

# Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 7,206

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## Local News Bulletins

### TO CHARLOTTE

Beth Roberts and Delores Bryant enrolled Wednesday as students at King's Business college, Charlotte.

### JOINS BANK

L. J. Hinnant, formerly of Raleigh, joined the staff of First National Bank Monday. Mrs. Hinnant is the former Virginia Summers.

### KIWANIS PROGRAM

A motion picture "Cotton, Nature's Wonder Fibre" will be shown to members of the Kiwanis club Thursday night, by W. D. Lawson III, of Gastonia, president of the Atlantic Cotton Shippers association. Charles Neisler arranged the program. The club meets at the Woman's Club at 6:45.

### ATTENDS MEETING

Harold R. Hunnicutt has returned from Atlanta, Ga. where he attended a conference Saturday for members of Third Army Military Affiliate Radio System composed of ham radio operators from North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.

### OFF-TO-SCHOOL

Additions to the area off-to-school list include the following students: Jane Byars Gilbert, Brevard; Edward Ledford, Wake Forest; Jerry Laughter, Gardner Webb; and Louise Owens, College of Commerce, Rock Hill, S. C.

### IN CHARLOTTE

Miss Annie Bell Stroupe has enrolled in the Comptometer School of Charlotte and not as a student at Howard Business college. Miss Stroupe's name was inadvertently listed in the Howard off-to-school list in this paper last week.

### PENLEY'S SERVICE

Rally Day Sunday at Penley's Chapel Methodist church will mark the third anniversary of the church. Picnic dinner will be served following the morning service. On the opening of the church three years ago 13 members were present. Last Sunday 111 members were present.

## Cafeteria Menu Now Schoolwide

City school cafeteria menus have been standardized and a Central school pupil will be served the same lunch as the East, West, North or Davidson pupil, and vice versa, Supt. B. N. Barnes said Wednesday.

The only difference, barring a run on a particular commodity, will be the extra five cents assessed high school students. Grammar school pupils pay 20 cents, the high schoolers 25 cents. It's a quantity differential, Mr. Barnes notes, as high schoolers require more food than the younger pupils and are served larger portions.

In addition to the regular lunch, which includes a half-pint of milk, pupils can get an extra half-pint for two cents.

Cafeteria managers are Mrs. R. R. Yarboro, Central; Mrs. Margaret Ward, West; Mrs. Paul McGinnis, North; Mrs. Edna Gallman, East; and Mrs. Johnson Pressly, Davidson.

Upcoming menu for the week beginning Thursday is:

Thursday—pinto beans, buttered greens, corn muffin, apple cobbler, milk.

Friday—fish sticks, green peas, buttered beets, cornbread, plain cake, milk.

Saturday—livermush, creamed potatoes, field peas, pickles, peaches, milk.

Sunday—dried lima beans, cheese cubes, cold slaw, corn muffin, potato pudding, milk.

Wednesday—barbecued luncheon meat, buttered rice with gravy, jello on lettuce, June peas, hot biscuits, milk.

### Band Instrument Rentals Available

A representative of a Charlotte music store will be at Central school Thursday afternoon and evening to discuss with parents rentals of instruments for their children. Band Director Charles Ballance has announced.

The firm will offer a three-month rental of instruments, Mr. Ballance said. The representative will be at the school from 4 to 5:30 p. m. and from 7:30 to 9 p. m.



EVANGELIST — Rev. R. O. McAlpine, of Winston Salem, will conduct revival services beginning Thursday night at First Wesleyan Methodist church. The services will be held nightly at 7 o'clock through September 28. It was announced by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Phillips.

## Fund Request Denied By Board

The city board of education Monday denied a request of the city recreation commission for \$500 to help support a little league football program. The request was made by B. F. Maner and F. R. McCurdy, members of the recreation commission, who said about \$500 is needed to purchase uniforms and accident insurance. Mr. Maner said "We feel that high school football will be the ultimate beneficiary of the program," Mr. Maner commented.

