

**Population**

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 7,206

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# Craftspun Yarns To Be Back In Operation Thursday

## Bethware Initiates School Consolidation Discussion

### Local News Bulletins

**TO PREACH**  
Rev. Marion DuBose of Southeastern Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky will deliver the message at the Kings Mountain Baptist Church worship service Sunday.

**X-RAY UNIT**  
The Cleveland County Mobile X-Ray Unit will be in front of Belk's Department store Thursday from 10 to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p. m.

**NO FIRES**  
City fireman C. D. Ware said Wednesday the department received no alarms during the past week.

**NO BUILDING PERMITS**  
City Inspector J. W. Webster said Wednesday he has issued no building permits during the month of April.

**SPEAKER**  
Mrs. Aubrey Mauney was speaker Tuesday at the opening session of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs at Winthrop college, Rock Hill, S. C. Mrs. Mauney, past president of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, spoke on "An International Look at the General Federation."

**TO DAVIDSON**  
Aubrey Mauney represented Roanoke college at the inauguration program Wednesday at Davidson college honoring the new college president.

**HOT DOG SALE**  
Ladies of Patterson Grove Baptist church will sponsor the sale of hot dogs, cake, pie, coffee, and soft drinks Saturday beginning at 6:30 p. m. at the schoolhouse. Proceeds will go to the church.

**TALENT SHOW**  
West School P-TA will sponsor the annual talent show Thursday night at 7:30 p. m. in the school auditorium, with all grades participating. The concession stand will be operated by the P-TA, with popcorn, peanuts, candies, and soft drinks available.

**EAST TALENT SHOW**  
The annual talent show at East School will be held Friday night at 7 p. m., with all grades participating. Admission is 25 cents, adults, and 10 cents, students. The P-TA will offer hamburgers, hot dogs and other refreshments for sale from 5:30 until 6:30 p. m. and after the show.

**BEST CADET**  
Charles O. Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Allen of York road, was selected best cadet in his company drill in R. O. T. C. at North Carolina State College, Raleigh.

**SCHOOL SHOWS**  
The National Honor Society of Kings Mountain high school will sponsor two talent shows this week. The high school division will participate on Thursday, and the grammar school division on Friday.

### Junior Clubwoman To Conduct Canvass

The Junior Woman's club will conduct a house-to-house canvass for benefit of the Cancer Drive Monday night. Members are requested to meet at McGinnis Furniture Company at 7 o'clock to conduct a two hour campaign to secure funds during the drive in Kings Mountain and No. 4 Township. William Herndon is Kings Mountain chairman of the drive. Mrs. John Gambie, Woman's club president, invited all Junior clubwomen to participate.

## Superior Merged Into Large Firm

### Stone Company Now Division Of Chicago Firm

Superior Stone Company, of Raleigh, which operates a major installation here, has merged into American-Marietta Company, of Chicago, Ill., major producer of construction products and building materials.

The merger was effective April 21 and implies no change in the operation of Superior Stone Company, now to be known as the Superior Stone Company, division of American-Marietta Company, according to a letter to customers from W. T. Ragland, Jr., president.

Mr. Ragland has been invited to become a director of American-Marietta Company, a large firm which has been expanding heavily in recent years and which showed record sales and earnings in its fiscal year ending November 30, 1958. The balance sheet of that date showed American-Marietta's net worth at \$150 million and gross sales for the 1958 fiscal year at \$226 millions.

Mr. Ragland told the Herald Wednesday the transaction was consummated through an exchange of stock arrangement. He said he was not at liberty to comment on the details, having agreed that such information would be announced from Chicago. American-Marietta sells paints, resins, concrete pipe, mops, and other products and in 1958 expanded into dyestuffs, inks, and adhesives. Mr. Ragland said American-Marietta acquired Southern Dyestuffs and Carolina Concrete Pipe, two Charlotte concerns, in 1958.

American-Marietta stock is traded over-the-counter and has been selling in the \$54-\$57 range in recent weeks, Thomson & McKinnon, stockbrokers, reported.

Mr. Ragland said the Superior operation is the first of its kind to be acquired by American-Marietta.

Carl Mayes, a Superior district manager, said employment at the Kings Mountain works varies between 65 to 72. In addition, Kerns Brothers, independent haulers for Superior, employs from 40 to 45 persons at the Kings Mountain operation.

