

# Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 7,206

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## Local News Bulletins

**GARDEN CLUB**  
The Magnolia Garden club will meet Tuesday at 3:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. M. D. Phifer on West Gold street.

**DISCHARGED**  
Mrs. Hunter Allen was discharged Tuesday from Mercy Hospital at Charlotte where she underwent a major operation last week. She is recuperating at her home.

**REUNION**  
The annual Mitcham and Herndon reunion will be held Sunday afternoon at Lake Crawford. The program will begin at 1 o'clock.

**NO FIRES**  
City Fireman C. D. Ware said Wednesday the department had no calls during the past week.

**IN NEW HOME**  
Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Tate have occupied their new home at 402 Hawthorne Road and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tate of Shelby have occupied the former Tate residence at 113 Wells street.

**REUNION**  
The annual Haywood Harmon family reunion will be held Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Badger in Gastonia. Clan descendants are invited to attend.

**OFF-TO-SCHOOL**  
Don McCarter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McCarter, has resumed his studies at the Air Force Military Academy at Denver, Colorado.

**IN NEW POSITION**  
Fred W. Kiser, recently released from active duty with the Transportation Research and Engineering Command at Fort Eustis, Va., has accepted a position as field and laboratory test engineer of industrial products with Minneapolis Moline Corp., Hopkins, Minn. Mrs. Kiser and son, Mark, will join him later.

**ROTARY MEETING**  
Ed Goter, assistant manager of Foote Mineral Company's Kings Mountain operation, will address members of the Kings Mountain Rotary club at their meeting Thursday at 12:15 at the Country Club. Mr. Goter will discuss the area's natural resources. Paul McGinnis arranged the program.

**ATTENDED MEETING**  
Supt. B. N. Barnes, Harry Jaynes, principal of Central school, and Miss Alice Averitt, city school's teaching consultant, attended a meeting Wednesday at Elizabeth School in Charlotte, theme of which was explanation of the National Student Defense Education Program.

**LIONS PROGRAM**  
Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club will hear an address on the Lions "White Cane" program, a program benefiting the blind and others with defective vision at their meeting at the Women's Club Tuesday night at 7 o'clock. John Ed Davis, of Shelby, is scheduled to address, according to John Caveny, who arranged the program.

**BUILDING PERMITS**  
City Inspector J. W. Webster issued a permit Monday to Grace McDaniel to alter her home on Walker Street. Estimated cost of a one-room addition to be made is \$700. A permit was also issued to Harmon Oil Company to build a service station on E. King Street between Cleveland avenue and Oriental avenue. Estimated cost of the block structure, contracted by R. H. Moss, is \$2500.

## C of C Meeting Monday Night

Dan Weiss, vice-president of Kings Mountain Chapter of Commerce, has called a membership meeting for Monday night at City Hall at 8 p. m. Mr. Weiss labeled the Monday night meeting as "re-organizational" and urged all members to attend. He said the Chamber of Commerce considers as members all those who initially purchased memberships at \$25 each.

# Initial United Fund Campaign Budget \$17,750

## Bethware Fair Is Underway Banner Crowds Anticipated

### Event Features Exhibits, Rides, Fun, Fireworks

The weather was smiling on preparations for the twelfth annual Bethware Community Fair Wednesday afternoon. The fair was slated to go in full swing about sundown. Bright sun made for perfect fair weather.

Myers Hambright, fair manager, said the fair had been open since about one o'clock Wednesday afternoon, but mainly preparations for Wednesday night.

The Bethware school lot, site of the annual fair, was buzzing with activity as students erected booths and R. C. Lee riding devices set up rides and concessions.

The fair features 11 rides, five for the kiddies and six for adults. Among those erected are the Tilt-A-Whirl, Ferris wheels, the Octopus, the Chair-O-Plane, and a carousel.

Seniors at Bethware High School are sponsoring a booth featuring sandwiches, ice cream, candy, and drinks, while the Monogram club will handle the bingo booth.

Mr. Hambright said the Cleveland County Life Saving Crew is to feature its equipment in a display and Cleveland County will have its new fire equipment on the grounds.

Among the other exhibits will be those by the Cleveland County Soil Conservation commission, the Cleveland County Foresters, and commercial exhibits by Kings Mountain Farm Center, McGinnis Furniture Company, Cooper's Inc., Stanley Home Products, Hardin-Dixon Tractors, Allen's Flower Shop, Murray's Appliances, and World Book Encyclopedia.

School exhibits will include work done in hobbies and crafts by students. Others will be the FFA, FFA, French Club, and Monogram Club.

