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Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 7,206

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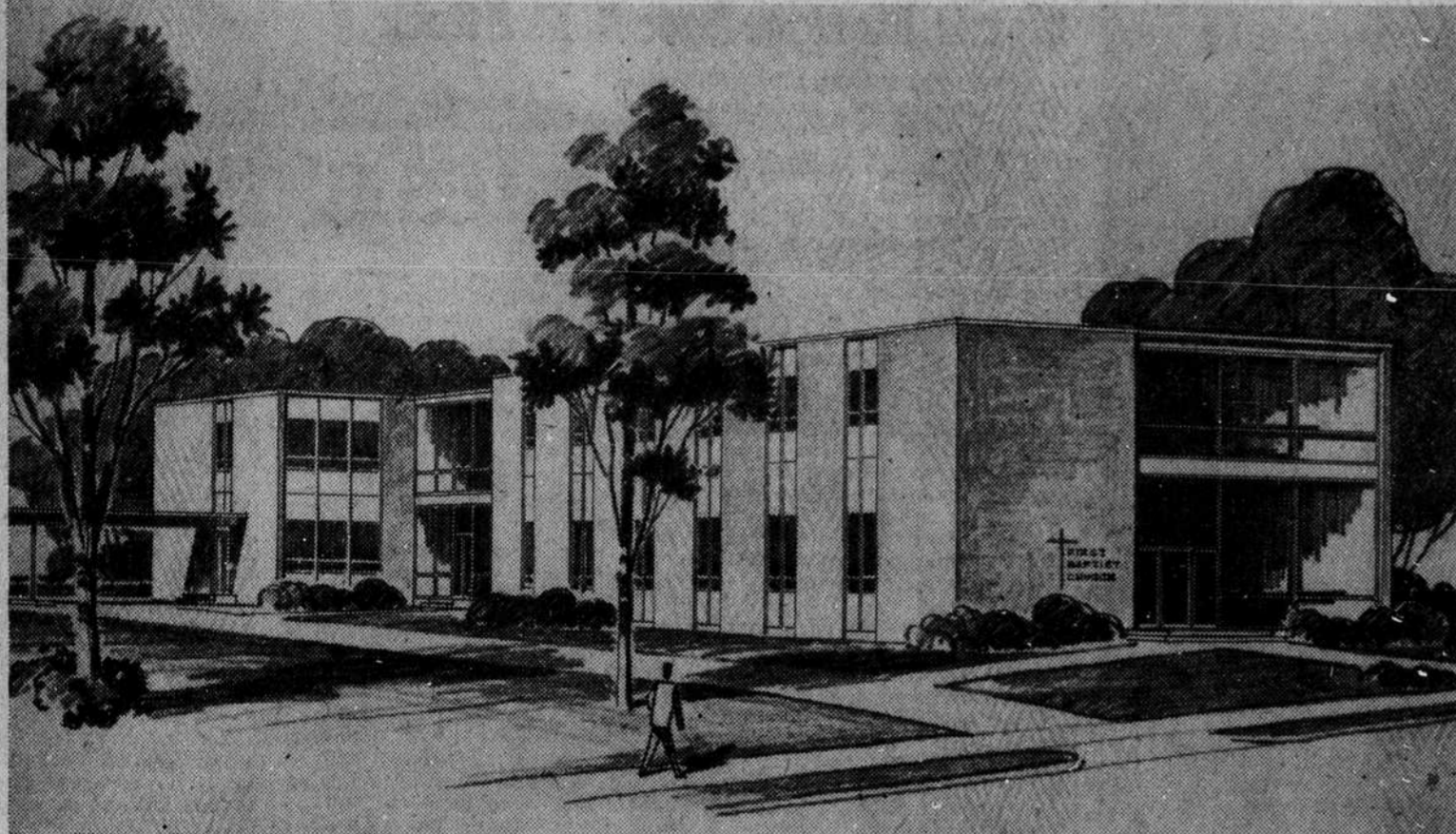
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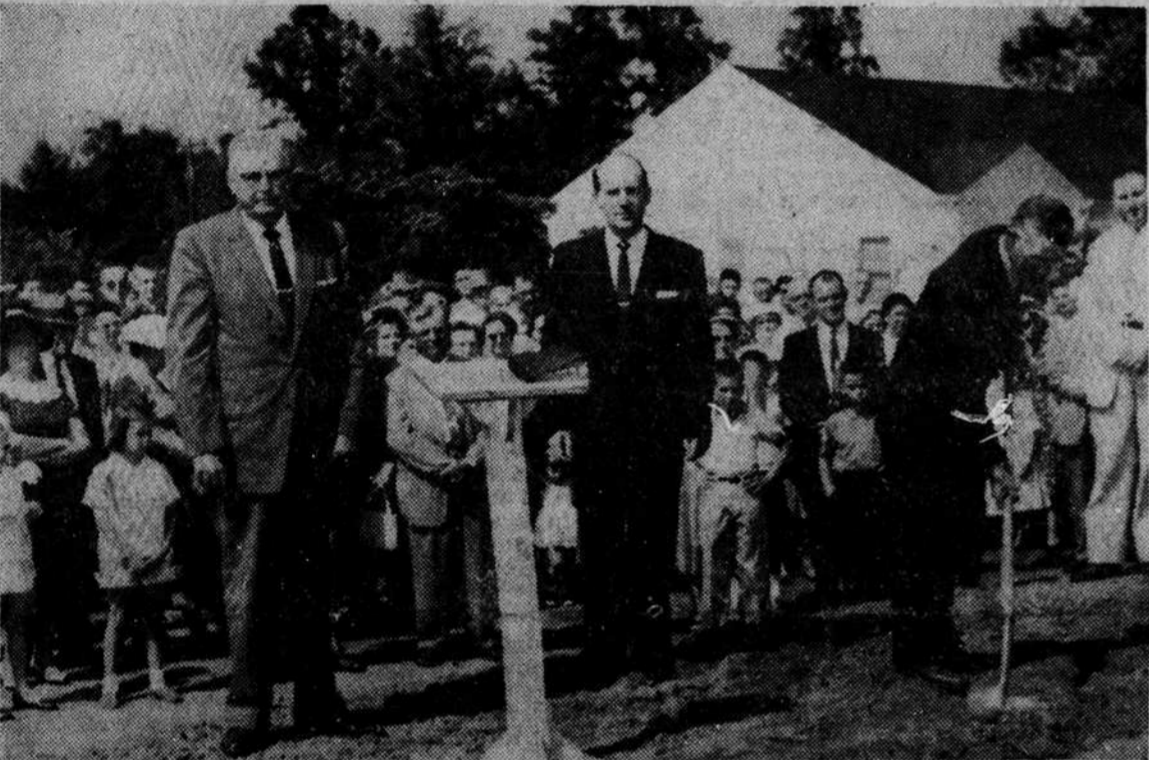
Seventieth Year

