

<b>Population</b>	
Greater Kings Mountain	10,320
City Limits	7,206
The figure for Greater Kings Mountain is derived from the 1955 Kings Mountain city directory census. The City Limits figure is from the United States census of 1950.	

## Local News Bulletins

**P-TA MEETING**  
The Central school P-TA will meet Wednesday at 3:30 in the high school auditorium to view an NEA film, "Not By Chance".

**TO TEXAS**  
Second Lt. Reginald A. Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyer Murray, has reported for duty at Webb AFB, Big Springs, Texas. Murray will be stationed in Texas for the remainder of his required pilot training.

**ENROLLS**  
Herman Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Stewart, has enrolled in the freshman class at Gardner Webb college. He completed recently a four-year tour of duty with the Air Force.

**TO BESSEMER**  
Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Young and children, former residents of Gaston street, have moved to Bessemer City. Mr. Young will continue as assistant secretary-treasurer of the Home Savings and Loan.

**BUSINESS GROUP**  
Officers and directors of Kings Mountain Business Development, Inc., will meet at City Hall Friday night at 7 o'clock. It was announced by Ben H. Bridges, secretary.

**CITY TAG SALES**  
City auto owners Wednesday had purchased 304 city license tags for 1958. City Clerk Joe Daniel reported.

**MEETING SUNDAY**  
Men of the Church of First Presbyterian church will convene for a regular meeting Sunday night at 7:30 p. m. at the church.

**KIWANIS**  
Harold Honeycutt, civil defense official, will show the film "Communication In Civil Defense" at the regular Thursday night meeting of Kings Mountain Kiwanis club. The club convenes at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's club.

**VFW MEETING**  
Members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9811 will convene Thursday night at 7:30 at City Hall courtroom, according to announcement by Hugh Falls.

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
The city board of education will convene Monday night at 7 o'clock at the office of Supt. B. N. Barnes for the regular January meeting.

## SPO Officers Are Elected

Robert Osborne will succeed James Pressly as president of the Student Participation Organization of Kings Mountain high school. After a count of Tuesday's ballots Osborne was determined a close winner over his opponent, David Plonk, former vice-president. The new eleventh grade president is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Osborne.

The new slate of officers include sophomore Jimmy Blanton, vice-president, son of Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Blanton, elected over Jimmy Plonk. Gerie Pearson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Pearson was named secretary of the governing body, defeating Mickie Lynn and Don Gladden, all juniors.

## Foot Labor Vote To Be January 29

The Foote Mineral Company National Labor Relations board election to determine whether the employees will accept or reject the organizing bid of the United Cement, Lime and Gypsum workers, AFL-CIO, will be held on Wednesday, January 29.

Neil O. Johnson, Foote general manager, said he was notified of the date by the NLRB Wednesday. The NLRB previously had tentatively scheduled the election for January 30.

# Water, Sewer Service Projected For All Citizens

## Clerk To Name Bumgardner's Successor

Clerk of Superior Court J. W. (Bill) Osborne will employ the same method in naming a successor to the late County Commissioner Hazel B. Bumgardner as in naming Mal A. Spangler, Sr., as a replacement for Z. V. Cline, who resigned several months ago.

As on the Spangler appointment, Mr. Osborne will not ask a formal recommendation from the Democratic precinct but said he would welcome comments of individual members of the commissions.

Mr. Osborne said he would use the "open door" policy in giving ear to recommendations from all "government-conscious" citizens, would weigh the recommendation then make an appointment.

Under present legislation governing county commissioner elections, the successor to Mr. Bumgardner must reside in District 2, which comprises No. 4 and 5 Townships and, generally, is bounded by Waco, Buffalo Creek, Grover and the Gaston county line.

There has been little speculation on identity of a successor. The name of J. Wilson Crawford, president of Kings Mountain Business Development, Inc., has been mentioned, as has the name of L. Arnold Kiser, Sadie Cotton Mills official, who sought the office four years ago. D. L. Saunders and B. D. Ratterree were reported interested in the appointment.

Mr. Osborne said it would be a week or more before he makes the appointment. He indicated he would seek to fill the post with a man "reasonably successful in business," noting that the county "is a pretty big business."

## Neisler Heads Heart Campaign

The first full-scale Heart Fund drive in Kings Mountain, which got underway last week with the appointment of Charles Neisler, chairman moved another step forward today when a treasurer and three committee chairmen were named.

Charles Neisler has accepted the position of chairman of the drive which will open on February 1, reach its peak on Heart Sunday, February 23, and close on February 28. His appointment was announced here by Lester Roark, county chairman.

Mr. Neisler named the following local citizens to serve as major committee chairmen: Mrs. Hugh Neisler, treasurer; William M. Herndon, chairman of special gifts and contributions; J. C. Bridges, chairman of business district; and Mrs. Jack White, chairman of the residential district solicitation.

