

# Population

Greater Kings Mountain City Limits 10,320  
8,008

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## Record Year-End Cash To Savers

### Local News Bulletins

**Payments Total \$126,257; Year Total \$250,000**

Kings Mountain financial institutions will pay year-end dividends and interest to holders of savings accounts totaling more than \$126,000, a record.

Home Savings & Loan Association's dividend payment for the six-month period ending December 31, will total \$70,124. Secretary-Treasurer Tom Tate reported, including \$35,909 on optional savings shares and \$34,215 on full-paid shares.

Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association dividends for the six-month period total \$52,733, including \$27,898 on optional savings shares and \$24,834 on full-paid shares. Secretary-Treasurer Ben H. Bridges said.

First Union National Bank will pay interest on savings accounts for the three-month period ending December 31 totaling approximately \$3300.

Annual payments also set new records.

The \$126,257 year-end payment compares with year-end payments in 1959 of \$115,108, a gain of over \$11,000.

The year-end payments boost the total payments of Kings Mountain financial firms for 1960 to the quarter-million mark.

Annual totals reported were: Home Savings & Loan, \$136,322; Kings Mountain Saving & Loan association, \$101,384; and First Union National bank, \$12,500.

## On '61 Agenda: City Voting, School Merger

Kings Mountain looks forward to a busy new year, beginning Sunday.

A major event which customarily attracts the interest and attention of a majority of the citizens will be the biennial city election in May.

This year, there may be another election of interest, if the present commission decides, as has been indicated by some members, to offer the voters a third opportunity to adopt an alternative form of city manager municipal government.

An especially busy year is in store for Kings Mountain district school officials, as 1961 is expected to witness physical consolidation of all township schools into the district. Four county district schools were consolidated into the Kings Mountain district last May, but physical consolidation was delayed as opponents sought to invalidate the election by legal action.

The legal effort was non-suited in November and Kings Mountain district school officials are making plans to assume operation of the additional school plants — Bethware, Park Grace, Grover and Compact — effective July 1.

Also on the school agenda are initial plans for constructing a consolidated township high school plant. Options on potential sites are now being sought and preliminary legal work leading to a school district bond election to supply funds for the construction.

Kings Mountain Hospital expects to open a 25-bed addition in the spring, a project launched late in 1959, when county citizens approved funds for the addition.

## No Interference To Sunday Movie

### McSwain Reports Crowds Good, Sunday Booking

Joy Theatre showed Walt Disney's "Swiss Family Robinson" Sunday in violation of the city's Sunday blue law, and without interference or incident.

Eugene McSwain, manager of the theatre, said he was very pleased with Sunday's crowds, though he declined to give attendance figures.

He announced booking for Sunday, New Year's Day, "Esther and the King," another family entertainment film, this time with a Biblical theme.

There was as yet no indications of interference on the part of city officials to prevent operation of the motion picture house on Sundays.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges noted that the city codebook lists an ordinance prohibiting Sunday movies and other business operations, but provided no penalty for violation. He said he had instructed Chief of Police Martin Ware to initiate no action, unless warrants are sworn by individual citizens.

Boycott Gault, city commissioner, said Wednesday he had received no protests from Kings Mountain citizens and termed public reaction "apathetic."

However, Rev. J. W. Phillips, president of Kings Mountain Ministerial association, still plans a protest of Sunday movies when the issue appears on the city board agenda.

"The ministerial association appointed me to appear before the board even before last Sunday," Mr. Phillips said.

Screenings will be at 1:30, 3:25 and 9:00 p. m. Doors will open at 1:15 and 8:45 p. m.

The firm is owned by Stewart & Everett, Inc., of Charlotte, which operates theatres in more than 80 cities in the two Carolinas.

At a city board meeting several weeks ago, E. C. Stellings, vice-president of Stewart & Everett, Inc., asked the city commissioners to rescind its ordinance banning Sunday movies, noting that only three cities in which his firm operates retain so-called "blue" laws.

He also suggested that the city which operates a city swimming pool on Sundays in the summer is discriminating with unfair competition when it prohibits showing of motion pictures.

Sunday movies were legal here for about three months in 1955. The ban was reinstated when a delegation of citizens, led by some of the community's pastors, stormed the city hall in loud protest. The reinstatement vote was 2-0, with a quorum present.