PRICE TEN CENTS



HOW THE NEW FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WILL LOOK—Pictured is the architect's sketch of how the new First Baptist church will look on completion. Architects are Wilber, Kendrick and

Workman, of Charlotte. Ground-breaking services were held on the site, W. King at Sims street, Sunday afternoon. The structure will be full air-conditioned, and contract is for \$255,000.



BAPTISTS BREAK GROUND — Pictured above are principals in Sunday's groundbreaking ceremonies held by First Baptist Church at the site for the \$255,000 new church plant on West King and Sims streets. Left to right are Dr. E. V. Hudson, interim pastor, Rev. Bomar L. Raines, the new minister who has assumed the pas-

torate, and Wray Williams member of the church building committee. Standing at far right is W. B. (Bill) Logan, chairman of the building committee, and other members are in the background. Mr. Raines delivered the principle address at the afternoon service attended by a large crowd.

Warren Ellison Quits Force, Blasts Commissioner Stroupe

Employment Here Is At Peak For Recent Months - Ware

Ellison Says Stroupe Sought To Limit Duty

Warren Ellison, veteran city policeman, resigned from the force last weekend and, in his letter of resignation, charged that Police Commissioner R. Coleman Stroupe ordered Ellison not to make arrests in certain sections of the city.

Mr. Ellison did not clarify by stating which section or sections he had been ordered to quit, and Mr. Stroupe was not in town Wednesday and could not be reached for comment.

Boyce Gault, however, also a city commissioner, said it was his understanding that Mr. Stroupe had instructed Mr. Ellison to avoid patrolling or making arrests in the Negro sections of the community. Mr. Gault said he understood several Negro citizens had complained to Mr. Stroupe that Mr. Ellison was too rough on them.

Mr. Ellison has become an employee of Superior Stone division of American-Marietta Company.

