And Saviour", and "Fantasia and Fugue in C Minor", and concluded with "Medieval Suite" by Langlais.

Mr. and Mrs. Beaver and son, Mark visited Mrs. Beaver's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney during Christmas.

## Vandals Feast At Central School

Vandalizing pranksters helped themselves to a New Year's Eve or morning breakfast at Central school cafeteria, Principal Lawson Brown reported to city police Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Brown had just discovered the breaking, entering and breakfasting result.

City Policeman Paul Sanders, investigating the break-in along with Officer P. A. Hawkins, said a group of persons had fried eggs, opened a can of pork and beans, toasted bread, buttered it, then feasted.

They also built a fire in the storage room floor. Towels had been placed over the windows to blot out the light.

Officer Sanders said he had no clues but felt sure the feasters were "persons who either go to Central school or who have been students at Central school." They knew the cafeteria layout perfectly, Mr. Sanders commented.

Charges of breaking and entering and larceny could be filed against the malefactors.

## 20-Year-Old Firm To Be Liquidated

Myers Department Store, leading Kings Mountain retail establishment will be liquidated, O. W. Myers, owner of the 20-year-old establishment, announced this week.

Concurrently, Mr. Myers placed a full-page advertisement in this issue of the Herald headlined "Closeout Sale."

The news came as a shock to the business community. Other retailers, in other retail categories and competitors alike, found it hard to believe the news that Myers' Department Store is to be liquidated.

Mr. Myers, veteran retailer in Kings Mountain since 1932, observed his 72nd birthday in October. He said his physical abilities no longer permit him to serve the public in the manner he endeavors to serve his customers. He is not particularly unwell, he noted, but says he doesn't feel he can continue his present active pace.

He estimated it will require two to three months to liquidate the business, located at the southeast corner of Mountain street at Cherokee street in the W. S. Fulton building.

Mr. Myers began his career in retailing at Gaffney, S. C., with the late J. C. Ratcliff. He later worked for the late H. L. Gaffney, in Union, S. C., before joining the W. H. Belk organization in 1932. His first chore was to move the Clover, S. C., store to Kings Mountain about two months later. In 1938, he opened Myers' Department Store, about a year later expanded with a ready-to-wear shop, now managed by Mrs. Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers are members of First Presbyterian church. They have two children, W. Earle Myers, of Winston-Salem, and Mrs. Robert Ryan, of Charlotte.

## Jaycee Award Nominees Asked

Kings Mountain Jaycees are inviting nominations for Kings Mountain's "Young Man of 1957", Contest deadline is Monday.

George Thomasson, chairman of the committee on arrangements for the annual contest, reported nominees need not be members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Any Kings Mountain man 21-35 years of age is eligible for the distinguished service award for community leadership, Mr. Thomasson added. A judging committee of citizens of the community over 35 years of age will make the selections.

Mr. Thomasson said nominations should be forwarded to Box 205, Kings Mountain.

The contest winner will be announced at the annual Bosses' Night banquet of the Jaycees on January 21. The banquet is being held in conjunction with the local group's observance of Jaycee week, a nationwide observance January 19-26.

Employers of Jaycees will be among special guests of the civic organization at the Bosses' Night event.

## Annual County, City Tax Listing Chore Gets Underway On Thursday

City and No. 4 Township tax listing is underway as of Thursday, January 2 at City Hall in Kings Mountain and Grover according to announcements this week by J. W. Webster, Kings Mountain tax official, and Conrad Hughes, county tax lister.

Books will be open through January 31 at City hall every weekday except Saturday. Hours will be from 8 a. m. until noon and 1 p. m. until 4:30 p. m.

Conrad Hughes, county lister, will follow the city schedule excepting a weekly visit to R. E. Hambright's Store in Grover on Saturdays. Grover listers may contact him there on January 4, 11, 18, and 25.

All property owners are required by law to list all real and personal property for taxes. Males between the ages of 21 and 50 are required to list for poll taxes. If you live on a farm, you are also required to make a farm report.



**CHIEF OF STAFF** — Dr. Paul E. Hendricks has been elected chief of the medical staff of Kings Mountain hospital. He assumed the duties Wednesday.

## Hendricks New Hospital Chief

Dr. Paul E. Hendricks has been elected chief of the medical staff of Kings Mountain hospital.

Dr. Hendricks succeeds Dr. P. G. Padgett. The change was effective January 1.

Other new staff officers are Dr. Kenneth McGill, vice-president, and Dr. George W. Plonk, secretary-treasurer.