Supt. Barnes said it was his opinion the expenditure would be illegal and suggested the attorney-general might be queried. However, he explained that athletic funds are supplied solely by gate receipts and the profit-making football makes it possible for the school to support baseball, track and other money-losing sports.

Chairman Fred W. Plonk said he did not believe the little league football a good program stating he felt 10-13 age boys are too young for the intensive pressure of competitive sports. "It burns them out," he commented.

## Second Baptist Calls Hastings

Rev. A. R. Hastings, of Hamptonville, has accepted a call to become pastor of Second Baptist church.

Richard Barnette, a member of the church pulpit committee, said Mr. Hastings will come here about October 15 and is expected to deliver his first sermon on October 19.

Mr. Hampton will come to Kings Mountain from the pastorate at Flat Rock Baptist church, Hamptonville is a community near Winston-Salem.

Other members of the pulpit committee were T. F. Ware and Woodrow Laughter.

The pastorate has been vacant since resignation of Rev. Howard Cook.

### GREGORY FUND

A donation of \$5 from Rev. Howard L. Haynes was the only addition to the Gregory Fund reported this week. The fund was started sometime ago to aid Rev. John Gregory who has a serious heart condition.

## Craftspun Yarns Parent Purchases 446-Station Mutual Broadcasting

The Wall Street Journal reported last week that Scranton Corporation, parent company of Craftspun Yarns, of Kings Mountain, had announced purchase of the Mutual Broadcasting Company, Inc., a radio broadcasting network with 446 affiliate stations.

The Journal said Scranton Corporation, formerly Scranton Lace Company, Inc., made the purchase through another subsidiary, Hal Roach Studios, Inc. which Scranton had acquired last May.

Scranton Corporation is controlled by F. L. Jacobs Company, of Detroit, Michigan, an auto parts maker, and announcement concerning the radio chain transaction was made by A. L. Guterman, chairman and president of F. L. Jacobs Company.

The Wall Street Journal further reported:

"Mr. Roach, president of the television film producer, becomes chairman of Mutual. Mr. Guterman, who also is chairman of Scranton Corp., will take over as president. Armand Hammer, Mutual chairman and president, will remain a member of the Mutual board.

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# Lovelace And Dover Die In Fiery Crash

## Early Saturday Fire Gutted Ratterree Home

S. C. Ratterree, 93, awakened Saturday morning at 4 o'clock to find his house at 306 W. Mountain street ablaze. The fire apparently started from a defective oil heater, which ignited a wooden mantle.

Mr. Ratterree attempted to douse the fire himself, carrying several buckets of water from the bathroom. Seeing he was fighting a losing battle, he went to the front porch to call for help.

While calling for help, he made a misstep and fell from the porch. City firemen thought he may have been unconscious for some minutes.

His calls for help were heard by Mr. and Mrs. James H. Mason, roomers at the home of Mrs. E. L. Campbell next door, and Mrs. Lily Golns, niece of Mrs. Campbell. Mr. Mason said he awakened, smelled smoke but could see nothing burning. He then went back to bed but a few minutes later heard Mr. Ratterree's call for help.

Mrs. B. D. Ratterree, a daughter-in-law, said Wednesday the house was almost completely gutted by the fire, the roof destroyed, and the furniture ruined either by fire, water, or smoke.

The house was covered by only \$2,000 insurance. A total damage estimate could not be obtained, but Mrs. Ratterree indicated a sizeable uninsured loss.

Mr. Mason had just moved to Kings Mountain Sunday, September 7, coming here from Marietta, Georgia, to accept a position as mechanic with Putnam Brothers Garage. Mrs. Mason is employed by Mauney Hosiery Mills.

Funeral rites for Mrs. Fannie Spake Hord, 72, prominent Kings Mountain citizen, were conducted Wednesday at 3 o'clock from First Baptist church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Hord succumbed at Kings Mountain hospital Tuesday morning at 5:30 a. m. following an illness of several months. A native of Cleveland County and daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Adam P. Spake, Mrs. Hord was the wife of David Fletcher Hord, prominent merchant who died in 1943.

