

## Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 8,008

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# Mayor Bridges Recommends City Manager Vote

## Local News Bulletins

### TO TAX SCHOOL

Mrs. W. B. Logan will go to Raleigh next week to attend Tax School. For the past two weeks Mrs. Logan has studied in Greensboro and Charlotte.

### HOSPITALIZED

Hilton Ruth, Belk's Department Store manager, was hospitalized Friday at Kings Mountain Hospital for observation and treatment. According to Mrs. Ruth, Mr. Ruth is improving and should be released soon.

### CRITICALLY ILL

Fred J. Wright, Sr. underwent surgery at Gaston Memorial Hospital Monday and, although slightly improved Tuesday, is listed critically ill.

### NO WRECKS

City police officers reported no auto accidents within Kings Mountain city limits during the past week.

### PAGEANT

A Christmas Pageant, "O Come Unto Me", will be presented at Grace Methodist church on Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. The community is invited to attend the program, according to announcement by Rev. W. C. Sides, pastor.

### IN NEW POSITION

Joe Campbell, a recent graduate of Kings Business College, has accepted a position with Plonk Motor Company. Mr. Campbell is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Campbell.

### KIWANIS PROGRAM

The Air National Guard of Charlotte will be in charge of the program Thursday for members of the Kiwanis club. The civic club meets at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's club.

## Macedonia Sets Yule Program

Rev. Wayne Ashe, pastor, has announced that Macedonia Baptist church will have its Christmas program Sunday night, December 18 at the regular evening worship hour beginning at 7 o'clock.

Title of the program will be "Our Familiar Christmas Story" and the activities will be under direction of Mrs. Clarence Smith, Training Union Director, and a committee composed of Mrs. Robert Champion, Mrs. Goldman Spears, Tom Smith and Rev. and Mrs. Ashe.

The play on the birth of Christ includes the prophesying of Old Testament prophets Isaiah and Micah of the things that are to come.

Approximately 35 members of the congregation make up the cast and the play will be shown on colored slides with each character attired in gaily colored costumes.

Mrs. Jess Jenkins will be narrator for the program and the church choir will render special music.

The public is cordially invited to attend this special Christmas program which is entirely different from any ever presented at the local church, the pastor added.

Mr. Ashe also announced that the annual Children's program and Christmas Tree will be held on Christmas Eve beginning at 7 p. m.

## White Christmas Program Sunday

The Annual White Christmas program will be held Sunday at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church at 4:30 p. m. A program by children and youth, it is under the direction of Mrs. Don W. Blanton. White Gifts are brought for the Lowman and Children's Homes and local charity.

Immediately following the program in the auditorium all will assemble in the Recreational Hall for refreshments and carol singing. Santa Claus will make a visit and bring a small gift for each child. All members and prospective members are urged to attend.

## Parker, Burns Trophy Winners

### Awards Given At Banquet Tuesday Night

BY NEALE PATRICK  
Punch Parker and Charles Burns added more football hardware to their growing collection in the annual Lions' Club football banquet Tuesday night.

The Mountaineer halfback and guard received the two coveted trophies presented at season's end to the most outstanding members of the Kings Mountain High football team, being honored at the Woman's Club here.

Burns was the recipient of the eighth annual Fred Plonk Blocking trophy, and Parker was presented the second annual Dr. George Plonk Most Valuable Player Trophy.

The handsome trophies were the fourth and fifth the pair of Mountaineer stars have snared together within the past few weeks. Earlier, Parker won the trophy as the most outstanding back in the Lions' Bowl Football game at Forest City on Thanksgiving Day, and also won the area scoring trophy in the Gastonia Gazette fete at Gastonia last week. Burns won the most outstanding 3-A lineman award at the same Gastonia affair.

Presentation of the trophies to the pair of Mountaineer seniors shared the spotlight for the annual Lions Club banquet with Davidson football coach Bill Dole who made the address to the members of the football team, Lions' clubbers and guests.

Mountaineer football coach John Gamble made the presentation of the blocking award to Burns, on behalf of the donor, Fred Plonk, school board member and football enthusiast.

