

## Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 7,206

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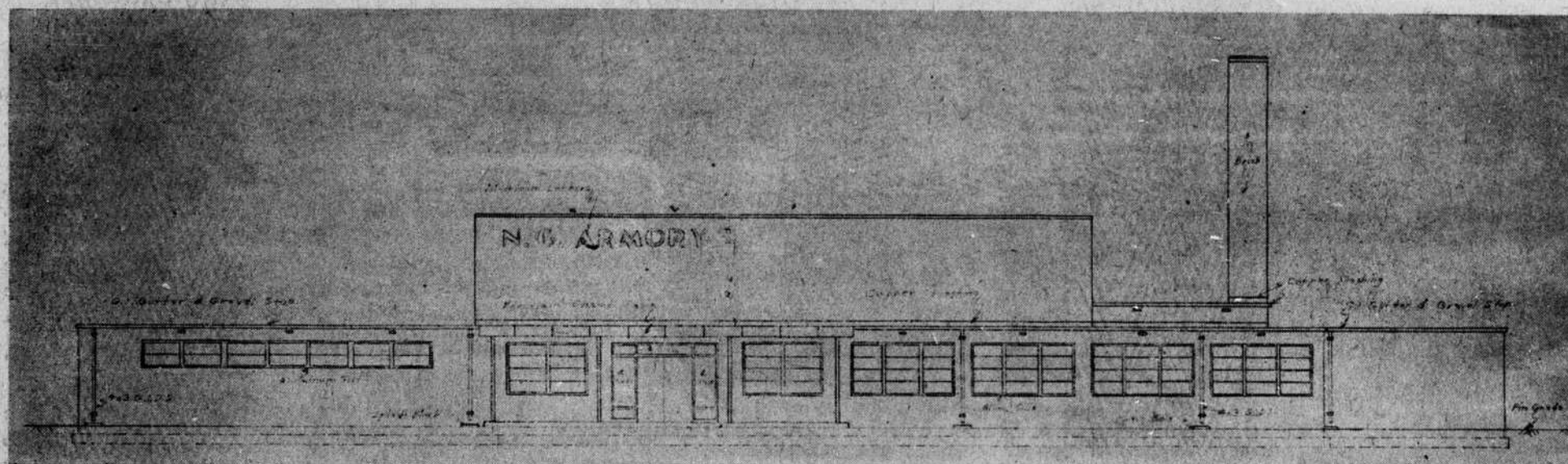
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Seventy-First Year

PRICE TEN CENTS

## Local Consolidation Issue Remains Unsettled



**PROPOSED NEW HOME OF KINGS MOUNTAIN NATIONAL GUARD** — Pictured above is an architect's drawing of the proposed new Kings Mountain National Guard Armory, a \$100,000-plus building which will also be used by the city as a community center. The Senate Appropriations Committee has approved spending \$104,000 for the armory which will be constructed on a three-way share plan be-

tween the city, county, and federal funds. The City of Kings Mountain's share will amount to some \$20,000. Members of Hq. and Hq. Company D, headed by Capt. Humes Houston, have for 11 years held meetings in an overcrowded building on Phifer road, built originally to house army vehicles. The new armory will be built on the present site.

### Kings Mountain Celebrates Quiet And Safe Fourth Of July Holiday



**EVANGELIST** — Rev. James Mann is leading a week of evangelistic services at Dixon Presbyterian church this week.

### Dixon Revival Is Underway

Rev. James Mann, pastor of Dixon Presbyterian church, is conducting a week of evangelistic services at the church this week.

Services, which began on Sunday evening, are continuing through Saturday at 8:15. Daily Vacation Bible School, for all ages, is being held nightly beginning at 7 p. m. Mr. Mann is serving as superintendent of the school.

Commencement exercises will be held on Sunday morning at the Sunday School hour when diplomas will be presented to students.

Mr. Mann recently became pastor of the Dixon church and of Northside Presbyterian church in Gastonia.

### Mr. Benfield's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Spurgeon Benfield, 63, were held Tuesday at 4 p. m. from Second Baptist church, of which he was a member.

Mr. Benfield succumbed Monday morning of a heart attack he suffered suddenly at his home on Gantt street. He was a native of Burke County, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Benfield. He was a former employee of Craftsman Mills.

Surviving are one brother, Horace Benfield of Kings Mountain and two sisters, Mrs. Rosa Short of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Maudie Harris of Morganton.

The final rites were conducted by Rev. Albert Hastings, assisted by Rev. W. H. Redmond and Rev. J. E. Williams, and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

### Baptist Set Revival Series

First Baptist church has scheduled a week of special evangelistic services July 25-31.