She was a member of First Baptist church.

Survivors include one son, Dr. D. F. Hord, Jr., two daughters, Mrs. H. Tom Fulton, Kings Mountain and College Grove, Tenn., and Mrs. George Moss, of Kings Mountain, with whom she made her home.

Also surviving are two brothers, Miller L. Spake, Shelby, and Yates E. Spake, Morganton, and seven grandchildren.

The final rites were conducted by Dr. E. V. Hudson and Dr. W. P. Gerberding.

Active pallbearers included Dr. N. H. Reed, Harold Crawford, Gene Roberts, Ted Weir, J. B. Keeter, and D. E. Tate.

Private funeral services were held last week at a group of businessmen headed by Dr. Hammer, who also is president of Occidental Petroleum Corp. of Los Angeles. Dr. Hammer and his group bought the system in August, 1957, from RKO Television Pictures, Inc., a subsidiary of General Tire and Rubber Company, at a figure estimated by trade sources as \$650,000.

"Mutual does not own any radio stations. It was formed in 1934 by four independent stations in a cooperative plan to reduce operation overhead through the sharing of programming costs.

"In 1951 control of the network was acquired by General Tire.

"Mutual reached its strongest point in 1953, when it had 560 affiliate stations. By 1957, when Dr. Hammer's group bought it, the number of affiliates had declined to 350.

"Mr. Guterman said it was his hope that the number of affiliates, now 446, would be expanded to 1,000 within the next 12 months. He also said that the new management plans to acquire the seven radio stations

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## Bus Is Chartered For Graham Crusade

Kings Mountain Ministerial Association has chartered a bus to the Billy Graham Crusade for the night of Thursday, September 25th.

The bus will accommodate 32 persons and round trip fare will be \$1.30 per person. Interested citizens should call 260 or 713 for reservations.

Rev. W. C. Sides, Ministerial Association spokesman, said the bus will leave from in front of First Presbyterian church at 5:30 p. m.

## City Board Shy On Dog Law Bid

Barking and odorous dogs was a principal item of business at the September 10 city commission, but the commission took no action on the complaints.

John Gantt and other citizens complained to the board that a neighbor's barking dogs interfered with their sleeping and that the odor from the pack spoiled their dinners.

The group requested a city ordinance preventing the keeping of dogs within 100 feet of a neighboring residence.

Commissioner Ross Alexander guessed that such an ordinance would mean many city dog owners would have to dispose of their pets, and other commissioners expressed unwillingness to disturb pet owners. It was acknowledged dog pens should be kept clean and that barking dogs can be a considerable nuisance.

Another matter tabled was a request by the R. S. Plonk Estate to rezone a portion of W. King street from residential to business area. Motley Plonk appeared in behalf of the petitioners, said it was likely the property would be developed into a super market or modern service station, were the rezoning approved.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges told Mr. Plonk that eight adjacent property owners, John Cheshire, Joe McDaniel, Franklin Ware, B. S. Peeler, Jr., J. C. Smathers, Fred Wright, Sr., C. D. Blanton, Jr. and George W. Mauney had presented a petition opposing the rezoning. Mr. Blanton appeared to oppose the zoning change.

Actions by the board included:

1) Approved installation of 450 feet of water line to serve the residence of C. E. (Grassy) Smith, with Mr. Smith, who lives outside the city limits, to purchase the pipe.

2) Confirmed street-paving assessments as follows: Cleveland avenue, from E. King to Lynn; Jackson; Chestnut, from Phoenix to Walnut street, from Phoenix to Chestnut; Gantt and Morris streets, from Walker to N. Piedmont avenue.

3) Denied a request of Ernest (Crip) Jones to issue a free pedler's license to a Mr. Tessener, who, Mr. Jones said, was ill and unable to pay for one. Board members contributed one dollar each to be applied to the license fee, which, Mr. Tessener had already purchased.

4) Tabled a request of the Kings Mountain Garden Council to place flower boxes on S. Battleground avenue.

