

## Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 7,206

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## New School District Petition Drawn

### Consolidated District Lines Are Delineated

A sample petition calling for the establishment of a consolidated Kings Mountain area school district and a bond election for the building of a high school plant to serve the new district is ready for presentation to the school committees of the proposed new district.

J. Horace Grigg, county school superintendent, said Wednesday that the new district would embrace virtually all of Number 4 township and a small portion of Number 5 township which now lies within the Bethware school district. A small strip of Number 4 township, now in the Number 3 school district, is excluded.

Mr. Grigg said the petition will be presented Thursday to Hill Lowery, chairman of the joint school committees in the county system, for amendment or acceptance.

Schools in the county system which would be effected by the consolidation with the Kings Mountain city schools include Bethware, Grover, Park Grace, and Compact.

The petition will be filed under a 1935 North Carolina statute which empowers a county board of education to establish boundary lines for a special school bond taxing district.

Before the county board would be empowered to act, the petition must bear the names of ten percent of the proposed district's qualified voters, an estimated 650 to 700 citizens.

Under present plans, citizens of the proposed district would vote on a \$1,100,000 bond issue proposal for a new consolidated high school plant. This would include the whole area, including the citizens of Kings Mountain school district.

Also under state statute, a consolidation can become effective only at the beginning of a fiscal year on July 1. Some schoolmen have expressed the hope that the legal requirements can be met by June 30, 1960.

Text of the petition Mr. Grigg will present the county school committees on Thursday follows: "We, the undersigned, being more than ten percent of the qualified voters residing in the territory hereinafter described respectfully petition and show:

"1. That the present school buildings, sites, and equipment of the various schools located in this area are inadequate to serve the pupils of these schools. There is great need for a new high school, as well as, additions, remodeling of existing plants.

"2. That the needs of these schools mentioned in paragraph (1) can be more economically provided and financed if the schools of this area are included in one public school bond taxing unit.

"3. That the financing of an adequate school building program may necessitate the issuance and sale in the future of school bonds in the amount of \$1,100,000.

"4. The Board of Education of Cleveland County is hereby requested to establish, by authority of HB 1213, Chapter 559 of the Public Local Laws of 1935, a special school bond taxing dis-



PRESIDENT — John C. Smathers will be installed as president of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club Thursday night. He will succeed George H. Mauney.

### Kiwanis Officers To Be Installed

Fred W. Alexander, past lieutenant-governor of the Carolinas district of Kiwanis International, division one, will install officers of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at a ladies night meeting Thursday.

The meeting will be convened at the Woman's Club at 6:45. Mr. Alexander recently resigned as senior vice-president of First National Bank, Shelby, to accept the presidency of a large High Point bank.

John C. Smathers will be installed as president. He will succeed George H. Mauney.

Other officers to be installed are Charles Neisler, first vice-president; E. N. Barnes, second vice-president; Charles Alexander, secretary; and John L. McGill, treasurer.

Directors to be installed include Joe Austin, L. E. Hinnett, R. S. Lennon, Grady Howard, Harold Hunnicutt, E. S. Peeler, Jr., and Harold Coggins.

Mr. Smathers, secretary-treasurer of Park Yarn Mills, has been a Kings Mountain citizen for the past eight years. A native of Canton, he attended Tennessee Wesleyan college at Athens, Tenn., and studied accounting at King's Business college, Charlotte. He joined Johnston Mills, parent company of Park Yarn Mills, in Charlotte in 1927 and has been associated with Johnston interests continually since. He is a Mason and Shriner and member of Central Methodist church. Mrs. Smathers is the former Thelma Patterson, a Kings Mountain native.

City Dividends Totaled \$3,226

The City of Kings Mountain shared in the recent semi-annual dividend payment of local savings and loan associations to the extent of \$3,226.

The income comes from funds derived from three escrow accounts which the city has invested.

Surplus over the initial bond issue for the gas system returned \$2210, with \$1426 being earmarked for the sinking fund, \$683 for the renewal and extension fund, and \$100 for the revenue fund.

Investment of customer deposits for water and power service returned \$536. Receipts from this source now total \$2,354 and have been earmarked by the city commission as a sinking fund to be used in rebuilding of the city electrical distribution system.