Previously the drive has been conducted in Kings Mountain by a treasurer appointed by the county chairman.

## NORTH P-TA

North Elementary P-TA will meet in the school auditorium Tuesday night at 7:30. Rev. Aubrey Quakenbush will conduct the devotional and an NEA film, "Not By Chance" will be viewed.

## Jaycees To Present DSA Award At Bosses Night Banquet Tuesday

Presentation of the 1957 "Young Man of the Year" award by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and address by Frank Errigo, Charlotte Toastmaster, will feature the Jaycees annual Bosses Night banquet Tuesday.

## Bumgardner Rites Held On Tuesday

### Commissioner's Heart Ailment Proves Fatal

Funeral rites for Hazel B. Bumgardner, 54, prominent Kings Mountain farmer, poultryman, and a veteran member of the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 p. m. from Central Methodist church.

Mr. Bumgardner, who had been critically ill for the past week since he suffered a serious heart attack, succumbed Sunday night at 7:30 p. m. at his York road residence.

A native of Cleveland county, Mr. Bumgardner was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. Edward Bumgardner. A county commissioner since 1950, Mr. Bumgardner's current term would have expired in December of this year. He was an active member of Central Methodist church and of Kings Mountain Lions club.

Surviving are his wife, Letha Mabry Bumgardner; two sons, Dr. Harvey Bumgardner, of Raleigh, Pvt. Donald Bumgardner, of Fort Jackson, S. C., and Miss Bessie Lee Bumgardner, of Kings Mountain. Seven brothers and a sister also survive. They are Ed Bumgardner, Ray Bumgardner, Clyde Bumgardner, John Bumgardner, George Bumgardner, Rev. W. P. Bumgardner, and Ralph Bumgardner, all of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. E. S. Hardin, of Shelby.

Rev. J. G. Winkler, a former pastor of Central Methodist church, and Dr. W. P. Gerbering, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, conducted the final rites. Members of the board of stewards served as active pallbearers and honorary pallbearers were members of the county board of commissioners.

## K. M. S. & L Buys Kiser Property

Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association has purchased the L. Arnold Kiser lot on Mountain street, with the eventual intention of erecting a new office building which would also house the savings and loan firm.

Announcement was made this week by Ben H. Bridges, secretary, who said the purchase price was \$16,000.

The lot fronts 45.75 feet on Mountain street and has a depth of 100 feet. In addition, it includes an alley to Cherokee street.

## COMPACT MEETING

Annual meeting of the Compact Credit Union will be held Monday at 7:30 p. m. at the Compact School Agriculture building. It was announced by M. L. Campbell.



**RITE HELD** — Final rites for Hazel B. Bumgardner, prominent farmer and county commissioner, were held Tuesday afternoon from Central Methodist church.

## Gault Submits Rate Revision

Boyce Gault, electrical commissioner, offered a possible commercial power rate revision for consideration of the board of commissioners last week.

Mr. Gault didn't suggest immediate action but said he threw out the figures for board study prior to action.

This was Mr. Gault's recommendation:

- Under 5,000 KWH @ 1.4 per KWH (prevailing rate for all over 2,500 KWH); from 5,000 to 10,000 KWH @ 1.3c; from 10,000 to 20,000 KWH @ 1.2 cents; all over 20,000 KWH @ 1.1 cents.

Under the proposal, a commercial customer would have to use 20,000 KWH before he qualified for a rate lower than that paid by residential users after consumption of only 250 KWH.

The present commercial rate became effective in February 1957, caused little upset among customers until summer weather put air-conditioning systems under heavy pressure and escalated commercial power bills. Several pleas for relief were voiced to the board of commissioners, without result.

## Young Heads Montonia Club

Frank Young, of Gastonia, was elected Tuesday night to a two-year term as president of Lake Montonia Club, Inc.

The meeting was harmonious and there was only one contest for club offices. Harry Page, of Kings Mountain, was re-elected vice-president for a two-year term by an 18-9 vote over Hilton L. Ruth.

Other officers elected for two years were: H. Lawrence Patrick, Kings Mountain, secretary-treasurer, succeeding George H. Houser; and Jim Wilson, Jr., Gastonia, assistant secretary-treasurer, succeeding Bob Crockett, Gastonia.

Elected to three-year terms as directors were: Dr. O. P. Lewis, Kings Mountain, succeeding George H. Mauney; and Bob Crockett, succeeding Mart Reid, Gastonia.

## Fulton Everhart Dies In Accident; Rites Conducted

Henderson Fulton Everhart, 58-year-old Kings Mountain insurance man, was killed instantly Monday at 12:40 as he was crossing East King street to his car after completing an insurance collection call.