5) Approved, provided signatures were sufficient and valid, petitions to pave Tracy street, from W. King to Morris street; Cherry street, from Phoenix street; and a petition to install curb-and-gutter on Ramsour street, from Fulton to Lackey street. All petitions were approved contingent upon availability of necessary funds.

## Drews Tax Series To Be Published

Fred H. Drewes, of Kings Mountain, now office manager of Palmetto Yarn Mills, of Page Land, S. C., said he has been notified that America's Textile Reporter, textile trade publication, will publish his "Textile Accounting—Taxwise!" a two-part article on 1958 taxes as they affect textile firms and textile employees.

Mr. Drewes is an employee of Textile Banking Corporation, which recently acquired the Page Land mill from Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company.

Mr. Drewes said he was informed the tax article would be published in nine weekly installments beginning about October 1.

### PRESBYTERIAN

Dr. George Staples, of the Davidson College faculty, will deliver the sermon at the Sunday morning worship hour at First Presbyterian church.

## New High School Building Urged By J. R. Davis

J. R. Davis, Kings Mountain board member Monday night told school attorney and member of the city that plans should be launched for building a new high school plant.

"It will require at least three to four years to acquire a new high school plant, and we should get started," Mr. Davis commented.

Mr. Davis noted that present classroom space is fully utilized and that school population is growing and will continue to grow.

The comments were informal and brought the statement from Superintendent B. N. Barnes that approval of Shelby voters of a bond issue to build a new Shelby high school plant will result in a return to district school financing. Mr. Barnes said he anticipated the Shelby voters will approve the bond issue, which is on a district basis.

For many years, bond issue financing of schools has been county-wide, with the three districts (Kings Mountain, Shelby, and county) sharing in the funds on a percentage of pupil population basis.

Discussion of the future building needs and financing outlook brought a statement from Supt. Barnes that no further information had been received on acquiring of property adjacent to West school. State school officials have approved addition of three classrooms to West school, contingent on the obtaining of adjacent vacant property. Attorney George B. Thomason has been retained by the board of education to negotiate for the adjacent property sought, which includes properties owned by the S. S. Weir Estate, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gamble and Mrs. George Cansler.

In an otherwise routine session, the board of education:

1) Released to the county schools (Compact) Marcellis, Genelle and Cal Hunter, on request of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hunter.

2) Took no action on a request of Willis Williams to release his children to Gaston county. (Mr. Barnes noted that the board had no agreement with Gaston county concerning release of pupils. Indication was that attendance of the children in Gaston county is suitable, if Gaston school authorities accept the pupils.)

3) Authorized deposit of \$14,000 in recently received school bond monies in local monies in local savings and loan associations, \$7,000 in Home Savings & Loan association, and \$7,000 in Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association.

4) Continued in his office M. C. (Mud) Poston, school attendance officer.

## Employment Totals Up

"Just about every manufacturing plant in the area has placed job orders with us in the past six weeks," Franklin L. Ware, Jr., manager of the Kings Mountain branch of the state employment service said Wednesday.

Mr. Ware made the comment in reporting that the employment situation here is continuing to show improvement.

Al Maino, general manager of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, said employment for this firm at its Kings Mountain plants is at 445 to 450, up some 35 to 90 persons over the low point last May. He said business is brisk and that six-day week schedules are being employed. Consideration is being given to adding a third shift for a portion of the Pauline plant, he added.

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# Court Considering First Baptist Case

## Supreme Court Hears Appeal On Injunction

The North Carolina Supreme Court heard oral arguments Tuesday on the appeal of First Baptist church's majority group, which seeks a high court order overruling an injunction granted in Superior Court by former Judge Dan K. Moore.

The oral arguments required about a half-hour and Jack White, attorney for the dissident group, said it would probably be two or three weeks before the Supreme Court announces its decision.

Mr. White said the majority group, represented by Attorney James Mullen, of Gastonia, attacked the Moore ruling on two grounds: 1) that the original complaint did not state a cause of action, and 2) that the church had made no actual plans for construction of a new building.

Mr. White said the majority group also asked, in event the high court sustained the injunction, that the injunction be modified to allow future action by majority vote of the church.

