

<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.	

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PRICE TEN CENTS

# Footo Employees Reject Union Bid By 92 To 53

## Local News Bulletins

### METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$129.45, including \$111.13 from on-street meters and another \$18.32 from Cherokee parking lot meters.

### TAG SALES 533

City auto owners have purchased a total of 533 city auto license tags for 1958, City Clerk Joe McDaniel reported Wednesday. He described tag sales as "slow" said the city expects to sell about 900 more before the February 15 deadline for showing both city and state auto license tags on vehicles.

### TAX OFFICIAL

A representative of the Internal Revenue Service will be at Shelby Postoffice on Mondays only during the hours of 8:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. to assist taxpayers in filing income tax returns. Citizens may contact him in Shelby at Huxley 76641.

### LIONS DIRECTORS

Directors of the Kings Mountain Lions club will convene at the office of Dr. Nathan H. Reed at 7 o'clock Thursday night, according to announcement by President J. W. Webster.

### KIWANIS DIRECTOR

J. M. Cross has been appointed a director of Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club, succeeding W. F. Young, who resigned the club bulletin reported this week.

### NO WRECKS

Kings Mountain Police Department had no reports of wrecks in Kings Mountain city limits for the period of January 22-29.

### BUILDING PERMIT

J. W. Webster, city building inspector, issued a building permit January 23 to Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co. for a temporary structure on W. Mountain Street between Railroad Avenue and Candler Street to be used as a repair station. Estimated cost was \$900.

### KIWANIS

Dr. Harry D. Riddle, Gastonia physician, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at the club's weekly meeting Thursday night at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's club. Dr. Riddle will speak on a program arranged by Charles Neisler.

### GANTT BETTER

W. M. Gantt, Kings Mountain grocer and realtor, was reported improved Wednesday by members of his family. Mr. Gantt suffered a heart attack last weekend and is confined to bed at his N. Piedmont avenue home.

### WORLD MISSIONS

Sunday night, the second in a series of programs on World Missions will be presented at the First Presbyterian church at 7:30 p. m. The Pioneer Fellowship is in charge of the program which will present views of the mission work around the world. Billy Jones will preside, and other members who will participate are Buddy Kirous, Kaye Cansler, Gal Kirous, Margaret Jackson, Jane Houser, Pucky Lewis, Claudia Goforth, Sara Rose Lennon, and Susan Kesler. Dr. P. G. Padgett will give a review of "The Church In A Revolutionary World".

## City Board Changes Its Meeting Date

Beginning February 12th, the city board of commissioners will hold regular monthly sessions on second Wednesdays, rather than second Thursdays, Mayor Glee A. Bridges said this week.

Mayor Bridges said the board was changing its meeting night in order to permit use of City Hall on second Thursdays by Kings Mountain district Boy Scouts for Court of Honor sessions.

"We are glad to relinquish our regular date for a good purpose," the Mayor commented.

## Penalty Day Near On 1957 Tax Bills

### Webster Reports \$135,000 Levy 86 Percent Paid

Citizens who have not yet paid 1957 city tax bills have until 11:30 Saturday morning to pay their tax accounts at par.

Penalty for late payment applies Monday, City Tax Collector J. W. Webster reminded Monday. The extra tab will be one percent. Another one percent will be added in March and one-half of one percent in each month thereafter that the bills remain unpaid.

Majority of Kings Mountain's 1957 has been paid.

Mr. Webster said this week that payments through Monday totaled \$116,933.41, representing 86 percent of the total levy of \$135,005.06.

Tuesday payments are not totaled in Mr. Webster's report.

Mr. Webster said he hoped to be very busy Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning writing tax receipts.

"Nobody dislikes to attach tax penalties worse than I," he commented, "but the penalty schedule is a matter of North Carolina law. I hope everyone clears their 1957 tax bills by Saturday morning."

## Mrs. Logan Died Tuesday

Mrs. Susie Sellers Harmon Logan, 83, Cleveland County native, died at her home, 603 Linwood Road, Tuesday night.

Mrs. Logan died suddenly after becoming ill an hour before her death at 10:30 p. m.

She was a member of the First Baptist church.

Daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Sellers, Mrs. Logan had been twice-married, first to Edward Harmon, who died in 1898, and then to John J. Logan, who died in 1939.

Surviving are four sons, Paul Harmon, Thomas G. Logan, Sweetwater, Texas, Albert P. Logan and William B. Logan, both of Kings Mountain, and four daughters, Mrs. Robert J. Love, Kings Creek, S. C., Mrs. W. T. Randall, Jacksonville, Fla., Miss Mattie E. Logan, Charlotte, and Mrs. Elmer Hardin, Kings Mountain.