In his letter of resignation, Mr. Ellison wrote the Mayor and city commission:

"I hereby tender my resignation as police officer, effective at once. I have enjoyed my work with all the officers of the City of Kings Mountain, N. C., force and hate to leave you. I have also enjoyed having the privilege of working with the citizens of Kings Mountain, N. C., in enforcing the laws of our fair city. When I took oath as an officer, the oath read like this: 'I am to uphold and enforce the laws of the State of North Carolina and the City of Kings Mountain.' Then when your Police Commissioner Coleman Stroupe tells me not to go in certain parts of our city regardless if on call or what not, then it's time for me or any other officer to quit. I have tried to be fair to all, making such arrests as I deemed it necessary, answering all calls regardless of what section of our city they came from."

It is possible that the commission will consider replacing Mr. Ellison at its Thursday night meeting.

Several weeks ago, it was rumored that Chief Martin Ware and Officer Paul Saunders, along with Mr. Ellison, were on Mr. Stroupe's griddle. However, Commissioner Ben Bridges said later that the difficulties had proved minor and had been settled to Mr. Stroupe's satisfaction.

Board Will Have General Session

Kings Mountain City school board meeting, scheduled for Monday night at 7:30 at Kings Mountain High school, will be a general business session. B. N. Barnes, city schools superintendent, said Wednesday afternoon.

"We have no definite agenda," Mr. Barnes reported "but discussion will probably be on the proposed No. 4 Township school consolidation and some phases of the budget."

He hopes to have some teachers to present for election, also, he said.

Mr. Barnes noted he has several applications for the vacant principal posts, but said there is nothing definite on this either.

Jobless Pay Claims Low During May

Kings Mountain employment is at a peak for recent months, the May report of the Employment Security commission branch office shows.

Franklin L. Ware, Jr., manager, said only one major plant is at a slow operating pace and that only 1093 claims for unemployment compensation were filed in May, for an average of 273 per week. By month's end, the claims were down to 215 per week and have continued in this low area.

Meantime, the employment office found job openings (108) than new applicants for jobs, which totaled 98. The office was able to place 72 persons in jobs.

Applicants for work have been greater this month, Mr. Ware said, due to the recent crop of high school graduates in Number 4 Township. Biggest problem, he says, is in placing high school graduates.

"Most of them want secretarial work and are equipped for it, but there aren't many secretarial openings," Mr. Ware commented.

He said his conversations with employers indicate the favorable industry operating rate will continue, certainly for several months.

T. H. Crawford's Rites Thursday

Funeral rites for Thomas Harmon Crawford, 53, will be held Thursday at 4 p. m. from Boyce Memorial A.R.P. church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

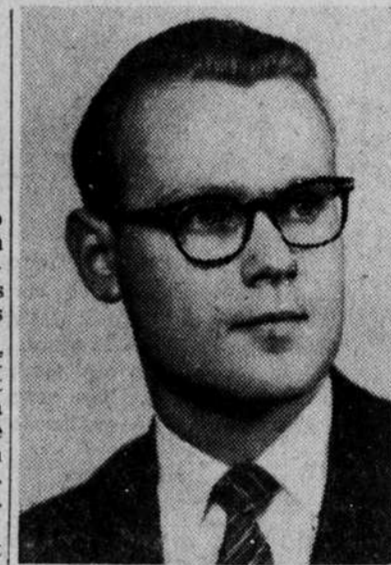
Mr. Crawford, a former Kings Mountain painter, succumbed Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock at his home in Ruffin. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

He was an employee of Rector Lumber Company in Ruffin and a member of Temple Baptist church, Kings Mountain.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Minnie Harmon Crawford; his wife, Mrs. Ethel Reynolds Crawford; three sons, W. Donald Crawford, all of Kings Mountain, Robert Crawford of the Air Force in San Antonio, Tex., and James Crawford of the Air Force in Houma, La. Also surviving are three brothers and two sisters, Raymond Crawford, Kings Mountain; J. L. Crawford, Augusta, Ga.; Paul G. Crawford, Cherryville; Mrs. Wendell Philfer, Mrs. Fred Owens, both of Kings Mountain, and two grandchildren.

Dr. W. L. Pressly, Boyce Memorial pastor, and Rev. Jack Weaver, pastor of Temple Baptist church, will conduct the final rites.

SUCCUMBS
Mrs. George V. Patterson of Gastonia, former citizen, died Wednesday afternoon of a heart attack. Funeral plans are incomplete.



