

# Population

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## Local News Bulletins

### ON DEAN'S LIST

Edward Ledford, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Ledford, was listed on the dean's list for the fall term at Wake Forest college where he is a freshman.

### KIWANIS CLUB

Dr. Avery McMurray of Shelby will discuss the Red Cross blood program at the Thursday night meeting of the Kiwanis club at 6:45 at the Woman's club. Dr. W. P. Gerberding has arranged the program.

### PRACTICE TEACHING

Miss Martha Ann Baker, senior at Appalachian State Teacher's college, is doing her practice teaching at Cherryville high school in the English department. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Baker.

### HOSPITALIZED

Dr. P. C. Padgett has been undergoing observation and treatment since Thursday at Memorial Hospital, Charlotte.

### AT MEETING

Ben F. Beam, associate manager of the Gastonia district of Western Southern Life Insurance Company, is attending an insurance meeting at Sheraton Hotel, High Point, this week.

### ATTENDS MEETING

Mrs. Jessie Pennington has returned from the annual convention of the North Carolina and South Eastern Photographers association held three days last week in Charlotte.

### REHEARSAL

Members of the cast of the Womanless Wedding will hold rehearsals Thursday night at 8:30 p. m. in the dining room of the Woman's club where the show will be held Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 o'clock.

### BENEFIT PROGRAM

The Harvesters Quartet and Arthur Smith and his Crackerjacks will perform at Grover school auditorium Friday night, March 20th, at 8 p. m., with proceeds to go to the School for the Handicapped, Shelby, a Grover spokesman has announced.

### ROTARY SPEAKER

Col. Avery W. Masters, commanding officer of the 22nd Artillery Group (Air Defense) of Orland Park, Illinois, will be the featured speaker before the Rotary Club at its meeting Thursday at 12:15 at the Royal Restaurant. Fred Wright, Jr. is in charge of the program.

### NO P-TA MEETING

Park Grace school P-TA will not hold a meeting the first Monday night in March, a school spokesman has announced. Schools will be closed on Easter Monday and members voted to postpone the regularly scheduled meeting.

### SPEAKER

Dr. J. O. Smith, district superintendent of the Spartanburg district of the Methodist church, will lead the Holy Week services March 22-27 at Central Methodist church. The services will be held nightly at 7:30 p. m.

### CENTRAL P-TA

Central school P-TA will hold its regular meeting Monday night at 7:30 p. m. in the school auditorium, with open house to follow. Special emphasis is being placed on science exhibits.

### TO DURHAM

Miss Sandra Gilbert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Gilbert, has assumed the duties of dental assistant to Dr. Daniel A. Carr and Dr. James A. Leggett, Jr., in Durham. Miss Gilbert was formerly dental assistant to Dr. D. F. Ford. Mrs. W. F. Houser has succeeded Miss Gilbert.

### AT SYMPOSIUM

Jimmy Plonk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Plonk, and Paul Hendricks, son of Dr. and Mrs. Paul E. Hendricks are at Chapel Hill where they are among 377 high school students and 77 teachers attending the North Carolina Junior Science Symposium. These students represent 130 state high schools and is a joint project of the University of North Carolina, N. C. State college, and Duke university.



PIKEWOOD DERBY WINNER—Tommy Finger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Finger, is shown above as he received the Pinewood Derby award from Pack Two Cub Scouts by George H. Mauney, Cubmaster. The boys carved their own models and raced the cars as a feature of the blue and gold banquet at St. Matthew's Lutheran church recently. Neil Cooper's car placed second, and models of Carl Wiesener and Bill Bridges were third. Other Cubs who competed were Peter Houser, Douglas Mercer, Scott Cole, Sandy Mauney, and Clark Mauney. (Photo by Pennington Studio)

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## ARP Anniversary Program Sunday

### Church Noting 60th Birthday With Pageant

Boyce Memorial ARP church will celebrate its 60th anniversary in special all-day services at the church on Sunday.

Beginning at 11 a. m., the morning service will be featured by a pageant "A Goodly Heritage," written by Mrs. M. A. Ware, Sr., which will depict the history of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian denomination, with emphasis on the history of Boyce Memorial church. Numerous church members will participate in the pageant and Mrs. Dick LeGrand, of Shelby, a former member, will be the narrator.

