

**Population**

Greater Kings Mountain City Limits 10,320  
7,206

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# Kings Mountain Herald

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VOL. 71 No. 4 Established 1889 Kings Mountain, N. C., Thursday, January 28, 1960 Seventy-First Year PRICE TEN CENTS

## Progress Reported On Signing Merger Petition

### Local News Bulletins

**AT MEETING**  
Mrs. L. L. Lohr, president, Mrs. O. W. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, Mrs. E. W. Griffin, Mrs. C. A. Butterworth, and Miss Maude Gardner are representing the Kings Mountain Council of United Churchwomen at the three-day meeting in Charlotte of the North Carolina Council of Churches.

**ROTARY SPEAKER**  
Rev. George Riddle, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Cherryville, will address Kings Mountain Rotarians at their Thursday noon meeting at the Country club. Lewis Dellinger is program chairman and will present the speaker.

**TO AIR FORCE**  
Robert Osborne, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Osborne of Kings Mountain, has joined the Air Force and left Monday for Lackland AFB, Texas, for basic training, after which he will enter the Specialist School of Aviation Electronics.

**KIWANIS CLUB**  
Kiwanian W. L. Pressly will present the 1959 Achievement Report as the Thursday night program of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club when it convenes at 6:45 p. m. at the Women's club.

**HAMBURGER SALE**  
The Ladies' Club of Carson Memorial Church will sponsor a hamburger and hot dog sale Saturday, January 29 from 4 until 6 p. m. at the church. Hamburgers will be priced at 20 cents and hot dogs at 15 cents. Cakes will also be on sale at the church.

**CITY TAG SALES**  
Sales of city auto license tags totaled 805 Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Grace Wolf, assistant city clerk, reported. More than 1700 were sold in 1959. Deadline for purchase of the tags without penalty is February 15.

**HAS OPERATION**  
J. W. Webster, city tax collector, underwent an operation for a stomach ulcer at Kings Mountain hospital Wednesday morning. His condition was reported satisfactory Wednesday afternoon.

### Church Officers Are Elected

Church officers were elected recently at a meeting of the congregation of St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

The council includes: Carl Mauney, vice-president; Glee E. Bridges, secretary; L. Arnold Kiser, treasurer; and James Bennett, financial secretary.

Committees include: Evangelism — Hugh Ormand, Bruce Thorburn, Tom Trott. Finance — Dan Finger, Carl Mauney, L. Arnold Kiser.

Music — George Houser, Bob Rosberg, Mrs. Helen Yates. Parish Education — James Herndon, Jr., George H. Mauney, Mrs. Helen Blanton.

Property — Carl Ramsey, George W. Mauney, W. K. Mauney.

Social and Activities — Joe Heiden, Bob Suber, Mrs. Jacob Cooper.

Usher — Jack Hauser, James Lackey, Roy Howard.

### Bob Morgan Not Running

State Senator Robert Morgan, of Shelby, won't seek the democratic nomination for lieutenant governor in the upcoming primary, he said in Shelby Wednesday.

Rumored for several months as a likely candidate, Senator Morgan was quoted as saying personal and business affairs dictated the negative decision.

Tuesday, State Senator C. V. Henkel, of Statesville, announced his candidacy for the office. It was Morgan who defeated Henkel in a close joust for the position of speaker pro tempore of the Senate last February.

### Bloodmobile To Return February 8

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will return to Kings Mountain February 8, and local chapter officials hope the good record of the December visitation can be duplicated.

In December, Kings Mountain area citizens donated 127 pints of blood to the area bank, two more than the 125-pint quota.

Mrs. O. W. Myers, blood program chairman, said this week there is a particular need for additional "first-time" donors. Regular donors, she said, have been carrying the load throughout the Charlotte area, but cannot do it all.

Waiting periods of from eight to 12 weeks are required between an individual's blood donations, sometimes longer, she reported, which means that new donors are constantly needed, if the quotas are to be met. In addition, potential donors "age out," and others move away from the community from time to time.

Mrs. Myers also called attention to the benefits of "industrial" coverage, where blood credits are given all employees for a two-year period when as many as 20 percent of the employees become donors. Three Kings Mountain industries are working toward the full-coverage goal now.

"I hope there will be more," Mrs. Myers added.

The Bloodmobile will set up for its February 8 visit at the Women's Club, from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m.