Also surviving are 30 grandchildren and 39 great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete Wednesday afternoon.

## "Whammy" Use Is Anticipated

Motorists are driving too fast within the city limits and the city police department is anticipating resumption of use of the "whammy".

The electric speed-timing device will slow motorists down, and painfully, as victims are quick to relate.

Chief Martin Ware issued the warning.

## Merchants Want Privilege Relief, But No Swap For Higher Tax Bills

A group of 16 Kings Mountain businessmen aired their views on the Kings Mountain privilege license schedule at a called meeting of the city commission last Thursday night.

According to present status, a dry goods merchant buys a license for selling dry goods but, sometimes sells other items, violating the bounds of his license.

If a license were bought for every item in his store, the final fee would amount to much more than a small merchant can afford to pay, the merchants indicated.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges, in calling the meeting to order, told the merchants that the meeting was theirs and although they could air their views and make motions, there would be no changes until their suggestions are acted on by the city board of com-

## Citizens Voice Strident "No's" To Pay T-V

A number of Kings Mountain citizens are up-in-arms over proposals before Congress to attach coin devices to television sets to permit pay television.

Miss Ida Lattimore, manager of Western Union here, said 68 employees of Slater Brothers sent a petition-type telegram to Congressman Basil L. Whitener Tuesday urging his opposition. Another went on behalf of the Merchants association from President Charles E. Dixon, and numerous individuals added their voice to the complaint.

Cong. Whitener has already voiced his opposition in a statement to the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, which will act on the bill or bills before they reach the floor of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Whitener told the committee:

"In connection with the hearings which you are currently conducting to determine the advisability of authorizing closed circuit transmission of television broadcasts I would like to express my opposition to the proposal.

"It is my considered opinion that a departure from our present system of handling the television transmission of intelligence and entertainment is not in the public interest. The proposed pay-television method will place an undue financial burden upon the masses of the people of this Nation and would leave them with the alternative of either suffering deprivation of the pleasures and values of television or paying money for that service which they cannot afford to do."

"I do not believe that it is consistent with the best interests of our economic, cultural, or social life to authorize a system which would have the effect which I visualize that pay-television will have upon the life of the people of America."

## S & L Directors Are Re-elected

Shareholders of Home Savings & Loan gathered for their 35th annual meeting Tuesday at the association offices, re-elected all directors, and heard reports on a prosperous year's activities.

A. H. Patterson, executive vice president and secretary - treasurer reported the newly opened branch in Bessemer City, launched in May, "doing very well", with a large number of new accounts opened by Bessemer City area patrons.

Other figures given by Mr. Patterson were: mortgage loans increased during the year by \$382,178; savings accounts increased \$377,418; total assets increased \$411,265; reserves increased \$31,750; no money was borrowed during the year; of three foreclosures one was made on request and none resulted in loss to the association; total dividends paid set a new record of \$80,026, up more than \$20,000 from the \$58,926 paid the previous year.

Mr. Patterson noted that the association's liquidity percentage held at about nine percent during 1957, well above the legally required minimum of six percent. He said about 95 percent of the association's loans are at six percent interest, making safe the association's 3.5 percent dividend rate on savings accounts.

Vice-President Glee A. Bridges presided at the annual meeting.

Directors re-elected were Dr. J. E. Anthony, president; Glee A. Bridges and J. H. Thomson, vice-presidents; A. H. Patterson, executive vice-president and secretary - treasurer; W. F. Young, assistant treasurer; and L. L. Alexander, J. B. Mauney, I. G. Patterson, F. D. Ratterree, Jack H. Whitner, and Dr. Paul E. Hendricks.

Following the shareholders session, the directors re-elected all officers, as listed previously, along with Mrs. Emily A. Herndon, assistant secretary.

### DUKE FUNDS

Kings Mountain hospital received \$1,444 from the Duke endowment fund representing a dollar for each welfare day recorded at the hospital last year. The local hospital and Cleveland Memorial at Shelby, were among 91 North Carolina hospitals and 27 child care institutions receiving over half a million dollars from the Duke endowment.

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## Carl P. Finger Appointed Successor To Bumgardner

### Citizens Group Tapped Finger For Board Post

More than 30 citizens gathered at Kings Mountain Country Club for a Dutch dinner last Friday night.

The citizens 1) endorsed Carl P. Finger for appointment to the county board of commissioners, and 2) voted themselves into an organization called the Better Business Bureau, with Ollie Harris, as chairman, and with Charles E. Dixon as secretary.

