

## Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 7,206

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# First Baptists To Vote On Compromise Wednesday

## Local News Bulletins

### NO FIRES

City Fire Department reports no fires inside the city limits since November 14.

### RETURNS HOME

J. E. Herndon is convalescing at home after minor surgery at Duke Hospital last week.

### IN GALLON CLUB

In completing blood registers for the last visit of the bloodmobile Mrs. J. N. Gamble, Red Cross executive secretary, announced that John P. Lackey had also joined the three gallon donor group. Mr. Lackey has been a donor in numerous emergency cases.

### THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The annual Thanksgiving service will be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran church at 10 a. m. Thursday. There will be special music by both choirs, Thanksgiving hymns, the Matins service, prayers for the nation, and a short meditation by the pastor. The public is invited to attend.

### OYSTER ROAST

Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will hold an oyster roast Wednesday night at the post building. Serving will begin at 7 p. m., and is announced by W. D. Morrison.

### GETS DIPLOMA

Carl Gore, bookkeeper at Victory Chevrolet Company has received a diploma in advanced accounting from the International Accountancy Society, a correspondence school, of Chicago, Ill. Mr. Gore completed his resident final examination under Joe L. Jackson, Clover, S. C., certified public accountant.

### MEET AT SHELBY

Kings Mountain Rotary club will forego its Thursday meeting this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. However, members will attend the meeting of the Shelby club on Friday at 12:30. Members will gather at Victory Chevrolet Company for the trip to Shelby.

### BY MARTIN HARMON ON HONOR ROLL

Elmer Norwood has been named to the honor roll at Harvard college, according to Mrs. Brona N. Roy, Recorder. He is a member of the freshman class.

### JOINS STAFF

Mrs. Doris Huffstetler has joined the staff of Central Beauty Shop as an operator, the manager, Mrs. Hoyle Mabry, announces.

### BUILDING PERMIT

Building permits were issued this week by City Inspector J. W. Webster to F. V. Webster to build a one story frame house on First street at the cost of \$3500 and to Mrs. Clark Williams to build a carport to her Jackson street home at the estimated cost of \$1000.

### TO LINCOLNTON

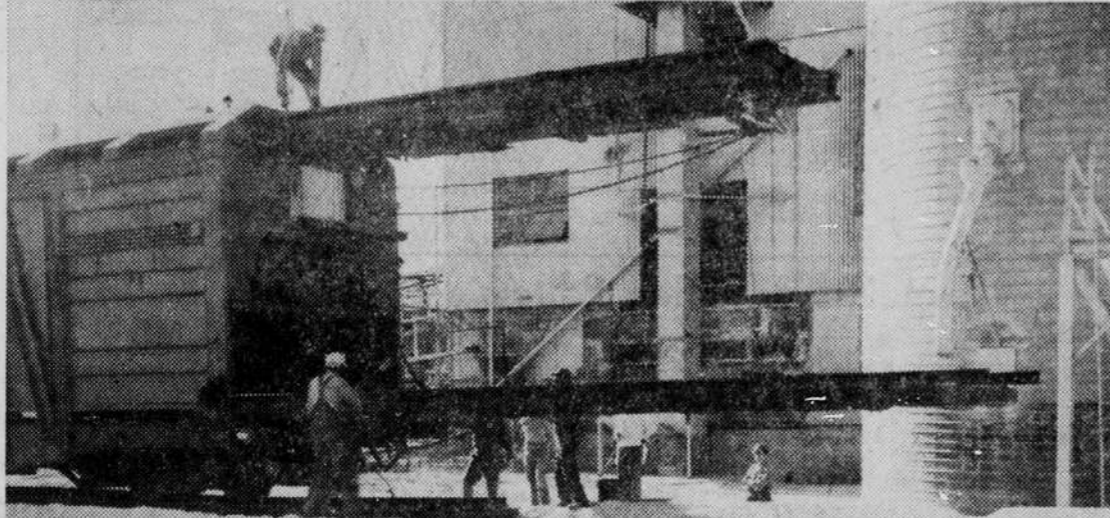
Miss Susan Moss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Moss, joined the faculty of the Lincolnnton city schools Monday as an English teacher. Miss Moss formerly employed at Ivey's of Charlotte, is a graduate of Meredith college.