### Band Students To Attend Clinic

Six Kings Mountain band students will play Friday and Saturday in the Gastonia District All-State Band Clinic and will participate in a concert at Ashley high school Saturday evening at 7:30.

Students include: Paul Fulton, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Fulton. He is a trumpet player, a senior, and president of the band which he joined six years ago; Kay Broadwater, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Broadwater of Hillside Drive who plays the percussion and who moved here with her family from Big Stone Gap. She is a sophomore; Pattie Howard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Howard and a freshman tenor saxophone player.

Also Sara Lennon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Lennon who is a sophomore and who plays the flute. She has been a band member for four years; Joan McClure, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McClure and an eighth grader. She plays the bassoon, bell lyre.

The clinic will include two groups. One group will play music of Group 4, 5, and 6 and will be directed by Henry Janiec, conductor of the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra. The second section will play music from Groups 2, 3, and 4 and will be directed by David Serrins, assistant conductor of the Charlotte Symphony. Mr. Serrins is first obel with the orchestra and instrumental director at Charlotte's Harding high school.

**COIN COLLECTORS**  
A meeting of area coin collectors has been called for Friday night at 7 o'clock at McGinnis Furniture Company, it was announced this week by Bill McGinnis. Purpose of the meeting is to organize a coin collector's club.

### Tax Listing Deadline Extended Through Tuesday In Township

Tax listing will be continued in Number 4 Township through Tuesday, February 2.

City and county listing officials said they were granting the extra two-day listing period due to the accident of the 1960 calendar, which finds the final two days falling on Saturday and Sunday. In addition, listing, due to the fact New Year's Day was on Friday did not begin in the township until January 4.

Meantime, the listing pace was continuing brisk and, in spite of Wednesday afternoon's rain, citizens were moving into City Hall courtroom to complete the listing chore.

Officials declined to estimate the percentage of the job completed.

1959 PRESS AWARD

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KINGS MOUNTAIN, N. C.

January 21, 1960

### Herald News Job Wins First Place

### Herald Wins Top News Honor In State Contest

The Kings Mountain Herald was awarded first place in news coverage among weekly newspapers of the state by judges of the 1959 North Carolina Press Association contests.

It was the first time the Herald had won first place in the news coverage division, though a second place award had been won in 1954 and a third place in 1952. The Leaksville News won second place and the Mooresville Tribune was third.

In 1950, the Herald was awarded first place in the editorial division.

The judges commented: "Study of the entries in this class leads one to the conclusion that resident's of North Carolina's smaller communities perhaps are as well informed about affairs within their towns as are the hometown newspaper readers of any area. Balance and variety and coverage of news of interest and concern to the communities appeared to be of high quality."

"The Kings Mountain Herald contained Page One stories on the city's study of water fluoridation, city political races, activities of fraternal and service organizations, business and industrial enterprises, church and school activity, and obituaries. Sports and society and women's interest news seemed to be adequately covered."

The awards were presented (Continued on Page Eight)

### Penalty On 1959 Taxes Start 2nd

Penalty on 1959 city and county taxes will apply Tuesday, February 2.

State law provides that a penalty of two percent be added on all 1959 tax bills not paid by the close of business February 1.

Since many citizens await the deadline to pay their tax bills, both city and county tax collectors are anticipating a busy weekend. Prior history shows that tax collections zoom during the final days of January.

### Home S & L Had Big Year; Tate Elected

Home Savings & Loan association enjoyed a highly prosperous 1959, shareholders were informed at Tuesday's annual meeting.

Following reports, the shareholders elected Thomas A. Tate a director and re-elected as directors Dr. J. E. Anthony, G. A. Bridges, J. H. Thomson, A. H. Patterson, J. B. Mauney, I. G. Patterson, B. D. Ratterree, Jack H. White, Dr. Paul E. Hendricks, and R. S. Plonk, of Bessemer City.

The directors re-elected all officers and named Mr. Tate secretary-treasurer. Other officers are Dr. Anthony, president; Mr. Bridges and Mr. Thomson, vice-president; and Mrs. Emily A. Herndon, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Reports were made by Mr. Patterson, who gave the highlights of the past year's operation, by Mr. Tate, who gave the financial report, and Jacob Dixon, who summarized operations at the Bessemer City branch.

The reports show: The association closed the year with assets of \$3,709,341, up \$486,383.

