

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 7,206

The figure for Greater Kings Mountain is derived from the 1955 Kings Mountain city directory census. The city limits figure is from the United States census of 1950.

## City Board Calls Hearing On Fluoridation Question



MRS. POLLOCK HONORED — A group of friends are pictured with Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Pollock last Thursday, as Mrs. Pollock received the first annual Woman's Club "Teacher of the Year" award. Left to right are Mrs. Haywood

E. Lynch, Woman's Club president, Miss Gussie Huffstetter, a former pupil and teaching cohort, Mr. Pollock, Mrs. Pollock, and Mrs. O. W. Myers, chairman of the Woman's Club education committee. (Photo by B. S. Peeler, Jr.)

### Local News Bulletins

**ON HONOR ROLL**  
Miss Betty Jeanne Plonk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wray Plonk, is among the 222 students at Woman's College, University of North Carolina, listed on the honor roll for the first semester.

**LEGION MEETING**  
Regular meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155 American Legion will be held at the post building Friday night at 8 o'clock. Nominations will be made for 1959-60 officers, with the election scheduled for the May meeting, Commander Ray Cline announced.

**KIWANIS PROGRAM**  
A motion picture of the 1958 Darlington 500 will be shown to members of the Kiwanis club at their Thursday night meeting. The Kiwanians convene at the Woman's Club at 6:45.

**BUILDING PERMIT**  
J. W. Webster, city inspector, issued a permit Thursday to T. F. Bridges to build a one-story brick veneer house on Linwood Road between Cleveland Avenue and Katherine Street. Cost of the 5-room structure was estimated at \$7,000.

**JOINS BANK**  
Boyce Gault, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyce H. Gault, has joined the staff of the First National Bank as a teller. Mr. Gault, a graduate of Kings Mountain high school, recently completed a course in junior accounting at Kings Business College, Charlotte.

**ELECTED**  
Newly elected deacons of Boyce Memorial ARP church will be installed at the Sunday morning service. They include W. S. Fulton, Jr., Dr. Kenneth McGill, John Cheshire, Jr., and George Morrow.

**WINS AWARD**  
The Central high school chapter of the National Honor Society captured a third place award for its scrapbook entered in competition with other chapters. Local delegates at the convention at Gardner Webb college were Mrs. Josephine E. Weir, advisor; Jimmy Plonk, Diana Neal, and Peggy Black.

**TO RALEIGH**  
Mrs. John H. Gamble, Misses Mary Sides, Dianna Neal, Elaine Burton, Judy Hollifield, and Joyce Plonk will go to Raleigh Friday to attend the annual state convention of the Future Homemakers of America.

**ROTARY MEETING**  
James E. Kirk, of Chicago, Ill., will address members of the Kings Mountain Rotary club at their meeting Thursday at 12:15 at La Royal Restaurant. Mr. Kirk is associated with Kimberly-Clark company. He is a brother-in-law of Charles E. Dixon.

## Mrs. Pollock Wins Teacher Award

### Woman's Club Honors Veteran City Teacher

Mrs. Lettie Cudd Pollock, veteran Kings Mountain school teacher who retired in February due to ill health, was honored for her service to Kings Mountain schools by being designated for the Kings Mountain Woman's Club's first annual "Teacher of the Year" award.

A handsome gold plaque emblematic of the honor was presented to Mrs. Pollock in ceremonies at her home last Thursday.

Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch, Woman's Club president, presented the plaque, which bore this inscription: "1959 Teacher of the Year, Presented to Mrs. Lettie Cudd Pollock, Teacher Kings Mountain City Schools, 1921-59. A true friend of children, she gave a full measure of devotion to those she served."

Attending the ceremonies were her daughter, Mrs. C. S. Plonk, Jr., two grandsons, Mrs. O. W. Myers, chairman of the Woman's Club education committee, Schools Supt. B. N. Barnes, Principals Ben Goforth, Robert Kennedy, William George and Lawson Brown, Miss Gussie Huffstetter, a former pupil and teaching cohort, B. S. Peeler, Jr., Mrs. Paul Beam, and Mrs. C. F. Thomasson, neighbors, Martin Harmon, Herald editor, and Miss Pearl Weathers and Paul Lemmons, Shelby Daily Star.

