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## Postal Charges Increase Friday

### Local News Bulletins

#### Most Letters Will Require Four-Cent Stamps

If you mail a letter Friday morning it'll cost you an extra penny.

Thursday is D-day for sending mail at the old postal rate, and Kings Mountain Postoffice was readying this week for the price changeover.

The nation's new schedule of postal rates goes into effect Friday, August 1, and there'll be no "grace" period for customers to get used to the change, Postmaster Charles Alexander reminded.

After midnight July 31, mail must bear postage at the higher rates. This means the cost of mailing a letter will be upped a penny (from three to four cents). Domestic first class mail will up the price of postcards from two to three cents, for airmail letters from six cents to seven cents, and for airmail postcards from four cents to five cents.

If customers don't comply with the ruling, the postoffice will handle the mail on a postage due basis, Mr. Alexander said. The recipient will be required to pay the extra cent. If he refuses, the sender will be billed for the penny. If nobody pays, the letter will be dispatched to the dead letter office.

Still another little wrinkle which had cost the recipients money has been suspended until November 1. A new provision under which mail with insufficient postage is subject to a special additional charge of five cents, plus the postage due, has been suspended temporarily beginning August 1, until patrons become familiar with the new rates, Mr. Alexander said. Effective July 1, a five cent penalty charge was to be added to the amount of postage due recipients when correspondents were careless in weighing their letters.

"The new postal rate law will enable the department to forward all mail with insufficient postage and collect postage due at the other end," the postmaster added. "This will eliminate," he said, "the many delays of the old system under which 'short paid' mail often was returned to the sender."

"New postage rates passed by Congress will go into effect starting promptly at 12:01 a. m. Friday and under the new law, the post-office department has no alternative but to collect postage due on mail bearing insufficient postage when the new rates begin after midnight Thursday," Mr. Alexander continued.

Some rates go up on August 1, and some others advance effective January 1.

Here are the rates as they will be Friday morning:

First-class mail, four cents per

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## Griffin Buys Cline Building; Renovating Starts

E. W. Griffin, owner of Griffin Drug Company, announced this week the purchase of the J. Raymond Cline Building on W. Mountain street and the launching of remodeling work preparatory to its occupancy.

Mr. Griffin said the building will be completely renovated, with a new front, new floor covering, new fixtures, and a central gas-fired heating system. The system will be arranged for installation of air-conditioning prior to next summer.

Marion Dixon is supervising the rebuilding job.

Fixtures are being purchased from Bulman & Company, Chicago.

Mr. Griffin said it is hoped the new building will be ready for occupancy not later than September.

Griffin Drug Company is the second oldest commercial business operated continuously under the same trade name in Kings Mountain, Mr. Griffin noted. He purchased the drug firm 38 years ago on October 20, 1920, and has operated it as Griffin Drug Company since.

A native of Union county, Mr. Griffin first entered the drug business in Wingate in 1910. He subsequently attended Atlanta College of Pharmacy before coming to Kings Mountain.

The former Cline building fronts 30 feet on Mountain street and is 100 feet deep. It is a two-story building, second floor offices being occupied by Dr. L. P. Baker and Dr. R. N. Baker, dentists.

Griffin Drug Company will vacate the adjacent building it has occupied continuously during its 38 years of operation. This building is owned by Mrs. B. S. Peeler and Mrs. C. F. Thomasson.

## Lange To Speak At Union Service

Dr. Melvin S. Lange, pastor of Hickory's Holy Trinity Lutheran church, will deliver the sermon at Sunday night's community-wide union service at St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

The services will begin at 8 o'clock p. m.

Dr. Lange, pastor of the Hickory church since 1953, served from 1937-1941 as board missionary (American Missions) in Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio, and subsequently became pastor of Christ Lutheran church, Staunton, Va. In the Virginia Synod, he was chairman of the committee on stewardship, director of the CHEY appeal, dean of Massanetta summer assembly and president of the Community Welfare League.

He is currently chairman of the Western Conference committee on stewardship.

The Hickory church congregation completed a \$650,000 building program in January and occupied the new edifice.

