

## Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 7,206

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# School Consolidation Hearing Set For Tuesday

## Local News Bulletins

### DAR PROJECT

Colonel Frederick Hambright Chapter, DAR, has available the new 50-star U. S. Flag for lawns, curbs, schoolrooms, and window or porch displays and is receiving orders for the flags. Interested persons should contact Mrs. Tolly Shuford or any DAR member.

### ARP SERVICE

The annual Thanksgiving Service and breakfast was being held Thursday at Boyce Memorial ARP church, the service at 7:30 a. m. and the breakfast following. Men of the Church are in charge of serving the meal.

### MUSICAL PROGRAM

Members of the Kings Mountain high school mixed chorus, under direction of Mrs. J. N. McClure, presented a Thanksgiving program in music at Tuesday's noon meeting of the Kiwanis club.

### NO PERMITS

City Building Inspector M. H. Biser issued no building permits during the past week.

### SINGING

Second Freewill Baptist church located on Piedmont Avenue will sponsor a special singing service Sunday afternoon at 2:00. The program will be conducted by Rev. L. C. Campbell. Mr. Campbell issued a cordial invitation for the public to attend.

## Mr. Roberts' Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for James Albert Roberts, 84, were held Saturday at 4 p. m. from Harris Funeral Home Chapel, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Roberts succumbed Friday afternoon in Kings Mountain hospital following an illness of several years. He was a retired Kings Mountain merchant and a member of Central Methodist church.

His wife, Mrs. Mamie Louise Bumgardner Roberts, survives, in addition to one son, James C. Roberts, and two daughters, Miss Ethel Roberts and Mrs. Nina Wolfe, all of Kings Mountain.

Two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren also survive. The final rites were conducted by Rev. H. D. Garmon, pastor of Central Methodist church.

## Postal Workers Hear Trott

Employees of the Kings Mountain Postoffice and their wives gathered for dinner Tuesday evening at Long Bow Restaurant.

Highlight of the affair was an address by Tom Trott, Kings Mountain insurance man who interspersed his remarks with "Bits of Wit and Wisdom" in an assertion of "Money Isn't Everything."

In addition to employees, other guests were Miss Frellove Black, a former postal employee, and Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Harrelson. Mr. Harrelson is a former rural carrier for the Kings Mountain postoffice.

Postmaster Charles Alexander presented Mr. Trott.

## Right-Of-Way Is Insufficient

Lack of right-of-way will prevent erection of a sidewalk on the East side of Dilling street. Mayor Glee A. Bridges told the city commission Monday night that a survey by Butler Falls showed only 3.5 feet of right-of-way available, where six feet is required, including four feet for sidewalk and a two foot utility strip.

The board voted to purchase an advertisement in State Magazine in a forthcoming issue featuring Cleveland County and Kings Mountain, and to buy extra copies of the issue for distribution in libraries and otherwise, total cost not to exceed \$100.

The board approved a bid of \$2100 for paving of Park Drive and Ransauer street extension.

## County Defers Armory Request

### Decision Awaits Seating Of Two Board Members

The board of county commissioners was asked for monetary aid Monday in supplying local funds for a Kings Mountain National Guard armory.

Attending the county board's Monday morning session were Capt. James Houston, commanding officer, and Sgt. Charles Wilson, of the Kings Mountain National guard company, Mayor Glee A. Bridges and Comms. Ben H. Bridges, R. Coleman Stroupe and Luther Bennett.

The county commission took no action on the request, stating they preferred to delay action until two recently elected commissioners, Hugh Dover and David E. Beam are seated on December 5.

Chairman Knox Sarratt and other commission members, however, expressed sympathy toward the project and the chairman said the major problem would be in finding the necessary cash.

Mayor Bridges told the county commissioners that the City of Kings Mountain, in addition to furnishing the present three-acre armory site, has committed itself to providing an additional \$20,000, which it expects to obtain by issuance of bonds.

Chairman Sarratt said he anticipated county funds would have to be obtained by the same route.

Capt. Houston outlined the plans for the armory, as approved by the North Carolina National Guard, and summarized the Guard company's activities and service.

Capt. Houston told the board that from \$15,000 to \$20,000, in addition to the city appropriation will be needed to provide the local share of funds.

The federal appropriation for the armory made by the recent Congress was \$104,000.

## City Gas Users At Record 825

Customers of the city natural gas distribution system reached a record high for the mid-November billing period.

City Clerk Joe McDaniel said the November monthly report shows 825 natural gas customers.

Previous high customer total was last March, when 802 gas buyers were listed.