After the presentation, Supt. Barnes made a short talk reviewing the progress in Kings Mountain education since Mrs. Pollock began teaching here in 1921.

Mrs. Pollock, daughter of Mrs. J. C. Cudd, also of Kings Mountain, is the wife of T. A. Pollock, retired Southern Railway clerk. Born in Jonesville, S. C., Mrs. Pollock taught school in Gaffney before her marriage to Mr. Pollock. It was her intention, she recalls, to retire from teaching on her marriage, but a substitute situation opened up.

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## Possible Next Governor Larkins Eschews Politics In Visit Here

John Larkins, unofficially running for the Democratic nomination for governor in 1960, was a Kings Mountain visitor Wednesday afternoon—but he was talking the fight against cancer, rather than politics.

Mr. Larkins, accompanied by Fields Young, was on route to Shelby, where he was to make an address in behalf of the crusade against cancer.

A cancer victim himself, Mr. Larkins wears a scar on his face from a successful operation.

Mr. Young, the Shelby citizen, said, "John Larkins has done more than any other man in the state in the cause of defeating cancer."

In the Herald office, Mr. Larkins spotted a story in another newspaper about a "magic bullet" that might be effective in curing cancer and waxed quite ecstatic.

A Trenton lawyer, Mr. Larkins describes himself as a "country boy." He served nine terms in the North Carolina Senate, one term as president pro tempore, subsequently served as chairman of the North Carolina Democratic party, and is currently Democratic national committeeman.

The closest he would come to talking politics was to say, "I won't deny I'm a possible candidate."

Several weeks ago, Mr. Larkins wrote friends throughout the state asking their reaction to his possible candidacy for governor.



CHAIRMAN — William Herndon heads the Kings Mountain drive for funds for cancer. The campaign began Wednesday.

William Herndon, Kings Mountain businessman, will head the 1959 appeal for funds for the Cleveland County Cancer Society in Kings Mountain.

The announcement was made by Charles Sperling, of Shelby, county chairman in the campaign.

The drive, to be held during the month of April, got underway Wednesday.

Mrs. J. P. Mauney of Kings Mountain is service chairman for the Cancer Society in this area. Mr. Sperling also announced as he invited area citizens to contact the representative here at any time they desired. Mrs. Mauney is also a member of the board of directors of the county organization.

**HOSPITALIZED**  
Warren Reynolds, Kings Mountain businessman, underwent surgery Monday at Presbyterian hospital in Charlotte. He is being treated for a back ailment.

## Jimmy Plonk To Be Exchange Student Abroad

Jimmy Plonk, high school junior and son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Plonk, has been selected by the American Field Service exchange board as Kings Mountain's representative to a foreign country this summer.

John Cheshire, member of the local AFS organization said young Plonk has not been notified of the country he will spend the summer but customarily the students go to European or Scandinavian countries.

The summer program begins the latter part of May and the AFS representatives return home in late August.

An honor student at Kings Mountain high school, Plonk is a member of the National Honor Society, the Key club, and is on the tennis team. He will be the first Kings Mountain student to participate in this program. Graeme Reeves, New Zealand student, has studied at Central high school since September. Young Reeves was sponsored here by the Woman's club and civic clubs of the community.

## Gymnasium Bids Choke Schoolmen

The city board of education opened bids on the proposed Davidson school gymnasium last week and found low bids exceeding their cost estimates by a painful figure.

On Tuesday, the education board instructed Architect J. L. Beam, Jr., of Cherryville, to revise his plans to eliminate some fringe facilities and to see what downward revisions could be obtained from the low bidders.

Low gross bid for a 70-foot gymnasium totaled \$107,000, against the board's anticipated expenditure of \$70,000 to \$75,000.

Low bids were posted by A. A. Ramsey and Son on the general contract, by L. A. Hoke on the electrical contract, by L. R. Troutman on the plumbing contract, and by Robert F. Ham on the heating contract.