Gamble made the selection of the team's best blocker after a thorough study of the game film, and commented on naming Burns as the winner.

"Our team, as a whole, had excellent blocking this year and it was hard to choose between several boys who did a good job of blocking for us all year."

Dr. Plonk made the presentation of his trophy to Parker who scored 122 points on the season. Although the awards went to players for offensive performances, it's fitting that the two recipients represent leadership roles in both offense and defense for the Mountaineers this season.

Parker, of course, was the top scorer and ground-gainer, and Burns was the defensive "quarterback", calling the signals on defense for the tough Mountaineer defenders.

Gamble also introduced his coaching staff of Don Parker, Bill Bates and Fred Withers and members of the Mountaineer squad.

"I have never had a group of boys with more character than this team," said the head coach of the Mountaineers. "It takes both character and work to win football games, and these boys (Continued On Sports Page)

### JAYCEE PARTY

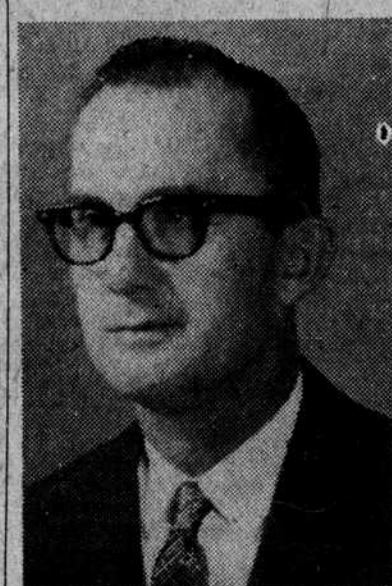
Kings Mountain Jaycees will celebrate Christmas with a Yule Party for themselves, wives, and other guests at the regular bi-monthly meeting Tuesday at Kings Mountain Woman's Club. Party games and dancing will be a feature of the meeting. The club convenes at 7:00 p. m.

## Bethware Club Christmas Banquet Monday; Wright Is New President

Bethware Progressive club will hold its annual Christmas ladies night banquet Monday night at Bethware school cafeteria at 7 o'clock.

Features of the program will be an address by Rev. George Moore, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church, and installation of recently elected officers and directors of the club.

Dale Vollbracht, retiring president, will preside. The traditional turkey dinner



HEADS MINISTERS — Dr. Paul Ausley has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association for the coming year.

## Ausley Named By Ministers

Dr. Paul Ausley, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association for the year 1961.

The new officers were elected at a meeting of Kings Mountain ministers Monday morning.

Dr. Ausley succeeds Rev. J. W. Phillips, pastor of First Wesleyan Methodist Church. Other newly-elected officers are Rev. Marion DuBose, vice-president, and Rev. Thomas Droppers, secretary-treasurer. Mr. DuBose is pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist Church and Mr. Droppers is pastor of Trinity Episcopal Church.

Named to committees were: Rev. H. D. Garmon, pastor of Central Methodist Church, radio chairman and chaplain; Rev. George Moore, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church, chairman of the committee on benevolences; Rev. C. R. Goodson, pastor of E. Gold Street Wesleyan Methodist Church, chairman of the committee on the County Home; and Rev. B. L. Raines, Dr. W. L. Pressly, Rev. J. W. Phillips, and Dr. Paul Ausley, members of the Bible-in-Schools committee. Mr. Raines is pastor of First Baptist Church and Dr. Pressly is pastor of Boyce Memorial ARP Church.

## Plonk School To Give "Carol"

ASHEVILLE — Three performances of "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens will be presented this month by the Plonk School of Creative Arts, in the Plonk School auditorium.

This will be the Plonk School's 27th presentation of the play. Miss Laura Plonk will read the part of the narrator for the 25th time.

A special performance for school children will be given at 3 p. m. Dec. 16, in addition to the regular presentations at 8 p. m. on Dec. 17, and at 4 p. m. on Dec. 18.