GILBERT MCKELVIE



SCOTT WRIGHT



CHIP NEISLER

School Merger Conversations Are Continuing

Conversations among township school officials are continuing in an effort to carve a suitable arrangement whereby the schools can be merged into the Kings Mountain district.

Fred W. Plonk, chairman of Kings Mountain city district board of education, is also a member of the committee of the committees which has been working to obtain a suitable political arrangement for government of the merged district.

Mr. Plonk said at a recent meeting in Grover, Holmes Harry, member of the Grover committee suggested a temporary nine-man board of education be formed, with five of the present members of the Kings Mountain board of education and the other four to come from what is now the Bethware, Park Grace, Grover and Compact districts of the county school system. As terms of office expire (Kings Mountain members are elected to staggered terms of six years), the board of education of the merged district would again become a five-member board, with three members from the present city district and two from the outside areas now in the county system.

Mr. Plonk said all of the districts were represented at the Grover meeting and that each representative expressed approval of the Harry suggestion.

It is illegal to expire terms of office of elected members of government boards.

Favor for the five-man board, rather than seven or nine, Mr. Plonk says, comes from experience of other schools in North Carolina. Boards with more than five members tend to become unwieldy, he noted, as quorums are harder to obtain.

Grover representatives particularly and some others would like to see a bond issue offered for a new township high school at the same time the citizens vote on the school merger. Whether legal arrangements could be accomplished this desire is not yet known, Mr. Plonk said.

Castle joins commercial ores
Jim Castle, former manager of Foote Mineral Company's Kings Mountain plant, has joined Commercial Ores, Inc., as plant manager of the Henry's Knob kyanite mining operation.

Mr. Castle assumed his duties June 1, after serving as manager of the industrial minerals division of International Minerals and Chemicals Corporation since October 1955.

Mr. Castle is residing at the home of Mrs. B. S. Peeler. His family expects to return to Kings Mountain from Illinois about August 1.

Withers Rites On Thursday

Funeral rites for James Raymond Withers, 57, father of Fred Withers, Kings Mountain high school baseball coach and also coach of the 59 edition of the Kings Mountain Legion Junior baseball team, will be held Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at St. Paul Lutheran church in Dallas.

Mr. Withers died Tuesday in a Charlotte hospital.

Surviving, in addition to his son here, are his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Fred Moore, of Stanley, three other sons, Jack and Dan Withers, both of Dallas, and Ray Withers, High Point; five sisters, Mrs. Paul Jenkins and Mrs. Betty Spara, both of Stanley; Mrs. Russell Butler, Clinton; Mrs. Harry McGuigan, Nashville, Tenn.; and Mrs. Jack Lahanier, San Francisco Calif.; and three brothers, R. A. Withers, High Shoals, John O. Withers, Jr., and B. M. Withers, both of Stanley; and his stepmother, Mrs. J. O. Withers, Stanley.

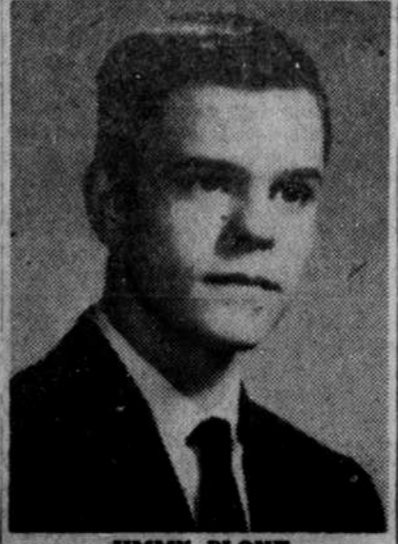
Shute Superior Superintendent

W. B. (Bill) Shute has returned to Kings Mountain to become superintendent of the Kings Mountain operation of Superior Stone division, American Marietta Company.

Mr. Shute has been serving as superintendent of Superior's Augusta, Ga., plant.

He will succeed J. H. Arthur, who is retiring in December.

Mr. Shute said his family will join him here in the near future.



