

# Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 7,206

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## Ken Smith Reported Missing Since Monday Afternoon

### Local News Bulletins

#### TO ASHEVILLE

D. B. Blalock, chairman of the county ASC committee, is in Asheville this week attending a district staff meeting for discussion of plans for the 19-60 conservation reserve and cotton purchase program.

#### AWARDED CONTRACT

Kings Mountain Sheet Metal Works was awarded the roofing and sheet metal contract recently by First Baptist Church, according to an announcement by W. A. Childers, proprietor.

#### KIWANIS PICNIC

Kings Mountain Kiwanians will hold a picnic Thursday evening at 7 p. m., with the women of Oakdale Presbyterian church to serve the meal. The church is located on York Road.

#### REUNION

Descendants of the late John W. Watterson and other related families will gather at Lake Crawford Sunday for their first family reunion. Picnic dinner will be spread. The committee on arrangements includes: Mrs. W. O. Carter, Gastonia; Bun Watterson, Bessemer City; and W. L. Watterson, Kings Mountain.

#### KINDERGARTEN

Jack and Jill Kindergarten will open Tuesday, Sept. 1, for the fall term of school. Mrs. Oman Falls, the director has announced. Mrs. Nell Cranford is the assistant.

#### ARP SERVICE

Dr. Gordon Parkinson, dean of men at Erskine College at Due West, S. C., will fill the pulpit Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at Boyce Memorial ARP church, Dr. W. L. Pressly, pastor, has announced.

#### WOMAN'S CLUB

The International Affairs department of the Woman's club will serve Sunday dinner at the Woman's club on September 13, and plans are underway for the event. Mrs. David Cash is chairman of the department.

#### BUILDING PERMIT

A permit was issued Monday by J. W. Webster, City Inspector, to Elmer Lumber Company to make repairs on a planer shed. Estimated cost of alterations is \$7500.

#### FREE LEGION SUPPER

A free supper, featuring country ham and the trimmings, will be held for members of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, beginning at 6:30 Saturday night, it was announced by J. T. McGinnis, Jr., commander.

## John Lackey's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for John P. Lackey, 47, Kings Mountain insurance salesman, were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 p. m. from St. Matthew's Lutheran church, of which he was a member.

Mr. Lackey succumbed suddenly Sunday night about 10 o'clock. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

A native of Cleveland County, Mr. Lackey was the son of Mrs. Mary Ellen Plonk Lackey and the late J. C. Lackey. He was single.

Mr. Lackey operated Lackey's Insurance Agency and was active in St. Matthew's church where he served as secretary in the Sunday School department.

He is survived, in addition to his mother, by a sister, Mrs. L. W. Turner of Graham.

The final rites were conducted by Dr. W. P. Gerberding, with interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Active pallbearers included Hubert Aderholdt, Ben H. Bridges, Carl Mauney, L. Arnold Kiser, James Herndon, and Ray Cline.

## Insurance Man Left On Routine Collection Tour

William "Ken" Smith, 27-year-old insurance salesman and resident of Meadowbrook Road, was reported as missing to Kings Mountain police Tuesday morning.

Chief Martin Ware said he was told that Smith was last seen by his wife about 3:30 p. m. Monday afternoon and that Smith had told his wife he had about two hours of collecting work to do.

No further word from Smith had been heard by mid-afternoon Wednesday.

Chief Ware said Smith's description was broadcast to the State Highway Patrol station at Salisbury Tuesday morning and that relays had been made to all points of the state and to officers in surrounding states.

Smith was driving a light blue 1952 four-door sedan bearing a North Carolina license tag DL 1417.

Smith, an active member of Cleveland County Life-Saving crew, was described as being six feet tall, weighing 174 pounds, having brown hair with crew cut and brown eyes.

He is a representative of State Capital Life Insurance Company, working out of the Gastonia office.

Police declined to theorize a cause for his disappearance. He was at one time a representative here of Liberty Life Insurance Company.