The play which has a cast of 60 characters in period costume, will be under the direction of Miss Lillian Plonk, assisted by Miss Nancy Plonk. Miss Laura Plonk is consulting director.

Funeral rites for Herbert Franklin Clark, 43, brother of Mrs. H. Carl Mayes of Kings Mountain, were held Sunday at 3 p. m. from Statesville's First Baptist Church.

Mr. Clark, until six weeks ago a life-time resident of Statesville, died Friday morning in a Rome, Ga. hospital. He had been seriously ill for one week.

A furniture salesman, Mr. Clark was active in the Elks Lodge and other civic organizations and fraternal groups in Statesville and a member of the Statesville Country Club. Son of the late Charles L. and Lessie Booker Clark of Iredell County, he was a World War II veteran, having served as a first lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

He is survived by his wife, the former Gay Drum of Newton to whom he was married in 1944; three children, Beth, H. H. F. Jr. and Eddie Clark, all of the home; four brothers, C. C. and F. B. Clark of Statesville, L. A. Clark of Charlotte and James L. Clark of London, England, and two sisters, Mrs. Mayes of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Jack Wagner of Statesville.

## Waco President A. I. Jacoby Dies In New York

Funeral services for Abraham I. Jacoby, 60, president of Waco Sportswear, Inc., were held in New York at Park West Memorial chapel Friday.

Mr. Jacoby died suddenly in New York city Wednesday night when stricken by a cerebral hemorrhage. He was pronounced dead on arrival at Queens General hospital.

He had been in apparent good health.

Mr. Jacoby came to Kings Mountain in July 1958 to open Waco Industries, which manufactures knit sweaters, an industry with which he had been associated most of his adult life.

The firm had been planning an expansion and a meeting had been scheduled for Friday to complete details for doubling floor space in the Waco Road building, constructed by Kings Mountain Business Development Corporation.

He was a native of New York. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Helen Jacoby, and two sons, Fred Jacoby, of Kings Mountain, and Gerald Jacoby, of New York.

## Masons Name New Officers

New officers of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM will be installed Monday night at 7:30 at Masonic Hall.

J. Ralph Harrison will be installed as worshipful master succeeding I. C. Davis. Other elected officers include: B. Manley Hayes Jr., senior warden; Joe D. Roberts, junior warden; Lester A. Harmon, treasurer; Thomas D. Tindall, secretary; Carl M. Logan, senior deacon; S. Houston Wolfe, junior deacon; Bobby C. Bridges, senior steward; Melvin B. Nantz, junior steward; and T. Frank Ballard, chaplain. C. J. Gault Jr. was named a trustee for a three-year term and continuing trustees are T. Frank Ballard and J. B. Simpson.

Committees which have been appointed for the new year include: J. Ralph Harrison, B. Manley Hayes Jr., Joe D. Roberts, charity; Paul W. Owens, C. J. Gault Jr., O. Fred Weaver, reference; I. C. Davis, James A. Lybrand, Lyman Robbs, Oxford Orphanage; A. W. Kincaid, Lester A. Harmon, George W. White, Masonic education; and Lester A. Harmon, James B. Simpson and Ben T. Goforth, finance.

Also: Emmett Ross, W. Odell Lovelace, Alex D. Owens, T. Frank Ballard, Carl M. Logan, Advisory Committee; Glee A. Bridges, J. E. Buzgardner and Brunson W. Harmon, Eastern Star; Fred J. Wright Jr., J. Herbert Dye, Ben H. Bridges, building committee; and W. Clavon Kelly, O. O. Walker, D. E. Tate and Boyce Gault, ladies' night committee.

Frank Ballard, a past master, will install the new officers and Boyce Gault, a past master, will be acting marshal.