The visiting minister will be the Rev. R. N. Carroll of Edenton. Allen Jolly of Shelby will direct the song service.

Members of First Baptist church moved Sunday into a new plant on King street. The First Baptist office (in the former Herak building on Piedmont avenue) was ready for the moving there this week.

## Local News Bulletins

**ATTEND CLINIC**  
Mrs. Wilson Griffin and Miss Myrtha Wright represented Griffin Drug Company at Clairol Company's hair coloring clinic at Poinsett Hotel in Greenville, S. C. on Thursday.

**KIWANIS CLUB**  
Richard S. Buse, manager of industrial relations of Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company at Shelby, will speak to Kings Mountain Kiwanians at their Thursday meeting at the Woman's club. The club convenes at 6:45 p. m.

**REPUBLICANS MEET**  
Cleveland County Young Republicans will meet at the Court Room of the City Hall Thursday night at 8 p. m.

**TO STATESVILLE**  
Tom Trott, president of Kings Mountain Rotary club, represented the club at the installation program in Statesville Tuesday honoring Russell Gordon Henson, governor of Rotary District 767.

**LEGION DANCE**  
Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion, is sponsoring a dance Saturday from 9 until 12 p. m. at the Legion Hall. The dance, for members and guests, is one dollar per couple. Hagie Sisk and his orchestra will provide music.

**AT HERALD**  
Bobby Early, student at Belmont Abbey, has rejoined the staff of the Herald for the summer months. Mr. Early is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Early.

**ACKNOWLEDGES GIFT**  
Sam Suber, cemetery superintendent, has acknowledged donation by B. S. Peeler, Jr. of water containers for use in the cemetery. Containers, to be used by the public, are to be returned after their use. Mr. Suber.

**NO FIRES**  
City firemen said Wednesday morning the department has received no calls for the past week.

**METER RECEIPTS**  
Parking meter receipts listed this week by City Clerk Joe McDaniel were on-street meters, \$104.52 and off-street meters, \$11.78.

### Union Service At Central Church

Sunday night's union service will be held at Central Methodist church.

Rev. Herbert Garmon, pastor, will deliver the message at eight o'clock.

The summer series of services began in June and is attracting large crowds from the community and participating churches.

Last Sunday's community-wide service was at Trinity Episcopal church, with Rev. Thomas Drexler delivering the evening message.

### Rotary Club Installs New Officers At Ladies Night Banquet Thursday

Walter Smith, Rutherfordton insurance man, will make the principal address at the second annual ladies night banquet Thursday of the Kings Mountain Rotary club.

Installation of new officers will also be a highlight of the event which will be held at 7:30 p. m. at the Country Club.

Mr. Smith, who is associated with Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company, will speak on a program arranged by Charles Dixon.

Jack H. White will serve as master of ceremonies and Mr. Dixon, the outgoing president, will introduce Mr. Smith. Haywood E. Lynch, first president of

the newly organized civic club, will install the new officers and directors. The group will sing "America," and Rev. Marion DuBose will give the invocation.

Thomas L. Trott, Kings Mountain insurance man, will be installed as president succeeding Mr. Dixon. Other officers are Ben F. Moomaw, vice-president; Mr. DuBose, secretary; Thomas Tate, treasurer; and O. O. Walker, sergeant-at-arms. New directors include Fred Wright, Jr., H. D. McDaniel, Myers Hambricht, and Dorus Bennett.

The ladies night gathering is expected to attract a large crowd of members, their wives and other guests.

### Tentative Budget Of \$650,918 Adopted For City In 1960-61

A tentative budget for the city for the '60-'61 fiscal year of \$650,918.28 has been submitted and will be in the city clerk's office for public inspection for 20 days. Joe McDaniel, City Clerk, said Wednesday.

A general breakdown of the budget was given in last week's Herald.

Major capital expenditures for the year will include some \$96,196 in public utilities improvements covering street paving, curb and guttering, sidewalks, street resurfacing, six inch water lines and fittings, hydrants, and additional sewer line.

Another major capital expenditure item is \$16,162.90 for a new fire truck for the fire department and \$3,000 for a line truck for use by the electrical department.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges said Wednesday morning extension of Railroad Avenue from Gold street to Mauney Mills is underway, but the city's cost is not yet budgeted.

Mr. Bridges said right-of-way has been obtained from Southern Railway and that W. K. Mauney

agreed to do fill in work. He said dirt from excavations at the Mauney plant is being used to fill in. When this is completed, the city can start grading, he said.

Other expected expenditures for the city include \$7,180 for the cemetery; \$22,520, administrative; \$21,948.88 sanitary; \$78,552, street work; \$48,460, police and court; \$19,080, fire department; \$56,408, general; \$57,709.88, water and sewer; \$189,034.60, electrical; and \$48,367.50, debt service.

