

## Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 7,206

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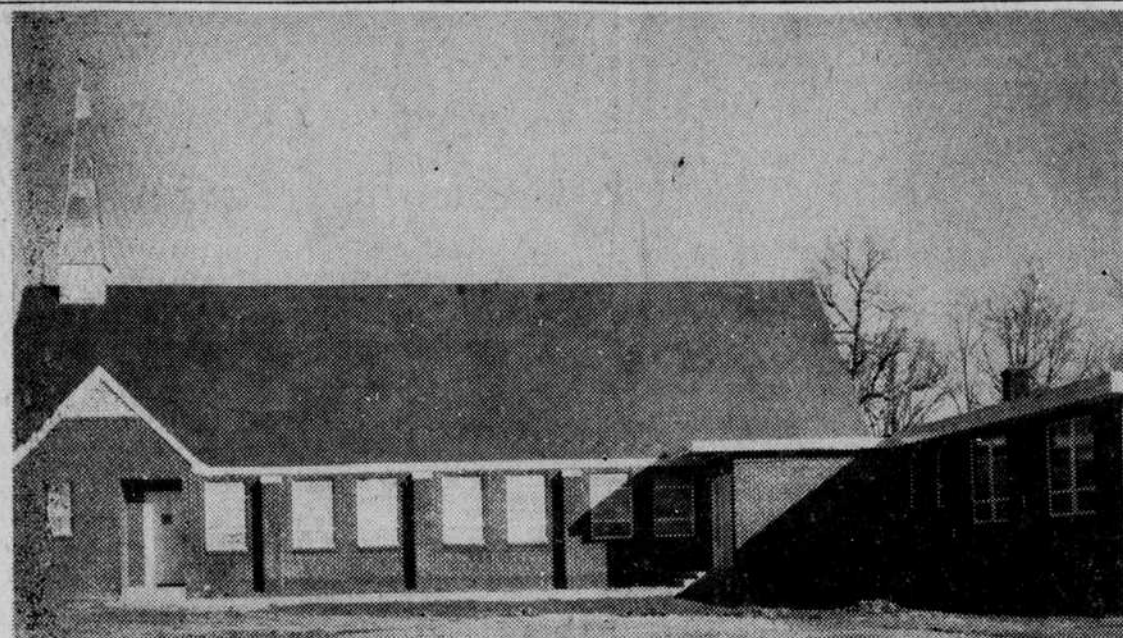
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**FORMAL OPENING SET SUNDAY** — The congregation of Penley's Chapel Methodist church will open its new edifice to the public at special services on Sunday. The handsome new church, which also includes an educational plant, is located on Cherryville road. The church was erected at an estimate cost of \$40,000. Open House will feature the Sunday afternoon activities, and a series of evangelistic services will begin on Sunday night. (Photo by Pennington Studio)

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## Penley's Chapel Rites On Sunday

### New Church To Be Occupied Sunday Morning

Penley's Chapel Methodist church on Cherryville road will formally open its new sanctuary and educational building on Sunday.

Rev. C. W. Kirby, superintendent of the Methodist Home, Charlotte, and formerly district superintendent of the Gastonia District of the Methodist Church, will preach at the morning worship hour at 11 o'clock. He will be assisted in the service by Leonard Huffstetler, lay pastor of the church, and Paul A. Howard, charge lay leader for Grace and Penley's Chapel Methodist churches.

There will be a song service in the afternoon beginning at 2 o'clock. Open house will be observed from 3 to 5 o'clock that afternoon. A revival will begin at the evening worship hour, at 7 o'clock, with Mr. Huffstetler doing the preaching for the revival.

Worship services and Sunday School had been terminated at Penley's Chapel for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Huffstetler were asked by District Superintendent C. W. Kirby and the pastor of Grace Methodist church, William C. Sides, Jr., to go to this one room frame building and conduct religious services, to see if there were any hope of reactivating the church. After the Huffstetlers had given the proposition much thought and prayerful consideration they decided to go, so on Sunday, September 16th, 1955 they went along with some eight or ten people from Grace church, and some four or five people from the community.