The Moore ruling continued, pending outcome of a civil suit by F. A. (Pete) McDaniel, Jr. and other members of the church, a temporary injunction against church officers to prevent their disposal of church real property or building fund assets.

The McDaniel suit seeks to abrogate a church vote whereby members voted 235-163 to accept a gift site at W. Kings and Sims street. The site was given by church members with the condition that a new church be under construction within five years.

Mr. White said the following First Baptist members attended the Supreme Court hearing: W. A. Williams, I. A. McGill, L. L. Benson, Johnny Beam, B. T. Wright, Fred Weaver, W. T. Weir, Bryan Hord, D. J. Littlejohn, F. A. (Pete) McDaniel, Jr., and Glee A. Bridges.

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## Butterworth In College Post

Charles A. Butterworth, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Butterworth of Kings Mountain, assumed the duties last week of business manager of Brevard college.

Recently controller of American Knit Fabrics, Inc., of Gastonia, he was formerly an employee of E. I. DuPont de Nemours at the Aiken, S. C., installation. He is a graduate of Washington & Lee university and is an air force veteran of World War II, serving as a navigator-bombardier in the Pacific Theatre.

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## Pole Rock-n-Roll Just Plain Jazz; Bumgardner Team Does Charleston

By HARVEY BUMGARDNER

(Ed. Note—This is the third and final article by this Kings Mountain native who has recently returned from Poland after serving as Raleigh's community ambassador.)

The Polish people regard themselves as a romantic race. They are also a people who enjoy song and dance. The two most popular groups of entertainers in the nation are Masowsze and Slonsch. Both are folk and song dance ensembles.

When we Americans arrived in Warsaw, Masowsze had just opened in the Congressional Theatre of the Palace of Peace and Culture. Our new Polish friends insisted that we should see one of their performances. The 2,000-capacity theater was sold out for several nights in advance, but after a week's wait we were able to get tickets as a group. The number attending these performances is surprising when the price of admission is considered. Each ticket costs 24 zlotys which is about one-half of a day's wages for the average Pole.

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## Lutherans Using New Service Books

Resurrection Lutheran church members will use new service books and hymnals at their Sunday service, Rev. R. Douglas Fritz, pastor, said.

Lutheran bodies in America are participating in this project. The new service involves some changes in musical settings of the various congregational responses and some slight changes in the order of worship, Mr. Fritz noted.

The local congregation through its Sunday School program has been preparing for the use of this new service for several months. "The church choirs have worked diligently, the pastor added, to lead the congregation in this new worship experience."

## Legion Schedules Supper-Dance

Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will hold a free supper-dance for members and non-member veterans eligible for membership on Saturday night, J. T. McGinnis, Jr., chairman of the committee on arrangements, said the Legion is preparing for an attendance of 600.

Supper will be served from 5:30 p. m. to 8:15, and dancing will begin at 9 p. m., continuing to midnight. The Hague Sisk band will play for the dance.

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## Webster Issues Four Permits

City Inspector J. W. Webster did good business in building permits during the past week, issuing a total of four.

One was issued to Melvin Morrison to build a one-story brick and frame house on Gantt Extension between McGinnis and Ramsour streets.

Kelly Dixon was listed as general contractor. Estimated cost of the 5-room structure is \$5,000.

Three permits were issued to J. Wilson Crawford Tuesday. One to build a one-story brick and frame house in 524 Cleveland Avenue between Stone street and Woodside Drive. Estimated cost of the 5-room residence is \$9,500.

A permit to build a one-story brick and frame house at 504 Katchewan avenue was issued to Crawford also. Estimated cost of the 6-room residence is \$11,800.

A third house at 810 Rhodes avenue is to be built by Crawford. Estimated cost of the 5-room house is \$10,500.

The accident occurred at 2:55 p. m. Mrs. Robert Caveny stated: "I remember hearing the mill whistle and that the schoolbus had just passed the house when the accident occurred." The Caveny homes are just across the road from the station and the Graham residence is beside the station.