The accident is Cleveland County's first traffic fatality of 1958 and the city's first pedestrian fatality since December 8, 1951.

Funeral rites were held Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. from Central Methodist church, interment in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Everhart, employee of Virginia Life Insurance company, reportedly had waited for an automobile to pass, then stepped into the street in the path of a vehicle operated by Don Conner, 23. Conner is being held under recognizance bond pending investigation by County Coroner Ollie Harris and Kings Mountain Police Department.

## First Baptist News Quieter

The First Baptist church differences seemed less agitated this week.

No litigation had yet been filed by the dissident minority which, through spokesman, have asked a division of assets between the minority which wants to retain the present First Baptist plant, and the majority, which expects to build a new plant at the corner of King and Sims streets.

The board of deacons was to convene in regular monthly session Wednesday night, but Yates Harbison, chairman, said he did not know whether the continuing church difference would be discussed.

The board met in called session last Thursday night and took under advisement a plea by D. Z. Newton, Shelby attorney, that the members get together and solve their disagreements without court action. Jack White, Kings Mountain attorney and member of the minority group, had said last week Mr. Newton was among attorneys retained to prepare court litigation. Mr. Harbison said Mr. Newton asked to speak to the board, told the board he was visiting in an unofficial, personal capacity.

W. T. Weir, a deacon and member of the minority group, quoted Mr. Newton as advising the two groups to find agreement, adding that court litigation would prove most embarrassing and regrettable to both parties.

Mr. Harbison, who pointed out he was merely one member of the church with one vote, declined to guess whether there is either a "possibility" or "probability" of an out-of-court settlement of the differences. He did say, "I don't think the courts of the land are the places to settle a difference among church members." He added, "We haven't yet come up with a workable solution."

## Lions Heard Shelby Man

Mal A. Spangler, county commissioner and a key figure in the decision of Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company to build a fibre glass plant in the county, told Kings Mountain Lions Tuesday night a new county courthouse will cost \$700,000 and raise taxes.

In turn, he declared that "keeping taxes in line" is a major prerequisite to obtaining new industry and payrolls for this county. He had also noted the need for a million-dollar school plant in Shelby.

## Lutherans Plan Parish Renovation

### St. Matthew's Votes \$45,000 Remodeling Job

St. Matthew's Lutheran church has authorized a seven-member building committee to proceed with plans calling for remodeling of two parish buildings at estimated cost of \$45,000.

Appointing of a committee, including Mrs. Don Blanton, Mrs. Jacob Cooper, Mrs. Carl Finger, Ben H. Bridges, J. E. Herndon, Carl Mauney, and W. K. Mauney, featured the annual congregational meeting Sunday night.

The remodeling program will provide adequate rooms for the Sunday School, particularly the children's department, plus two new offices, an enlarged auditorium, and several new washrooms.

The church council authorized the special committee "to proceed with the remodeling of the two buildings under the supervision of James L. Peam, Jr., Cherryville architect" and recommended to the congregation they "authorize the church council through its officers and finance committee, to borrow whatever amount is necessary."

Reports from other committees showed membership gain of 31, an increase in financial receipts of 38 per cent in two years (including over \$30,000 received through the regular treasury and \$20,000 given via societies, building funds, Lenoir-Rhyne college campaign, and Brotherhood Loan and Gift Funds).

The congregation elected as Councilmen Glee E. Bridges, Carl Mauney, George W. Mauney, William Lawrence Plonk, and Carl Ramsey. The new officers succeed Otis Falls, Jr., J. E. Herndon, George Houser, Gus Kiser.

## Rites Conducted For Clyde Fite

Final rites for Clyde B. Fite, 40, who died Monday morning in Durham Veteran's Hospital, were held Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock from Grace Methodist church.

Mr. Fite, a native of Kings Mountain and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fite, had been in ill health for two years. He was an employee of Burlington Mills, a veteran of World War II, and a member of Grace Methodist church.

Surviving in addition to his parents are his wife, Leona Murray Fite; a daughter, Karen B. Fite, of the home, seven brothers and three sisters, Raymond, Virgil, Lloyd, Earl, Lee, Tony, and Miss Helen Fite, all of Kings Mountain, Louis Fite, of New Jersey, and Mrs. Hazel Shehan, Forest City, and Mrs. Clara Bivens, of Cherryville.

Rev. W. C. Sides, Jr., Grace Methodist pastor, and Rev. Leonard Hufstetter, conducted the services. Burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Attorney White, queried concerning the possible litigations, said no suit had been filed, added, "We still hope to get the matter compromised outside of the courts."



**HEADS DRIVE**—Chairman of the 1958 fund drive appeal now underway by the Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter is Paul Walker, recently named to the post by Red Cross officials.