Investment of half the funds derived from sale of the cemetery lots—by statute to be maintained for perpetual care of the cemetery—returned \$80.

Visitors To Park Set New Record

Visitors to Kings Mountain National Military Park set a record in 1959, Ben F. Moomaw, superintendent, has reported.

Mr. Moomaw noted that some 172,387 visitors from 50 states, 25 foreign countries, and two territories came to the park during the year just ended. Travel during the month of December was 4,998, a record of 18 percent over last year. The yearly figure was 11 percent ahead of the 1958 total.

Park officials noted that the visitor traveling the greater distance was from Tasmani, below Australia.



BABY DERBY WINNER — Ricky Eugene Taylor, winner of both the Kings Mountain and Cleveland County baby derby title for 1960, is pictured above with his mother, Mrs. Eppson Taylor, after his arrival just 50 minutes after the New Year on Friday. The youngster and proud parents are receiving congratulatory gifts from numerous business firms.

## Ricky Taylor Cops 1960 Baby Derbies

### Kings Mountain Lad Firstborn In County, City

Ricky Eugene Taylor, Kings Mountain's first citizen of 1960 and also winner of Cleveland County's baby derby, arrived just 50 minutes after the New Year on Friday.

The youngster, who weighed in at seven pounds, one ounce at Kings Mountain hospital, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eppson Taylor of 114 City street. The attending physician was Dr. John C. McGill.

As winner of both the Kings Mountain and Shelby contests, numerous congratulatory gifts await the parents from business firms in both Kings Mountain and Shelby. The Kings Mountain derby of 1960 was the fifth annual contest sponsored here by the Herald and contest prizes are listed in today's edition.

The new baby, according to the proud father, is reported in good condition, with a healthy set of lungs and head of hair. Mr. Taylor, who manages Mc-

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## Alleged Rapist Robert Lee Case Nabbed In Attic Of Peavy Home

Robert Lee Case, 29, one of the two armed men who allegedly forced their way into a Crouse home Sunday afternoon at gun point, robbed C. G. Black of his money and kidnapped his wife, later raping her, was arrested in Kings Mountain at the home of Herbert Peavy on Oriental Avenue Wednesday morning at 2 a. m.

Kings Mountain police were notified early Wednesday morning that Case was here. Case was found hiding in the attic of the Peavy home. He was taken into custody by three Kings Mountain officers, Bud Ware, Ellis King, and William Roper, two Cleveland County officers, two Gaston County officers, and two state highway patrolmen.

He surrendered with no trouble. Desk Sergeant Gene Ware said Wednesday morning. Peavy had once known Case, Sgt. Ware said, but was in no way connected with harboring the criminal.

Willie (Billy) Shedd, Jr., 25, an accomplice in the crime, was captured and jailed an hour and a half after the pretty young blonde mother of two boys was

released Sunday near Lowell, about 7:30 p. m., after being raped five or six times by the bandits.

Officers said she was set free near the home of a man they identified as Coleman Porter, who brought her to the Lowell police station. After Rural Police were notified, Mrs. Black was taken to Gaston Memorial Hospital for treatment.

Mrs. Black said she was driven from her home and family to an abandoned house on a country road somewhere in the Spencer Mountain section and then to a spot behind the no longer existing camp on the Spencer Mountain road. She said she was criminally assaulted several times and that both of the men attacked her.

Shedd was charged in Lincoln county, said Gaston County Sheriff Frank Heavner, with robbing with firearms and kidnapping. Case was apprehended on a rape warrant.

Both men are well known to Gaston police, having a record of assorted offenses, officers said.

### Tax Listing Underway; Pace Reported Brisk

City and County tax listing got off to a brisk start here Monday and was continuing Wednesday. Conrad Hughes, Number 4 township tax lister, laughed, "We threw these big books around all day Monday. Tuesday our muscles were sore and we had to take it a bit easier."

The annual tax listing period will continue through the month of January.

All property owners are required to list their properties for taxes. Particularly required are personal properties, including jewelry, autos, guns, household furniture and appliances, dogs and other articles of value. Real estate is automatically carried forward on the tax books. However, the listing officials pointed out that much confusion and incorrect billings are prevented when persons who have acquired or disposed of real estate during the year note the transfers with the tax listing officials.