A concession sponsored by the FFA is a "throw a ball" dunk the boy booth. The "dunk the boy" part will be handled by Ken Cash, who commented he volunteered for the job.

Mrs. Charles M. Fisher, director of the women's department, said the fair has many exhibits of household arts executed by female citizens of the Bethware community that are of special interest.

She pointed out a special feature of the department is an old fashioned kitchen display by Mrs. F. F. Herndon. The kitchen is comprised of antique butter churns, dutch ovens, gourd dippers, carved wooden rolling pin and dough bowl, kerosene lanterns, and antique furnishings.



**NEW PASTOR**—Rev. Fred Hicks is the new pastor of Patterson Grove Baptist church. He assumed his duties last Sunday. He was recently pastor of Hardin Baptist church.

## Tuesday Series Features Garmon

Rev. Herbert D. Garmon, pastor of Central Methodist church, will be featured lecturer on "This I Believe" series at Kings Mountain Baptist church, Tuesday, September 22, at 7:30 p. m.

"This I Believe" is the title of a series of lectures on various denominations, sects and faiths given by the respective leaders. Each speaker gives his beliefs in a 45 minute lecture and, then, answers the remaining 15 minutes.

Prior to Mr. Garmon's address Tuesday, he will be featured on the question-and-answer program over Radio Station WKMT Monday at 6 p. m. The public is invited to call their questions in to Mr. Garmon at radio WKMT, telephone 999, and the answers will be discussed over the radio.

Rev. M. D. DuBose, pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist church said, "this series has created a great deal of interest and, it is felt, that each individual who has attended has had to come to a firm grip with themselves as to their belief. The world today is in great need for harmony in Christianity so that the moral issues of the day, such as, Communism, alcoholism, delinquency, etc., can be met with a tremendous force by all of the followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, joining hand and defeating its common enemies.

## Jaycees To Sell Soft Drinks Sunday

The Kings Mountain Jaycees will sell soft drinks at the overhead bridge on King street Sunday afternoon.

Pepsi Colas (prepared fountain style) will be offered by the Jaycees all afternoon, President B. F. Maner said.

The proceeds have not been earmarked for any special project but will help finance charitable work, long a project of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, it was pointed out.

## Fifth Day School Enrollment Up 26 Over 1958

Fifth day enrollment figures in Kings Mountain City Schools were up six over the first day's registration.

Superintendent B. N. Barnes reported an enrollment of 2302 the first day of the 1959-60 school term and the fifth day total was 2308.

Fifth day totals for the 58-59 term were 2282, 26 below this year.

Enrollment in the white schools of the city now totals 2024 while Davidson school has 284 students enrolled in grades 1-12.

No classes are heavily loaded now. The fifth grade situation at West elementary school, a 44-student class, was eased when the school board ruled all out-of-district students be transferred to Central school.

The class load is now evenly balanced. Applications for transfer of 17 students was acted upon by the board at a called meeting last week, which helped in easing overload problems.

"There have been no serious problems, and school opening has proceeded very smoothly," Supt. Barnes said. He also reported that the Kings Mountain City Schools Board will meet in regular session Monday, September 21, at Central school at 7:30 p. m.

With school opening problems ironed out, the meeting will be routine, he reported.

## King Street Is Traffic Hazard

Citizens and out-of-towners should beware of King street when driving as evidenced by the high number of accidents that have occurred there during the past weeks. City police added another three to the streets toll this week.

Last Wednesday at 6:20 p. m. Donald Wayne Ray of route 2, Hartman, Tennessee, and Frank Tessenner of 401 E. King street were involved in a crash when Tessenner, advancing east on King, slowed down to make a right turn and the other car tried to pass on the right side, striking Tessenner's car on the right side.

Ray, driver of the first car, was charged with improper passing by investigating officer Ellis King. Damage to Ray's car, a 1955 Ford, was to the entire left side and estimated at \$250. Damage to Tessenner's 1950 model Chevrolet pickup truck was \$150 to the right front fender and light.

## Hospital Asking Bond Election For Addition

Kings Mountain hospital will petition the county board of commissioners to call a bond election the local fund share of a proposed 25-bed addition to the hospital.

The hospital directors passed a resolution to make the request last Thursday and expects to make the request formal at the Monday mid-month session of the commission.

The bond issue request will be for a maximum of \$100,000, perhaps less. Plans for the 25-bed addition have been drawn and architects estimate that the cost of the addition will be \$275,000. On basis of former share formula between county, state and federal governments, the county would provide 31.9 percent of the cost, the state would provide 13.1 percent and the federal government would provide 55 percent.

After examination of all possible routes for providing the county share, the commission came to the conclusion that a bond issue would be the only means available in time to meet a deadline of the State Medical Care commission, which has asked assurance county funds would be available not later than December 31.

