

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.

## Ross Alexander Not Withdrawing

### Local News Bulletins

#### NO PERMITS

City inspector J. W. Webster issued no building permits during the past week.

#### HOSPITALIZED

Mrs. La Faye Meacham, former Herald employee, is still convalescing in Kings Mountain Hospital from bronchial pneumonia.

#### HOT DOG SALE

The Senior High Youth Fellowship of Central Methodist church will sell hot dogs Saturday from 3 o'clock until 7 p. m. at the church.

#### ON DEAN'S LIST

Martha Ann Baker, Nancy L. Bell, and David Nelson Smith were among area students listed on the dean's list for the winter term (December-March) at Appalachian State Teacher's college. Miss Baker is a senior, Miss Bell a junior, and Mr. Smith a freshman.

#### SPEAKER

Graeme Reeves, Kings Mountain exchange student, will speak at a joint meeting of Boyce Memorial ARP church circles Monday night at 7:30 p. m. The groups meet at the church.

#### SEEK ADDRESS

The Cleveland County Selective Service Bureau is seeking the correct addresses for the following area men: Dixon Leroy Styers, Wiley Lee Sanders, Robert Sylvester Williamson, and Ronald LeRoy Romine.

#### SONG SERVICE

Missionary Methodist church on Second street will hold a program of special singing Sunday, April 19, beginning at 2:30 p. m. Singers are invited to participate and the public is invited.

#### CAKE SALE

Wives of members of Cleveland County Life Saving Crew will sell homemade cakes Saturday beginning at 9 a. m. at Bridges Hardware Company. Proceeds will go to the organization.

#### CHURCH SUPPER

Women of First Presbyterian church will hold the annual birthday party Monday night at 7 o'clock, with covered dish supper to be spread in the fellowship hall. The offering supports the lay workers training schools in Brazil.

#### FASHION SHOW

First year Home Economics students of Mrs. John H. Gamble will present a fashion show Wednesday afternoon at 3:45 p. m. in the high school auditorium. The students will model the garments they made in class.

#### WAFFLE SUPPER

The American Home Department of the Woman's club is sponsoring a waffle supper Friday, April 24th, from 5:30 to 7:30 p. m. at the clubhouse. Plates are \$1 for adults, 50 cents for children.

#### JOINS IVEY'S

Mrs. J. H. Medlin has resigned her sales position at Keeter's Department Store to join the alteration department of J. B. Ivey & Company of Charlotte.

#### WITH DRUG FIRM

Robert E. Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. (Abie) Martin, has joined Walgreen Drug Company as a merchandiser in the Southeast district. He left Monday for Leesburg, Fla., where he will assist in the opening of a new drug firm.

#### ATTEND SYNOD

Dr. W. P. Gerberding and Carl F. Mauney, St. Matthew's Lutheran church, and Rev. George T. Moore, Resurrection Lutheran church, attended the annual meeting of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod held at Winston Salem last week.

## Commissioner Will Remain In Ward 1 Race

Ross Alexander, Ward 1 commissioner and candidate for re-election, will not withdraw from the race, he said Wednesday afternoon.

"Mr. Alexander acknowledged that he had contemplated a withdrawal, due to the possibility he may move from Ward 1 subsequent to the May 12 election.

"It appears now, however, that I likely will remain a resident of Ward 1," Mr. Alexander stated.

Possibility of moving developed when Mr. Alexander completed arrangements with the Kings Mountain Country Club board of directors to become manager of the club. It was anticipated initially that Mr. Alexander would maintain residence in the clubhouse, as previous club managers have. Subsequently, however, President Ollie Harris said, it is not imperative nor definite that the manager will live at the clubhouse.

"I have made arrangements to lease the club concessions on a 90-day trial basis," Mr. Alexander said. "At the end of that period, the club directors and I will decide mutually whether the lease will be continued for a longer or indefinite period."

The Alexander withdrawal rumor was the major political one of the week.

Mr. Alexander is opposed by C. H. (Cat) Houser.

Otherwise, with voting day less than a month away, Kings Mountain was in the midst of one of its quietest city elections since 1945, in spite of the fact that there are contests for all the six City Hall offices and for the one school board post.