### IN NEW POSITION

Miss Lyba Baker, formerly employed in the offices of Lambeth Rope Corporation, has assumed the duties of secretary of First Baptist church. Mr. Airy, Mrs. Dick McMackin has succeeded Miss Baker in the Lambeth Rope position.

### IN GLEE CLUB

Bud Connor is among members of the 45 member Men's club at North Carolina State College, Raleigh. The Kings Mountain man sings second tenor. The club recently accepted 23 new members.



**MAKING TRACKS** — Pictured above, crewmen of Southern Railway complete a 7200 foot spur to Foote Mineral company from the Southern main line which runs parallel with Grover Road. Under construction for the past several months, the spur alleviates hauling of ores by the mining firm to a loading station at the main railway line. The track layer lays a span

of pre-assembled track some 20 plus feet in length, leaving workmen the lone task of putting in several bolts. The prefabricated track is assembled in Atlanta, Georgia. Foote officials report direct conveyor loading will now be possible, saving much time and impairing expenses.

(Photo by Pennington Studio)

## Stasavich Lions Banquet Speaker

### Civic Group Again To Honor High Gridmen

Clarence Stasavich, perennially successful Lenoir-Rhyne college football coach, will be the featured speaker of the annual Kings Mountain Lions club football banquet on December 9.

Jacob Cooper, a member of the banquet committee, made the announcement Tuesday.

The Lions club annually honors the high school gridmen who this year finished in a tie for second place in their division of the Western North Carolina high school athletic association. A 3-0 Hallowe'en night loss to Shelby cost the Mountaineers the flag.

Coach Stasavich and his Lenoir-Rhyne gridmen have made it a habit of capturing the North State Conference flag. For the past four years, Lenoir-Rhyne has finished conference play at the head of the standings and their eight-year record shows six conference championships.

Coach Stasavich himself is a former Bear line standout of 1932-33-34. He returned to the campus as head coach in 1946.

He will not be new to the Lions club football banquet roster, having done the honors several years ago.

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### Herald Published Early For Holiday

Next issue of the Herald will be published on regular schedule. Today's edition is published one day early due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Next week's edition will appear on the newsstands on Wednesday night, under date of December 4, and will receive mail distribution Thursday morning December 5.

### Churches Set Special Services

A traditional observance is being planned by Kings Mountain folk for Thanksgiving Day as local chefs brush up on the culinary arts, preparing for a material and spiritual feast.

Thanksgiving Day will be observed with special services at three of Kings Mountain's churches.

Other churches will add a Thanksgiving note to mid-week prayer services.

Boyce Memorial ARP church will hold its annual Thanksgiving Day service at 7:30 a. m. with breakfast to follow at 8 a. m.

Men of the Church will serve the meal, with Garrison Goforth and members of the Neil Baird Sunday School class in charge.

Dr. W. L. Pressly, pastor, will conduct the worship service.

Annual Thanksgiving services at St. Matthew's Lutheran church will be held at 10 a. m. with meditation by the pastor, the Matins service, prayer, and music by the two choirs to feature the program.

Central Methodist will hold its annual breakfast service at 7:30 a. m. Thanksgiving Day at the church. The entire membership is urged to attend by Rev. J. B. McLarty, pastor.

Minus the Carolina's Carrousel parade, traditionally scheduled for Thanksgiving Day but run early this year, football will fill the bill, televised and otherwise.

The National Traffic Safety Council forgoes numbers of traffic accidents and deaths and urges all to drive safely, if at all.

### Rotary Charter Night Is Set

The recently-organized Kings Mountain Rotary club will hold a charter night banquet December 15 at the Woman's Club.

Date for the charter presentation was set at a director's meeting held at Kings Mountain Country Club Monday night.

President Haywood E. Lynch said complete details concerning plans for the event will be announced soon.

## Mayor Called On 18 Firms In Philadelphia

Mayor Glee A. Bridges, member of a two-man team along with L. B. Pate, an Eastern North Carolina tobacco farmer, called on 18 Philadelphia area business firms last week, as a member of Governor Hodges' group inviting Pennsylvania industry to consider North Carolina for locating any projected expansions.

Mayor Bridges said the principal emphasis was to seeing food processors, an effort to interest processors in effecting the transportation and other savings available in locating plants close to sources of supply available in North Carolina.