It was suggested that the group meet for a Dutch dinner twice annually, on the second Fridays of July and January, and at other times on call by the officers.

Mr. Harris was not present at the meeting.

W. K. Mauney, one of the citizens present, suggested that the group discuss forwarding the adoption of the city manager form of government for the city of Kings Mountain, but discussion was brief and no action was taken by the group.

Jack H. White presided.

In addition to Mr. Finger, other nominees included J. Broadus Ellis, previously advanced for the county commissioner by Grover residents, and D. L. Saunders. Mr. Sanders asked that his name be withdrawn. Subsequently, suggestion that the group "get behind one man" in its appointment recommendation to the clerk of court, resulted in withdrawal of Mr. Ellis' name.

The meeting was arranged by Mayor Glee A. Bridges and Ollie Harris. Mayor Bridges said 42 citizens had been invited to attend.

## Cashwell Accepts Albemarle Call

Dr. T. L. Cashwell, Jr., a former pastor of Kings Mountain's First Baptist church, has accepted the pastorate of First Baptist church, Albemarle.

Mr. Cashwell resigned as pastor of College Avenue Baptist church, Lenoir, at the worship hour Sunday. He will assume his new duties on Sunday, February 23.

## Mrs. Myers' Mother Dies In Walhalla

Funeral rites for Mrs. J. M. Bellotte, mother of Mrs. O. W. Myers, of Kings Mountain, were held Tuesday afternoon in Walhalla, S. C. Mrs. Bellotte succumbed Sunday night. She had been in declining health for several years.

Myers' Department Store was closed Tuesday afternoon during the funeral hour.

## Swans Hatching Far From Home

Australian black swans are hatching right off the Gastonia highway.

That's the word from Glenn MacDonald, owner of Glenn's Lake located near the former New South Restaurant.

MacDonald reports he paid \$51 freight charges to have the birds sent from their native habitat in Australia. The birds built a huge nest in the middle of the lake in his back yard and he helped matters along by placing a board from the nest to shore.

The nest now contains seven eggs which are expected to release baby black swans at any moment. Mr. MacDonald consulted an expert about the hatching and was told he was lucky to be having any to hatch because of the differing weather conditions of the United States and Australia, where it is now mid-summer.



APPOINTED — Carl P. Finger, Kings Mountain native, was appointed Wednesday by Clerk of Court J. W. Osborne to fill the vacancy on the county board of commissioners created by the death of Hazel B. Bumgardner. Mr. Finger will take the oath of office on Monday.

## First Baptist Hearing Delayed

Hearing before Judge Dan K. Moore, of Sylva, on the temporary restraining order granted members of First Baptist church opposing construction on a new site, was postponed tentatively until Monday.

The Superior Court Judge will be holding a session of Gaston Superior court next week. The temporary order restrains officers of the church from disposing of real or building fund assets.

The hearing was postponed by mutual agreement, according to Rev. Aubrey Quakenbush, pastor of First Baptist church, and Jack H. White, attorney for the group opposed to building on a new site.

Mr. Quakenbush, appointed with A. W. Kincaid and Isaac McGill as a committee to retain counsel for the members favoring construction on a new site, said the firm of Mullins, Holland and Cooke, of Gastonia, has been retained.

Mr. Kincaid previously called attention to what he described as an error in last week's Herald account on the First Baptist litigation. He said the two earlier church votes held were on 1) the question to purchase of the W. King-Sims street site, at which the majority voted to purchase; and 2) rescinding the original decision due to small majority recorded at the original vote. The result was to rescind.

Mr. Kincaid explained that the original idea was to purchase the site as "insurance", in event the church should later decide to utilize it for a new plant or for some other purpose.

## Get Ready For Saturday Sadness; Here's Why Power Bills Are Up

City gas system customers won't get the familiar yellow card-type statements Saturday, nor in the future.

They will find their gas bills on the familiar white card, totalled along with their power and water billings.

City office officials anticipate there'll be some confusion resulting from the changeover and, perhaps, some criticism on the grounds of the dollar-and-cents totals being "too high".

In some instances, city officials will agree, but they've several explanations, among them: variance in billing period and sickness of a meter reader.

City Clerk Joe McDaniel explains it this way: Gas billings formerly were made by the gas department alone, usually on the 16th of the month or the 17th and were therefore pretty consistent. This time, the same meter-readers read all of them—gas, water and power. The chore took longer. It meant that some gas customers are being billed for up to 35 or 37 days service, compared to the customary 30 days.