Mrs. Smith is the former Doris Yates. They have no children.

## UF Budget Talks Continue

Officers and directors of Kings Mountain United Fund will convene again Thursday night for further consideration of budgets in the forthcoming consolidated charitable fund campaign.

Sam Stallings, chairman, said the group will hear representatives of the Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter, the Jacob S. Mauney Memorial library, the city schools band, and the Cleveland County Life-Saving crew at the Thursday night session.

The group discussed requests from the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and the City Recreation commission at last Thursday's session. Also presented was a request from the Life-Saving crew, but Mr. Stallings said the figures appeared incomplete on basis of a year's operations and the Life-Saving crew was asked to present new figures this week.

#### HOMECOMING

Victory Baptist church on Grover road will hold Homecoming services Sunday. Picnic dinner will be served following, the morning worship service.

## Swiss Youth No Fan Of Brigitte, Likes Hitchcock And Corn-on-Cob

By MARTIN HARMON

Pierre Dasein, 17-year-old Swiss youth, was completing his first week as a school-year visitor Wednesday without any appearance of shell-shock.

His two years of English study in Switzerland is standing him in good stead and, if the Americans he's with don't speak too quickly, or all at one time, he mangles the language quite deeply, with only a few stumbles over particular words or the many area colloquialisms.

Proof would be the answers to numerous questions put to the six-foot blonde young visitor Wednesday:

- 1) He hasn't seen the French actress, Brigitte Bardot, in the flesh, but doesn't care. He thinks she's a poor actress. Though he doesn't label himself a movie fan, he likes Alfred Hitchcock productions.
- 2) His high school studies for the coming year aren't completed, but he will study English III, American history, economics and sociology and typing. Temporarily enrolled for physics (only one of the subjects besides English he's studied before), he may swap physics for auto driving training and for good reason. In Switzerland, the minimum driving age is 18. When he returns home next summer, he'll be old enough to get under the wheel of a car.

## Retailers To Take Labor Day Holiday

Labor Day — Monday, September 7 — will be a holiday for majority of Kings Mountain retail firms.

Mrs. Luther Joy, secretary of the Kings Mountain Merchants association, said that the holiday is one of several annual holidays the retail merchants enjoy.

She said the firms would all close on Wednesday afternoon, September 9, for the customary mid-week half-holiday.

## ASC Posted Candidate List

The County Election Boards recently convened and nominated community committeemen for each township who will be voted on in the ASC Community Election to be held September 10.

From this group a committee of five will be elected. There will be a chairman, who will also serve as delegate to the county convention; a vice-chairman; a regular member, and two alternates. The person receiving the most votes will be designated chairman, the remainder of the positions will be distributed according to number of votes also.

Candidates from No. 4 Township are Stowe Wright, Nevette Hughes, Thomas Humphries, Alex Owens, David Smith, J. C. Randall, Willis Harmon, Lamar Herndon, Otto Williams, Hugh Falls, Eugene Patterson, Jim Yarbro, and W. S. Hicks.

No. 5 Township nominees are Coleman Goforth, W. A. Wright, Earl Baker, Dewitt Randall, A. T. Randall, John Black, Charles Goforth, Clifford Hamrick, T. Z. Ford, Harold B. Dellinger, Kenneth Wright and Louis Sellers.

Present chairmen of No. 4 and 5 Township committees are Tom Hamrick and F. C. Ware, respectively.

A completed slate of nominees will be furnished not later than August 28.

#### AT MEETING

Thomas P. Baker, junior at the Dental School of the University of North Carolina and son of Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Baker of Kings Mountain, has been chosen to represent the school's Scientific Department at the Centennial Session of the American Dental Association to be held in New York City Sept. 14-18.

#### METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon were: on-street meters, \$153.02. In addition, Cherokee street parking lot meters returned \$21.15. City Clerk Joe McDaniel reported.