The city code book, grouping all city ordinances, lists an ordinance prohibiting operation of business on Sundays (with exception of non-Grade "A" cafes and drug stores during specified hours).

**Jaycees Invite DSA Nominees**

The Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce is inviting nominations for its 1960 Young Man of the Year award.

Ollie Harris, Jr., chairman of the committee on the annual award, issued an invitation to all citizens to make nominations for the honor, accorded to a Kings Mountain citizen, age 21 to 35, who has made outstanding contributions during 1960 to the general community welfare, has shown evidence of leadership ability, and evidence of personal and business progress.

The nominee will be selected by a secret committee of judges.

Mr. Harris asked that letters of nomination should be signed, along with the address of the writer, and that details supporting the nomination should be included.

Letters should be addressed to DSA, PO Box 627, Kings Mountain.

## Kings Mountain To Greet 1961 Traditionally

Kings Mountain will welcome the New Year Saturday night in traditional fashion.

Semipublic and private parties will be the order of the day, as friends gather to sing "Auld Lang Syne", witness the passing of another calendar, and celebrate the oncoming new one.

Members of the fire-raised Kings Mountain Country Club will go to Shelby for their traditional New Year's party, to be held a night early on Friday at the Elk's Club. Buffet supper will be served at 7 o'clock, with dancing to follow from 8:30 to the music of Stogie Glenn's orchestra.

On Saturday night, the American Legion will hold its annual New Year's Eve dance, beginning at 9 o'clock, also with a dance band on hand for the occasion.

With New Year's Day falling on Sunday, few will enjoy the customary work-day of rest.

Exceptions include Kings Mountain's financial institutions, which will be closed on Monday, city hall offices and Kings Mountain postoffice.

Majority of the city's industrial establishments resume operations this week and the remainder will resume regular production schedules on Monday.

Retail business firms will be open on Monday.

All city and county schools will resume operations Monday morning.

## Rites Conducted For J. T. Hull

Funeral rites for James Thomas Hull, 87, were held Wednesday at 4 p. m. from Grace Methodist church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Hull, retired mill superintendent and overseer, succumbed at his home Monday afternoon following an extended illness. He was a former employee of the Phenix Mill and of mills in Cherokee Falls, S. C., Fort Mill, S. C. and Bessemer City.

His wife, Mrs. Mamie Cobb Hull died in 1926.

Surviving are two sons, Thurman R. Hull of the home and J. T. Hull, Jr. of Fort Mill; three daughters, Mrs. Wilma Kirby of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Rena Dellinger of Gastonia and Mrs. Pearl Hamm of Kannapolis; and one brother, Luther Hull of Cramer-ton.

The rites were conducted by Rev. W. C. Sides, assisted by Rev. W. L. Huffstetler and Rev. C. R. Goodson.

## Mackey Estate Sues For \$62,000

Administratrix of the estate of J. B. Mackey, killed by carbon monoxide poisoning December 21, 1958, has entered suit in Cleveland Superior Court against Irvin M. Allen and others, alleging negligence caused Mackey's death.

Damages of \$62,000 are sought. Other defendants are I. M. Allen, Jr., City of Kings Mountain, and two former city natural gas superintendents, V. L. Beachum and Corbett Nicholson, and Herbert Mitcham and Gene Mitcham, formerly partners in The Applance Center.

According to the complaint, Mrs. Florence Mackey, who charged that I. M. Allen owned Royal Motel, where Mackey and Mrs. Margaret Carswell Hamrick were found dead, Death was ruled to have been caused by carbon monoxide poisoning.

She alleges the Mitchams were negligent in making proper inspections of the premises to assure safety of their guests and that they were negligent in inspecting the gas unit heaters which furnished heat to the motel units.

She alleges that V. L. Beachum was negligent in properly inspecting the gas heaters when they were installed, and that Corbett Nicholson was negligent in inspection of them after he became gas superintendent.

She alleges the Mitchams, who installed the heater units, were careless in installing the heaters.

Also alleged is that the unit heaters were installed in 1956, subsequent to building of the motel court and subsequent to the installation of window air-conditioning units. It is charged that the gas heater vents were placed within three to four inches and facing the air intakes of the air conditioners. Plaintiff alleges noxious carbon monoxide gas was drawn into the room occupied by Mackey and Mrs. Hamrick.