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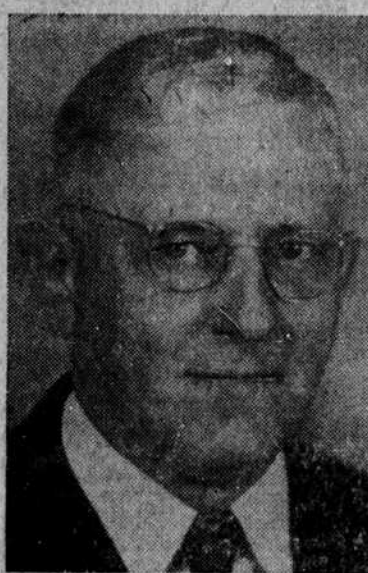
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Dr. John Sykes officiated at the final rites and interment was in Oakwood Cemetery.



CLEVELAND COUNTY GRADUATES — Fourteen students from Cleveland County graduated from Kings Business College recently. Seated—From left to right, Barbara Hawkins, Becky Black, Meriel Sain, Martha Frances Houser, Janice Moore, and Carolyn Bridges. Standing—left to right Ann Falls, Joseph Campbell, Gerald Thommsomson, and Faye Spangler. The exercises were held recently.

## Merger Plans On School Agenda



SPEAKER — Rev. Jack Cowser of Wingate will fill the pulpit at Sunday morning services at Kings Mountain Baptist church.

## Cowser To Fill Baptist Pulpit

Rev. Jack J. Cowser, of Wingate, retired director of the Baptist Publishing House in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, will fill the pulpit at Sunday morning worship services at 11 a. m. at Kings Mountain Baptist church.

Mr. Cowser has been associated with the printing of Bibles for nearly 20 years, serving as an officer and member of the Board of the Bible Press of Brazil and production director of the Publishing House. One of the first persons to recognize the need for the Bible Press, he has probably done as much or more than any other individual toward attaining the organization's goal of "a Bible for everyone who wants one". Rev. M. D. DuBose, pastor, said.

Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1920, Mr. Cowser joined the Baptist Publishing House on a part-time basis in 1928 while he directed evangelistic activities in the city of Rio. In addition to his publication work, he has pastored several churches, held offices in the South Brazil Mission and served on various committees and boards of the Mission and of the Brazilian Baptist Convention.

A native of Goodman, Miss., he studied at Mississippi college and Southwestern Baptist Seminary at Fort Worth, Tex. He and his wife, the former Grace Bagby of Texas, live in Wingate where a daughter, Miss Helen Cowser, is head of the modern language department at Wingate College. Their other two children are Southern Baptist missionaries in South America.

## Preliminary Work Begins For Bond Vote

Members of the Kings Mountain board of education are expected to discuss formally, for the first time since the legal effort to invalidate the May merger election was non-suited, plans for effectuating the consolidation of township schools at Monday night's board of education session.

Supt. B. N. Barnes said that the board's attorney, J. R. Davis, is already at work on preliminary work which will lead to a bond issue election for a new consolidated high school plant. He said he expects to invite Mr. Davis to give a report at Monday's meeting.

Mr. Barnes said it is possible Chairman Fred W. Plonk will have some information concerning possible sites for a consolidated high school plant. The chairman has been instructed to obtain site information, Mr. Barnes added.

The superintendent said he anticipates the board will seek options on several possible sites and listed these basic desirable considerations:

- 1) A minimum tract of 50 acre, with 60 to 75 acres preferable; and
- 2) Reasonable convenience of location to public utilities.

It is also possible the board will discuss election changes required by the consolidation. Currently, Kings Mountain school district elections are held at the same time and under the same election machinery as Kings Mountain city elections.

Expansion of the school district adds an estimated 2,000 or more eligible voters for the school district, who, in turn, live outside the City of Kings Mountain and are, therefore, ineligible to participate in city elections.

## Commissioners Play Santa Claus, Vote City Employees Yule Bonus

The city board of commissioners voted Christmas cheer to city employees Wednesday in the form of a Christmas bonus.

Employees with one year or more of service will be given a week's pay. Employees with less than a year's service with the city will receive a half-week's pay.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges opened the brief session by suggesting the bonus payment and all commissioners present concurred. Only R. Coleman Stroupe was absent.

## Kings Mountain Students Get King's Diplomas

Fourteen students from Cleveland County were among the 258 graduates of King's College in Charlotte to receive diplomas at graduation exercises held on Wednesday, November 30.

