

Population

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.

Textile Employees To Get Vacations

Local News Bulletins

SUPPER
El Bethel Methodist church will sponsor an ice cream supper at the church Saturday evening beginning at 6 p. m. Donations will be received, and the public is invited to participate in the fellowship.

ELECTED
Richard (Dick) Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Foster of Kings Mountain, was elected state vice-president of the postal clerk's convention, which met recently in Columbia, S. C.

ROTARY MEETING
Jack V. Schweppe, manager of the Carolina division of Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, will address members of the Kings Mountain Rotary club at their Thursday 12:15 meeting at Kings Mountain Country Club. The program was arranged by Tom Trott. Joe Hedden will present Mr. Schweppe.

METER RECEIPTS
Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$125.12, with \$19.97 returned from off-street meters and \$105.15 from on-street meters. City Clerk Joe McDaniel reported.

PLANNING PICNIC
The banquet and picnic committee is making plans for the annual employer-employee picnic outing of the Kings Mountain Merchants association. An August date has been tentatively set. Committee includes J. T. McGinnis, Jr., James Crawford, J. C. Bridges and Richard Barnette.

Esso Adopts Fair Trade

Esso Standard Oil Company has notified retail distributors that it is establishing firm retail prices for its gasoline under the North Carolina fair trade act. The new policy was effective Wednesday. The policy resolution provides that either retailer or company may cancel their contracts on five days' notice, given in writing. Norman McGill said Wednesday that Esso is following Gulf Oil Corporation in setting up their fair trade policy. The change indicates that cut-rate retailers have the option of holding prices firm or of finding a new source of supply. Esso's prevailing prices on Wednesday, exclusive of the 10.25 cent per gallon tax, were 19.9 cents for base grade, 22.9 cents for medium grade, and 25.9 cents for top grade gasoline.

Hoophaugh Youth Hit By Car

Jimmy Hoophaugh, 11-year-old route 3, Shelby Road youth, suffered a concussion and abrasions in an accident last Saturday when he was struck by a car at 7:20 a. m. on King street. The automobile, a 1955 Ford Station wagon, was driven by Bennie Columbus Yarbrough, Box 23, Rock Motel. Young Hoophaugh, the police reported, was riding a bicycle and came out of a driveway into the path of the Yarbrough car. A witness to the accident was Lonnie Staley, Box 105, N. Belmont. Hoophaugh was rushed to Kings Mountain hospital for treatment where he is still convalescing. No charges were preferred by investigating officer S. W. Ware.

Meanest Man Tale: Grave Vase Thief

Sam Suber, city cemetery superintendent, is licensed at some unknown vandals to make a habit of stealing vases from graves in Mountain Rest cemetery. Mr. Suber says he finds many times that the vandals have removed flowers from the graves, thrown them on the ground, and removed the containers. He adds he's asked the police department to keep an eye peeled for these vandals.



SPEAKER — Dr. George Staples, chaplain at Davidson College, will fill the pulpit at Sunday morning worship services at First Presbyterian church.

College Chaplain To Speak Sunday

Dr. George Staples, Davidson College chaplain, will deliver the sermon at the 11 o'clock morning worship service Sunday at First Presbyterian church. A native of Texas, Dr. Staples was educated at the University of Texas, Union Theological Seminary in New York, and Columbia University. He served five years with the United States infantry during World War II and was discharged with the rank of lieutenant-colonel. He came to Davidson in 1956 after serving for seven years as pastor of Winston Salem's Highland Presbyterian church.

Ten-Year-Old Killed By Car

Funeral rites for Patricia Ann Carpenter, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milo Odell Carpenter of route three, were held Friday at 4 p. m. from Shady Grove Baptist church with the Rev. Lee A. Smith officiating. The child was killed instantly last Wednesday about 4:30 p. m. when struck by a car on N. C. 216. She and her older brother, who were heading home from a road-side store with soft drinks for the family. The incident, according to Patrolman O. R. McKinney who investigated, occurred about six miles north of Kings Mountain near Sellers' Store. He said the girl and her 14-year-old half-brother, Billy, were walking north along the right side of the road when the younger child evidently started to cross the road toward her parents' home, was struck by a car driven by Mrs. Marie Sumter Davis, 18, of Columbia, S. C. Trooper McKinney said the body was thrown or dragged some 198 feet down the roadway from the point of impact. He said the car, with a dented hood and grille, came to a stop some 249 feet from the impact point. Mr. McKinney quoted Mrs. Davis as saying she did not see the girl until it was too late to stop.