Men between the ages of 21 and 50 are required to list for poll taxes.

Listing is underway at City Hall courtroom Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a. m. to noon, and from 1 to 4:30 p. m.

On Saturdays, Mr. Hughes will be at R. E. Hambright's store, to accommodate citizens of the Grover area.

### Water Billings Up 54 Percent

The city's water billings were \$3,041 for November-December billing period, as reflected in statements customers received December 31.

The total was over 54 percent more than for the same month last year, when water billings were \$5,205.

The large increase represented both increased consumption and water rate increases recently made effective by the city board of commissioners.

In December the commission raised rates of in-city customers 25 percent across the board. After installing this rate schedule, the commission raised the outside-city differential to 50 percent. It had formerly been ten percent.

Currently, the city's biggest water customer is Margrace Plant of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, which is outside the city. The Number 2 outside user is Superior Stone Company.

Leading inside-city consumers of water are Mauney Mills, Bonnie Mills and Sadie Cotton Mills, City Clerk Joe McDaniel said.

### Miss Payseur's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Miss Eva Payseur, 59, of Cleveland avenue, were held Friday at 3:30 from Grace Methodist church, of which she was a member.

Miss Payseur died at 4 p. m. last Wednesday at Kings Mountain hospital. She was a daughter of the late Royce R. Payseur and Sarah Baxter Payseur who survives.

Other survivors include two brothers, Baxter and Glenn Payseur, both of Kings Mountain.

The final rites were conducted by Rev. W. C. Sides, pastor, assisted by Rev. H. D. Garmon, pastor of Central Methodist church. Interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Cousins of Miss Payseur served as active and honorary pallbearers.

### Building Fund Speed-Up Set

Boycott Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian church plans a speed-up in its building fund campaign.

Members of the building fund committee will hold a supper meeting Friday evening at the church to map plans for a concentrated \$150,000 campaign to enable the church to build a new plant in 1964.

The church purchased a site for the proposed new plant last spring.

It now owns more than four acres fronting on Edgemont Drive and bounded by Kings Mountain Country Club on the east. Some of the site fronts on W. King street.

The church launched its building fund campaign several years ago, with an annual goal of \$5,000.



PHENIX GROUP SUPPORTS UNITED FUND — Pictured above are three employees of Phenix Plant of Burlington Industries as they present the employees' United Fund contribution to Sam H. Stallings, right, United Fund chairman in Kings Mountain. The check, which Mrs. Margie Murray of the Spining department is

presenting to Mr. Stallings, represents a gift from Burlington employees and officials of \$775.50. Looking on are Mrs. Sadie Neal of the Winding department and C. H. Owens of the Carding department.

(Photo by Pennington Studio)

## Local News Bulletins

### BOUND FOR TURKEY

A3c Karl Moss, of Kings Mountain, will leave Saturday for Turkey for duty with the air force. He has been home on leave from Amarillo AFB, Texas.

### HAS OPERATION

Ollie Harris, Kings Mountain mortician, underwent a minor operation at Kings Mountain hospital Tuesday. He was discharged Wednesday morning and his condition is reported satisfactory.

### LEGION DANCE

American Legion Post 155 will hold a dance Saturday night from 8 to 12 p. m. at the Legion Hall, according to an announcement Wednesday morning by J. T. McGinnis, post commander.

## City And County Credit "A" Grade

Credit rating of the City of Kings Mountain is "A" grade, according to the judgment of Moody's, a firm specializing in credit ratings.

The designation of "A" means that the rating house considers investments in Kings Mountain securities as holding "favorable investment attributes, with adequate security."

Cleveland County holds a similar "A" rating. According to Moody's, Kings Mountain rates a better credit risk than do Asheboro, Asheville, Lenoir, Lexington, Lincolnton, or Sanford.

The State of North Carolina was rated "Aa" which Moody's terms "high quality." The state's rating prompted State Treasurer Edwin Gill to note that a governmental credit rating is based on several factors, including ratio of debt to aggregate property valuation, previous performance in discounting bonded indebtedness, and adequate provision to provide revenue for new bond issues.