Dr. John C. McGill is retiring vice-president and Dr. Kenneth McGill is retiring secretary-treasurer.

## City Welcomes New Year '58

New Year 1958 arrived at midnight Tuesday amidst a din of noise and gaiety at numerous private and semi-private gatherings.

As the strains of "Auld Lang Syne", traditional harbinger of a bright New Year, were played in Kings Mountain and throughout the nation, horns sounded, staid businessmen in funny hats threw confetti, and there was a heavy incidence of New Year greetings.

Next day was a holiday for many folk, as majority of retailers and financial institutions closed their doors for the day. However, there was work under way inside some of these doors. Retailers were working on year-end inventory figures, always a tedious chore, and financial institutions were compiling year-end statements.

Majority of Kings Mountain industry was back in stride after a week-long shutdown for Christmas holidays.

City and Park Grace school youngsters were enjoying their last holiday before the long stretch between resumption of classes Thursday and the Easter weekend respite.

In spite of the prediction by most economic forecasters that the first six months of 1958 will be somewhat "thin", Kings Mountain industry and business seemed confident that the wolf is hardly at the door. Retailers were taking comfort from good December sales figures. Some reported they met last year's big Christmas season sales totals, while others said the final late surge of buying placed their firms in close proximity to last year's operations.

Generally, retail inventories were down and several firms reported slight buying curtailments placed them in a better cash position than a year-end 1957.

## Leaders Give Their Opinions On Prospects

Kings Mountain's economic prospects for 1958 range from fair to good, a spot survey of area industrialists showed New Year's Day.

In total, the reports were similar to those prevailing throughout the nation, but textile reports showed slightly better than in some months past.

W. K. Mauney, yarn manufacturer, said that Mauney Mills, Inc., and Bonnie Cotton Mills have orders for three to four months. "Cotton of good grade is hard to get and profit margins are thin. However, we expect to operate and to provide work for our employees."

A. S. Maino, general manager of Neisler Division of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, reported "good business at the Pauline plant, more orders needed at Margrace plant, particularly for flat goods." Mr. Maino said it is possible, producing pile fabrics exclusively, the Pauline plant will move to a six-day per week schedule. Pile fabrics business, representing 54 looms at Margrace plant, is expected to improve. The outlook for operating at full production the 38 looms weaving flat goods is not as encouraging, he reported. He is looking forward to the upcoming furniture markets in Chicago and High Point to up orders and production.

Paul M. Neisler, Sr., of Kings Mountain, head of new Dacey Fabrics, Inc., at Shelby, said his firm has a good offering of fabrics samples for the upcoming High Point market.

Lithium production is expected to continue at full blast at Foote Mineral Company, in spite of recent price cuts by American Potash Company. Neil O. Johnson, general manager, says, "Our plans are to operate as we have."

In building, Ben H. Bridges, secretary-treasurer of Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association, thinks there is to be an up-market which would give an upward shove to home building. He expects his firm to supply cash for the building of many homes, as well as for additions and renovations, during the coming year, and thinks it will match the 1957 pace at worst.

Wilson Crawford, acting president of Kings Mountain Business Development, Inc., "Unemployment increased during 1957 and general retail business apparently declined during the year. This trend is not likely to be improved for the first half of year, but it is hoped by the officers and directors of this organization that we will not only be in business in strength by the second half of the year, but that the Business Development Corporation will be able to help Kings Mountain's employment situation before the end of 1958."

Charles E. Dixon, president of Kings Mountain Merchants association and an auto company salesman, thinks the automobile business will improve. His comment was: "It'll be as good, if not better, than 1957."

## Arrest Tally Totals 107

Kings Mountain Police Department arrested 107 persons during the holiday month of December. Violation of motor vehicle laws accounted for 27 arrests. Public drunkenness noted 22 offenders while violation of prohibition laws netted 10 arrests.

Six capias were issued and six people were arrested for "other assaults". Larceny charges tolled five. Four juvenile delinquents also figured in the arrests. Drunk drivers during the holiday totaled four. Three each were arrested on charges of worthless checks and for investigation.

Non-support cases numbered two arrests as did disposing of mortgaged property. Three were arrested on charges of forcible trespass. Possession of fireworks and non-compliance with N. C. School laws noted two arrests each.

Peace warrant, breaking and entering, bastardy, fugitive from S. C., violation of unemployment security laws and temporary insanity accounted for one arrest each.

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