## Plans Underway For Fund Drive

Plans for the forthcoming fund drive campaign in Kings Mountain will be mapped by the executive committee of the local Red Cross chapter Thursday.

Members of the committee will meet with Paul Walker, fund drive chairman, and Miss Antoinette Beasley, field representative, for a lunch luncheon at La Royale Restaurant at 12 noon, according to announcement by Mrs. J. N. Gamble, the chapter's executive secretary.

## Prince Assuming New Duties

Millard Prince, Kings Mountain postoffice employee for the past ten years, is accepting similar duties in Hollywood, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Prince and their family will move Saturday to Florida.

The postoffice vacancy here will be filled by C. K. Wharton, postal clerk at the Hollywood, Fla. postoffice. The changes become effective January 25th.

Mr. Prince, a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Prince of Kings Mountain, joined the postoffice staff here in 1938 after graduating from Kings Mountain high school and attending North Carolina State college via the U. S. Army specialized training program. He is adjutant for Kings Mountain's Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion. Mrs. Prince is the former Lela Sigmon, of Hickory.

## WOMEN OF CHURCH

Women of the Church of First Presbyterian church will meet Monday night at 7:30 p. m. at the church, Mrs. Park Moore, of Gastonia, President of Women of Kings Mountain Presbytery, will be a guest at the meeting.

From the financial standpoint, the trouble cost Yale & Towne lock company, from which the bank buys a service contract. The big vault door bolts are controlled by two manually-operated time locks, which can be set to open up to 72 hours. One is a safety clock. Cashier Dick

## Work Planned For 1958-59, City Indicates

It will cost approximately \$15,000 to provide the city water and sewage disposal service to almost every in-city residence, Supt. of Public Works Grady Yelton estimates.

The report was made at last Thursday's city board session and board members indicated they would try to include sufficient appropriation in next year's budget to provide the installations.

In fact, the report encouraged the board to authorize purchase of a boring machine—to install lines across city street without breaking pavement—and caused the board to vote early installation of sewer line of Benfield Road, at an estimated cost of \$1387.50. It was noted paving of this road has been held up pending the sewer line installation.

In other actions:

- 1) The board voted to name Martin Ware, acting police chief since resignation of Hugh A. Logan, as chief at a salary of \$300 per month, a raise of \$25 per month.
- 2) Heard a delegation representing 36 petitioners complain about the city's burning brush on Landing street. The board agreed to halt the practice, but Mayor Glee A. Bridges said it might restrict the city's brush collecting service. He said the bulky brush can't be hauled to the city dump "without more men and trucks." The city is to seek a less populated burning ground.
- 3) Purchased from Fleet McCurdy a lot adjoining the National Guard motor pool building at a cost of \$2300. The lot fronts 225 feet on Phifer Road and has an average depth of 200 feet.
- 4) Agreed to pay the city schools \$39.50 for expense the schools incurred in moving city stadium bleachers prior to football season.
- 5) Tabled for further check offer of state highway patrol to sell used sub-machine guns for \$25. Chief Martin Ware said a new gun costs about \$400.
- 6) Declined to change city policy to allow Ernest Maples to dump his garbage at the city dump.
- 7) Charged off numerous small accounts as uncollectible and included in the motion charge-off of 1988.42 for utilities owed by the city recreation commission.
- 8) Authorized the clerk to invest the following sums in the city's two savings and loan associations: \$3,000 from water and light deposits; \$1295 from gas deposits; \$1,000 from cemetery funds.
- 9) Tabled request of Officer P. A. Hawkins for the city to furnish 150 tons of gravel to improve the road into the city, which the police department plans to erect a club building and shooting range.

## Officials Air Policy Changes

City policy on privilege licenses and charges for water to outside city limits customers could be changed in time for the coming fiscal year.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges suggested at last week's meeting that "privilege license schedule remains 'a hodge-podge'" and suggested a meeting of retailers and others effected to discuss a possible clean-up. Meantime, Mayor Pro Tempore Ben H. Bridges told the Herald he would like to see privilege license taxes eliminated for the most part, both on grounds of difficulty of administration and on the questionable practice of charging legitimate businesses for doing business in the city.

Mayor Bridges, as has been done before, brought the board some information concerning rates other cities charge out-of-town water customers. He said many cities,

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## Churchwomen Set Annual Meeting

Annual business meeting of the Kings Mountain Council of Churchwomen will be held Tuesday morning at 9:30 a. m. in Boyce Memorial ARP church. Announcement was made by Mrs. B. N. Barnes, publicity chairman, who said all members of the church women's organization are being invited to attend.

New officers for the year are to be elected and plans for the year's work are to be discussed. Mrs. Barnes said.

Mrs. Douglas Fritz is president of the Council.

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