The church has grown in numbers and interest. The small congregation of less than 75 adult members, with the Gastonia District Mission Society, Dr. James G. Huggin, Jr., now district superintendent of the Gastonia district, Grace Methodist church under whose sponsorship the project has begun and continued, and friends of the church aiding in prayer and financial support have completed the handsome sanctuary and educational unit with new pews installed and new lighting fixtures. "The church is now ready to serve the community for Christ and His church", a spokesman for the church said.

Approximate cost of the building and equipment was \$40,000.

## Morgan Speaker At FFA Event

Senator Robert Morgan, of Shelby, will present the principal address Thursday night at the annual father-son banquet of the Bethware Future Farmers of America.

Myers Hambrick, Bethware agriculture teacher, said 100 chickens have been prepared for the occasion.

The group will convene at Bethware school at 7:30.

## Local News Bulletins

### KIWANIS CLUB

Kings Mountain Kiwanians will see the film showing the Darlington 500 Stock car race last year at their regular weekly meeting Thursday night. The club convenes at the Woman's club at 6:45 p. m.

American, and for a considerable time Marsh devoted his study to the complete works of Liszt under Sauer's supervision. While in Europe, Marsh also worked with the great Robert Casadesu in Paris and at Fontainebleau where he was graduated "magna cum laude" as Fontainebleau's most outstanding student.

Through his training with Casadesu and Sauer, Marsh developed a special affinity for the piano music of Chopin and Liszt. His October 1954 Town Hall recital was devoted entirely to Liszt.

### COUNTRY CLUB

Annual meeting of stockholders of Kings Mountain Country Club, Inc., will be held Tuesday, March 18, at 7 o'clock. Secretary Sam Stallings has announced. The meeting will be a dinner session, featuring annual reports and election of directors for the coming year.

### LEGION MEETING

Regular monthly meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock at the Legion Building, according to notice by the adjutant, James Bennett.

### SUPPER

Westover Baptist church will sponsor a chicken pie supper at the church recreation building Saturday night, a spokesman for the church has announced. Serving will begin at 6 p. m. and will continue until 9:30 p. m.

### BUILDING PERMIT

J. W. Webster, City Inspector, issued a building permit Monday to H. E. Lynch for a one story frame house on Stowe Acres between Margaret and Blanton street to be used as a residence. Estimated cost of the four room structure is \$2000.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Evelyn Caveny Graham, of route two, wife of Allan Graham, is not the Mrs. Evelyn Graham, who appeared Monday in city court on charges of disposing of mortgaged property, she asked the Herald to state.

### COMPLETES COURSE

Mrs. Maybelle Gordon, of 503 N. City street, completed last week a six-month course in cosmetology at Shelby Beauty school. This included a two-week advanced course in hair-styling and cutting.

### VFW MEETING

The V. F. W. Post will hold their regular meeting Thursday (tonight) at 7:30 p. m. at their new headquarters on the Grover road formerly known as Kate's Gift Shop.

## Split Term Vote For Bethware, Compact April 17

Patrons of Bethware and Compact schools will vote April 17 to determine whether the schools will abandon the long-in-vogue split term schedule.

Election on the question for these two Number 4 Township schools, and also for Fallston school, was set by the county board of education Monday.

Patrons of each of the schools had petitioned for the voting. Compact will be the first Negro school in the county system to vote on the question.

Bethware voted last year, and a majority of those voting approved a consecutive nine-month term. However, less than the required number of eligible patrons cast ballots, nullifying the decision.

The two elections were called after receipt of petitions from school patrons.

Rules governing the April 17 voting are: Patrons (parents with children enrolled in the respective schools) will be eligible to vote on the basis of one vote per child enrolled in grades 1 through 11. The result will be declared void unless 50 percent of the eligible voters participate.