## Baptist Series Not On Tuesday

Ellis King investigated the crash for city police department. The crash at Battleground avenue, at the intersection with Mountain street occurred when Leroy Colon Monroe of West End, N. C., was making a right turn off Battleground onto Mountain street, turned too short and hit a light post.

Damage to Monroe's car was not listed.

William Roper investigated the accident.

The Cleveland Avenue wreck, at 8:15 p. m. involved a 1955 Chevrolet driven by Daniel Lee Worthley, 312 Grice Street, Shelby; and a 1952 Chevrolet driven by Bobby Gene Humphries, route 2, Bessemer City.

Worthley was following Humphries and started to pass just as the second car started to make a left turn onto Branch street.

Damage estimated at \$150 was done to Worthley's car as the result of the crash. The Humphries car was damaged to the extent of \$100.

No charges were made in any of the accidents.

## Tax Judgment Sales Clearing County Scrolls

Only one of three advertised parcels of Number 4 Township real estate was auctioned Monday, as the county tax collector seeks to clean his books of 1955 delinquent taxes.

Collector Robert Gidney, said owners of two of the parcels had settled their accounts prior to the sale.

Auctioned, with John Ed Davis high bidder at \$32, was a lot of James W. Carroll, lot Number 4 of the Paul Camp subdivision.

Mr. Gidney said that of 30 parcels previously advertised for sale to satisfy tax judgments, only seven have actually been cried and sale of none has yet been confirmed.

He said the law specifies a ten-day waiting period before confirmation of sale by the clerk of court. During that period, the owner can redeem his property by paying the tax judgment and all expenses involved, or anyone can raise the initial bid. In the latter instance, another auction would be necessitated.

With tax pre-payment business brisk, work on the 1955 tax accounts will wait until September, Mr. Gidney said, when some 50 to 60 additional parcels of Cleveland County real estate will be advertised for sale to satisfy tax judgments.

Mr. Gidney said work is already underway on 1956 tax accounts. He said registered letters have been posted to 246 owners of real estate on which 1956 taxes are delinquent and that judgments on these will be docketed in September. Some of the 246 parcels were found to have new owners and several have already made settlement, he added.

"We certainly don't want to sell anybody's land," Mr. Gidney commented, "but we have to clean these old accounts."

Mr. Gidney said principal difficulty arises from former citizens of the county who owned small parcels of land and have moved away without leaving addresses and from estates, where no heir was willing to protect his interest by keeping the taxes paid.

## Three Wrecks Here Saturday

City Police officers were called to the scene of three auto accidents Saturday, one occurring on the Mountaineer Restaurant parking lot, a second on Battleground avenue, and the last on Cleveland avenue. No injuries were listed in either accident.

The accident at Mountaineer restaurant occurred at 1:45 a. m. and involved cars driven by Robert Louis Williams of route 2, a 1954 Chevrolet in the left door with his car's front bumper doing approximately \$50 damage to the other car.

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#### HAS OPERATION

Mrs. Andrew Jenkins, owner of Studie's Beauty Shop, underwent an operation at Charlotte Memorial hospital Wednesday. Her condition was described as satisfactory shortly following the operation.

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# City And Park Grace Schools Open For New Term Tuesday

## City And County Taxes Being Paid



**NEW PRINCIPAL** — Robert Howard Bryant, pictured above, is the new principal of North Elementary School. The former Alleville Elementary school principal, Roxboro, succeeds W. R. George in the city school system post.

## Bryants Like Kings Mountain

Robert Howard Bryant, new principal at North Elementary School, and family moved in their new home at 805 Groves street two weeks ago. Mr. Bryant comes to Kings Mountain from Alleville Elementary School of Person County in Roxboro.

He fills the post in the city schools system vacated by William R. George, who resigned to accept the principalship of a Fayetteville elementary school.

The Bryant's like Kings Mountain's atmosphere. Mr. Bryant commented his two weeks here seemed more like a vacation than relocating in a permanent home.