T. Bruce Morton, of Brevard, is attorney for plaintiff.

**METER RECEIPTS**  
Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$133.47, including \$114.77 from on-street meters, and \$18.70 from off-street meters. City Clerk Joe McDaniel reported.

## Craftspun Sale Is Completed

Buyers Unnamed; R. G. Stewart Superintendent

R. G. Stewart, of Belmont, has assumed the superintendency of Craftspun Yarns, Inc., for the yet-unnamed purchasers of the capital stock of the Kings Mountain yarn producer.

Mr. Stewart said Wednesday he is at liberty to make no announcements on identity of the new ownership, plans for operation, and added that any date he might give for the firm's getting into production "would be a wild guess".

He confirmed that the transaction in which new owners purchased the Craftspun stock, via federal court approval, had been completed and said the firm will produce yarns.

Harold Phillips, former superintendent, resigned last week, and Mr. Stewart, who said he'd been associated with the new owners for a short time prior to completion of the transaction, took over the superintendency's desk last Friday.

He said announcements would be forthcoming in the future.

The former owners of Craftspun, Scranton Lacc Corporation of Scranton, Pa., suspended operations several weeks ago, terminating employment for more than 200 persons.

Mr. Stewart has been associated with Lineberger Mills, of Belmont, for the past 16 years, for the past 12 as a superintendent and previously as an overseer.

He is a native of York County, S. C., and has spent most of his life in textiles.

He is a member of Belmont's Centerville Baptist church.

## Listing Of Taxes To Start Tuesday

Annual city and county tax listing will begin Tuesday.

Township lister, Conrad Hughes, and city tax lister, M. H. Biser, will be at city hall courtroom, daily except Saturdays, to handle the listing chores.

Schedule will be the same as in past years, from 8 a. m. to noon, and from 1 to 4:30 p. m.

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

The listing officials renewed the annual plea for citizens to list their properties early, for mutual convenience. They pointed out that citizens who wait until late in the listing period, which ends by law on January 31, face the prospect of delays or penalties for listing late or failure to list their properties.

The law requires that all citizens list both personal and real properties for taxes.

In effect, real property is automatically listed. However, citizens who have sold or purchased real estate during the year year should call attention to these transfers when making their returns.

All personal property is required to be listed for taxes, including automobiles, jewelry, household goods, television sets, firearms, and dogs. Business firms list inventories on a special form mailed by the county supervisor.

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

## Schedule Change On Claims-Taking

Claims for unemployment compensation of former employees of Craftspun Yarns, Inc., will be taken at city hall courtroom Tuesday, beginning at 9 o'clock, John Fleming, manager of the Shelby employment commission office said Wednesday.

Customarily, the claims for the Craftspun "spot point" were taken in the afternoon, but the change was made due to fact city recorder's court will be held in the courtroom Tuesday afternoon.

The regular schedule will be resumed on Tuesday, January 10, Mr. Fleming added.

### FAIRVIEW LODGE

An emergent communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM will be held Monday night at 7:30 at Masonic Hall, according to announcement by T. D. Tindall, secretary.

### KIWANIS CLUB

Dr. P. H. Elliott, president of Gardner-Webb college at Boil-Springs, will address Kings Mountain Kiwanians at their Thursday meeting. The club venues at 6:45 at the Woman's Club.

### SERVICES

Sunday morning worship services during the month of January will be broadcast via Radio Station WKMT from Central Methodist church, according to announcement by Rev. H. D. Garmon, pastor.

### AA MEETING

An open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held January 7th at 8 p. m. at First Presbyterian church with a guest speaker to present the program. The interested public is invited to attend.

## School Consolidation, Snow, Politics Top '60 News Event

Consolidation of township schools, the weather, and politics dominated the news of Kings Mountain during 1960, a review of Kings Mountain Herald headlines showed this week.

The school consolidation story was a continuing one, beginning in January with the drawing of a merger petition by patrons of the four county district schools, continuing through the election favoring the merger on May 14, and followed by civil litigation aimed at invalidating the election, the latter non-suited on November 29.

The early part of 1960, weather-wise, was featured by a series of heavy snows, which disrupted transportation and school schedules and proved a boon to fuel dealers. The snows resulted in several six-day weeks for school children.

Politics was featured both by hard-fought Democratic primaries and a similarly hard-fought general election. Kings Mountain supported Terry Sanford, the incoming governor, in two primaries and again in the general election. Kings Mountain also gave a margin to John F. Kennedy, incoming president.