## Board Again Tables Sunday Movie Question; Ordinance Is Reviewed

The city board of commissioners Monday again tabled the request to permit Sunday movies as two commissioners were absent at the brief special session.

The commissioners tabled the question until the regular December 8 monthly meeting.

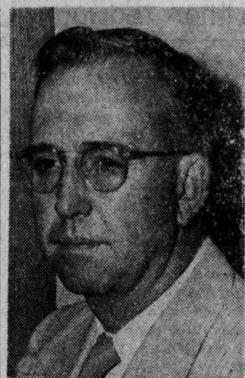
(Absent were Ross Alexander, who favors rescinding the city ordinance prohibiting Sunday movies, and Ben H. Bridges, who hasn't stated his position.)

Coleman Stroupe suggested that the board might want to conduct an election on the question, but Mayor Glee A. Bridges pointed out a special election would be quite expensive.

Owners of Joy Theatre recently asked the board to rescind the ban on Sunday movies. E. G. Stellings, of Charlotte, vice-president of Stewart & Everett Company, said his firm operates movies in 82 of them, and noted that Sunday movies are available at Gastonia, Shelby and near-by drive-in theatres. He also said the theatre owners regard the city's operation of swimming pools on Sundays as both competitive and discriminatory.

He suggested the city rescind its ban on a trial basis, stating that if valid complaints about the operation occurred, his firm would be happy to remain closed on Sundays.

Following Monday night's session, Comm. Luther Bennett said he was present and prepared to vote against Sunday movies. He



**BANQUET SPEAKER — Coach W. E. (Bill) Dole, Davidson College, will speak at the annual Lions club football banquet on December 13. The banquet honors the Mountaineer grid squad.**

## Dole Football Banquet Speaker

W. E. (Bill) Dole, Davidson college football coach, will be principal speaker at the 1960 Kings Mountain Lions club football banquet.

The banquet has been scheduled for December 13, it was announced this week by Harry Jaynes, chairman of the committee on arrangements.

For many years, the Lions club has honored members of the high school football team and their coaches at the annual banquet.

The banquet is also the occasion for award of the Fred Plonk trophy and the George Plonk trophy to the Mountaineer player adjudged most valuable to the team.

Coach Dole will be returning to the Lions banquet rostrum. He was the featured speaker here several years ago.

Howard Bryant is also a member of the committee on arrangements.

**SPECIAL PROGRAM**  
Miss Nancy Hovis, who spent the summer in the Netherlands as an AFS exchange student, will speak on "Religion in Holland" at the evening service Sunday at Boyce Memorial ARP church. Miss Hovis will show slides of the countries she visited.

## Thanksgiving Last Holiday Til Christmas

Many Kings Mountain citizens were looking forward to Thanksgiving Day as a final holiday before Christmas.

Merchants and retail store personnel, particularly, anticipating a busy season guessed that Thanksgiving Day would be a final respite. Another group with a holiday before a peak season is postoffice personnel, and school children throughout the township will get a long weekend before returning to books until Christmas holidays begin.

Majority of Kings Mountain industry will work on regular schedule.

City hall offices will be closed. Churches will hold traditional Thanksgiving services.

Early morning church services are scheduled at Central Methodist and Boyce Memorial ARP churches, to be followed by breakfast.

St. Matthew's Lutheran church and Kings Mountain Baptist church will hold Thanksgiving morning services.

Two football games hold particular interest for local fans, including the Catawba-Lenoir-Rhine encounter at Catawba, and the Lions bowl high school all-star clash at Forest City, where five senior Mountaineers will play for the east team with Coach John Gamble sharing in the coaching duties.

The weather was drippy Wednesday, promising questionable Thanksgiving comfort for hunters and travelers.

Turkey and the trimmings promised to be Kings Mountain's favorite Thanksgiving Day feast.

## United Fund Now \$13,200

Kings Mountain United Fund donations increased past the \$13,000 mark this week.

Chairman Bob Maner said the total of donations and pledges reached \$13,200.

"There are several clean-up spots which should return some additional funds," Mr. Maner added. These include business firms and special gifts classifications.

Goal of the campaign is \$17,000, less by \$1,000 than last year, first time Kings Mountain adopted the joint method of raising funds to provide operating cash for several charitable, service, and civic groups.

Under the United plan, participating organizations share receipts on the basis of a percentage of their United Fund approval budgets.

Several textile firms, operating on slack schedules, have informed United Fund officials they will delay their employee solicitations until after January 1, when, they hope, operating schedules will be better.

Participating in the 1960 United Fund campaign are eight organizations, including Kings Mountain chapter of the American Red Cross, the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Kings Mountain school band, City Recreation commission, Davidson school band, and Cleveland County Life-Saving and Rescue Squad.