Following picnic lunch in the Sunday school building at 12:30, an afternoon service will begin at 2 p. m.

Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, will bring greetings from other Kings Mountain churches, and Dr. B. L. Hamilton, moderator, will bring greetings from the ARP Synod. Honor guests will be recognized, including charter members of the church, and another group, which will include members for the past 30 years or more. J. L. McGill will present a brief history of Boyce Memorial church, 1948-58, and Mrs. R. M. Kennedy, Jr., will discuss the history of the anniversary year.

Invitations to former members to attend have been issued and a large crowd is expected for the anniversary celebration.

M. A. Ware, Sr., is serving as general chairman of the event. Committees include: Invitations, I. G. Patterson and Paul Ham; lunch, Lewis Hovis and Marriott Phifer; hospitality, J. L. McGill and Ben H. Goforth, Jr., music, Mrs. N. F. McGill, Mrs. Kenneth McGill and Mrs. J. E. Gamble; and flowers, Mrs. Wilson Crawford and Mrs. Claude Hambricht. Special music will include anthems by the three church choirs.

## Red Cross Negro Group To Meet

Hilliard Hunter, chairman of the Negro division of the 1959 Red Cross fund drive, has called a meeting of leaders from all Negro churches, schools and lodges within the Kings Mountain chapter area to attend a meeting at City Hall Monday evening at 7:30.

The meeting has been called for a discussion of quotas and for distribution of campaign supplies. J. A. Gibson, Davidson school principal, is secretary of the group.

### EAST SCHOOL

The regular P-TA meeting at East school will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 p. m. in the school auditorium.

## False Pretenses Suit Charges Dan Mitchem

Dan Mitchem, whose company, The Dan Mitchem Construction Company, built some of Gastonia's plush homes has been charged by several Gastonia citizens with obtaining money under false pretenses with intent to defraud.

He was named in warrants drawn by Mr. and Mrs. Osborne Sherrill and Mrs. J. C. Westbrook.

The Sherrill warrant charges the builder with taking \$200 from Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill in September of last year to obtain a loan on a new home. They allege he never did so.

Mrs. Westbrook, in bringing a similar charge, alleges Mitchem took \$300 from her in July of last year under the same pretense.

Another warrant, drawn by Mrs. A. D. Howard, also of Gastonia, has brought a similar charge against Mitchem.

A suit filed by Bryant Supply Co. charges that the Mitchem company executed a promissory note for \$1,174.27 of which only \$500 has been repaid.

The Mitchem construction firm is also named in a notice of lien, an announcement that attaches strings to property and sets it up for possible sale to get money to pay debts.

The notice of lien was filed by City Electric and Plumbing Co. of Gastonia to seek payment of a \$1,400 bill.

Six other notices of liens have been filed by the electric firm on homes on which the Mitchem company was the contractor and subcontracting work handled by City Electric and Plumbing Company.

The electric company claims that over \$6,000 has never been received for work it performed on Mitchem constructed homes.

Pending a preliminary hearing, Mitchem is free under \$1,000 bond.

### DISTRICT MEETING

Board of Education members Fred Plonk and A. W. Kincaid, Supt. B. N. Barnes and Principals Lawson Brown, L. Ben Goforth, Jr., William George and R. M. Kennedy will attend the annual District 14 school board association to be held at Lincoln school Thursday night.

Senators Robert Morgan, who introduced the bill, said Wednesday it would likely be ratified by the House by the end of this week.

Under terms of the bill, "yes" or "no" answers will be provided to two questions on the May 12 ballot: 1) Will the mayor be elected to serve for two years or four years? and 2) will the board of commissioners be elected to serve two years or four years?

The results of the election will apply to the mayor and five commissioners elected May 12, or subsequently.

It would be possible for the citizens to choose a mayor for a four-year tenure and the commission for two, or vice versa.

## Craftspun Yarns Hasn't Been Sold To Mohair Firm

Craftspun Yarns, Inc., Kings Mountain yarn manufacturers, has not been sold to Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company or any other firm, President Carl H. Swan said Wednesday.

Mr. Swan acknowledged that Massachusetts Mohair has made overtures concerning purchase of Craftspun, but he added, "No papers have been signed; no deals have been completed."