The City of Kings Mountain's general obligation bonded debt will be \$610,000 at June 30, 1960, about six percent of its taxable valuation of slightly more than \$10,000,000.

The city's re-payment schedule approximates \$30,000 per year for the next several years.

## J. A. Powell Superintendent

J. A. Powell has been named plant superintendent of the Kings Mountain Division of Superior Stone Company, succeeding J. H. Arthur, who retired December 31.

Mr. Powell was transferred to the Kings Mountain plant in October from Superior Stone's Baker's Quarry at Monroe where he had served as plant superintendent.

Powell has been with Superior Stone Company for 12 years. The Powell family occupied a home at 601 Gold Street in October.

Mrs. Powell is the former Evelyn Brewer of North Wilkesboro. The Powell family includes two children, Jay, age 12, and Steve, age 6.

## Phenix, Old Mill Checks Swell UF

### Stallings Says Total \$13,000; Clean-Up Begins

Total cash and pledges to Kings Mountain United Fund totaled \$13,000 this week, as two industrial firms conveyed checks representing gifts of the firms and their employees.

Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company and its employees contributed \$798, Chairman Sam Stallings reported, and Phenix plant of Burlington Industries contributed \$775.50.

"I am very pleased at the response of these two firms and their employees to the United Fund appeal," Mr. Stallings commented.

He noted that the United Fund campaign committee, after a Christmas season surcease, has resumed its efforts to complete the \$18,000 campaign successfully.

He urged all campaign solicitors to re-check their assignments and to make final reports as quickly as possible.

This year's was Kings Mountain's first joint appeal for charitable and service agencies.

Participating organizations include the Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Jacob S. Mauney Memorial library, Davidson school band, city schools band, Cleveland County Life-Saving crew, city recreation commission, and the special education fund for retarded children.

Of the \$13,000 cash and pledges, Mr. Stallings reported \$8,000 in hand.

### City Reports 217 Auto Tags Sold

The city has sold 217 new auto license tags through Tuesday, City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., reported.

The tags cost \$1 and are on sale both at the City Hall office and in the police department.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges pointed out that all in-city citizens who own motor vehicles must display city license tags February 16. "The law requires both purchase and display," the Mayor pointed out.

## C of C Plans Membership Dinner; "Free Ride" Voted On 1960 Dues

The Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce will hold a general membership dinner meeting late in January.

Plans for the dinner, which will be free to members and their wives, were formulated Monday as the directors met at a luncheon session at La Royal restaurant.

Bob Maner, B. S. Peeler, Jr., and Grady Howard are the committee for the arrangements.

The directors also voted to assess no dues for 1960 memberships. It was noted, however, that the membership committee will seek to enroll for 1960 representatives of business firms, professional men and others who have never been affiliated with the Chamber of Commerce.

In other action Monday, the



PROMOTED — E. E. Marlowe, Kings Mountain citizen, has been promoted to the position of Charlotte branch manager by Lee Tire & Rubber Company.

### Lee Promotes E. E. Marlowe

E. E. Marlowe, Kings Mountain citizen and former merchant, has been promoted to Charlotte branch manager of Lee Tire & Rubber Company.

The promotion was effective January 1.

Mr. Marlowe, for many years a distributor of Lee tires here, joined the company as a salesman three years ago.

### F. M. McDaniel Died Tuesday

WILMINGTON — F. M. McDaniel, 79, resident of Wilmington, died Tuesday.

Survivors are his wife; two daughters; three sons; two brothers, including Giles McDaniel of Kings Mountain; and eight sisters, including Mrs. Ed Stewart, Mrs. Pink Herndon and Miss Bessie McDaniel, also of Kings Mountain.

Funeral plans are incomplete.

Directors adopted a general statement of policies, stating purpose of the organization to be promotion of commerce in Kings Mountain, Number 4 Township and Cleveland county and listing regular or standing committees and their functions.

Standing committees will include budget and finance; industrial development; education; civic affairs; membership; state and national affairs; agriculture and forestry; highways, tourists and conventions; transportation; and public relations.

The director also voted publication of an up to date summary of facts about the area it serves.

President John Cheshire, Jr., presided at the session.