## Seven Glaucoma Cases Discovered

Last week's glaucoma clinic, sponsored by the Shelby Lions club and co-sponsored by other Lions clubs of the county, may have saved the sight of 25 Cleveland county citizens.

During the two-day clinic at Shelby, seven new cases of glaucoma were diagnosed, and another 28 persons were listed as border-line cases. J. Edwin Spangler, chairman of the project, has reported.

During the two-day clinic, 1505 persons underwent examinations.

Glaucoma is an eye disease that, if undetected and untreated, will cause blindness. Importance of early discovery of the disease is that lost vision caused by glaucoma cannot be recovered.

**ATTENDED MEET**  
Supt. B. N. Barnes and Fred W. Plonk represented the Kings Mountain school board at the meeting of the North Carolina Association in Chapel Hill Tuesday.

## Preliminary Plans Approved For New Country Clubhouse

### Directors Hope Swimming Pool Can Be Included

Directors of Kings Mountain Country Club have approved basic plans for a new clubhouse.

Meeting Tuesday, the directors authorized the building committee to instruct the architects to proceed with detailed drawings and specifications for the new building, which will replace the clubhouse destroyed by fire several weeks ago.

Dr. George Plonk, president, said a letter to stockholders will go out soon, outlining progress to date on re-building and giving full details on plans for a new clubhouse.

Preliminary plans, drawn by Holland, Brieze and Bevere, Shelburne architects, call for three main rooms, including a large lounge-dining room, snack bar, central kitchen, and service rooms. Entrance would be from a sheltered portico. Architects estimate cost at \$41,000. The design will permit expansion in the future, as needs demand. The planned building will be a one-story structure. It is anticipated that the burned out pro shop will be rebuilt and utilized.

Dr. Plonk said the plans will also call for construction of a swimming pool in the area now occupied by a putting green and he said the directors, which were projecting a swimming pool prior to the fire, feel that a swimming pool can be constructed with the new building. The pool is not included in the architect's \$41,000 cost estimate.

Dr. Plonk said he and the board are very appreciative of the efforts of the building committee in the work thus far completed.

Its members are Paul M. Neisler, Sr., chairman, Fred W. Plonk, Fred Wright, Jr., Hunter R. Neisler, William Herndon and Mrs. George Houser.

## School Board Approves Clinic

The proposal of a mental health clinic for Cleveland County was unanimously approved Monday night by Kings Mountain school board members as they met in regular monthly session at Central school.

The clinic proposal was made Monday to Cleveland County Board of Commissioners by a delegation headed by Worth Morris of Shelby and would cost an estimated \$47,000.

The clinic would be an expansion of the present public health service and would also provide psychiatric and psychological services to county residents with mental and emotional disturbances.

Such a clinic, it was pointed out to the commissioners by a delegation including Shelby School Supt. Malcolm Brown, County Health Officer Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, Rep. Jack Palmer, and Judge Jack White of Kings Mountain, would help in the schools, courts, crime prevention, and welfare cases.

The Kings Mountain board approved the clinic proposal on the motion of Dr. P. G. Padgett, who expressed the wish that the board's action be channeled to the county board of commissioners.

In other actions the board:

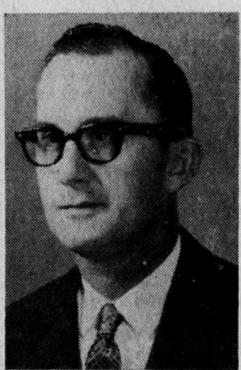
1) Heard a report from Supt. B. N. Barnes that the Central school roof has been completed. Total cost of the project could not be reported at the meeting. Supt. Barnes said the contract had originally been let for \$3,115.65 to Kings Mountain Sheet Metal Works, but stipulation had been made that additional work might be needed to replace rotted timbers in the roof.

Mr. Barnes said Mr. Childers of the firm had not yet presented a bill to the board for payment.

2) Unanimously endorsed the proposed Cleveland County Citizens' Committee for Better Schools. Supt. Barnes reported the board had approved the committee at a county-wide school board meeting in Shelby last

week.

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**IN WHO'S WHO — Dr. Paul K. Ausley, minister of First Presbyterian church, has been selected to appear in the 1960 edition of "Who's Who in America," according to announcement by Jackson Martindell, publisher.**

## Mrs. Lackey's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Mary Ellen Lackey, 78, widow of J. C. Lackey, were held Tuesday at 3 p. m. from St. Matthew's Lutheran church, of which she was a member.