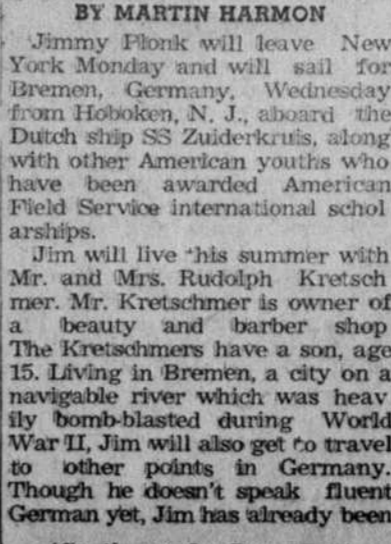
JIMMY PLONK

Three Graduate From Schools

Two Kings Mountain area students received college degrees and another was graduated from military school in commencement exercises recently.

Gilbert McKelvie, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. M. McKelvie, was graduated with a bachelor of

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PIERRE DASEN

Mrs. Hauser Likes Little City, Would Decry Return To Big One

BY ANNE JAMES HARMON

"It's so free, so relaxed!" This is one of the many things Mrs. Jack Hauser, native New Yorker, likes about the South.

Discussing the difference between her home on Crescent Hill and her Queens apartment, Mrs. Hauser, who moved here last August shortly after her husband joined Waco Sportswear, Inc., a sweater manufacturer, said, "It's just like night and day. But we really never felt we made a mistake. It's the way people live. Their friendliness is wonderful."

"You know, this is the first place my husband considered when he decided to come South," she continued. "He visited several other places, but Kings Mountain was always in the back of his mind."

After one school term here, Mrs. Hauser says, "This is a wonderful place to raise children! I like the schools. The teachers take a personal interest in the children."

Peter Hauser, who skipped a grade to enter the sixth at West, made a straight "A" average, as did Dianne, a first grader this year.

Concerning the differences in schools here and in the big city, Mrs. Hauser said Dianne had been subjected to some work that Peter didn't have until his third year in New York.

Mrs. Hauser says her husband is thrilled with the many activities for children. The little league sports programs, the pools and nearby woodlands keep the children "always interested in something."

"It's grand," she said, "not to worry about the traffic and several flights of stairs every time they go outside. I was wondering before we moved whether the children would like it. Well, I tell you, we never had any trouble whatsoever."

The Hausers like their church (St. Matthew's Lutheran) and are especially fond of Sunday school. In the North, according to Mrs. Hauser, children attend Sunday school until their confirma-

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Southern Installs Warning Signals

Southern Railway Company has installed flashing light warning signals at the Piedmont avenue crossing.

The new signals, comparable to those on Mountain street crossing, got into operation Tuesday.

When a train is approaching the red lights will flash and a warning bell will sound.

Blood Goal Is 244 Pints

The Red Cross Bloodmobile, which comes to Kings Mountain Monday, is seeking a 244-pint quota, and local officials anticipate the deficit in the blood program will be erased.

Donors will be processed from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m. at the Woman's club.

B. F. Maner, Kings Mountain blood program chairman, said recruitment of blood donors with so-called "rare" blood types is especially sought. Inventory of the "rare" blood types runs consistently low, and each chapter has been requested to recruit the following donors with known blood types: O Negative; B Positive; AB Positive; AB Negative.

Mr. Maner noted that the June visit is the final one for the fiscal year and the only opportunity to make up the necessary quota to fill the need.

Red Cross officials are hopeful that recipients of blood who have not replaced their donations in the blood bank ask friends and relatives to make up the deficit. Currently, persons receiving blood without a donor card (given to individual donors) must agree to replace the blood by obtaining other donors.

NO BUILDING PERMITS
City Inspector J. W. Webster has issued no building permits since May 30.

Winn-Dixie Building To Adjoin Herald

The new Winn-Dixie building will adjoin the Kings Mountain Herald building, fronting on S. Piedmont avenue, Robert-Yoder, one of the stockholders in the building corporation, said this week.

The building will be erected by Fiske-Carter Construction Company, Mr. Yoder said, and will require an outlay of approximately \$100,000.

The building will be 80 feet wide and 144 feet deep, giving the firm 11,520 square feet of floor space. Parking will be handled at the side and rear of the new building.

Union Service Here Sunday

The second evening service for five city church congregations will be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

Dr. W. P. Gerberding, the pastor, will deliver the evening message and the church choir will render special music.

Dr. Gerberding and family will leave Monday to vacation with friends and relatives in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan. Professors from the Southern Seminary will fill the pulpit during the pastor's absence.

The Vacation Bible School is going well at St. Matthew's with the largest enrollment of children in recent years. Ten teachers are directing the program.

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