Low bids on a smaller gymnasium totaled \$91,000.

B. N. Barnes, superintendent of schools, was in Raleigh Wednesday conferring on the Davidson project with state board of education officials.

Architect Beam said that bids on two jobs have been received by his firm recently and that each ran about 15 percent ahead of estimates. "Prices keep going up," he commented.

On the general contract, the Ramsey contract was lower by \$5,595 than the highest general bid, Vice-Chairman A. W. Kincaid noted.

## Accident Injures McLarty's Eye

Jimmy McLarty, 13-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. J. B. McLarty, is convalescing in Charlotte's Eye-Ear-Nose-And-Throat hospital following an accident Tuesday in which he was shot in the eye with an air rifle pellet.

A family spokesman said Wednesday afternoon his condition is unchanged, and the condition being of such a delicate nature, the doctors will not commit themselves. They are hopeful young Jimmy's eye can be saved, however. Surgery will be performed only as a last resort, and a waiting period of a week must be undergone before damage to the eye will be known.

The accident occurred Tuesday about 5 p. m. at the home of J. A. Trumble when young McLarty and several friends were playing together. One of the boys had an air rifle, which released a shot while it was being cocked.

**GRASS FIRES**  
City Fireman Farr reported three fires during the past week, all grass fires. Last Wednesday a grass fire was doused on Crescent Circle, while two, one on N. Waterson Street at Davidson school and another on Linwood Road, were extinguished Tuesday afternoon. No damage to property was reported.



MRS. LAURA M. HOUSER



RICHARD S. LENNON

## Hospital Board Apointees Named

Mrs. Laura Mauney Houser, wife of George H. Houser, and Richard S. Lennon, cashier of First National Bank, will become members of the board of directors of Kings Mountain Hospital, Inc., July 1.

Mrs. Houser and Mr. Lennon will succeed W. L. Plonk and George B. Thomasson, vice-chairman, both of Grover, A. A. Barrett, of Waxo, and Charles Neisler, George H. Mauney, Lamar Herndon, Luther T. Bennett, all of Kings Mountain.

Mrs. Houser is a former president of Kings Mountain Woman's Club. She will be the first woman to serve on the board of Kings Mountain Hospital, Inc. She is a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

Mr. Lennon is a former director of Kings Mountain Country Club, and a Kiwanian, and a member of First Presbyterian church.

Dr. J. P. Mauney, veterinarian, will conduct a rabies clinic Saturday, and schedule for the morning follows:

## News Political Proves Sparse

Political news was sparse this week, as candidate list failed to grow.

It brought the question from candidate and citizen alike: "Is the political candidate list about set?"

Many answered the question "yes", though the deadline for filing is near the end of April—15 days prior to the May 12 voting.

More prospective candidates were hard to find. Possibilities of a few weeks ago are either already in the field or continue to bow out. George W. Mauney, prominently mentioned as a Ward 5 commissioner possible, said Wednesday he won't enter the race.

Campaign literature has begun to appear, but, for the most part, activity of the candidates has been limited to personal contacts with voters.

## SCHOOL BOARD

A special meeting of the city board of education will be held at the office of Supt. B. N. Barnes Monday night at 7:30. The meeting was previously scheduled for consideration of teacher elections for 1959-60.

## Dr. Ramseur Now Against Fluoridation

By MARTIN HARMON  
There is less unanimity of opinion among medical doctors in Kings Mountain today on the question of fluoridating the city's water supply than there was two years ago.

Two years ago the hospital medical staff voted in favor of fluoridation. All votes were cast "for", with Dr. J. E. Anthony, who opposes fluoridation, abstaining.

The city's dentists, however, are still solidly in favor of fluoridating the public water supply. The Herald got these reactions from medical men in a telephone poll Wednesday:

Dr. W. L. Ramseur said "I may have voted for it two years ago, but in the light of further study, I am inclined to be against it."

Dr. Kenneth McGill, current president of the hospital medical staff, said he has "no statements personally", adding that he did not anticipate the question would again appear on a staff meeting agenda.