Hahn To Speak To Lutherans

Dr. Samuel W. Hahn, professor at Lutheran Southern Seminary in Columbia, S. C., will deliver the sermon at Sunday morning worship service at St. Matthew's Lutheran church. Dr. Hahn will fill the pulpit in the absence of Dr. W. P. Gerberding who is on vacation. The worship service at 10 a. m. follows the Sunday School hour at 8:45 a. m. Dr. Hahn is professor of Church Administration and Church Policy at the seminary. St. Matthew's Lutheran church has just completed what officials term a "very successful" Bible School with the largest number of children enrolled in recent years. Teachers were Mrs. Ben Bridges, Mrs. James Herndon, Mrs. L. E. Hinnant, Mrs. W. K. Mauney, Jr., Mrs. Floyd Queen, and Misses Louise Kiser, Donna Cheatham, and Judy Cooper.

Marshall Gore In Philadelphia For Delicate Heart Operation

Marshall Gore, well-known Kings Mountain service station operator, is a patient at the University of Pennsylvania hospital, Philadelphia, where he is to undergo a delicate heart operation soon. Actually, the operation was scheduled for Wednesday but friends here learned Wednesday the operation was postponed a gain for further tests. Dr. John C. McGill, Mr. Gore's physician here, said the surgeons will employ the heart valve, more familiarly known as the "subcutaneous heart machine" to keep the patient alive while opening a partial blockage in the aortic valve. Mr. Gore, a heart patient for

U. S. 74 Project Remains Static

Stroupe Statement Doesn't Deny Charges By Ellison

Education Body Okays Nine-Man Merger Plan

Kings Mountain City School Board voted unanimously to accept a proposal for government organization of the proposed No. 4 Township consolidation at Monday night's session at Kings Mountain High school. The proposal was outlined in last week's issue of the Herald and provides for a temporary increase to 9 members in the school board, 4 to be elected outside of the corporate limits of Kings Mountain. At the end of two years the board would be reduced to 5 members, three within the corporate limits and two from outside. Terms of the board members would be staggered on the present plan. Fred W. Plonk, member of the committee working on the consolidation proposal, in presenting the plan pointed out that if consolidation is worked out to the specifications of the committee, a new high school will be built to house the enlarged unit and Negro schools will be improved. This will require a bond issue, he said. The consolidation was approved by the board on the motion of A. W. Kincaid. In other action the board:

- 1) Accepted with regret the resignation of E. Lawson Brown, Kings Mountain High school principal. Brown was commended for his excellent work with the school and best wishes extended for the future.
- 2) Accepted the resignation of elementary teacher Mrs. William R. George.
- 3) Heard a report from Supt. E. N. Barnes that Miss Delores Blanton, Miss Louise Kiser, and Miss Mary Nolan did not accept teaching contracts. Miss Kiser, he said, has accepted work with the Department of Schools of the United States Army and plans to teach in Germany. Miss Nolan is seeking the same type position, he reported.
- 4) On motion of Mrs. Lena McGill accepted the following teachers to fill vacancies in the school system: Mrs. Carolyn Ruth Bennett of Shelby, first grade; Miss Anita Vaughn, Owens, S. C., sixth grade; Mrs. Iva Jean Kincaid of Beaufort, Beaufort Springs, seventh grade; Miss Sue Borders, Shelby, seventh grade; Mrs. Sara Simpson, Kings Mountain, seventh grade; and Mrs. Helen B. Ausley, high school science.
- 5) Heard a report from Mr. Blanton that instead of replacing Miss Blanton as English teacher, he would like to employ a guidance counselor. In discussing the girl's physical education teacher vacancy, he said he hasn't any.

Garmon Named Central Pastor

Rev. James B. McLarty, pastor of Central Methodist church the past four years, will replace the Rev. J. C. Wilkinson at Concord, and Rev. H. D. Garmon will come from Rutherfordton to Kings Mountain, as a result of changes announced Sunday at the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference in session at Lake Junaluska. The McLarty family expects to move into the parsonage of Forest Hill Methodist church on Wednesday. The Garmons are also expected to arrive here next week. Two other Kings Mountain Methodist ministers were returned to their present pastorate. Rev. W. C. Slides, Jr., as pastor of Grace Methodist church and Rev. Frank E. Blackack as pastor of El Bethel Methodist church. A number of Methodist ministers from the Gastonia District were reassigned to other areas during the conference. Mr. McLarty came to Kings Mountain from Mooresville. A Naval reserve chaplain, he was educated at Duke University. He served as secretary on the Breward College Board of Trustees and since coming to Kings Mountain has been active in the Kiwanis club and in other phases of community life. Mrs. McLarty is the former Margaret Glenn. The McLartys have two sons, James and Charles McLarty, and a married daughter, Mrs. Bill Cochran of New York. Forest Hill Methodist church has a membership of 850. Mr. Garmon has served the Rutherfordton Methodist church the past five years. Rev. and Mrs. Garmon have three children, a daughter 16, a daughter 6, and a son 13.