Superior has approximately 23 operations, including 20 in North Carolina, two in Virginia, and one in Georgia. It has operated here since the late thirties.

### KIWANIS

Kings Mountain Kiwanians will hear the recording of Ernest Knightengale's world-famous after dinner speech, "Life's Greatest Secret" at their Thursday night meeting. The club convenes at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's club.

The Fine Arts Department of the Woman's club will offer a wide variety of exhibits and other attractions in its big two-day festival Friday and Saturday. Open to the community free of charge, the festival will get underway Friday at 2 p. m. at the Woman's club. The day's events will include presentation of a one-act drama at 7:30 p. m. plus special music by the club choral group. From 5:30 until 7 p. m., the American Home Department will serve pancake supper in the dining room, with proceeds to benefit the Samaritan project.

## Township Groups Invited To Talk Consolidation

The Bethware school district committee has initiated talks among Number 4 Township school officials which may lead to a consolidation of township schools into one administrative unit.

Hill Lowery, chairman of the Bethware committee, called the Kings Mountain board of education while it was in session Monday night and suggested a get-together at the earliest practicable date.

Later in the session, the Kings Mountain board passed a resolution unanimously to participate in the discussions, and all members expressed themselves as highly pleased with the development.

Mr. Lowery said Tuesday he was in process of inviting the several other district committees which include Grover, Park, Grace, and Compact. He also said that County Schools Supt. J. H. Grigg and County Board of Education Member Edwin Moore, who lives in the Patterson Grove community, will be invited to participate in the discussion.

Five years ago, Grover citizens led a movement to consolidate the Number 4 Township schools. The movement proved abortive when Bethware patrons resoundingly declined to eliminate the split term. Since that time, with cotton production cut back heavily in the county, Bethware has adopted a regular nine-month school term operated from September to May. Grover had eliminated the split term in 1954 and Compact, too, has eliminated it. Park Grace schools schedule conforms to that of the city schools. Thus, all Number 4 Township schools are on the so-called straight, or regular term.

Mr. Lowery emphasized that the initial talks are for exploration purposes, to see what must be done to effect a township consolidation into one administrative unit and to determine whether school officials think the legal hurdles to consolidation can be surmounted.

School officials here foresee a consolidation vote as prerequisite to consolidation.

Consolidation is in the possible future for Bethware and Grover high schoolers in the not-too-distant future, if county school patrons adopt a formula recommended by a state school board survey team. Under this recommendation, Grover and Bethware high school students would go to Number 3 high school, while the elementary pupils at Number 3 would be absorbed at Grover and Bethware plants, pending hoped for eventual erection of a high school plant at Number 3.

## Fiddlers' Show Set For Friday

The Bethware Progressive Club's 13th annual Fiddlers' Convention will be held Friday night at 8 p. m. in the Bethware school auditorium. Joint announcement was made by Bill McDaniel and Stokes Wright who said a big turnout is expected for the songfest featuring groups from Kings Mountain and surrounding areas.

Musicians who wish to compete should contact Mr. McDaniel at 118 or 587-J.

An added feature of the show will be the crowning of "Miss Bethware Fair of '59" by Miss Norma Jane Hamrick, Miss Bethware Fair of 1958.

Contestants for the title are Miss Doris Cranford, sponsored by the FHA; Miss Jane Hayes, FFA club; Miss Judy Putnam, Girl's Chorus; Miss Ruth Blacklock, Beta Club; and Miss Janet Hamrick, sponsored by the Monogram Club.

Miss Bethware Fair of 1958 will be escorted by Mr. Cameron Ware, president of the Bethware Progressive Club. Miss Cranford's escort will be Jerry Wright, while Miss Putnam's escort will be Nolan Seism and the Misses Hayes, Blacklock, and Hamrick will be escorted by Buddy Freeman, Gary Fisher and Clyde Carroll respectively.

## Roy J. Brown New Candidate For Ward 5 Commission Post

### \$1.25 Minimum Is Established By Lambeth Rope

Lambeth Rope Corporation adjusted wages upward effective March 15 and established the plant minimum at \$1.25 per hour. Frank Burke, manager of the rope manufacturing company, said the \$1.25 minimum pay plan—launched by Cannon Mills early this year—had been adopted for all hourly rated employees and that employees in higher rated jobs had received pay boosts upward on a comparable percentage basis.