Conversations between hospital officials and the county commission have been underway for several months.

Hospital Manager Grady How and reports an occupancy rate of 90 percent, with frequent overloads, inability to accept patients some of the time, and frequent necessity for use of passageways for patients.

He and other officials have pointed out that the proposed addition for beds only will require no additional service facilities, noting that the hospital is already fully-equipped with operating rooms, kitchen and other facilities for a 75-bed establishment.

The local fund "if" isn't the only one. State funds will be available only if the hospital construction portion of a statewide \$34 million bond issue is approved on October 27. In addition, while federal hospital construction funds have been appropriated, they have not yet been allocated to the several states, Mr. Howard said.

## Smith Reported In San Antonio

William Kenneth Smith, Kings Mountain life insurance salesman, who left home four weeks ago, has been reported employed in a retail store in San Antonio, Texas.

Chief of Police Martin Ware said a local citizen, obviously listed by Smith as a reference, had been contacted by a Mr. Sylvia, a San Antonio retailer, who had employed Smith. The inquiry was routed to Chief Ware.

The Chief said he informed the inquirer of the situation. Chief Ware said Wednesday he'd had no other information on Smith.

## DAR Sponsoring Constitution Week

Colonel Frederick Hambright Chapter, DAR, is calling attention this week to the observance of Constitution Week September 17-23.

Business houses in the city are being asked to fly the American flag and schools and churches are being asked to note the observance at programs during the regular Sunday service.

## Nicholson To Quit Bonding Business

### Commissioner Ross Alexander Buys License

By MARTIN HARMON  
Corbett Nicholson, city gas superintendent and a licensed bondsman, is retiring from the bonding business, by agreement with the city board, Mayor Glee A. Bridges and City Commissioner Ben Bridges said Wednesday.

Meantime, City Commissioner Ross Alexander has purchased a city privilege license permitting him to become a bondsman.

Both Mayor Bridges and Commissioner Bridges said Mr. Nicholson agreed Monday to retire from the business of providing bonds for folks lodged in city jail.

For several months, Mr. Nicholson's role as a city employee and a licensed bondsman has been under fire by Ernest Hayes, another licensed bondsman, who inferred collusion on the part of Mr. Nicholson and members of the police department. Mr. Hayes, before the city commission, had charged that the requests for licensed bondsmen were channeled to Mr. Nicholson, with exception of a few poor risks from out-of-town or out-of-state.

These charges were denied by Mr. Nicholson, by Chief of Police Martin Ware and by police department desk sergeants.

Mr. Nicholson and the policemen contended that his obtaining majority of the bonding business was fact that Mr. Nicholson made himself available at City Hall during evening hours. In turn, Mr. Nicholson contended that he seldom did any bonding work during his regular daily schedule, denied he had neglected his gas department duties in any way, and always handled any emergency service calls night and day.

Comm. Ben Bridges said Wednesday that, without threats, members of the commission had told Mr. Nicholson that his side-line bonding business didn't "look well" due to his city hall employment as gas superintendent and fact that his office in City Hall is adjacent to the police department office. He and Mayor Bridges said Mr. Nicholson had informed the commission he would retire from his bonding activities.

As city natural gas department superintendent, Mr. Nicholson is being paid \$4800 per year. Currently, the three licensed bondsmen are Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Hayes, and Mr. Alexander, who purchased his city license (cost \$20) Monday.

City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., said Wednesday he had received other inquiries concerning the cost of the bondsmen's license but no other purchases.

## KIWANIS CLUB

Ernest J. Dowd, Jr., executive secretary of Central Piedmont Industries, of Charlotte, will be the speaker at Thursday night's Kiwanis club meeting. The club convenes at 6:45 at the Woman's club.

At the time of his departure, Smith was a salesman for Skyland Life Insurance Company, and had previously represented both State Capital Life Insurance Company and Liberty Life Insurance Company here.

## Please Remember Picture Deadline

Citizens who desire use of pictures in the Herald are asked to remember the new picture deadline, which is noon on Tuesdays.

The deadline had to be advanced four hours due to a change in bus schedule. The Herald gets picture engravings in Spartanburg, S. C., and the last usable Tuesday bus leaves shortly after noon.

## Quebec Firm Suing Lithium

Lithium Corporation of America is defendant in a \$4,447,000 suit for damages, lodged in Minneapolis, Minn., by Quebec Lithium Corporation for alleged damages following notification of cancellation by Lithium Corporation of a contract to buy lithium ore.