# Welfare Branch Office Opens Monday

## Dixon Purchases Williams Stock In Auto Firm

Charles E. Dixon, veteran sales manager of Victory Chevrolet Company, has purchased the stock holdings in the firm of T. A. Williams of Greensboro, it was announced this week by W. G. Grantham, president.

Purchase of the Williams holdings by Mr. Dixon was effective June 1, but the transaction was completed finally this week.

By the stock transfer, Mr. Dixon succeeds Mr. Williams as vice-president of the auto dealership. Mrs. Grantham is secretary-treasurer. The officers are the sole stockholders.

Mr. Dixon has been associated with Victory Chevrolet since 1951, when he joined the firm as salesman. He became sales manager in 1953.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Dixon of the Bethlehem community, Mr. Dixon is a past president of the Kings Mountain Merchants association, an active Jaycee, and a navy veteran of World War II. Mrs. Dixon is the former Mabel Herndon. They have two daughters, Joyce and Connie Dixon. They are members of Resurrection Lutheran church.

Victory Chevrolet Company was organized in October 1943 to purchase the assets of Cleveland Motor Company. With exception of 18 months prior to that time, Mr. Grantham has spent most of his adult life in the automobile business, beginning in 1933. He was a Liberty auto dealer before joining with Mr. Williams to form Victory Chevrolet Company.

Authorized capital stock of Victory Chevrolet Company is \$100,000.

## James Pressly Polio Victim

Kings Mountain's third reported polio victim, upping the county total to six, is James Allen Pressly 17, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Pressly.

Pressly, a lifeguard at Deal Street Pool, was stricken with the virus July 18 and was reported a polio victim to county health authorities, July 23. Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, county health officer, reported there was no connection between Pressly's college-required polio booster shot taken just prior to his illness. Pressly was amply vaccinated against polio, according to Dr. Mitchell, who reported administering of the Salk vaccine series and two additional booster shots.

No fever, paralysis, or noticeable signs of muscular weakness were noted in the county health office description of Pressly's condition.

Dr. John McGill, attending physician, stated Pressly was "doing real well and having a normal consciousness." No quarantine signs are posted at the Piedmont Ave. home where Pressly is recuperating.

Filling the pulpit in Dr. Pressly's absence Sunday morning at Boyce Memorial ARP Church was Rev. Harry Peterson, summer supply minister of First Presbyterian church.

## Gifts To Gregory Are Continuing

A total of \$56 was received this week to aid Rev. John Gregory, whose lengthy heart ailment has depleted his financial resources.

Rev. Gregory has received word that everything is ready for the delicate heart operation, with August 22 tentatively set as the date of his entry to Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem preparatory to surgery.

Gregory reported, however, that he might be called to Winston-Salem before that date.

Lengthy penicillin treatments were necessary to overcome blood bacteria which weakened the heart, arteries, and veins. A natal hole, in the inner chamber of the heart, present since birth but naturally healed during youth, has reopened within the past two years.

Contributors this week include the following:

Mrs. Edith F. Olive, \$5.  
Colonial Nazarene Church of Orlando, Fla., \$15.  
Charles Milten \$25.  
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde M. Jolly, \$10.  
A friend, \$1.  
Frank Rippey, of Rippey's Jewelry on Piedmont avenue, is accepting contributions.

# Jobless Pay Claims Off 534 But 812 Still Seeking Work

## Keeter Firm Is Occupying New Quarters

Keeter's Department Store is moving this week and expects to be doing business in its newly renovated quarters on S. Battleground avenue Friday, J. Byron Keeter, president of the firm, said this week.

The Keeter firm is occupying the building owned by C. T. Bennett and formerly occupied by City Auto & Home Supply.

The building fronts 24 feet on S. Battleground and is 100 feet in depth.

Mr. Keeter said last-minute work, including cabinet installation, building of dressing rooms, and painting was underway Tuesday and that the firm will have its inventory moved by Friday. The Keeter firm is vacating the S. Battleground avenue building of Mrs. J. E. Herndon.

Renovation of the Bennett building has included the building of a modern front, with marquee, installation of a central cooling-heating system.