Candidate calling cards were appearing in greater profusion and there was a pick-up in personal solicitation for votes via hand-shaking, but the campaign thus far has lacked the fire of those of the past decade.

Would-be candidates have until April 27 to pay their filing fees and get their names on the ballot. However, most political observers continue to believe that the races are set and that

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## Mrs. Herndon Is Elected

Mrs. Frank Herndon was elected president of the Southwestern District Home Demonstration clubs at the annual meeting Tuesday at Tryon high school in Gaston county.

Mrs. Herndon, a member of the El Bethel Home Demonstration club which sent 15 of its 22 active members to the meeting, was district vice-president last year.

Cleveland County also won the attendance gavel, with HDC members from this county totaling 123. Other county clubs represented were Patterson Grove, with 11 of its 26 members present; St. Paul by 11 of 17; Casar by 10 of 20; and Padgett, Polkville, and Belwood clubs, nine members each.

Mrs. Norman Brown of the El Bethel club gave the devotional. The address was made by Dr. O. B. Copeland, extension editor at N. C. State college.

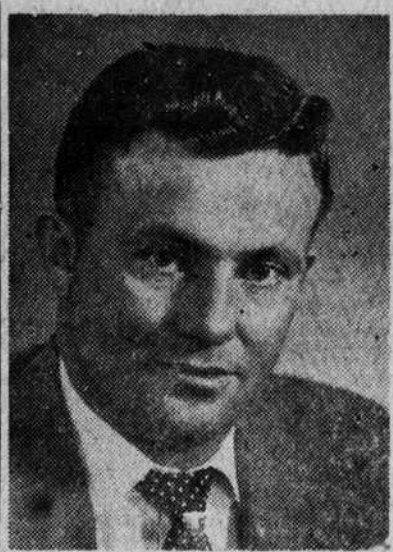
## Craftspun Silent; Receivers Say They Hope To Get It Running Soon

"We hope to keep Craftspun, Inc. in operation," Russell O'Malley, member of the law firm retained by trustees in receivership for Scranton Company, told the Herald Wednesday.

Mr. O'Malley continued, "The shutdown, I hope, is temporary. Craftspun is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Scranton Company."

Mr. O'Malley said that a Scranton banker, John F. Murphy, senior vice-president of Northeastern Pennsylvania National Bank and Trust Company, has been named co-trustee in receivership, along with J. Julius Levy, named trustee two weeks ago by a federal district. Scranton Company had petitioned for permission to reorganize under Chapter 10 of the federal bankruptcy act.

Craftspun operated its yarn-making and novelty firms through Saturday, following President Carl H. Swan's statement of Wednesday that he had been instructed to operate.



NOT WITHDRAWING — Ross Alexander, candidate for re-election as Ward 1 commissioner, said Wednesday he's not withdrawing as had been rumored earlier in the week.

## City Election Registration Books To Open

Registration books for the May 12 city election will be open for the first time Saturday.

(They will be open for four consecutive Saturdays at the five ward polling places.

The registrars will be on duty from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., and persons not now registered, or who require transfers should see the election officials if they expect to vote.

The registrars and the polling places are:

Ward 1 — C. L. Black, at City Hall.

Ward 2 — Mrs. H. R. Parton, at City Hall.

Ward 3 — Mrs. Ruth Bowers, at Phenix Store.

Ward 4 — E. O. White, at Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company clubroom.

Ward 5 — Mrs. J. T. McGinnis, at Victory Chevrolet Company.

(Saturday, May 9, will be Challenge Day.

## Kiwanians Set Charter Night

Kings Mountain Kiwanians will hold their annual Charter Night banquet Thursday night at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's club.

Oscar Welch, Kiwanis Lieutenant Governor of Division I, will deliver the principal address at the event to which wives of Kiwanians will be special guests.

Mr. Welch is principal of the schools of Cherokee, N. C.

Presentation of perfect attendance awards to members will also be a highlight of the event expected to attract a large crowd.

## Local Musicians Win State Honors

Jerry Patterson, Bethware high school piano student of Mrs. Martin Harmon, was awarded a II, or excellent rating at senior high school state piano contest held in Greensboro last Saturday.