Al Maino, general manager of Massachusetts Mohair's Neisler division was out of town Wednesday and could not be reached for comment on the possibility his firm would purchase Craftspun.

Commenting on recent court litigation involving the Securities and Exchange commission and E. L. Guterman, until recently president of Scranton Company, parent company of Craftspun, Mr. Swan said the federal court has denied an SEC petition to appoint a receiver for F. L. Jacobs Company, also headed until recently by Guterman. The Jacobs Company, an auto parts manufacturer, was controlling stockholder of the Scranton Company.

The courts approved, in effect, the new management set-up whereby Hal Roach, film producer, succeeded Guterman, Mr. Swan said.

## Country Club Meeting Tuesday

Stockholders of Kings Mountain Country Club, Inc., will hold their annual meeting Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at the club.

As customary, it will be a dinner session.

President J. E. Rhea said Wednesday their business session will include reports from officers and committee chairmen and election of directors for the coming year.

Other officers who will make reports are Dr. N. H. Reed, Secretary, and Charles E. Dixon, treasurer. Bruce Thorburn will make the house committee report and J. A. Neisler will report for the greens committee.

Fred Wright, Jr., will make the nominating committee report. Other members of the committee are Paul McGinnis and R. S. Lennon.

## Heavener Joins Durham WTVD

Jimmy Heavener, Kings Mountain sophomore at the University of North Carolina, has accepted a position as staff announcer at television State WTVD Durham.

He expects to continue his schooling at UNC, where he is majoring in radio-television.

WTVD is a 316,000 watt station and covers the eastern Piedmont and Eastern North Carolina.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Plato Heavener, 818 Cleveland avenue.

## Senate Passes Bill On Tenure

Senate Bill 57, designed to amend the city charter to provide four year terms of office for city officials should the voters approve at the May 12 election, passed the Senate last Thursday and is now in the House for action.

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### TO RALEIGH

Central Principal Lawson Brown and Miss Alice Averitt, teaching supervisor, will attend a conference on National Defense called by the State Board of Education for Raleigh on Friday.

## Houser Lone Entry Of Week In City Political Campaign



CANDIDATE — C. H. (Cat) Houser filed candidacy this week for the board of commissioners from Ward 1. He opposes Ross Alexander, incumbent.

## Houser Opposes Ross Alexander In Ward 1 Race

C. H. (Cat) Houser, bowling alley owner, was the lone entry in the city political sweepstakes during the past week.

Mr. Houser's candidacy assures a race for the Ward 1 city commission post. He opposes Ross Alexander, incumbent, who seeks a second term.

Still vacant is the Ward 2 city commission spot, where no candidates have yet filed. Incumbent Boyce Gault is expected to seek re-election.

Other than Mr. Houser's entry, political activity during the past week was limited to conversation, which was flavored increasingly by the subject of politics.

Another incumbent not yet filing for the spring campaign is Mayor Pro Tempore Ben H. Bridges. Prominently rumored as a mayoral candidate several weeks ago, Mr. Bridges has told friends he now expects to seek re-election to the Ward 4 commission-ship. This would pit him against two candidates who have already filed for his position. They are ex-Commissioner Paul W. Ledford and J. Clyde Gladden.

Speculation continued on other board candidates. In Ward 5, friends listed George W. Mauney as an "almost sure" candidate and another possible is Charles E. Blalock. Mr. Blalock, who has acknowledged interest in the mayoral race, was reported this week to be thinking about offering instead for the Ward 5 seat.

Already seeking this position are incumbent R. Coleman Stroupe and Curtis J. Gaffney.

Thus far the three-man mayoral race, which includes Mayor Glee A. Bridges, D. L. Saunders and ex-Mayor Garland E. Still, has been devoid of outward activity.

Another three-man race has already been posed in Ward 3, where incumbent Luther T. Bennett is being challenged by T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, four-term veteran at City Hall, and C. Glenn White, onetime school board member.

James E. Herndon, Jr., is a name which has cropped up as a Ward 1 possible. Ray Cline, Legion commander, said he won't seek the office.

Speculation continues on whether any other candidates will file for the school trustee post being vacated by J. R. Davis. Thus far

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## Easter Buying Rush Starting

Kings Mountain merchants anticipate the Easter buying rush will get into full swing this weekend.