Savings accounts increased \$403,970 to \$3,285,905. Reserves increased \$42,041 to \$327,167.

Dividends were a record \$112,553.

Mortgage loans outstanding increased \$394,147 to \$3,243,972.

The association's year-end liquidity factor was 8.78 percent compared to the minimum required six percent.

During 1959 the association made 249 new loans, totaling \$966,234.

The association owed no notes or obligations at year-end.

Mr. Dixon reported that assets of the Bessemer City branch at year-end totaled \$705,000, up \$52,000, and that savings accounts had increased by \$72,000.

It was also reported that the association is currently remodeling a building it owns in Bessemer City for use as offices. Mr. Patterson said the association will relinquish a building it now rents. He said the association is spending about \$10,000 on the remodeling.

### Crawford Youth Died Wednesday

Mickey Crawford, age 19, died Wednesday at 12:15 p. m. in a Raleigh Hospital where he had been a patient for six years. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Crawford of Kings Mountain.

Surviving in addition to his parents are a brother, Danny; three sisters, Rebecca, Brenda, and Marie; his grandmother, Mrs. Minnie H. Crawford; and a grandfather, C. Meek Foster, all of Kings Mountain.

Young Crawford was a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock from Resurrection Lutheran church with the Rev. George Moore officiating. The deceased will lie in state at the church from 3:30 until 4:00.

Interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

### Old Scout Uniforms Can Be Put To Use

Any old Boy Scout uniforms cluttering up storage space around the house?

Otis Falls, Jr., and Charles Ramsey, Troop 2 leaders, addressed a note to the Herald this week which is self-explanatory. They wrote:

"An item in your paper brought nearly a dozen uniforms a few months ago. These uniforms went mostly to boys in troops other than ours and lately we have had 'other' requests for second-hand uniforms.

"Boy Scout week is observed from February 7-14 and this is the week the boys need uniforms the most. Would you ask your readers again for their old uniforms? None is prouder than a boy who had found it hard to obtain a uniform but who finally succeeds."

### Heart Fund Drive Organization Set

### Campaign Plans Set; Droppers Named Chairman

Rev. Thomas Droppers, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, will head the 1960 appeal for funds for the Heart Drive.

The Kings Mountain campaign will continue throughout the month of February, with Heart Sunday to be observed on February 28.

Mr. Droppers announced his committees for the month-long effort this week and they include: Mrs. Thomas Droppers, secretary; R. S. Lennon, treasurer; Charles Woodward, publicity; Mrs. Frank R. Summers, advance gifts; Mrs. James E. Dickey, Heart Sunday; William Jonas, industry; W. K. Dellinger, retail business; B. N. Barnes, schools; Rev. George Moore, clergy; and Vera Lee Roberts, chairman of the colored division.

"The Heart Fund, conducted through February, is the annual campaign of the American Heart Association, its affiliates and chapters, for voluntary contributions to support the nationwide attack on heart and circulatory diseases," Mr. Droppers pointed out. He continued, "Your Heart Association's programs are guided by the nation's most eminent physicians and scientists with the support of outstanding laymen. They use your Heart Fund dollars to fight heart disease through research, education, and community services," he said.

He added that with the support of the Heart Fund, medical science has made progress in saving and prolonging lives of thousands of heart victims. Research has provided the knowledge needed to prevent rheumatic fever, to control cases of high blood pressure, to repair damaged heart valves and to correct congenital defects through heart surgery, in addition to many other major advances.

### Blanton Gets Chance At Navy

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Congressman Basil L. Whitener announced in Washington today the nomination of James Cordell Blanton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Blanton, 212 Lackey Street, Kings Mountain, to attend the United States Naval Academy.

Young Blanton is a student at Kings Mountain high school and is very active in scholastic and extra-curricular activities. He is a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran church and serves as usher and acolyte.

During his high school years Blanton has been a member of the Student Council and president of the sophomore class. He is a member of the Key, Monogram, and Future Teachers Clubs. The Kings Mountain youth has played on the football, basketball, baseball, and track teams. During 1959 he was co-captain of the football team.

Forwarding Blanton's nomination for the Naval Academy to the Secretary of the Navy, Congressman Whitener stated:

"Many people in Cleveland County have called Jimmy Blanton's very fine scholastic and athletic record to my attention. He has the necessary qualities of leadership to be an officer in our Navy, and I am happy to give him this appointment. He has my very best wishes for the future."