The biggest money maker for the city by large is utilities, expected to net \$390,000. Some \$135,000 in taxes are the second money maker. Powell Bill funds are expected to net the city some \$33,000 and back taxes some \$17,500.

An unappropriated surplus of \$19,668.28 is to be transferred to the revenue account.

McDaniel said the board of commissioners has until July 28 to adopt a budget, but feels necessary changes will be made to the tentative schedule and action taken at the regular session July 14.

### County Tax Rate Up Six Cents; Local School Tax Remains Same

### Record Crowd Attends Opening Of New Church

First Baptist Church held ribbon cutting ceremonies as the new church plant was officially opened on Sunday.

Rev. R. L. Raines, pastor, said a record attendance marked the formal opening.

Open house, to which the public will be invited, is scheduled for July 17th.

The service Sunday was marked by presentation of a bronze plaque, which W. B. Logan accepted as chairman of the building committee. The plaque, which contains the names of the entire committee, will be mounted in the lobby of the church as a permanent memorial. Mr. Logan cut the ribbon officially opening the church. Rev. B. L. Raines read the scripture and Arnold W. Kincaid offered the morning prayer.

The building committee, deacons Sunday school department, superintendents, and church members marched in the new sanctuary in three columns to the tune of "Onward Christian Soldiers."

After the Doxology and prayer of thanksgiving, G. L. McDaniel, president of the Brotherhood, presented the plaque to Mr. Logan. Regular Sunday School services and morning worship followed the brief special program.

Morning church services are being broadcast during the month of July via Station WKMT.

### Doc Evans Displays First Cotton Bloom

Doc Evans, Kings Mountain farmer of route 1, displayed the first cotton bloom of the season on Monday, July 4th.

The Evans family lives on the tenant farm of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Plonk.

Ed Evans, route 1 farmer, displayed the first 1959 cotton bloom.

### Schools Still In Dark After Judge's Ruling

By DAVID BAITY

Patrons of Bethware and Grover schools are still in the dark as to how the schools will be operated for the '60-'61 term.

Judge P. C. Froneberger, at a hearing, Friday, dissolved a temporary order restraining the consolidation of Grover, Bethware, Compact and Park Grace school units with the Kings Mountain City Schools, but did not definitely commit himself to an order as to who will operate the schools, according to B. N. Barnes, superintendent of Kings Mountain City schools.

Mr. Barnes said Wednesday no order has been signed by Judge Froneberger and neither the county nor city school board as yet knows which will operate the outlying schools involved.

Barnes said Froneberger ventured the suggestion that Kings Mountain operate the schools, but on objection of the complaining committee said possibly it would be better for the schools to be operated by the county. However, he did not definitely commit himself on either, Mr. Barnes said.

Judge Froneberger's decision to dissolve the order restraining the city and county school boards and the county board of commissioners from effecting the consolidation of No. 4 Township schools, approved in a May 14 election, is expected to be appealed to Superior Court.

However, A. A. Powell, attorney for the outlying committee trying to void the election, said he will have 10 days after the signing of Judge Froneberger's order to file an appeal.

Supt. Barnes said Wednesday he and F. W. Plonk and a committee from the county board of education made up by J. Horace Grigg and Walter Davis are scheduling a conference with Judge Froneberger in Gastonia. They will ask the judge to spell out the ruling and make clear who the operator of the concerned schools will be.

Consolidation of the No. 4 Township schools seems to be delayed at least a year, but meantime both city and county budgets are being held up until disposition is made, he said.

The consolidation of No. 4 Township schools was to be effective July 1.

At the Friday hearing Powell spoke for the minority group and asked that the injunction be made permanent. He said that not enough time was given to the petition requesting the election by the county school board and by the county commissioners.

He said that in a little over three hours both boards decided to approve the turning over of a million and a half dollars' worth of property to the Kings Mountain board of trustees. He also contended the boundaries of the enlarged school district were not sufficiently described and that the boards involved never agreed on the exact boundaries.

J. R. Davis, attorney for the Kings Mountain school board, and James Mullen, Gastonia attorney representing voters on the majority side, argued that any technical irregularities had no effect on the outcome of the election.

They said the State Supreme Court has overlooked irregularities in similar cases where the outcome was not affected.

Other attorneys present were B. T. Falls and B. T. Falls, Jr., accompanying Powell; D. Z. Newton of Shelby, representing the county school board; and C. C. Horn, of Shelby, representing the county board of commissioners.

### Local Financial Institutions Pay Dividends Of \$119,569 To Investors

A total of \$119,569.23 in dividends and interest was paid June 30 by Kings Mountain financial institutions to share and savings account holders marking a banner year for the groups.