Only Compact and Bethware in Number 4 township retain the split term arrangement. Park Grace school has long coincided its schedule with city district schools and Grover school abandoned the split term several years ago.

Other straight term schools in the county include Dover, No. 3, Bolling Springs, Lattimore and Piedmont.

### P-TA STUDY COURSE

A city wide study course for all school P-TA's will be held at West school Thursday and Friday nights from 7 until 9 o'clock. Thursday night's topics are "Juvenile Delinquency" discussed by Superior court clerk, J. W. Osborne and "Recreation" by Jake Early. Friday night Mrs. Janie Spencer will discuss the school lunch program and Mr. John Gamble will speak on physical education. The public is invited to attend.

### FIRST BAPTIST DEACONS TO CONSIDER COMPROMISE OFFER BY DISSIDENTS

Yates Harbison, chairman of the board of deacons of First Baptist church, said it is likely a special session of the board will be called early next week to consider the compromise offer presented by the church's minority group.

The minority group opposes the majority decision to build a new church plant on a new site and has offered to quash two legal actions now pending provided the church approves the compromise offer.

The dissident or minority group wants to retain the present church site at W. Mountain street and S. Piedmont avenue. It is willing to relinquish other church properties, including the parsonage, the Cherokee street real estate, the church building fund of more than \$80,000, and the new site at W. King and Sims streets.

Mr. Harbison said the formal compromise offer was received last Saturday.

On Sunday, the deacons and trustees were called in special session, and Chairman Harbison read the terms of the offer to members of the two groups "for information". He said he asked that no comment be made, and

# Welfare Branch Office Is Likely Here

## Wiring Law Details Listed For City Board

North Carolina law requires that all electrical wiring must be done by a state-licensed contractor, unless a person does his own wiring 1) for his personal residence, or 2) for a business building he's going to use himself.

The details of the law were pointed out to the city board of commissioners last Thursday night by Marvin Williams, state electrical inspector from the office of the Commissioner of Insurance.

Mr. Williams explained that the law designates the fire chief as the local electrical inspector in all communities of 1,000 people or more, but that city commissions are allowed to designate others to handle the duties, in lieu of assigning the chore to the fire chief.

In Kings Mountain, Electrical Superintendent Hunter Allen is the electrical inspector.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges explained that complaints had been received from Mr. Williams and others that certain city employees are actually doing electrical wiring in off-hours and that he wanted the commission informed on the law and its requirements. He said Mr. Allen wants support of the board in requiring compliance.

Mr. Williams said violation of the law is a misdemeanor, subject to a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$50 and that both the unlicensed electrician and the local inspector are subject to fine for non-compliance.

Several questions were posed by board members concerning the employment of helpers. Mr. Williams said the practice is illegal. It was pointed out that some folk claim they're doing their own personal work, but actually employ an experienced, if unlicensed, electrician to handle the work, with the employer serving as helper.

In other actions the board:

- 1) Voted to request use of Central auditorium for a police department-sponsored show on April 24.
- 2) Calling a hearing for March 12 on rezoning of property on Landing street from residential to industrial zone.
- 3) Told Mr. Stevens, the palmist, he would get an answer March 12 on his request to purchase a city privilege license.

## City Auto Tag Sales at 1333

Sale of city auto license tags moved at a fast pace during the past week as the city launched a drive to see that all in-city auto owners purchased the \$1 strip.

Sales totaled 1333 Wednesday, almost 400 over the total reported sold last week.

The boom caused the city to order 200 additional tags — which a check on car registrations shows should be purchased by known Kings Mountain car owners who haven't complied with the law.