Dr. John C. McGill said, "no comment."

Dr. George W. Plonk, not a staff member two years ago, commented, "I was impressed by what Dr. Anthony had to say. I'm no authority on the question." He added that he had been favorable to fluoridation in the past, principally because of the endorsement of dentists.

Dr. P. G. Padgett commented in similar vein to Dr. Plonk. Dr. Padgett said, "I'm not too much inclined either way. I thought Dr. Anthony's article excellent. I was impressed by his point that we'd be treating people who don't need it. I have largely been taking the dentists' word. Naturally, I would like to see done what is best and I am not the final authority."

Dr. Paul Nolan, who made the motion to support the fluoridation effort two years ago at the medical staff commented, "I haven't seen any particular reason to change my mind."

Dr. Paul E. Hendricks declared himself as "lukewarm, just as I was two years ago." He said, "I voted for it at the staff meeting, but I'm not campaigning for it. I am mildly for it."

Kings Mountain's four dentists are arrayed solidly in favor of fluoridation.

Dr. O. P. Lewis commented, "I'm in favor of it on the grounds that every national and state authority has approved it." He said an Army dentist from Texas told him during World War II that some part of Texas have natural fluoride in the water up to 15 parts per million gallons and that their dentist told him there appeared no unusual incidence of arthritis or other diseases and ailments.

Dr. Robert Baker said, "I'm still for it," adding that his father, Dr. L. B. Baker, concurs.

Dr. D. F. Hord has been a leader in the local effort to get the city water supply fluoridated.

## Rabies Clinic Here Saturday

Dr. J. P. Mauney, veterinarian, will conduct a rabies clinic Saturday, and schedule for the morning follows:

Beatty's Grocery Store — 9 a. m. to 9:15 a. m.  
Claude Harmon Service — 9:15 a. m. to 9:30 a. m.  
G. A. Lail's Store, Bethlehem community, 9:30 to 10 a. m.  
Cash Gulf Station, Shelby road, 10 to 10:30 a. m.  
Amoco Service Station near Bethware School, 10:30 to 10:45 a. m.  
Elalock Park Inn, Shelby road, 10:45 to 11 a. m.  
City Hall, Kings Mountain 11 a. m. to 11:30 a. m.

## Kings Mountain Red Cross Needs Cash; Deficit On Quota Is \$3,000

Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter is in sad plight financially, and will be unless more money can be raised.

It could mean that Kings Mountain might have to become a member of the Cleveland County chapter, headquartered at Shelby.

This was the word of J. Ollie Harris, chapter chairman, who said Wednesday that only a little more than half the \$6,000 quota campaign goal has been reached.

"A few reports haven't been received, but they won't make much of a dent," Mr. Harris commented.

What is being done about it? Mr. Harris says that Red Cross chapter officials are examining the contribution list to see who hasn't given among those that normally do.

After that, a clean-up effort will be made to see if the quota can't be reached.

Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter serves Number 4 Township.

Persons who were missed on the solicitations and who wish to give should mail a check to Kings Mountain Red Cross.



SPEAKER — Philip F. Howerton, of Charlotte, moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, will speak at morning services Sunday at First Presbyterian church.

## Mr. Howerton To Speak Sunday

Philip F. Howerton, moderator of the 98th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church U. S., will deliver the sermon at the morning worship service Sunday at First Presbyterian church.

The announcement was made by Dr. Paul Ausley, pastor.

Mr. Howerton, son of James Robert Howerton, former pastor of Charlotte's First Presbyterian church and professor of philosophy at Washington and Lee University, is general agent in Charlotte for the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Educated at Washington and Lee University, where he graduated in the class of '25, Mr. Howerton is a life member of the Million Dollar Round Table of the National Association of Life Underwriters. He is an elder in the First Presbyterian church, Charlotte; a member of the Board of Annuities and Relief, Presbyterian Church U. S.; member of the Board of Directors of the Mountain Retreat Association; and member of the Assembly's Ad Interim committee for revision of the Book of Church Order.