Politics also found Kings Mountain with its first candidate for the United States Congress in the person of Republican Kelly Dixon, who polled 41,000 votes in his losing race to incumbent Congressman Basil L. Whitener, Democrat.

Other major news events included federal appropriation for a Kings Mountain National Guard armory, institution of dial telephone service in place of the long-in-vogue manual system, the decennial census-taking, which found Kings Mountain with 8,008 souls, and a renewal of the argument over the city's Sunday blue law prohibiting showing of motion pictures on Sundays.

Business news was featured by the merger of First National Bank with First Union National Bank of North Carolina and by the sale of Craftspun Yarns, Inc., capital stock to buyers as yet unidentified.

The city suffered two major fires. Buildings occupied by Saunders Dry Cleaners and Stowe Radio & TV were gutted in March and the Kings Mountain Country clubhouse was completely destroyed by fire several weeks ago.

Major 1960 Herald headlines were:

**JANUARY**  
New School District Petition Drawn; Ricky Taylor Cops 1960 Baby Derby; C of C Plans Membership Dinner; "Free Ride" Voted On 1960 Duers; Area School

Merger Petition Now Being Circulated; March of Dimes Drive Underway; City Garnishees For Overdue Taxes; Grover, Compact, Plans Meet to Discuss Merger Petition; Stallings Named Young Man Of '59; Progress Reported On Signing Merger Petition; Herald News Job Wins First Place Heart Fund Drive Organization; Set; Alleged Rapist Robert Lee Case Nabbed In Act of Peavy Home.

**FEBRUARY**  
Epidemic Of Flu Appears Waning; Merger Petition Is Approved; Hearing Set For February 24; Ben Semmons Free On Murder Charge; C of C Directors Favor School Merger; Blanton Named Merchants Head; Scouts Note Golden Anniversary, First Troop Formed Here In 1924; Loyalty Campaign Purposes Listed; Hearing On School Merger Proposal Will Be Wednesday; City Government Had Boy Scouts At Helm On Snowy, Busy Saturday; County Board Creates New School Tax District; Kelly Dixon Republican Nominee For 11th District Congress Post; Resurrection Plans Expansion.

**MARCH**  
Kings Mountain, Piedmont Blighted By Snow; Webster Resigns City Tax Position; March To Church In March' Loyalty Campaign Begins; Negroes Shot To Death Sunday, Brown Is Held; DuBose Heads Township Campaign For Gardner-Webb College Fund; Kings Mountain Visited By Another Big Snow; First National Bank Planning Merger; Congressman Basil Whitener Files For Re-Election To Third Term; McCraw, Poor Boy Who Made Good, President of First Union Bank; Flash Fire Guts Saunders And Stowe Firms; Glee E. Bridges Sanford Manager; City Manager Vote Requires Petition Of Voters For Call; Kessler South-east Geological Head; Four Six-Day Weeks For School Make-Ups; Ellis, Peeler, Sarratt File, Contest For District I Post; Kit-tie Lou Sutton Is President, Math Department, State Teachers; New Petition Asks Immediate Merger Election; Best Census Guess to Win Herald \$25; Census-Taking Starts Friday; Cancer Crusade To Begin Monday, Mrs. Hunter Neisler Is Chairman.

**APRIL**  
Area School Merger Election Likely On May 14; Mrs. Weir Wins Teacher Award; Norman Is Killed By Falling Tree; Board Of Education Incumbents Seeking Re-Nomination In May; Bi-ser Named To Tax Post; Jack H. White Running For State Senate Seat; School Merger Vote Books

Are Open; Ausley To Preach Sunrise Sermon; Kincaid Will Step Down To Provide Outside City District Representation; No Opponents For Ellis, Sarratt; ARP's Considering Building Plant, Super Market; Candidate Sanford Here Thursday For Informal Reception, 9:30 a. m.; Jan Williams Wins Area Spelling Bee; ARP's Vote 58-30 To Build Harris-Tester Super Market; School Answer Query On Consolidation Alternates.