RECEIVES DEGREE — Shirley Ann Ware, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Ware, was graduated recently from Erskine College at Due West, S. C. Miss Ware received a bachelor of science degree in home economics.

Mrs. Patterson's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Annie Love Plonk Patterson, 74, Kings Mountain native and prominent Gastonia, were held Friday at 11 a. m. from Gastonia's First Presbyterian church, interment here. Mrs. Patterson, wife of George V. Patterson, succumbed Wednesday at 6:15 p. m. She had been seriously ill one week and in declining health the past year. A former school teacher and active churchwoman, Mrs. Patterson was the daughter of the late Michael Luther and Lenora Love Plonk. She moved to Gastonia as a child and lived with an aunt and uncle, attended the Gastonia schools and Woman's College and married Mr. Patterson, a textile official. Later they moved back to Kings Mountain, to Spencer Mountain, and Gastonia. The Annie Patterson Sunday School class at Spencer Mountain is named for her. Mrs. Patterson taught the Nellie Warren Bible class at Gastonia's First Presbyterian church for over 20 years. She was president of Kings Mountain Presbyterian, president of the Women of the Church of the Synod of North Carolina, and was for two years chairman of the Board of Advisory Committee of the Board of Women's Work, the highest office in women's work in the Assembly. One of the founders of Presbyterian Home of High Point, Mrs. Patterson served on its board until this year. She was on the board of directors of Mission Court of Richmond, Va., a home for returned missionaries. She was also active in William Gaston Chapter, DAR, and the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Surviving Mrs. Patterson are her husband, a daughter, Mrs. Caswell Taylor of Gastonia; one brother, Grier Plonk of Kings Mountain; one sister, Miss Jessie Plonk; and one grandson, Caswell Taylor, Jr.

Moore To Speak At Union Service

Sunday night's union service for five city church congregations will be held at Resurrection Lutheran church. Rev. George Moore, the pastor, will deliver the message at 8 o'clock. Kings Mountain Ministerial Association is sponsoring the summer schedule of services with ministers to bring the messages from their own pulpits. TO CONFERENCE Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Phillips will go to Houghton, N. Y., next week where they will attend the quadrennial general conference of the Wesleyan Methodist church. Mr. Phillips is a ministerial delegate to the conference, while Mrs. Phillips is a missionary delegate.

Mayor Names Bennett Police Commissioner

BY DAVID BAITY
The city board of commissioners, Thursday night, on a motion by R. Coleman Stroupe, voted to accept former police officer Warren Ellison's resignation from the police force on charges that police commissioner Stroupe had ordered Ellison not to make arrests in certain sections of the city. Mayor Glee A. Bridges pointed out the board was there to accept or decline the resignation, not to answer the charges. However, Police Commissioner Stroupe asked to make a statement, but did not categorically deny the charges. Addressing Police Chief Martin Ware, he asked, "Mr. Ware, have I asked you, or any officers, not to make any patrols in certain sections of the city?" Mr. Ware answered negatively. Reportedly the sections to which Ellison was referring were in the Negro communities where some citizens had allegedly complained that he was too rough on them. Mr. Ellison has become an employee of Superior Stone division of American-Marietta Company here.

Ice-Coal Firm Now In Business

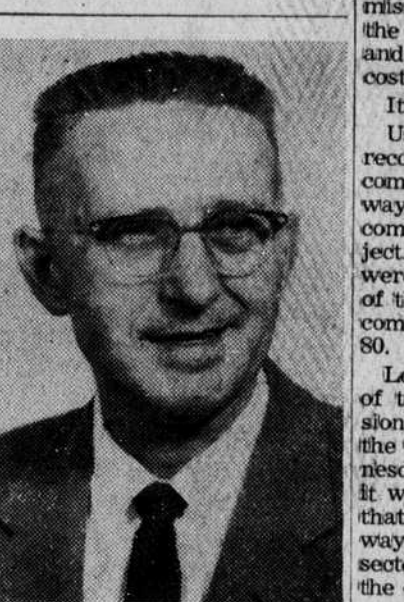
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Merchant Holiday Ideas Varied; Independence Day Saturday Date