In a state band contest held in Greensboro Tuesday, the Kings Mountain high school band was awarded a III rating. To be eligible to participate, bands must have been given a superior or excellent rating at the district contest.

Kings Mountain's band was rated as excellent in its district meet in Hickory several weeks past.

# Another Fluoridation Vote May 12th

## Hearing Shows Few Moderates On Fluoridation

Kings Mountain citizens, along with some out-of-towners, voiced their feelings about fluoridation of public water supplies at a hearing at City Hall April 8.

The out-of-town contingent included Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, county health officer, and Dr. E. A. Pearson, director of oral hygiene for the State Board of Health. Other professional men present were Dr. D. F. Hord and Dr. Robert N. Baker, Kings Mountain dentists, Dr. C. M. Johnson, dentist with the State Board of Health now living here while working in Cleveland County, and Dr. Kenneth McGill, president of the Kings Mountain hospital medical staff.

Some of the comments: Dr. Kenneth McGill — "All the literature I've found shows no ill effects if the proposed proportions are maintained."

Dr. R. N. Baker — "Statistically, youngsters have less tooth decay with fluoridation and it's particularly helpful to those getting fluoridated water from birth."

Mrs. M. A. Ware — "Towns wouldn't be being sued if fluoridation weren't harmful. We can do without teeth, but we can't live without a heart, kidneys and other vital organs." Mrs. Ware later remarked, "Don't force it on those who don't want it."

W. K. Mauney — "I will be 70 on July 4th. I've been drinking water and I have all my teeth. My brother-in-law, E. J. Hoffman, is a chemist, and he bitterly opposes fluoridation. Children don't drink much water. They drink milk. I think we have other things worse needed."

Dr. Mitchell — "This is a nutritional thing, not medical. It compares to vitamin-enriched bread. The American Medical Association committee finding of 1956 was that one part of fluorine per million gallons will reduce caries in children's teeth up to age ten. It advises a lower imputation than some naturally fluoridated supplies."

Dr. Pearson (who remarked he was at the meeting by coincidence) — "Dental practitioners in the state have no hope of reaching all the young children's teeth. Bauxite, Mo., has 33 parts per million gallons in its drinking water and it was found that fluorine caused blemishes in teeth, but there was no decay. Research has shown that 1 to 1.5 ppm eliminated these blemishes. No published reports say that this amount hurts anyone. The great majority of all health folk today favor fluoridation."

A. H. Cornwell — "Don't put it in that mess we've got now. It'll be impossible to drink it."

Ben A. Smith — "Most of us have our teeth, and old folk have better teeth today than young folk. I voted for it before."

## Hospital Tax Not Divertible

The North Carolina attorney general has opined that Cleveland County's maximum eight-cent tax for hospital operations can't be used for plant expansion, Kings Mountain Hospital officials were told by the county commission Monday.

However, President George W. Mauney said, the commission told the hospital to continue its expansion plans and that other means of building aid would be sought.

The hospital officials, noting that only six cents of the maximum eight-cent levy, is not being charged, had suggested that the additional two cents be levied to aid a proposed 25-bed expansion of the hospital plant.

The hospital is subject to overcrowding periodically and officials say additional facilities are necessary if they are to meet demand for service.

In Kings Mountain for the Lions Farmer's night banquet Tuesday, J. B. Ellis, of Grover, county commissioner from District 2, said he hoped some way can be found to help the Kings Mountain situation.

The hospital is managed and operated by a non-profit corporation, Kings Mountain Hospital, Inc., which leases the property from the county at \$1 per year.

Attending Monday's county commission session, in addition to President Mauney, was Business Manager Grady Howard.



PHENIX EMPLOYEES GIVE TO FUND — Mrs. Arilla Fisher is pictured above presenting a check for \$220.50, a gift to the cancer drive from employees of Phenix Plant, Burlington Industries, from its community fund. William Herndon, drive chairman, accepts the gift as J.

D. McNelly and Mrs. Lloyd McFalls observe the proceedings. Mr. McNelly represents the employees of third shift carding; Mrs. McFalls the third shift spinning department; and Mrs. Fisher the third shift winding department. (Herald Photo by Pennington Studio)

## Board Members Are Committed To Implement

Kings Mountain citizens will state preferences for and against fluoridation of the city water supply for a second time May 12.