## Foot Earnings 44 Cents Share

PHILADELPHIA — Footie Mineral Company reported Monday that sales for the first six months of 1958 were \$11,656,521 compared to \$12,971,402 for the same period last year. Earnings in the first half of 1958 were estimated to be \$1,039,477 compared to earnings of \$1,211,958 for the first six months of 1957. With 1,216,002 shares outstanding on June 30, 1958, this amounts to 85 cents per share.

A comparison of earnings in the first two quarters of 1958 reveals that earnings for the past three months were 44 cents per share compared to 41 cents per share in the first quarter. The company is forecasting a moderately larger sales volume during the second half of 1958, the estimated increase being expected in the last quarter.

The company has repaid the entire bank loan outstanding at the beginning of 1958. With the retirement of the preferred stock last year, the company's capitalization now consists solely of the common stock.

## Elco Industries Is Incorporated

Articles of incorporation for Elco Industries, Inc., have been filed in the office of the clerk of Cleveland Superior Court. The office of the proposed general brokerage firm and financial business will be located in Kings Mountain, according to B. S. Peeler, Jr., one of the incorporators.

The certificates have been approved, according to Peeler, but no stock has yet been issued, since plans are still "premature," he said.

The firm will also engage in related activities, such as buying and developing real property, constructing roads and streets, buying and selling for investment or otherwise.

## Mrs. Luther Joy In New Post

Mrs. Ida Fortner Joy, wife of Luther Joy, assumed duties Monday as secretary to Kings Mountain Merchants Association.

Mrs. Joy succeeds Mrs. Elaine W. Queen who has resigned. Mrs. Queen, wife of Dan Queen, held the position for five years.

Mrs. Joy is a graduate of Mount Holly high school. Her husband is an employee of Cooper's, Inc., Kings Mountain furniture firm. They have two sons, Gary, 18, and Leslie, 10. The family occupy a home at 11 Waco road.

The Joys formerly operated Piedmont Washerette.

## City Weedy Lot Business Good

The city reported good cooperation this week on weed-cutting of vacant lots.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges said numerous citizens have availed themselves of the city's service offer to clean lots, overgrown with weeds due to the prevailing wet weather.

A city ordinance requires citizens to keep vacant lots clean and provides penalties for those who don't obey it.

## Knitting Firm Chief Arrives

Abraham I. Jacoby, head of the new knitting firm which is setting up machinery in the newly-built building on Waco Road, arrived here over the weekend.

Mr. Jacoby estimates it will be at least two more weeks before installations are completed and the firm is ready to begin operations.

One hold-up has been installation of water lines to serve the plant. Bad weather has slowed the work and some rock has been encountered.

The city completed its gas line installation Wednesday.

Mr. Jacoby said, when setting up operations are completed, the firm will begin work with about 30 employees. The firm will manufacture knit sweaters, both plain and novelty numbers.

All operations, with the exception of dyeing, will be done here. These include knitting, cutting, sewing, pressing and shipping. The dye work will be contracted with a nearby firm. Both cotton and orlon yarns will be used in the knitting operation.

Jack Hauser, production manager, said all employment matters will be handled through the Kings Mountain branch of the North Carolina Employment Service.

## License Sales Only \$3843

Privilege license sales by the City of Kings Mountain totaled \$3,843 this week.

The total against a budget estimate of \$6,000 revenue from this source — indicated that privilege license sales will be heavy Thursday or that numerous Kings Mountain business firms will be paying a minimum penalty of five percent.

Thursday is the final day for buying the licenses at par, with the five percent per month penalty to be operative Friday.

All firms doing business within the confines of the City of Kings Mountain are required to purchase privilege licenses.

## Most City Employees To Get Raise; Stadium Rental Said Too Stiff

Majority of employees of the City of Kings Mountain will get across-the-board pay increases of five percent, effective Friday.

An estimated half-hundred employees are beneficiaries.

The exceptions include the heads of departments, court officials, and the elected officials themselves. Other exceptions are employees of less than six months tenure.

A possible pay increase had been mentioned at a previous meeting and the only discussion on the increase concerned making it retroactive to July 1, beginning of the current fiscal year. Comm. Ross Alexander said he favored the increase from the July 1 date, but Mayor Glee Bridges and Comm. Ben Bridges suggested the figuring would be both tedious and detailed. After the discussion, Mr. Alexander made the motion, with the raise to be effective July 1.