Mrs. Lackey, who had been visiting her daughter in Graham, died Sunday at 1 p. m. in a Burlington hospital. She had been ill for a week and had been visiting for a month with the L. W. Turner family.

In addition to Mrs. Turner, she is survived by five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A Cleveland County native, Mrs. Lackey was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John David Plonk. She was a life member of United Church Women of St. Matthew's church.

The final rites were conducted by Dr. W. P. Gerberding, assisted by Rev. Robert Edsell. Interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

## Free Dinner At Legion Post

A free turkey dinner for members of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, and their wives, will be held at the Legion building Saturday night from 5 to 8:30 p. m.

J. H. McDaniel, Jr., adjutant, said the Legion committee in charge of the event anticipates a crowd of 500 for the Saturday evening feast.

The dinner will also mark the kick-off of the post's annual membership campaign, Mr. McDaniel added.

## Lenoir-Rhine College Dedicates Its New Mauney Music Building

Mauney Music building, donated to Lenoir Rhyne college by Dr. Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Mauney of Kings Mountain, and sons was dedicated Sunday afternoon at 3:30 p. m.

The dedicatory order was conducted by Dr. F. L. Conrad of Salisbury, president of the North Carolina synod of the United Evangelical Lutheran church, which owns and operates the liberal arts institution.

Miles Mauney, part-donor of the \$352,000 structure, and his wife Dorothy Phillips Mauney, noted piano-violin team presented a public dedicatory concert of classical music following the formal presentation of the building by his father, Mr. Mauney, and its acceptance by Dr. Voight R. Cromer, president of Lenoir Rhyne.

Dr. H. E. Isenhour of Salisbury, chairman of the college board of

## Suit Seeking To Abrogate May Election

Litigation to invalidate the May 14 election in which Grover, Bethware, Park Grace and Compact school patrons voted to merge with Kings Mountain district schools is scheduled for trial in Cleveland Superior Court Tuesday.

The suit, brought by citizens opposed to the consolidation, finds as defendants the Kings Mountain board of education, board of county commissioners, and county board of education.

Attorneys for the defendants are J. R. Davis, for the city board, C. C. Horn, for the county commission, D. Z. Newton, for the county board of education, and James Mullen, who has been retained by citizens supporting the consolidation. However, the county board of education has indicated it will take a neutral position in the litigation.

Attorney Davis said defendants will urge trial of the litigation and prefers that Judge James E. Farthing, who will preside, decide the suit on basis of the facts. In turn, he anticipates plaintiffs' lawyers, B. T. Falls, Jr., and A. A. Powell, will seek a jury trial.

The litigation, which began shortly after last May's election, was twice not called by the county bar association for two previous sessions of Superior Court civil terms. Defendants then requested that the court set a date for trial, which was ordered by Judge Hugh Campbell for November 29.

Citizens of township schools areas to be merged into the Kings Mountain district voted 1120 to 874 in favor of the consolidation proposal.

First legal effort of the dissidents was obtaining of a temporary restraining order to prevent the consolidation. Judge P. C. Froneberger, who granted the temporary order, subsequently dissolved it, but ordered the county board of education to continue operation of the schools until the litigation was settled.

The complaint of the plaintiffs charge various technical errors, among them the charge that formal notice of the election did not provide a registration challenge day, that the boundaries of the proposed new district weren't definite, that no disposition was made concerning school properties, that the Kings Mountain school unit appointed the election officials, and the election result imposed an undue hardship on Kings Mountain citizens, and that the county board of education never requested the merger election.

The plaintiffs also contend that the Kings Mountain district supplementary school tax of 20 cents per \$100 valuation would "become burdensome and unbearable."

At the hearing on the request of plaintiffs for permanent injunction against the merger, defense attorneys said the complaints were either insupportable or incapable of upsetting the election result, citing as precedent several prior North Carolina court decisions comparable litigation.

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## Lions Selling Fruit Cakes

Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club are conducting their annual fruit cake sale.

The three-pound fruit cake, baked by Claxton Bakery, of Claxton, Ga., is identical to the cake sold by the Lions last year. The cakes sell for \$3.

Proceeds from the sale are used for various Lions club projects, including aid to the blind, sight conservation, and other club functions.

F. A. (Pete) McDaniel, Jr., is chairman of the project.

## Merchants Suspend Mid-Week Closings

Kings Mountain merchants will be open on a six-day week basis next week and will continue the schedule through the Christmas shopping season.

The retailers' will suspend the Wednesday half-holiday for December 7, 14 and 21, as they annually do to accommodate Christmas season shoppers.

Since Christmas is on Sunday this year, the stores will be closed on Monday, December 26, in observance of the holiday, members of the Kings Mountain Merchants association have voted.