Pierre Beauchemin, president of Quebec Lithium, was quoted as saying the damage suit was lodged due to refusal of Lithium Corporation to accept delivery each month, until March 1962, of 17,000 "units" of lithium ore, as required under terms of a contract signed by the two companies last March.

Lithium Corporation announced in August it had informed Quebec Lithium the raw materials contract between the two firms was being terminated, that it would accept no more deliveries, and concurrently announced plans for consolidating its operations at the nearby Bessemer City plant and plans for resumption of lithium mining in this area.

When the August announcement was made, Richard Neilson, Bessemer City plant manager, declined comment on Lithium's contract with the Quebec firm except to acknowledge that the termination date did not coincide with the January 1, 1960 wind-up of the Lithium Corporation contract with the Atomic Energy Commission. He added, "We're rather sensitive about the (Quebec) contract."

Lithium Corporation had discontinued its own mining operations months ago and subsequently sold its mining equipment at auction.

Two other United States firms, Aluminum Company of America and Kaiser Aluminum Company, were reported some two years ago, to have had similar difficulties due to contracts with Canadian suppliers of aluminum ores. With aluminum momentarily in plentiful supply, both these companies were reported to have negotiated stretch-outs on their contract commitment for raw ores.

Quebec Lithium contends that the contract with Lithium Corporation is firm, with no escape hatches. It sent shipments to the United States for about 90 percent of its production.

## Motorists Beware! City Police Again Operating Old Whammy

Motorists beware! Put wings on the elevator foot! The ole city whammy's out again — or was Wednesday afternoon.

Officers Ralph Carrigan and Bud Ware had the whammy duty and set up shop on West King street, just a few feet east of the Goforth street crossing.

## Eight Groups Participating In United Drive

Kings Mountain's first United Fund campaign will be launched in October with a campaign goal of \$17,750.

President Sam Stallings said the United Fund directors adopted the budget last week and listed eight participating funds, with their individual budgets, as:

Girl Scouts	\$1500.
Cleveland County Life-Saving Crew	\$2200.
Kings Mountain Red Cross	\$5354.
Boy Scouts	\$2266.
Kings Mountain School Band	\$2500.
City Recreation Commission	\$2000.
Jacob S. Mauney Library	\$1000.
Special Education Fund	\$500.
Approved budgets of the eight participating organizations totals \$17,750 and the United Fund directors estimated their operating expenses for advertising materials, postage, and supplies will require \$430, bringing the total to \$17,750.	

"We expect to launch the fund campaign about October 1," Mr. Stallings said. Though not affiliated with Carolinas United Fund, Mr. Stallings said the local group will seek to coincide the Kings Mountain fund campaign with others throughout the two states and will use Carolinas United Fund advertising materials and other campaign tools.

"Though we're not affiliated, Carolinas United Fund officials have been very helpful in helping Kings Mountain organize a United Fund appeal. Twice representatives of United Fund have visited with the local board to advise us in getting underway—all free of charge—and, in addition, campaign advertising materials have been supplied at the same cost charged affiliated groups."

Mr. Stallings said there are 114 affiliated groups in Carolinas United Fund. "The directors here have met regularly each week for the past eight. They have carefully examined the budgets of the participating organizations and feel that the budgets are most valid, based on need for the coming years operations."

The group meets again Thursday night to further plan for the fund campaign. Mr. Stallings noted that one mammoth campaign will replace eight individual campaigns, as the participating organizations agree to make no other solicitations during the year, minus United Fund approval.

Numerous industrial and business firms have indicated they will offer employees payroll deduction method of giving to the combined campaign. "The budget of \$17,750 appears, face, a large amount. However, the directors of United Fund are confident that the combined campaign means a lower total budget, much lower operating expenses than eight separate ventures would require, and a vast slaving of fund-soliciting manpower. We feel the budget is realistic and will be attained."

## Board Session Shorts, Sweet

The city board of commissioners held a short 30-minute session last Thursday.

- Actions were routine, including:
- 1) Approving of parking on the East side of S. Battleground avenue, from Falls to Gold street, on request of Dick McGinnis.
  - 2) Approval of a petition for curb and gutter on Gantt street, from Fulton to Walker street, if the petition is in order, and when funds are available.
  - 3) Cancellation of a \$6.30 charge made in error to William Z. Cashion.
  - 4) Confirmed paving assessments on E. Parker and Baker streets.
  - 5) Voted to advertise a curb-and-gutter improvements scroll on Watterson, Deal, Lackey, Parker and E. Gold street and Benfield road.
  - 6) Voted expenditures of \$600 (a \$700 for purchase of transformers and other needed electrical hardware to improve power service to Cherryville road customers outside the corporate limits.
  - 7) Approved installation of a