The pay increase funds will come from the \$85,000 cash surplus the city had at the beginning of the fiscal year.

## Textile Picture Some Brighter, Reports Show

Kings Mountain's employment picture brightened slightly during the month of July.

Claims for weeks of unemployment compensation pay dropped to 3,019 from the previous month total of 3,554—off 531, and the active file of job seekers at the employment service office dropped to 812, off 20, in spite of 141 new work applications. Franklin Ware, Jr., manager, said some of the new work applications represented persons formerly out of the labor market who hoped to obtain employment at the new knitting firm, just now setting up machinery.

Two brighter spots showed among textile firms.

Craftspun Yarns, Inc., had recalled about 50 employees in re-summing third shift operations.

Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company's Neisler division manager reported production increased more than 100 percent over the recent low point in May.

"Things are on the upgrade for the first time since I've been here," Al Maino, general manager, told the Herald. Mr. Maino said the improvement has yet to make much difference in the total number of employees, but that employees are getting longer work weeks and therefore larger paychecks. Mr. Maino reported activity at the Pauline plant "still quiet". He said, however, that Tuesday was spent in efforts to make products more attractive, price-wise, to customers and he hoped to see some favorable results within the next two weeks.

R. A. Johnson, of Slater Mills, said this firm now has one-sixth of its 96 looms operating on a five-day week basis. He, too, hopes for better business in the weeks ahead.

## Gridiron Schedule Posted Downtown

A harbinger of the approaching football season appeared this week, as the high school 1958 schedule was posted on the billboard at the Mountain street railroad crossing.

The schedule appears on both sides of the billboard and is painted in the Mountaineer colors of black and gold. It is also adorned by drawings of the "old Mountaineer", in typical mountain garb and replete with slouch field hat and pipe.

Billy Ramsey, 14-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Ramsey, did the art work.

The Mountaineers open away, playing Bessemer City on September 5.

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At the year's end the system had \$69,000 in its sinking fund, \$29,000 in its revenue fund, and \$50,000 in the renewal and extension reserve fund.

In another action, the board voted to renovate and repair traffic signs on the approaches to the city.

A representative of the Kings Mountain Tigers, Negro baseball team, made a plea for relief of the \$15 charge for City Stadium for all events on which the tenant charges admission. It was stated that a recent night game grossed about \$30, insufficient to pay the \$15 rental fee and power bill, not to mention defraying expense of umpires and baseballs (\$24 per dozen).

Mayor Bridges and other members of the commission said that other tenants, including city schools and the American Legion post, had paid the rental fee, and that policy would have to be the same for all.

Comm. Ben Bridges suggested it might be possible for the city recreation commission to incorporate the Negro baseball activity into its program. The recreation commission was to be contacted, the board agreed.

## Mrs. Smith, William Eaker Assigned Here

A Kings Mountain branch office of the Cleveland County Welfare department will open here on Monday, Jack Hoyle, county welfare superintendent, said yesterday.

The Kings Mountain office will be located in the George W. Mauney building on West King street, adjacent to the Kings Mountain hospital property, and will be under the direction of Ben Carpenter, welfare office supervisor.

Assigned to the Kings Mountain branch as case workers will be Mrs. Eloise M. Smith, of Kings Mountain, since 1950 a member of the welfare department staff, and William Eaker, who has recently joined the welfare department staff. Miss Elizabeth Crawford, of Kings Mountain, a recent high school graduate, has been employed as secretary for the Kings Mountain office.

Mr. Hoyle said that the branch office will cover an area generally embracing Number 4 Township, though not quite all of it. All records of cases in the area are being transferred to the Kings Mountain branch. He said the office area will include all of Kings Mountain city limits to Grover, the Bethware and Oak Grove communities. The area was covered, he said on the basis of caseload.

Mrs. Smith, joined the county welfare department in 1950 after taking graduate work at the University of North Carolina. Mr. Eaker is a Duke University graduate and also took graduate work there. Recently he was in personnel work for J. P. Stevens Company. He is a native of Lawndale and lives in Gastonia.