North Carolina has already had success in this direction. Gerber Company, processors of baby foods, has erected a large processing center in the Asheville area, and Armour & Company recently opened a large meat processing plant in Charlotte. Other firms have located in eastern North Carolina.

"It was a state-wide effort and we weren't supposed to foot our own horns," Mayor Bridges commented.

He did, however, present the 18 executives he visited with several brochures outlining the various facilities of Kings Mountain. They included the First National Bank's golden anniversary brochure, the city's gas engineers, and the Kings Mountain Military Park brochure.

Mayor Bridges said that the Philadelphia industrialists, with only a couple of exceptions, were quite cordial and friendly. Only two suggested that the North Carolina invasion should be repulsed by Pennsylvania loyalists.

All of the firms contacted, however, had previously made inquiry about the state to the Department of Conservation and Development, of which William J. Saunders, onetime Kings Mountain citizen, is director.

Mayor Bridges said he had received one inquiry since his return from a Philadelphia interested in locating a small concern in this area.

## Turkey Day Holiday Plans Include Food, Hunting, Church, Football

Kings Mountain citizens were readying this week for the annual Thanksgiving holiday.

Though for many the day will be a work day as usual, majority will get a cessation from normal activities.

Major group holidaying will be school pupils of the township. All schools in the township will suspend schedules Wednesday afternoon, giving the pupils a long weekend free from the school books until Monday morning.

Major portion of retail business will shutdown for the day. Service stations will be an exception, and drug stores will offer partial service. Kings Mountain Drug Company will open from 10 a. m. to noon and for two hours in the afternoon. Stroupe Drug Company will observe Sunday hours and Griffin Drug Store will offer prescription service only on a call basis.

The postoffice, employment

## Approval Vote Would Settle Long Dispute

Members of First Baptist church will vote Wednesday night to determine whether a compromise report which would settle a long-term dispute will be adopted.

Terms of the compromise report, recommended for adoption by a committee of six members including three from both majority and dissident groups, were mailed to members last weekend.

If adopted, the agreement would end pending litigation in Superior Court and would result in formation of a new Baptist church.

Under terms of the report, the majority group would begin building a new church at the W. King-Simms street site within a year and would retain the name of First Baptist church.

The dissident or minority group would form a new church and retain the First Baptist property now occupied by the church auditorium, educational building, Scout hut, and furnishing of these buildings.

The majority group would receive building fund assets of about \$90,000, and remaining real property of the church, which includes the office building and adjacent lot on S. Piedmont avenue, lots on Cherokee street, and the Gaston street parsonage, as well as the W. King-Simms building site.

The dispute concerns the October 1957 church election, whereby members voted 235-163 to accept a gift site from several church members. The gift was contingent on the church's launching construction of a new building within five years.

Whether the compromise report would be adopted remained a question. Spokesmen for both the majority and dissident groups acknowledged that "there is some misunderstanding, regarding details in the compromise report. Both said they hoped the report would be adopted and the long dispute ended.

Members of the compromise committee were W. A. Williams, Dr. Paul Nolan and James E. White, representing the majority group, and W. T. Weir, Harold Crawford and O. O. Walker, representing the dissident group. Yates Harbison was non-voting chairman.

Text of the report which the membership will consider Wednesday night follows:

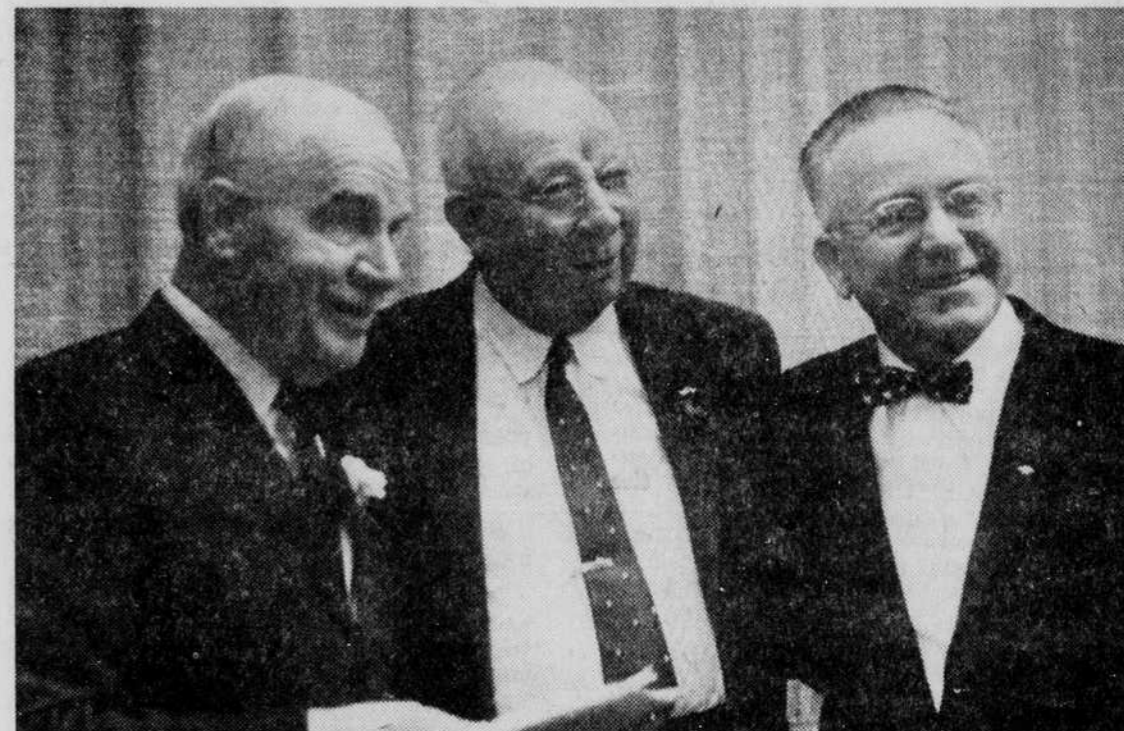
The following suggestions are recommended by the Committees of both the Minority and Majority groups of the First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain as a suggested compromise, which will eventually be incorporated in the form of a consent judgment in the pending legal action between the two groups, in the event that the suggestions listed below are approved by the First Baptist Church congregation:

I. That the Minority Group will immediately form a new church and appoint Trustees, Deacons and other officers and apply for membership in the Kings Mountain Baptist Association.

II. The Majority Group shall continue as the First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

III. Any member of the First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain who wishes to transfer his or her membership from that church to the new church will be required to request in writing his or her letter, and the transmittal of that

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**INVITE INDUSTRY LOCATION** — Governor Luther H. Hodges, Kings Mountain Mayor Glee A. Bridges, and William P. Saunders, director of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, are pictured during the

North Carolina excursion seeking new industries in Philadelphia last week. Mr. Bridges, member of the 100-man team of Governor Hodges in a bid to invite industry location in North Carolina, returned home Thursday night.

## Appraisal Group Will Value Property Wanted For School

### Stolen Car, Accident Nets Road Sentence

Willie C. Hayes, Negro, may have a long time to decide why he took a used car Saturday night from a parking lot at Victory Chevrolet company.

The young defendant, who replied "I don't know" to that question of Judge Jack White in Monday's session of recorder's court, drew a 21-month road term on charges of driving after revocation of license and hit-and-run driving. He was bound over to Superior Court on the jarency count.

Hayes allegedly wrecked the 1949 model Ford he admitted stealing when he hit another vehicle driven by L. C. Burris, Negro. The wreck occurred late Saturday night. The defendant says he returned the stolen car to the lot about 9:30. Burris testified he was unable to recognize the driver of the car which failed to stop after heavily damaging his 1955 model Ford.

The defendant, who admitted a long line of offenses ranging from theft of shoes to motor vehicle violations, said he took a bus back to the Friendly Six on Bessemer City road after he returned the car. Burris was returning home from the club, he told the court, when the accident happened.

Hayes testified Furman Wilson (Negro from Waco) accompanied him home from Bessemer City. Wilson was not in court to verify this story.

**OTHER DISPOSITIONS:** Joyce Byars, 16, Negroess, assault with a deadly weapon, nine months jail sentence suspended on two-year good behavior conditions; payment of a \$25 fine and court costs.

John Cooke, public drunkenness and resisting arrest, 60 day sentence suspended upon payment of \$5 fine and court costs.