**CAMPAIGN WORKERS** — Two volunteer workers in the Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter who boast a long record of service are pictured in the campaign headquarters located in the Haywood E. Lynch building between Baird Furniture company and Helen's Beauty Shop. Mrs. Estelle W. King, left, excepting one year, recording secretary of the chapter since 1937.

worked 2000 hours rolling bandages and making surgical dressings during World War II and knitted 773 hours under the Red Cross war program in addition to volunteering services for the blood program. Mrs. Ledford, also active in the chapter, will receive soon her two-gallon pin for having donated blood to the Red Cross bloodbank. (Photo by Pennington Studio)

## Knitting Company May Locate Here

### Expansion Firm Getting Estimate On Building Cost

Kings Mountain Business Development, Inc., is planning to contract for the construction of a new building of approximately 11,000 square feet to house a knitting industry.

J. Wilson Crawford, president, said directors of the corporation conferred during the weekend with three representatives of the knitting firm and expects preliminary figures from an engineering firm Thursday on cost estimates.

"These figures will enable us to draw a lease-purchase contract for proffer to the knitting firm," Mr. Crawford said. "On agreement and subsequent conclusion of the contract, Kings Mountain Business Development, Inc., will be in position to launch construction on completion of financing arrangements."

The knitting firm has indicated it will place in escrow a good faith deposit, that it will employ initially 80 persons, and that it expects to require additional floor space in the future.

Meantime, Fred W. Plonk, chairman of the business group stock sale committee of the industry expansion corporation, reported continued progress on sale of stock.

"We are selling stock, and, almost uniformly, meeting with an excellent reception," Mr. Plonk commented. "We aren't close to being through and will continue our stock sales work."

Stock in Kings Mountain Business Development, Inc., sells for \$10 per share. Authorized capitalization is \$100,000, or 10,000 shares.

## Scout Sunday To Be Observed

Girl Scouts in Kings Mountain will join with others throughout the nation Sunday in the observance of Girl Scout Sunday.

Scout Sunday is held during the annual observance of Girl Scout Week.

In Kings Mountain, the Girl Scouts will attend Sunday services at the various churches and will sit in a body at the worship services. At St. Matthew's Lutheran church, Girl Scouts will sing "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" as special music during the worship service at 11 o'clock. Girl Scouts and Brownie Scouts of First Presbyterian church will also be recognized and will render special music at the Sunday morning service.

Girl Scouts in Kings Mountain, along with other Scouts in surrounding areas, have begun their annual sale of Girl Scout cookies, an annual project of Girl Scouts.

### Blanton Shoots Eagle On No. 2

Winter rust didn't affect Don Blanton's golf game greatly, at least on the Number 9 hole of the Country Club course on Wednesday.

The Kings Mountain druggist was receiving congratulations about 3:30 yesterday for his eagle two on the 288-yard, par 4 hole.

Playing with Blanton were William Plonk, Paul McGinnis, Rev. C. M. Lankford, Louis Sabetie and Pat Hovis.

## Residential Rates Haven't Changed

As expected, city utility bills, which zoomed upward for January-February due to record low temperatures, produced some irate customers some of whom inquired in hardly uncertain language that the city was, at least, careless in its own favor, had escalated rates without advertising them, or was just plain crooked.

"Isn't so," says Mayor Glee A. Bridges.

"Residential rates haven't been changed in the past five years," the Mayor relates, "and they were lowered at that time. Some folk can't seem to understand that cold weather causes more power consumption by electric hot water heaters and electrically powered automatic heating systems."

Last residential revision, that one downward, was made in 1952. The city board upped its commercial power schedule in 1957, which did not affect residences but did affect some business firms which buy power from the city.

Water and power billings approached \$29,000 for the period. Gas system billings were a record at more than \$19,000.

### CONDITION

Mrs. C. E. Neisler, recuperating from pneumonia, at Kings Mountain hospital is reported improving.

## American Legion Is Co-Sponsoring Tuesday Bloodmobile Collection

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Kings Mountain Tuesday from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m., with blood program officials hoping to exceed the 150-pint quota and thereby to recoup a 13-pint deficit on the December visit.

Co-sponsor of next week's bloodmobile visit is Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion.

Commander Ray Cline is urging all Legionnaires to make arrangements to donate blood and asks that they bring at least one extra donor with them. The bloodmobile will be in operation at Central Methodist church.