Independence Day falls on Saturday in 1959 and a merchant's association action. One said he felt a holiday should be taken on the day it comes. Another said he felt failure to follow the calendar indication of "hick-town thinking". Another guessed, "We won't be taking Christmas soon, should it fall on Saturday." However, most indicated they'd go along with the majority policy, if reluctantly. First National Bank will close on July 4. R. S. Lennon, cashier, said special permission would have to be obtained to remain open on the legal holiday and that bank officials didn't think the paper work worth it.



CHARLIE MOSS
Mohair Promotes

Charlie Moss has been promoted to superintendent of all Kings Mountain weaving operations by Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company's Neisler division. Mr. Moss, previously superintendent of weaving exclusive of pile fabrics, has assumed, in addition to his other duties, those of Morris Dodge, who resigned June 15 to return to New England. Mr. Moss rejoined Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company last July, after spending two years with the Lumate (auto fabrics) division of Chicopee Manufacturing Company. He joined the former Neisler Mills in 1920 and remained with Massachusetts Mohair after its purchase until mid-1956.

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Right-Of-Way Cost Negotiable Under New Law

BY MARTIN HARMON

Will a recently-enacted change in the right-of-way division formula between the highway commission and municipalities make the widening of King street — if and when it is — cheaper or more costly for the city? It's a debatable point. Under the new law, adopted on recommendation of the highway commission, division of right-of-way cost between cities and the commission is a negotiable subject. Under the former law, cities were required to pay 20 percent of the right-of-way cost with the commission paying the remaining 80. Lee White, of Concord, member of the six-man highway commission, appearing at the hearing on the Gastonia link of U. S. 85 Wednesday morning, commented that it was the commission's thinking that it should pay all the right of way cost where a public road bisected a small community "for the convenience of the public." On the other hand, he noted, the commission feels the municipality should pay a share of the cost where a new through-city or cross-town highway materially benefits the municipality. What about U. S. 74 through Kings Mountain? "I don't know for sure, of course," Mr. White replied, "but I've never felt the commission should pay for in-city parking space." The status of the U. S. 74 bottleneck through Kings Mountain remains the same, other highway department officials said, with no firm decisions having been made. E. L. Kemper, division engineer, has recommended widening of King street to make King a Franklin avenue, Gastonia, boulevard-type, as the cheapest and shortest route through Kings Mountain. Mr. White said he had accompanied Highway Director Bill Babcock through Kings Mountain last summer on a trip to Asheville. He indicated agreement with Mr. Babcock's statement after returning to Raleigh, Mr. Babcock termed U. S. 74 through Kings Mountain "a definite bottleneck."

Sam Beard, highway commission publicist, conducted the Wednesday morning Gastonia hearing. Mr. Beard said he and Mr. Babcock and others would be happy to confer with city officials and interested citizens at any mutually convenient time on the U. S. 74 project. "We would like to get the legislative business cleaned up prior to scheduling a conference," Mr. Beard commented. Would right-of-way for King street widening (36 feet needed) come from both sides or exclusively from one side? Mr. Kemper said he doubted it would be a one-side arrangement through Kings Mountain, noting that the decision, however, would have to await penciling after right-of-way appraisers had given their estimates. What would the cost be? Mr. Kemper said grading and structures on the one-plus mile shouldn't run much over a million dollars. At the Gastonia hearing, large scale maps of the proposed Gastonia link of Interstate 85 were posted on the wall of the city hall courtroom. It shows that 85 will link with present U. S. 29 west of the residence of Mrs. Beulah Henderson, with a large access bridge to require property of Dr. J. E. Anthony and several others in the area. The hearing attracted a standing-room only crowd. However, none objected to the route which will find Interstate 85 skirting Gastonia to the north. Most of the questioners wanted answers on personal property which will be damaged by the new road. In process of explaining the highway commission's policy on establishing right-of-way costs, Mr. Beard noted that the commission is now spending for right-of-way at the rate of a million dollars per month. This commission feels very strongly that it should not run roughshod over private property owners in building roads for public use," Mr. Beard commented. He explained that the commission now employs independent experts for appraisal work who were instructed to establish right-of-way damages at fair market value. It was indicated the highway commission will approve the proposed route within 30 days and that work would be underway by spring 1960.