Semi-annual dividends of the two Kings Mountain savings and loan associations were four percent. Home Savings and Loan association marking the highest dividend payment in its history.

Home Savings and Loan Association distributed \$66,168.19 to investors including \$34,632.16 to optional shareholders and \$31,536.03 to full paid shares. The December, 1959 dividend totaled \$61,522.81.

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## Kings Mountain Juniors Booted

By NEALE PATRICK

Kings Mountain's American Legion junior baseball team has been disqualified from competition for the remainder of the 1960 season.

Area Four Commissioner John Yandle and state Legion Junior baseball Commissioner Bill Timmons, both of Charlotte, notified Otis D. Green Post 155 officials Tuesday afternoon that the Kings Mountain team has been disqualified from the state race for what they termed as "insufficient records."

As result of the ruling, Kings Mountain's team has been booted out of the Area quarter-finals and the series awarded to Newton which was due to start the semi-finals set with Cherryville on Wednesday night.

Kings Mountain coaches Bill Powell, Jerry McCarter and Blaine Froneberger first learned of the disqualification when they went to Charlotte Tuesday morning to make formal protest of the game played in Newton on Monday night. Actually, the area commissioner upheld Powell's protest that the umpires, Canup and Cresswell, were in error in not allowing a Kings Mountain run in the third inning.

But immediately on giving the decision the commissioner told the local coaches that the Kings Mountain team was disqualified, but would not elaborate.

Later the coaches and local Legion officials, Post Commander J. T. McGinnis and past commander Ray

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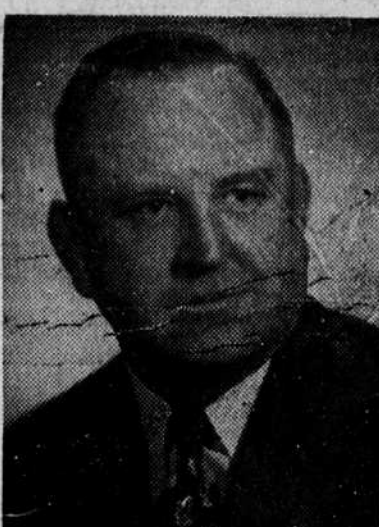
### G. W. Mauney Re-elected Chairman, Gibson Member Of Hospital Board

George W. Mauney was re-elected chairman of the Kings Mountain Hospital Board of Trustees at the annual meeting of officers and directors Wednesday night.

The board also appointed James Gibson, of Kings Mountain, to the board of trustees. Mr. Gibson is the only new member of the hospital board.

Other officers, also reappointed are Holmes Harry of Grover, vice chairman, and R. S. Lennon, secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Gibson, the new board member, came to Kings Mountain from Gastonia 23 years ago. A partner in Center Service Station, he is married to the former Virginia Moss of Kings Mountain. He is a Methodist.



**CHAIRMAN** — George W. Mauney has been reappointed chairman of the Kings Mountain Hospital Board of trustees for a five year term.

### Lohr To Attend Sweden Institute

Lawrence L. Lohr, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence L. Lohr of Kings Mountain, will attend the International Institute for Quantum Chemistry at Uppsala University in Sweden, July 17 through August 21.

A graduate student in chemistry at Harvard University, Lohr will fly from Idlewild Airport to Stockholm on July 14, and return to the United States in September.

### Optimist Club To Reorganize

Plans to reorganize a Kings Mountain Optimist club are underway.

Hugh Prather, of Charlotte, said in Kings Mountain yesterday that interested citizens should contact him at 4418 Park Road in Charlotte about plans for the club.

It has been several years since a Kings Mountain Optimist club was active.

### Weekend Arrest Tally High

Kings Mountain contributed nothing to the national tally of July 4 traffic fatalities and accidents, but local folk obviously celebrated, as shown by a high tally of arrests, 31, in the city from July 1-5.

Heading the arrest list were 14 counts of public drunkenness.

Other arrests included charges covering no turn signals, no operators license, using profane language, improper mufflers, violation of prohibition laws, driving under the influence, speeding, worthless check, improper brakes, and resisting arrest.

City police enforced a traffic check on King Street Saturday, accounting for many of the motor vehicle violation arrests.

The arrests were announced Wednesday by Earl Stroup, desk sergeant at the city police station.

### Rescue Squad Spent Busy July 4th Holiday

The Cleveland County Rescue Squad spent a busy July 4th weekend.

The group operated a safety roadblock on U. S. 74 west of Kings Mountain. Safety literature was passed out to several thousand motorists.

A demolished car display set up by the squad called drivers' attention to a sign urging them to drive carefully.

In addition, members of the squad served as lifeguards at Lake Montona.