The branch office, was approved by the county board of commissioners several weeks ago, on plea of numerous local citizens and recommendation by Mr. Hoyle and County Commissioner Carl P. Finger.

## City Gas System Profit \$53,742

The city natural gas system showed an operating profit of \$53,732 for the fiscal year ending June 30, audit report of A. M. Pullen Company, Charlotte, shows.

The gas system had gross revenues of \$129,581, against operating expenses of \$75,849.

Gas sales totaled \$124,556, with residential customers accounting for the largest portion or \$59,204. Large commercial customers paid the system \$28,750, an interruptible service user paid \$16,408, and small commercial users paid the system \$14,911. Sales to schools and public buildings totaled \$5,281.

Largest item of expense was the \$58,159 paid Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation for natural gas.

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## Busman Missed Bus, Herald Misses Pic

If today's edition of the Herald looks a bit black and un-brightened by pictures, blame it on certain representatives of Atlantic Greyhound Corporation, more particularly the driver of the 4:17 bus.

The Herald buys its engravings for picture reproduction from Spartanburg Herald-Journal. The engravings scheduled to be used today were deposited at the Spartanburg Greyhound Terminal at 7:15 a. m. Wednesday.

Though Greyhound pulled several northbound schedules, the Herald Journal shipper hadn't been informed. At any rate, the engravings should have arrived at 4:17 p. m. but the driver failed to note the Kings Mountain Herald package and gave it a long ride to Charlotte.

### METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$123.53, Mrs. Grace Carpenter, acting city clerk reported. The total included \$16.63 from off-street meters and \$106.90 from on-street meters.

### PERMITS

No building permits were issued this week according to J. W. Webster, city building inspector.

### NO COURT

Monday's City Recorders court session will be postponed until the following Monday, August 11, due to vacationing Desk Sgt. Buck Bridges.

### LIFE SAVING DEMONSTRATION

The Cleveland County Life Saving crew will give a demonstration at Maple Springs at 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. The demonstration will be under the direction of Don Crawford, Red Cross water instructor here. The public is invited to attend.

### AT CONVENTION

Fire Chief J. P. Tignor and P. D. Fulton of Kings Mountain are attending the 71st annual State Fireman's convention in Lumberton. About 1,200 are expected to attend.

### KIWANIS CLUB

Horace Eason, of Shelby, vice-president and director of public relations at Union Trust Company, will speak at Thursday night's meeting of the Kiwanis club. The club convenes at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's club.

### FOOTBALL PLAYERS

Varsity football players should report for physical examinations Wednesday, August 13th at 2 o'clock p. m. at the high school. Football Coach John Gamble said Wednesday.

### WARLICK HOME

A. P. Warlick, Kings Mountain businessman, returned home Wednesday from Gaston Memorial hospital where he has been a patient for several weeks. Mr. Warlick was receiving treatment for blood poisoning.

### DANCE

A tennis court dance can be held possibly on Saturday nights at the Deal St. pool if enough people express interest. Recreation Director Jake Early noted that the juke-box in the concession area can be moved onto the tennis courts. Interested dancers should notify Early.

### COMPLETES DUTY

Rev. Harry Petersen completed his duties this week as summer supply pastor at Dixon and First Presbyterian churches. Mr. Petersen, a graduate of Davidson college and Columbia Seminary will enter Princeton Seminary for graduate work this fall.

### SEEKS ADDRESS

The Selective Service Board is seeking the address of James Edward Roseboro who failed to report for armed forces physical. Mrs. Clara Newman, clerk to the board said.

### ALUMNI MEETING

Alumni of Bethware high school will hold the sixth annual alumni picnic at seven o'clock Saturday at Maple Springs Lake. All alumni of the school are invited.

### AT MONTREAL

Rev. and Mrs. P. D. Patrick, Rev. Harry Petersen, Steve Kessler, and Miss Polly Page went to Montreal Wednesday evening to attend the commissioning of missionaries' service held during the Missions conference at the Presbyterian Assembly Grounds.

### PANEL MEMBER

Ted Ledford of Kings Mountain will participate in a panel discussion at the third annual Cleveland County poultry day Thursday (today) at No. 3 high school.