Harold Lee Page, violation of prohibition laws, 90 day sentence, suspended upon payment of court costs.

Clarence Eugene Wise, stop light violation, 30 day sentence suspended upon payment of court costs.

Alton W. McDaniel, violation of prohibition laws, 60 day sentence suspended upon payment of court costs.

George Belk King, following another car too closely, 30 day sentence suspended upon payment of court costs.

James David Biddix, speeding 45 miles per hour in 35 mile zone 30 day sentence suspended upon payment of court costs.

Sam Hutton, Negro, improper brakes, 30 day sentence suspended upon payment of costs of court.

Donald F. Thompson, reckless driving, 90 day sentence suspended upon payment of \$5 fine and court costs.

### Gerberding Heads Red Cross Drive

Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, will serve as chairman of the 1959 Red Cross fund campaign, it was announced Tuesday by Chairman Ollie Harris.

"We are very appreciative of Dr. Gerberding's agreement to accept this responsibility," Mr. Harris said.

The fund effort will be conducted in March.

### Retailers Set Yule Schedule

Directors of the Kings Mountain Merchants association Monday adopted a special hourly schedule for the Christmas season.

The directors voted that retail firms will remain open until 8 p. m., to accommodate Christmas season shoppers, on Friday evenings, December 12 and 19, and on Monday and Tuesday evenings, December 22 and 23.

No hours were set for Christmas Eve.

In addition, it was announced a roving Santa Claus will visit Merchant association member stores on the evening the merchants observe the late schedule.

Christmas lights in the business section will be lighted for the first time Friday.

Merchants have also enjoyed their last mid-week Wednesday half-holiday until after Christmas is past. They will be open all day Wednesday, prior to the Thanksgiving holiday, and will follow a full six-day schedule thereafter until Christmas.

### Dr. Ausley To Be Installed

Dr. Paul K. Ausley will be installed as pastor of First Presbyterian church at Sunday morning worship services at the church.

Installing officers, appointed by Kings Mountain Presbytery to form a commission, include Dr. Harry Moffatt, pastor of Gastonia's First Presbyterian church who will deliver the sermon; Rev. Hoyt Pruitt, pastor of Bessemer City's Presbyterian church who will preside; Rev. James Womack, pastor of Lincolnton's Presbyterian church who will charge the minister; and Elder Hugh Arrowood, Shelby, and Elder Ennis Jackson, Gastonia, who will charge the congregation.

Dr. and Mrs. Ausley moved from Elizabeth City on October 27th where Mr. Ausley had been minister of Cann Memorial Presbyterian church the past 12 years. A Greensboro native, Dr. Ausley is married to the former Helen Louise Bowen of Tupelo, Miss.

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### Owners, Board Ideas Of Value Are Far Apart

BY MARTIN HARMON

The city board of education has reached agreement to purchase one of four desired tracts adjacent to West school, but it doesn't yet know what the price will be.

John L. McGill, representative of the owners of one tract, agreed to an education bond proposal, formulated by School Trustee J. R. Davis, whereby both parties will accept an appraisal of a three-man committee.

Sam and W. T. Weir representing the S. S. Weir Estate, said they would recommend acceptance of the proposal to other estate heirs.

Luther Cansler said he couldn't speak for the other owners of the two Cansler tracts but commented, "It seems fair to me."

Under the board proposal, Mr. McGill, for the property owners, and Mr. Davis, for the board of education, will invite A. H. Patterson and Ben H. Bridges, secretaries for the city's two savings and loan associations, to name one appraiser each from the respective associations. The two savings and loan association appraisers will name a third and the three will present a report of value of the four tracts. The board of education stipulated that none of the appraisers are to be kin to any of the parties (property owners or school officials) involved in the transaction and that identity of the appraisers is to remain secret until the report of values is filed.

The action came after conversations between representatives of property owners and school trustees revealed buyer and sellers quite far apart on their ideas of worth of the properties.

The aggregate asking price was \$9850, against the education board's aggregate offering price of \$4,000.

Mr. Davis had first suggested a difference-splitting arrangement, but this brought a strong "no" from Mr. McGill, representing Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gamble, and a \$100 deduction offer by the Weir Brothers from their \$2250 asking price.

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