He is married to the former Annie Lee Foster of Rainbow Lake in Spartanburg county. The Bryants have three daughters, Jo Ellen, age 2, Louise (Lou), age 4, and Mary, age 7. Mary will attend second grade at East Elementary school.

Mr. Bryant is originally from Fingerville, S. C., which he recalls as a "place" populated by about 300 people. He attended New Prospect High school. He received an A. B. degree from Wofford College, his major being social studies and his minors, history and math.

Bryant received his master's degree in education from Furman University in Greenville, S. C. He attended three summer sessions at the University of North Carolina.

A veteran of World War II, he served as a corporal with the U. S. Army in the European theatre, working with a mines and demolition crew.

Mrs. Bryant will serve as seventh grade teacher at Central school.

## Eye Surgeon Says Crossed Eyes Should Be Corrected At Early Age

By MARTIN HARMON

Cross-eyed or cock-eyed children should see an eye surgeon as quickly as the deficiency is noticed, a Charlotte eye surgeon told members of the Lions club Tuesday night.

Dr. Marvin N. Lynberis made the statement in answer to a question from Dr. George Plonk in an open forum following Dr. Lynberis' address.

The surgeon said it is important to correct these ailments during the time a child is "learning to see". If the correction is delayed too long, he added, he will never develop "binocular" vision.

For older persons, Dr. Lynberis described operations of this type as "cosmetic" surgery. Older persons' appearance is normalized fully or improved considerably, but they've already suppressed use of the errant eye and won't put it to work, he added.

## Pre-Payments On 1959 Bills Are Reported

Cash was rolling into city and county coffers this week, as citizens began paying 1959 tax bills early — to earn the maximum discount of two percent.

Deadline for earning the maximum discount is Monday, August 31, for the discount rate drops to one percent on September 1.

County Tax Collector Bob Gidney said a preliminary check-up Wednesday showed about \$175,000 of the 1959 levy already prepaid. "It seems a little behind compared to last year, but we didn't get out the notices quite as soon. There'll be a heavy payment rush toward the end of the period," Mr. Gidney commented.

He said about \$600,000 in pre-payments were made during August 1958.

City Tax Collector J. W. Webster said his office had issued receipts for \$29,454.17 through Wednesday and also guessed that payments would get heavier through Monday. The city levy for 1959 is about \$150,000.

Mr. Webster said notices on 1959 city tax bills have already been mailed to corporations and business firms. He said notices to individuals would be in the mails Thursday and Friday—in time for property owners to avail themselves of the full discount.

The county does not mail advance notices to all taxpayers, usually restricting the early mailing to citizens and firms which prepaid their tax bills last year.

The city has made a custom for the past few years of mailing all taxpayers advance notices.

Tax accounts are payable at par October through January, with penalties for late payment applying in February.

## Second Baptists Set Homecoming

Open House at the new pastorate of Second Baptist church will feature the Sunday Homecoming Day services at the church.

The new home of the pastor and his family, Rev. and Mrs. Albert Hastings, is located at 906 Rhodes Avenue, and the congregation, former members, and the community are invited to participate in the day's activities, a spokesman for the church said.

Rev. Mr. Hastings will preach at the 11 o'clock morning worship service. Special music will be under the direction of Norman King.

Picnic dinner will be served on the church grounds following the morning services.

"I like to correct this type of vision trouble as soon after a youngster is 18 months of age as possible," Dr. Lynberis stated. In other comments to questions from his audience, Dr. Lynberis said he considered the transplanting of corneas as much "over-publicized." He said he had transplanted only three corneas during last year and that this operation restores vision only when the cornea is damaged, which he compared to a cracked piece of glass. He also described the operation as comparatively simple.

In his address, Dr. Lynberis reviewed the great strides made in medicine and pharmacology during the past decade and said, except for narcotics, he doesn't write a single prescription that he wrote when he graduated from medical college 15 years ago.