## Craftspun Firm Still Craftspun

"No, we're not sold yet," Carl H. Swan, president of Craftspun Yarns, Inc., said Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Swan said auditors for Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company are checking the books of Craftspun in a further look-see to determine whether Mohair wishes to purchase the company.

Mr. Swan also said there are other firms interested in purchasing Craftspun.

Craftspun is now running a three-shift operation in its yarn-spinning plant here and at its novelty-making plants here and in Gastonia, Mr. Swan noted.

He said business is the best it has been in two years and that new orders continue to be received.

Craftspun Yarns, Inc., is a wholly owned subsidiary of Scranton Company, Scranton, Pa., which has three court-appointed directors and a new president. The changes followed federal charges of fraud against former Scranton president E. L. Guterman.

## SQUARE DANCE

The Grover Lions club is having two square dances, one is to be Saturday, April 4, and the other will be Saturday, April 11. Both dances will start at 7:30 p. m. and will be held in the Grover school gymnasium.

## Hearing Set For Wednesday At City Hall

The city board of commissioners, at a brief special session Wednesday afternoon, called a public hearing for April 8 on the question of fluoridating the city's water supply.

The hearing will be conducted in conjunction with the regular April meeting of the board at City Hall at 8 o'clock next Wednesday night.

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Mayor Gleece A. Bridges said he hoped both proponents and opponents of fluoridating the city water supply would appear at the hearing.

The public hearing decision followed in the wake of Dr. J. E. Anthony's strong statement opposing fluoridation.

The commission also approved four street improvement petitions, if and when funds are available. They are:

- 1) Sidewalk and curb-and-gutter on a portion of Cansler street.
- 2) Paving of Bridges Airport street, from Watterson to Landing street.
- 3) Paving of Baker street from Dilling to Hill street.
- 4) Paving of Fourth street from Linwood to England's Store.

Meantime, the city is proceeding to fluoridate its water supply, but here is no surety that fluoride its water supply, but there is no surety that fluoridation will become fact.

Mayor Bridges said this week he is following instructions of the board of commissioners to "proceed" and is handling the paper work involved.

However, when approval of fluoridation is received from the State Board of Health, the board of commissioners will again have to act to implement the "proceed" fluoridation decision.

Thinking of several members of the commission has changed, they indicated this week, after the succinct statement of Dr. J. E. Anthony, the veteran Kings Mountain physician, in which he opposed strongly fluoridation of the Kings Mountain water supply.

Ben H. Bridges, mayor pro tempore, said his telephone rang frequently last week, as numerous citizens "roared" concerning fluoridation. Some were anxious for the board to change its decision, he said, while others felt a second look at the proposal in order.

Boyce Gault, Ward 2 Commissioner, said Wednesday he'd had numerous comments on fluoridation and assessed these comments as "10 to 1 against fluoridation."

Ross Alexander, Ward 1 Commissioner, said he, too, had received numerous comments, many of them in opposition to fluoridation.

Mayor Bridges, too, reported numerous comments in opposition, as did Luther T. Bennett, Ward 5 Commissioner. Coleman Stroupe, Ward 6 Commissioner, remarked at Wednesday's meeting that most of the comments he had heard had been anti.

The commission will probably consider the next step toward

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## Fred Plonk Not Pulling Stakes

Fred W. Plonk, the Kings Mountain auto and oil dealer, is not — repeat NOT — retiring and otherwise pulling stakes to leave Kings Mountain.

This impression was voiced in several spots and came to his attention Wednesday as a result of an advertisement appearing in last week's Kings Mountain Herald.

The advertisement, in the real estate section of the classified ad page, was headlined "6-Room Bargain"

Along with the description of the house offered for sale, was this line: "reason for selling, retiring." House shoppers were invited to call Fred W. Plonk.

In this instance, Mr. Plonk was, in fact, serving as agent for V. F. McMahan, who is retiring and is offering his house at 701 W. Gold street for sale.

"By the way," Mr. Plonk said, "we've had a lot of inquiries about the house we advertised."