The result again will be informational, but the members of the commission said that they, if re-elected, would abide by the vote.

To a question, the board agreed that a one-vote majority would be a majority.

Decision of the board of commissioners, which met in special session Monday night, was unanimous. All the members of the commission, as well as Mayor Glee A. Bridges said they felt a new vote is in order in view of the varied and strong opinions on the question.

The board action followed a public hearing the previous week which attracted some 35 citizens and which emphasized the differences of opinion since Dr. J. E. Anthony made a public statement opposing fluoridation of the city's water supply.

The citizens voted about 2 to 1 in May 1957 in the first information referendum in favor of fluoridation.

The decision of the electorate was not implemented, though the item had been budgeted.

Commenting on this matter, Mayor Bridges said Monday night that the \$5,000 originally ticketed for fluoridation was found insufficient to purchase the equipment and to take the safety precautions necessary for installation of the equipment at the filtering plant.

At Monday night's session, the board also approved advertising a public hearing for the May 13 meeting on a petition to rezone 334 feet fronting on Waco Road from residential to neighborhood trading area. The property is owned by the J. F. Ware Estate.

## Mrs. McDaniel's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Carolyn Early McDaniel, 26, were conducted Sunday at 4:30 p. m. from First Baptist church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. McDaniel, wife of Grier L. McDaniel, Jr., died suddenly Friday afternoon. A native of Cherokee Falls, S. C., she was the daughter of Mrs. Clarence L. Early of Kings Mountain and the late Mr. Early.

She was graduated from Kings Mountain high school and attended Limestone college. As a member of the Kings Mountain Hospital Auxiliary, she had served 335 hours as a Pink Lady at Kings Mountain hospital. She was secretary of the Junior department of First Baptist church.

Surviving, in addition to her husband and mother, is a brother, Clarence Lee Early, of Spruce Pine.

The final rites were conducted by Dr. E. V. Hudson, assisted by Rev. A. T. Quakenbush.

## Taxpayers Rush To Meet Deadline

Whew! Just made it! Or did you? Subject: taxes — state and federal. Did you drop your return in after 6 p. m. Wednesday evening? If you did, chances are, you didn't make the deadline.

Ken Pruitt, post office worker, said Wednesday afternoon the usual policy of the Kings Mountain Post Office is to cancel out all mail at 6 p. m. in the evening. All mail in the slot after that time is left until 6 a. m. the following day.

City postmen were busy Tuesday and Wednesday, cancelling out some 304 pieces of mail Tuesday, the brunt of which, said Mr. Pruitt, was to Raleigh and Greensboro.

Up to 3:30 p. m. Wednesday afternoon 1950 pieces of mail were cancelled out, but the total was expected to be close to the Tuesday mark. City carriers had not reported in at that time.

That old expression used to be "Beware the Ides of March" until the 30 day extension. The extension only gave 30 more days to procrastinate. Oh well, the worry's gone for another year.

# Dr. Hord, For Fluoridation, Lists Reasons For Position

## Churchwomen Favor 75-Cent Minimum Wage

The Kings Mountain Council of Churchwomen is supporting the General Assembly bill to increase the North Carolina minimum wage to 75 cents per hour.

Mrs. Robert Rosberg, chairman of the council's Christian Social Relations committee said this week that letters from the council have been addressed to Senator Robert Morgan and Representative Jack Palmer, Cleveland County's General Assembly delegation.

The bill has been ratified by the House of Representatives with the bill not to apply to hospitals. It awaits action in the Senate.

Churches in the Kings Mountain council include: Boyce Memorial ARP, Central Methodist, First Baptist, First Presbyterian, Grace Methodist, Kings Mountain Baptist, Resurrection Lutheran, and St. Matthew's Lutheran.

The letter to the Cleveland representatives follows:

"We feel that passage of a seventy-five cents (75c) minimum wage law for coverage of workers in service-type industries is just, necessary and past due. Influence of a small minority has prevented passage in previous years.