The United States Naval Academy is located at Annapolis, Maryland. Graduates of the Academy receive a Bachelor of Science degree and a commission as ensign in the Regular United States Navy.

### Desks Vacant, Doctors Swamped: Ravaging Influenza Continuing

Major news in Kings Mountain during the past week has been the "flu."

It was more news that a person had thus far escaped the ailment than that he hadn't.

School officials and druggists guessed that the illness was near epidemic stage.

One druggist said, "Wednesday's prescription traffic indicated the incidence of illness was about as high as it had been. In fact, it's been very heavy for the past six days."

School attendance continued pock-marked this week.

B. N. Barnes, city superintendent, said over-all attendance in the white schools was 84 percent on Monday, 85 percent on Tuesday and Wednesday. It was worse in the city Negro schools. Only 76 percent of Davidson high school pupils were present Wednesday and only 71 percent of the elementary pupils.

Mr. Barnes declined to guess what attendance figures would dictate a brief school closing due to illness. "I personally feel its close to epidemic stage, though I naturally hope we won't have to close the schools," he said a discussion of the situation with the

several principals had been held, but that opinion was that Wednesday's rains may have been a contributing factor to the low attendance.

The city's medical contingent was being kept very busy with a parade of office visitors and many house calls.

Kings Mountain hospital, posting a waiting list, was not necessarily a "flu" haven. Grady Howard, business manager, said, "I don't believe we have a great number of influenza patients, though we do have several suffering with complications arising from the illness."

### County Board Likely To Get Request Monday

By DAVID BAITY  
Despite the flu-bug and bad weather, it appears the petition calling for the setting up of a consolidated school district in No. 4 Township and a district school bond vote will be signed and presented to the county board of education at its regular meeting next Monday.

Canvassers have been at work in the Bethware, Grover, Park Grace, and Compact communities and in Kings Mountain adding names to the tally.

A spot check by the Herald Wednesday afternoon showed at least 383 names of the required 700 on the list, this check taking in less than half the petitions being circulated.

Holmes Harry, a Grover district school committee member, said his group had lagged in its canvassing since last week's Shelby Daily Star editorial questioning advisability of the merger. His group is waiting for all questions to be answered at once at a meeting Thursday night of the Grover Community Development Council.

B. N. Barnes, superintendent of Kings Mountain City Schools, will speak at the council meeting Thursday. The meeting will be at Grover High School at 7:30 p. m.

"Park Grace would go a hundred percent, if we could just manage to get around to seeing everybody," J. T. Malcolm said Wednesday. Malcolm, president of the Park Grace P-TA had 75 names on his petition and had covered only those persons employed at Lambeth Rope Corporation who live in the district and residents of York Road from the U. S. 29 bridge to his home. He planned to continue Wednesday, but bad weather postponed work. He could give no estimate of those obtained by other canvassers, but was quite optimistic.

"Bethware community is for it," said Stokes Wright, a district committee member. "We have a good many names on the petitions, but I couldn't estimate the number," he said. The district committee members are doing a house-to-house canvass work in the community. However, flu and bad weather have hampered the work.

Roy Bell, a Compact school committee member, said he had obtained about 50 names on his petition and the petitions in his district will be ready for presentation to the county board on Monday of next week.

A spot check in Kings Mountain revealed some 258 petitioners on about half the petitions in business locations in the city.

The petition calls for the establishment of a special consolidated school bond district and asks the county school board to request a school bond vote of the county board of commissioners.

Text of the petition 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 (Continued on Page Eight)

### Merger Petitions Spotted In City

School merger petitions to be signed by qualified voters in Kings Mountain have been placed in many local business firms and public offices for the convenience of the citizens.

Mrs. Lena McGill, Kings Mountain City Schools Board member, said Wednesday the petitions could be found at: Bridges Hardware Company, Prifer Hardware Company, Kings Mountain Hospital, Inc., Kings Mountain Drug Company, City Service Station, Winn Dixie Supermarket, Harris Super Market, Victory Chevrolet Company, Inc., Central Barber Shop, Finger Laundry.

The Mayor's office at City Hall.

Petitions are also being distributed by district committee members from: Bethware, Grover, Park Grace, and Compact schools.