Lambeth became the second Kings Mountain textile firm to announce the \$1.25 minimum. Phenix Plant of Burlington Industries said it had established the \$1.25 minimum several weeks ago.

Park Yarn Mills adjusted wages upward by five percent effective March 2. John C. Smathers reported Wednesday.

Lambeth Rope Corporation has 60 employees.

### Registrations Brisk Saturday

Approximately 90 persons signed on the books last Saturday as registration for the May city elections got underway.

C. L. Black, registrar of Ward 1, registered 10, with two incoming transferrals and three transferrals to other wards. "It's the best I've done on opening day," Mr. Black commented. "The fuoridation issue is pretty hot and I believe that will bring the voters out."

Registrar E. O. White of Ward 4 registered 17 with 1 transferral in from Ward 3.

Mrs. J. T. McGinnis, Ward 5, signed in 32 as did Mrs. Ruth Bowers of Ward 3.

Mrs. H. R. Parton, registrar at Ward 2 could not be reached Wednesday afternoon. Books are open from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. each Saturday through May 9. May 9 will also be challenge day.

Voting places are: Ward 1, City Hall; Ward 2, City Hall; Ward 3, Phenix Mill Store; Ward 4, Kings Mountain Manufacturing Club Room; and Ward 5, Victory Chevrolet Company.

### Legion Getting Face-Lifting

The American Legion building on E. Gold street is getting an exterior face-lifting, which is virtually completed.

Exterior painting, now underway, will complete a broad program which includes landscaping, erection of a flagpole, improvement of driveways, and installation of concrete walkways.

Kings Mountain Landscaping Company did the landscaping work.

Committee on the project included W. D. (Red) Morrison and Ray Sisk.

### Thief Returns Mower, Says It Needed Oil

Clarence Carpenter says that if the guy who stole his power lawn mower from under his house this past week will return it and mow the lawn he can have it for keeps.

He wonders if the culprit is the same guy who stole Carpenter's push mower, then returned it with a note attached on the handles: "Oil it and I'll be back."

The push mower has been oiled and if he wants that too, he can come and get it, Mr. Carpenter contends.



ELECTED — B. N. Barnes, veteran superintendent of city schools was elected Monday night to an other two-year term. He first became superintendent in 1934.

### Barnes Elected To New Term

City schools Supt. B. N. Barnes was elected for a two-year term by the board of education Monday.

The board also elected all faculty members in the city system, except Mrs. Margaret Blanton Smith, teacher of Bible. Delay of Mrs. Smith's election was on a technicality. Supt. Barnes explained to the board that under arrangement with the city committee for teaching Bible in the schools, the education board doesn't act until it receives recommendation from the committee. The committee for teaching Bible in the schools furnishes funds for the salary of the Bible teacher.

Mr. Barnes became superintendent of Kings Mountain city schools in 1934, after serving as high school principal for seven years. His election was unanimous, on motion of Trustee J. R. Davis and A. W. Kincaid. All members were present.

The board also unanimously authorized the offering of a trade and industrial class in sweater beading and authorized the holding of a summer session.

Expense accounts were approved including \$6.94 to Lawson Brown for a trip to Raleigh and \$41.00 to Mrs. Wanza Davis for expenses to the state educational secretaries association meeting.

### Schools To Readvertise For Bids On Davidson Gymtorium Project

The city board of education voted unanimously Monday night to readvertise for bids on the proposed Davidson school gymnasium.

The action came after an hour's discussion with Architect J. L. Beam, Jr., of Cherryville, who had revised the plans slightly in an effort to obtain bids more close to the board's authorized expenditure of \$75,000.

Actually, the education board, after listening to Mr. Beam detail possible omissions on the original plan, pared the original only slightly. Major potential savings are elimination of a first aid and principal's room and the enclosed passageway which would have connected the present elementary building with the proposed gymnasium. The enclosed passageway, on the new plan, will be replaced by a covered walkway. A concurrent potential saving was accomplished in the heating plan by elimination of the two service rooms. The boiler now in use is deemed ample.

Details on the savings had been obtained by Mr. Beam on consultation with the several low bidders, including A. A. Ramsey & Son, Shelby, general contract; L. A. Hoke, Kings Mountain, electrical contract; Robert F. Ham, Mooresville, heating contract; and L. R. Troutman, Hickory, plumbing contract.