Another kicker-upper was the illness at meter reading time of

## Laundryman To Take Post On County Board

Carl Preston Finger, 37, Kings Mountain native and laundryman, has been appointed to the board of Cleveland County commissioners to fill the unexpired term of the late Hazel B. Bumgardner.

Mr. Finger will represent District 2, which includes Townships 4 and 5, Clerk of Court J. W. Osborne made the appointment Wednesday morning in the presence of a large delegation of Kings Mountain citizens. Mr. Osborne indicated he would administer the oath of office on Monday, prior to the regular February meeting of the commission.

In a statement following his appointment, Mr. Finger said, "I appreciate very much the privilege of serving District 2 through the county commission. With the other commissioners, I shall seek to forward the interests of all citizens of Cleveland County during my tenure as a commissioner."

Mr. Finger will serve until the next general election. He said he would be a candidate for the Democratic nomination in the May primary.

Son of Mrs. Belle M. Finger, of Kings Mountain, and the late Mr. Finger, the commissioner appointee attended Kings Mountain schools and North Carolina State college. He spent 30 months in the air force during World War II and served in the European Theatre of Operations. He is a former employee of Neisler Mills.

In 1946, he opened Cherryville Laundry, acquired the Kings Mountain Laundry operation in 1954 and consolidated the two under the trade name Finger Laundry. He is a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, the American Legion, and is a former Jaycee and Lion. His wife is the former Carol Newby, of Newton, a teacher at Kings Mountain high school. They have two children.

Clerk of Court Osborne issued the following statement on making the appointment:

"Upon the death or resignation of a member of the Board of County Commissioners the responsibility of appointing a successor to serve until the next General Election rests with the Clerk of the Superior Court. Following the death of Mr. Hazel B. Bumgardner, and at my request the Kings Mountain and Shelby papers carried news items to the effect that I would welcome such suggestions as to his successor the people cared to make. Numerous suggestions of a number of qualified and competent persons have been called to my attention. Some of these persons were available, others

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## Footo Workers Again Decline Union Choice

Footo Mineral Company employees rejected for the third time in three years here Wednesday efforts of a labor union to become their bargaining representative.

The vote in the National Labor Relations Board election was 92 to 53 against the organizing bid of the United Lime, Cement and Gypsum Workers (AFL-CIO).

The counting was completed shortly after voting was completed at 4 p. m. Miss Mabel Sapp, NLRB representative from Winston-Salem, conducted the voting and counted the ballots in the presence of four Footo employees, two pro-union and two pro-management, and others.

Pro-union observers were Lyman Robbs and James (Bill) Conner. Pro-management observers were Harold Crawford and Paul Cole.

All eligibles voted except two, one ill and hospitalized and the other out-of-town on vacation. There were six challenges, not enough to effect the result.

Here for the vote-counting were Vernon Johnson, the Virginian who was organizer for the labor union, and J. D. Bradford, of Birmingham, Ala., one of the eight vice-presidents of the United Lime, Cement and Gypsum Workers. Both indicated disappointment at the result. Mr. Johnson, who observed his 31st birthday Wednesday, agreed it wasn't a happy birthday present.

Ben H. Goforth, Jr., Footo personnel manager, shook hands with the union officials following the vote-count, congratulated Mr. Johnson on the "cleanest" campaign we've seen yet. Replying a thank you, the union organizer said, "We'll see you again next year."

Under federal statute, unions cannot obtain another election for a year.

In Kings Mountain, it was the fifth time in less than four years that employees have rejected union organizing bids at NLRB elections. Lithium Corporation employees at the Bessemer City plant have twice rejected unions.

Mr. Goforth and other Footo officials said they were well-pleased with the result.

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## Snow Blankets Community

Kings Mountain recorded its first genuine snowfall of the winter beginning Wednesday noon.

Leadens gray skies dumped on the town a thin covering of the flaky substance which stuck in places leaving the sidewalks and highways free, but wet. Temperatures hovered above the 32 degree mark during the afternoon with the expected low for Wednesday night 32-36 and chances of rain mixed with snow predicted.

Superintendent B. N. Barnes said the city schools would be open Thursday unless conditions changed entirely from late Wednesday afternoon's conditions. County school children awaited county superintendent's verdict on whether school would be held. Meanwhile snow cream, snowball fights, and snowmen were some of the result of the prevailing weather.

Several times during the winter, snowflakes have made half-hearted attempts but failed to develop into a full-fledged snow. One ice storm was the nearest substitute for snow until Wednesday.