## Annual Drive For Red Cross Funds Begins

Kings Mountain's fund campaign for the Red Cross, which seeks \$5,625 in the 1958 appeal, is officially underway.

Paul Walker, chairman of the fund-raising effort, said the campaign is "going pretty good" and noted "it is still too early to have full reports on any solicitation work."

The campaign got underway in rural areas on Sunday and workers are canvassing the residential areas this week. Solicitation in the business area and outlying business district will be completed this weekend. Already at work has been the advance gifts committee, headed by George Houser, Stokes Wright is chairman of rural solicitation.

Campaign headquarters will be open from 1 to 5 p. m. daily, Monday through Saturday, in the Haywood E. Lynch building between Baird Furniture Company and Helen's Beauty Shop, Chairman Walker added.

In Kings Mountain, the Red Cross aids many needy families plus its help to the suffering and displaced persons, the official added. The Red Cross blood program and the chapter's assistance to servicemen and their families are also major functions of this important organization," he stated.

"The campaign goal is badly needed," Mr. Walker added, "and it should be met by citizens of the community."

## Firemen Get Fire Each Day

City firemen started the current week with a fire a day.

A Monday call was to Ridge street where a grass fire was doused with no damage on a vacant lot.

Electrical wiring in a washing machine served as impetus for a call to the Hicks residence at 204 Juniper street Tuesday. The small blaze was extinguished with no damage to the home.

A Wednesday afternoon call to the home of "Buddy" Medlin at 504 Candler street found a furnace motor furnishing the blaze. The fire was doused without damage to the home.

## County Politics Starts To Stir

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## Check Underway To Determine If Cash Available

Establishment of a branch office of the county welfare department in Kings Mountain is a near-future possibility.

Jack Hoyle, county welfare superintendent, discussed plans for opening a full-time branch here with the county commission Monday and, currently, is seeking information from the North Carolina Board of Public Welfare on availability of funds 1) to open a Kings Mountain office before the end of the fiscal year June 30, and 2) for operation of an office here in the new fiscal year beginning July 1.

Mr. Hoyle said a preliminary check by County Auditor Max Hamrick indicated funds are available in the welfare department's administrative budget to establish the branch prior to the end of the fiscal year. But, he said, it is necessary to obtain confirmation from the state's office.

Welfare funds are derived from three sources, county, state, and federal funds.

Mr. Hoyle said preliminary check on available quarters in Kings Mountain has been made, but no decision has been reached pending approval from the state office and the board of county commissioners. The commissioners indicated approval would be forthcoming at their Monday meeting. The county welfare board has already given the "go-ahead" signal.

Mr. Hoyle told the commissioners the setting up of a Kings Mountain branch had some administrative disadvantages, but that he felt the advantages outweighed the disadvantages considerably.

Mr. Hoyle estimated the cost of setting up a Kings Mountain branch would be \$3,500 for the first year's operation and would decline to \$2500 in the second year.

County Commissioner Carl F. Finger said he feels the commission will endorse the branch set-up unanimously.

"A Kings Mountain branch should help our operations," Mr. Hoyle told the Herald. "It would bring us closer to the community, expanding our source of information to determine more accurately those needing and eligible for welfare services."

## Choral Club To Give Program

The Choral Club of Flora MacDonald college will present a sacred-secular program at First Presbyterian church fellowship hall on the evening of March 19 at 8 o'clock.

A highlight of the program will be the authentic Scottish dances featuring the Highland Fling and the Sword Dance presented by the girls who will don kilts or tartans to depict bonnie lassies in the hills of Scotland.

"This unique entertainment is something different and enjoyable," a spokesman for the church said, "and the public is invited to attend."

An offering will be taken to defray the expenses of the tour. Members of the Choral club will spend the night in Kings Mountain.

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BOARD TO CONVENE  
The city board of commissioners will convene for its regular March session on March 12 at 8 p. m. at City Hall court-room.