**MAY**  
Neighbors Protest ARP Church Re-Zoning Bid; Ex-House Member Falls Says Morgan Won't Be Walled In; 2317 Persons Registered For Merger Vote; Webster Also To Step Down In Township Schools Merger; School Consolidation Election To Be Saturday; Raid On Clubs Gets Contraband Valued \$50,000; Preliminary Census Report Shows City Population \$230; Grover Citizens Elated Over News New Post Office Building Approved; Nancy Hovis To Go To Netherlands As Kings Mountain AFS Student; Board Tackles School Merger Physical Problems; Registering Over, Jousting Warming; Virgil Weathers Heads Democrats To Grover; Bethware Programs To Begin; Democrats To Name Nominees In Saturday Voting; Mann Accepts Dixon Call; Bennett Asks Reinstatement Of Carrigan; White-Morgan Encounter Close; Graduation Exercises For KMHS Seniors To Begin Sunday Evening.

**JUNE**  
James Cranford Killed In Early Morning Wreck; Morgan Edges White In Close Senate Race; Westmoreland Undecided About Calling Runoff; Kings Mountain And County Went With Sanford In Primary; Restraining Order Sought To Block School Merger; Eight Beauties Seek 'Miss Kings Mountain' Title; Bud Ware Reinstated To Police Duty Following Short Suspension; Temporary Order Restrains Consolidation Plans; Lions Elect Mr. Thomas; Miss Kings Mountain Wins Two Trophies; \$100,000 Damage Suit Is Filed; Democrats Make Gubernatorial Choice Saturday; National Guard Gains Top Honor; School Officials To Answer Consolidation Plan Protest; Tentative Tax Rate Unchanged From Last Year; Kings Mountain Virtually Assured Of New Armory; First Baptist Occupies New Sanctuary Sunday; Terry Sanford Carries Kings Mountain And Cleveland County In Primary; "Love The Lord And Work Hard," Says 99-Year-Old Mrs. Whisenant.

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**JOINS SALES FIRM — Harold J. Phillips has resigned as superintendent of Craftspun Yarns, Inc., and has joined Southern Yarn Sales of Anderson, S. C.**

### Phillips Joins Yarn Sales Firm

Harold J. Phillips, superintendent and member of the management committee of Craftspun Yarns, Inc., has resigned to join Southern Yarn Sales' Company, of Anderson, S. C.

Mr. Phillips is also associated with Scranton Lacc Company, Scranton, Pa., former parent company of Craftspun, as purchaser of raw materials.

Mr. Phillips completed his duties with Craftspun December 22. He became Craftspun superintendent in 1954, after serving as general overseer of the firm beginning in 1946. He became an employee of the firm, then under other ownership and name in 1932 when still a high school student. After four years service in the army in World War II, with duty in the European Theatre, he returned to Kings Mountain and rejoined his old firm.

He is a graduate of the North Carolina Vocational school at Belmont, and studied cotton classing at Clemson college and time study at North Carolina State college.

Mr. Phillips is a former city commissioner.

### 1961 Auto Plates On Sale Tuesday

City and state 1961 auto license plates will go on sale Tuesday.

State tags will be sold in Shelby and Gastonia and can be obtained by mail from the Department of Motor Vehicles, Raleigh.

City tags will be on sale at the city hall office.

They sell for \$1.

State law requires that new license tags be displayed not later than February 16 and the city requirements coincide.

### INSTRUCTOR

T. C. McKee of 501 Rhodes Ave. has been certified an official hunter safety instructor becoming an essential part of a nation-wide program of fire-arms safety education and of the Hunter Safety program of the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission. He is available to give information to others interested in this program.

### B. S. Neill Retiring On Saturday After 42-Year Career In Banking

B. S. Neill, senior vice-president and chairman of the board of the Kings Mountain branch of First Union National bank, will complete a 42-year banking career Saturday.

Mr. Neill is retiring. His forthcoming retirement was announced formally at a dinner in his honor Tuesday night at the Woman's club, attended by bank officials, personnel, directors and their wives.

The bank presented Mr. Neill a handsome Hamilton wrist watch in appreciation of his service, which included 29 years as an officer of First National Bank of Kings Mountain and First Union National, with which First National was merged last year.

Carl G. McCraw, of Charlotte, president of First Union National, paid tribute to Mr. Neill for "all the fine traits of character which make him the gentleman he is."

Mr. Neill commented briefly, "I had to pinch myself to know who he was talking about."



**RETIRING — B. S. Neill, senior vice-president of First Union National Bank's Kings Mountain branch, is retiring effective Saturday. He joined the former First National Bank 29 years ago.**