"By bringing these workers into consideration for coverage, not only is more purchasing power made available, but increased state revenues will result. Outside industry rates overall standard of living in a community much higher than cheap labor. These industries always seek a financially healthy community for their new locations.

"We trust that you will cast your vote in behalf of the minimum wage law in the interest of all Cleveland County citizens and all North Carolinians."

## Beam, Barnes Were To Confer

Cherryville architect J. L. Beam was to confer Wednesday afternoon with City Schools Superintendent B. N. Barnes on efforts to pare the proposed Davidson school gymnasium to specifications to meet the city schools building budget.

The schools had budgeted \$75,000 for the Davidson project, and low bids on the desired plan totaled \$107,000.

Mr. Barnes announced the school board will meet as scheduled next Monday and will discuss the gymnasium plans and re-election of teachers.

## Air Raid Alert Set For Friday

A state-wide civil defense air raid alert will be conducted from 11:30 to noon Friday.

The practice alert will test the efficiency of the state's air raid alert system, now depending wholly on the RACES communication network.

All regular television and radio broadcasts will be suspended for the half-hour, Civil Defense Chairman J. Ollie Harris said.

## Students Win School Contests

Elaine Dixon, fifth grade student at West School, and John Tria, seventh grader at North school, won the city-wide reading and declamation contests Wednesday afternoon.

Judges in the contest were Mrs. Eric D. Cornwell, supervisor of Cleveland County schools, Boyce Morrison, supervisor of Shelby city schools; and B. F. Maner, insurance man.

The winner of the reading medal, given annually by Dr. L. P. Bker, recited, "The Bells of Eden Valley" and young Tria, who won the Neisler declamation medal awarded annually by Mrs. C. E. Neisler, recited, "I Am An American."

Other reading contestants were Rita Caveny, East school fifth grader; Linda Roberts, North school sixth grader; and Sarah Hendricks, eighth grader from Central school.

Other contestants in the declamation division were Kenneth Barnes, Central school eighth grader; Jerry Ramsey, East school fourth grader; and Neil McCarter, sixth grader from West school.

## P-TA MEETING

Showing of the film, "Facing Teenage Problems" and presentation of a panel discussion will feature the Monday night meeting of Central school P-TA. The public is invited to the meeting at 7:30 p. m. in the school auditorium.

## Winn-Dixie May Build New Store; Piedmont-Cherokee Options Held

Winn-Dixie Stores may build a new super market on property located on Cherokee street and Piedmont avenue.

J. Wilson Crawford, who is serving as agent for Winn-Dixie, confirmed this week that he holds options on property fronting 200 feet on Cherokee Street and another 170 feet on Piedmont Avenue.

The Piedmont avenue property adjoins the Herald building and includes lots of Mrs. Lucille Wright, the D. C. Mauney Estate, and Mrs. Boyce Early.

The Cherokee street property includes 100 feet owned by First

## Dentist Leader Of Fluoridation Proponents Here

Dr. D. F. Hord, Kings Mountain dentist and leader in the movement to fluoridate the city water supply, made a statement this week in favor of fluoridation.

The statement follows: "Recently there has developed some opposition to the addition of fluorides to the city water supply. The following represents my views after a careful study of the literature and sets forth some of the reasons I support the Fluoridation.

"Fluorides have been classed as poisons. This is true. Chlorine, iodine, aspirin, Vitamin D and many other drugs used in modern medicine are also classed as poisons. Carefully calculated dosage determines the difference between a poison and a safe, useful, beneficial medicine. The machinery that has been developed for the addition of fluorides to water supplies it so effectively calibrated that dosage can be controlled to one part in ten million parts.

"It has been said that dental caries is not a communicable disease and therefore is not a public health problem. It is true that caries is not communicable. But any disease that affects more than 90% of the population is certainly a matter for public health consideration. If this were not true our United States Public Health Service would have no Dental Division, nor would our North Carolina State Board of Health have a Division of Oral Hygiene. These agencies are among the many that have approved the addition of fluorides in concentrations of 1 part per million as being safe to the individual and beneficial in the reduction of tooth decay in children and teen agers. If there were any real or suspected danger in this dosage the Pure Food and Drug Administration would have intervened.

"The point that 'only a comparative few will benefit from

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