Many merchants, particularly in the apparel trades, said a pick-up was apparent last week, as citizens began investing in Easter wardrobes.

The merchants, along with their customers, would like to see some consistent weather of the balmy spring type. Of course, Easter Sunday weather traditionally is tricky and it hasn't been too many Easters ago that church-goers came out from Easter rites to find snow falling.

Kings Mountain merchants report their stores well-stocked with Easter season goods, including apparel for young and old, boy and girl, as well as novelties for the children. Retailers generally expect better business this season than last due to two principal factors; industrial operating schedules are much better this year than last, meaning higher employment, and Easter arrives earlier, requiring earlier than-1958 buying for Easter.

The district event will be held at Lenoir-Rhyne college.

## Businessmen, Properly-Costumed, To Perform In Womanless Wedding

The Woman's club's Special Projects committee was readying this week for the club-sponsored Womanless Wedding to be staged Friday and Saturday.

Clubwomen were hard at work on costumes and other details of the show which will get underway each evening at 8 p. m. in the clubhouse.

A cast of over 60 men will hold rehearsals Thursday night at 8:30 Mrs. Charles Blanton, publicity chairman, announced Wednesday.

Mrs. Fred Withers is directing the program. Admission is 50 cents for adults and 15 cents for children.

Included in the large cast of wedding participants will be Jack White who has the bride's role and John C. Smathers who will portray the bridesgroom. The wedding party also features a long list of bridesmaids and other attendants, plus other attractions and entertainment.

Proceeds from the event go into the club building fund.



HEADS RAINBOWS—Nancy McClure, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McClure, was recently installed as worthy advisor in the new Kings Mountain organization, Order of Rainbow for Girls. The Order of the Eastern Star sponsors the group.

## Huffstickler Rites Thursday

Funeral rites for Mrs. Kathryn Croker Huffstickler, 30, will be held Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock from Central Methodist church.

Mrs. Huffstickler, wife of Hazel Edward Huffstickler, died suddenly Tuesday night at 7:45 in Kings Mountain hospital. She had been ill four weeks.

Rev. James B. McLarty, the pastor, will officiate, and interment will be in Mountain Rest cemetery. The body will remain at Harris Funeral Home until taken to the church 30 minutes before the funeral.

A Kings Mountain native, Mrs. Huffstickler was the daughter of Mrs. Ellen Petrosino of Kings Mountain and Richard T. Croker of Chattanooga, Tennessee. Surviving, in addition to her husband and parents, are three daughters, Elaine, Pamela Jane, and Teresa Huffstickler, one son, Michael, all of the home, a brother, Richard Croker of the U. S. Navy in San Diego, Calif., and a sister, Mrs. Charles Edwards of Cherryville.

## Hoyle Resigns Montonia Job

Dallas Hoyle, Lake Montonia Club caretaker, has resigned.

Mr. Hoyle had resigned effective April 30, but the board of directors, in session Monday night, accepted the resignation effective March 31.

Lawrence Patrick, secretary-treasurer, said a committee of directors named to recommend a replacement includes Carl F. Mauney, chairman, and J. Pat Tignor, of Kings Mountain, and Walter Carroll and Lee Spencer, of Gastonia.

The stockholders, in annual meeting here last January, had passed a resolution suggesting that the directors consider a raise for Hoyle. He had been paid \$30 weekly, plus profits on the club concession stand, and was furnished a house with water and power.

Mr. Patrick said improvements are being made at the lake swimming area. An additional pier, with diving board, is being installed and a sliding board added to the existing pier.

## Variety Show Here Saturday

The Cleveland County Life Saving Crew will sponsor a variety show Saturday night at 8 p. m. in Kings Mountain high school auditorium.

Singer Martha Carson and The Casuals, rock and roll combo from Nashville, Tennessee, will feature the show. Admission is 90 cents for adults and 40 cents for children.

Now flying the Dot Records label, The Casuals are veterans of more than 150 showdates throughout Tennessee, Kentucky, and Alabama, topped off by numerous television and radio appearances.

Miss Carson, who records on the Cadence label, is billed as the nation's No. 1 singer of spiritual songs. Besides her many concert tours, she has been guest star on many of the nation's top television shows and has written over 100 songs.