## School Opening Detail Complete, Official Report

"The school buildings are cleaned up, all teaching vacancies are filled, organizational plans are completed, and now we're waiting for the 8:30 bell Tuesday morning to get school underway," said B. N. Barnes, city schools superintendent, Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Eloise W. Nickels, principal of Park-Grace School, said Wednesday her school is organized and awaiting opening Tuesday also. Park-Grace will follow the same format as the Kings Mountain city schools system for both teacher and pupil orientation days, fees, and cafeteria operation.

Mr. Barnes noted the addition of an extra third grade at East Elementary school, thus alleviating the overloaded situation there, and said the extra sixth grade at West Elementary school would take care of that overload. "Of course, we're anticipating more children than we expected at the end of last spring term, but this will not tax us to a great extent," Mr. Barnes added.

A guidance counselor could not be obtained for the high school, Barnes said, so therefore the guidance work will be distributed between two or three regular faculty members. He could not single out the particular staff members at this time.

The city school superintendent wished particular emphasis be

New teachers in the city schools system will be presented to the school faculty at a luncheon Monday, August 31, at noon in the high school cafeteria. The luncheon is sponsored by the city unit of the N. C. E. A.

given the Tuesday, September 1 opening of school. "This will be Teacher-Pupil orientation day, he said, "and all school children should be present."

Organization plans have been made and Supt. Barnes released a teacher directory, according to subject or grade taught, and school location. They include:

**CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL:** Harry E. Jaynes, principal; Mrs. Helen E. Ausley, chemistry-physicals; Mrs. Betty W. Bates, English-journalism; Miss Odessa Black, biology; Miss Odessa Caudle, girl's physical education and civics; Miss Jeannine Easterling, Bible; Mrs. Carolyn N. Finger, bookkeeping-short-hand; John H. Gamble, Jr., boy's physical education-history; Charles A. Helms, driver's education-history; Mrs. Mary Sue M. Howard, typing; Miss Helen L. Logan, English; John R. Lutz, Jr., science; Carl O. McWhirter, English; Mrs. Sue H. Moss, English; Donald L. Parker, social studies; W. F. Powell, math; William J. Purvis, math; Miss Janet Scoggins, French-Latin; Mrs. Faye S. Spake (interim teacher for Mrs. Betty R. Gamble), home economics; Miss Kattie Lou Sutton, geometry-algebra; Mrs. Josephine E. Weir, librarian; and J. Fred Withers, U. S. History television class and general business.

**CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:** Miss Marie E. Linderburger, fifth grade; Mrs. Ruth Purvis, sixth grade; Thomas C. Poston, Mrs. Willie P. Patterson, Miss Sue Agnes Borders, Mrs. Iva Jean Beason, Mrs. Annie F. Bryant, seventh grade; and Billy G. Bates, Mrs. Alice M. Lennon, Mrs. Dorothy H. Finger, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Morrison, and Mrs. Juanita M. Logan, eighth grade.

**EAST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:** Mrs. Victoria L. Logan and Mrs. Macie L. Covington, first grade; Mrs. Lettie S. Lackey and Mrs. Margaret M. Spratt, second grade; Miss Jacqueline Blanton, Miss Rebecca Louise Kendrick, Miss Rosalie Carlisle, third grade; Mrs. Winnie M. Still, Mrs. Joannette L. Mann, fourth grade; Mrs. Helen B. Baker and Mrs. Maxine B. Grayson, fifth grade; and Mrs. Mary F. Pritchard and R. M. Kennedy, Jr., sixth grade. Mr. Kennedy is principal of the school.

**NORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:** Miss Ruth Beam and Mrs. Ruth Parker Beam, first grade; Mrs. Doris H. Eaker and Miss Joanne Cameron, second grade; Miss Ruth Z. Biggers and Miss Willie McGill, third grade; Miss Annie B. Roberts and Mrs.

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