### Negro Second Of His Race To Offer Here

Roy J. Brown, Kings Mountain Negro, filed Tuesday morning for candidacy in the Ward 5 commissioner race. Brown is the second Negro to date to seek city elective office.

Rev. S. T. Cooke, Kings Mountain Negro clergyman, sought the office in 1957, receiving a total of 283 votes.

A member of Bynum's Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church, he has served as chairman of the board of Trustees for 30 years. He is also a member of D. A. McCoy Lodge 584 AF & AM.

Mr. Brown, born in Cleveland county, has been a citizen of Kings Mountain for 45 years. A painter and wall paper hanger by trade, he worked for Neister Mills for 35 years.

Brown's candidacy brings to 20 the number of candidates seeking one board of education of five and six City Hall offices.

Brown's candidacy makes the Ward 5 race most crowded of the seven. The other candidates are R. Coleman Stroupe, the incumbent, the Challengers Curtis V. Gaffney and Charles E. Blalock.

### FILING DEADLINE

Deadline for filing for city or school district elective offices will be Monday at 4:30 p. m., City Clerk Joe McDaniel said Wednesday. Candidates are required to file in person and to pay their filing fees. The City Hall office closes at 4:30 p. m.

Outward political activity remained quiet during the past week, with the added candidacy the major development. However, some political observers wondered at the quiet, with election day less than three weeks away and wondered when, and if, the campaign would explode into fireworks.

One interesting note was the interest in voting indicated by the first day registrations last Saturday, when at least 90 voters placed their names on the books.

Among the hardest working candidates are the three seeking election for mayor, including

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### Swan Says Judge Okayed Fund Set-Up Late Monday

Craftspun Yarns, Inc., is going back into operation.

The yarn-making plant will resume operations at 6 a. m. Thursday, President Carl H. Swan said Wednesday, and Coralee Fabrics, the newly-making sub-division, resumed operations Tuesday.

Mr. Swan said a federal district court signed the necessary order late Monday for Craftspun to resume operations. He said the funds necessary to meet payroll for the final week of operations before the shutdown April 11 were received here Wednesday.

The shutdown resulted from the fact that Scranton Company, Scranton, Pa., parent of Craftspun is in receivership, after voluntary petition to federal court. Craftspun is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Scranton Company.

Recently Mr. Swan reported that the Craftspun firm, which operates two plants here and one in Gastonia, had 265 persons on its payroll.

The yarn firm will resume a five-day week operation with hopes to go to a six-day work week, Mr. Swan said.

Several weeks ago, before the receivership action, Mr. Swan said orders exceeded production by about 20,000 pounds of yarn weekly.

The resumption of operations came as good news to Kings Mountain which had recently suffered another major lay-off, as Foote Mineral Company restricted its operations.

### Fate Arrowood Died Wednesday

Fate Arrowood, well-known Grover Road resident, died at 4:30 Wednesday afternoon at Cleveland Memorial hospital in Shelby.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

### Lions Broom Sale Starts April 30

The Kings Mountain Lions club will conduct its annual broom sale for benefit of the blind the weekend of April 30.

President Richard Barnette said the club will conduct a three day sale. As usual, the brooms will sell for \$1.50, with proceeds to be used to aid local area citizens who are blind or who have defective vision.

The brooms are manufactured by blind persons at Greensboro Industries for the Blind.

### Mayor Gets Dunked And Indicted, Too

Mayor Glee A. Bridges was indicted last Saturday for breaking the state law against swimming in the public water supply.

According to the Mayor's version, he had agreed for Patrolman A. D. Kimbrell to use the mayoral canoe the afternoon previously for a fishing expedition at Davidson Lake. In process of warming the patrolman that a canoe is tricky and easily over-turned, he had jokingly suggested, "Now don't be turning over. If you get dumped you'll just have to drown for state law forbids swimming in the public water supply."

Kimbrell managed the canoe all right.

Early next morning, the Mayor or was doing the fishing, the canoe turned over and the Mayor got dunked. He changed his mind about drowning and swam out.

Kimbrell's warrant read that one Glee A. Bridges "did commit the crime of swimming in the new city water lake contrary to the laws of public health and common decency. To wit: That on the morning of Saturday 18th day of April 1959 he did wash himself in the drinking water of the City of Kings Mountain."

### P-TA MEETING

Park Grace school P-TA will hold its regular meeting Monday night at 7 o'clock in the school auditorium. Monday's meeting will be the final of the school year.