The local graduates were: Carolyn Bridges, Ann Falls, Meriel Sain, Becky Black, Jane Osborne Burton, Joseph Campbell, Bill Crawford, Barbara Gamble Hawkins, Jane Hinson, Martha Frances Houser, Janice Moore, Faye Spangler, Gerald Thommsomson, and James P. Waters.

A special award was presented to Miss Martha Frances Houser as she attained the highest academic average in the Advanced Secretarial Course.

The speaker for the occasion was Dr. Robert E. Slaughter, vice president and a member of the Board of Directors of the McGraw-Hill Book Company, of New York City. The subject of his address was "The Interdependence of Business and Education."

The graduates represented 34 counties in North Carolina, 10 counties in South Carolina, and from the states of Florida, Texas, and West Virginia.

## Phenix Yule Party Sunday

Christmas operating schedules for the Phenix Plant of Burlington Industries were announced today by W. B. Grimes, Jr., Superintendent, who also revealed plans for the annual Children's Christmas Party.

Mr. Grimes said Christmas holidays at the plant would be observed from the end of the third shift on December 22 until the beginning of the third shift on December 28.

Employees eligible by length of service for vacation pay will receive checks during the week of December 19, it was announced.

The annual Christmas party for employees' children will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday at Joy Theatre. Santa Claus will be on hand and gift bags containing toys, candy, fruits and a variety

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## '59 Statute Permits Board To Call Election

BY MARTIN HARMON  
Kings Mountain citizens may have opportunity to decide in the near future whether they want to give the city commission authority to employ a city manager.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges told the commission informally last week he favored calling an election on the city manager question and commented, "We need it bad."

The Mayor made his remarks during a discussion of police pay in lieu of vacations not taken, and other commissioners didn't comment.

Ben H. Bridges, mayor pro tempore and Ward 4 commissioner, said this week he favored holding the election, as already authorized by the North Carolina General Assembly.

Under provisions of an act passed late in the 1959 session, the Kings Mountain board of commissioners is authorized to call an election on the question.

However, a favorable vote wouldn't make employment of a city manager mandatory, as the statute empowers the commission to designate the duly-elected mayor as city manager.

The citizens would vote for or against a modified "Plan D" city manager system, in which the board of commissioners would retain their rights to appoint the city attorney, treasurer, clerk, judge and other employment authority.

While other commissioners have not commented on Mayor Bridges' suggestion for an election, all were supporters of the request to the county legislative delegation to enact permissive authority for holding the election.

Kings Mountain citizens have twice declined to approve a city manager form of government, first in 1948 and subsequently in 1953. The margin of defeat in 1953 was eight votes. Favorable votes would have made the manager system mandatory.

Prior to 1947, several city commissions had employed administrators with the title of city manager. In 1947, the state attorney general ruled that the commission did not have authority, under the statutes, to employ a city manager or use the city manager form of government.

Subsequently, commissioners employed administrators whom they designated city engineers.

The title fell into disuse in 1955 when Mayor Glee A. Bridges became a "full-time" mayor and assumed full administrative duties.

Mayor Bridges said he would recommend the city manager election be held at the biennial election in May. He noted, "That way it would save expense of an extra election."

## Baptist Choir To Sing Cantata

The First Baptist Church 22-voice choir will sing the cantata, "Love Transcending" by John W. Peterson Sunday at 5:30 p. m.

Mrs. F. R. McCurdy, organist and choir director, is directing the Christmas program. The community is invited.

James E. Amos will serve as narrator and soloists are Paula Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hord, Mrs. W. B. Logan, and Charles Wilson.

## Herald To Publish Earlier Next Week

The Herald, as it has done for many years during Christmas, will publish its pre-Christmas edition earlier next week.

Next week's Herald will be dated Wednesday, December 21, and will appear on newsdealer counters Tuesday, December 20.

The Herald will resume its regular publication schedule for the December 23 edition.

The Herald will be closed for a Christmas holiday from noon Wednesday, December 21, until Monday, December 26.

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