

**Population**  
 Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
 City Limits 8,008  
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## Craftspun Anticipates April 1 Production Date

### Local News Bulletins

**PERMIT ISSUED**  
 A permit was issued Tuesday to Mrs. Effie Sanders to build a one-story store on Church Street between James Street and Linwood Road. Estimated cost of the structure is \$200.

**COURT POSTPONED**  
 City Recorder's Court, regularly held on Monday afternoon, has been rescheduled for Tuesday next week due to out-of-town business for Judge Jack White Monday.

**OPTIMISTS MEET**  
 Kings Mountain Optimist Club will meet Thursday at 7:00 p. m. at Long Bow Restaurant on Shelby Highway.

**HAS OPERATION**  
 Horace Walker, Kings Mountain Herald compositor, underwent an operation at Cleveland Memorial hospital last Friday. He is reported to be recuperating satisfactorily.

**FAIRVIEW LODGE**  
 Regular communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&M will be held Monday night at 7:30 p. m. at Masonic Hall according to announcement by T. D. Tindall, secretary.

**WOMAN'S CLUB**  
 A general meeting of all departments of the Senior Woman's Club will be Thursday at 3:30 p. m. at the clubhouse. A play, "Masters of Deceit" will feature the program and the public is invited.

**RED CROSS MEETING**  
 The quarterly board meeting of the Kings Mountain Red Cross Chapter will be held Tuesday, January 10th, at 7:30 p. m. in the office of Kings Mountain Baptist church, according to announcement by Rev. M. D. DuBose, chairman.

**LEGION MEETING**  
 Regular meeting of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will be held Friday at the Legion building. Adjutant Joe McDaniel announced that refreshments will be served following the meeting.

**METER RECEIPTS**  
 Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday noon totaled \$113.23, including \$22.73 from on-street meters, \$12 from courtesy parking fees, and \$8.50 from off-street meters. City Clerk Joe McDaniel reported.

**HOSPITALIZED**  
 Ross Alexander, Kings Mountain businessman and city commissioner, entered Kings Mountain Hospital Tuesday for observation and treatment. A family spokesman said Wednesday afternoon he is doing well.



**ARRIVES EARLY FOR NEW YEAR** — Lorri Ann Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, made an early appearance to greet the New Year and win the Kings Mountain and

Cleveland County first baby contests. She was born two months premature. Miss Ellen Foster R. N. leads a helping hand with the child in an isolette at Kings Mountain Hospital.

## Lerri Ann Smith Wins Baby Derby

**Tiny, Premature Youngster Said "Doing Well"**

Little Lorri Ann Smith, arrived two months early to wish Kings Mountain folk a Happy New Year and in doing so topped the honors in both the Kings Mountain and Cleveland County first baby contests.

The tiny three-pound, five-ounce baby girl is resting in an isolette at Kings Mountain Hospital and attending physician Dr. John McGill said Wednesday her condition is satisfactory.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith of 806 Woodside Drive.

Mrs. Smith was rushed to the hospital at 2:30 Sunday morning by her husband. Lorri Ann squealed her greeting to the world at 4:10 a. m.

Mr. Smith, a representative of Delph Hardware and Specialty Company of Charlotte, said he had gone downtown for a cup of coffee when the child was born.

"I was a surprised fellow when I got back to the hospital and found out she was already born," he said.

Lorri Ann was born with a name. Mrs. Smith had already picked it out because she wanted a girl.

The Smiths have another child, a son three and a half years old. They have lost two other children at birth.

This marks the second straight year that a Kings Mountain mother has presented the county with its New Year's Baby.

Last year Ricky Eugene Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eppson E. Taylor of 114 City street was born at 12:50 New Year's Day.

Kings Mountain merchants traditionally salute the first child of the New Year with a shower of gifts. Those participating this

### Mrs. Goforth's Funeral Rites Are Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Ellen Goforth, 36, wife of Ben Goforth, were held Saturday at 11 a. m. from First Presbyterian church, of which she was a member.

Mrs. Goforth died Friday morning at 1:40 a. m. at Charlotte Memorial hospital. Though in ill health for the past six weeks, her death was unexpected.

A native of Rutherford County, Mrs. Goforth was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Hardin of Smyrna.

She was a member of Kings Mountain Chapter 123, Order of the Eastern Star. She assisted her husband, in the operation of Ben T. Goforth Plumbing of which he is owner and was secretary of the firm.

In addition to her husband and parents, she is survived by two daughters, Claudia and Ellen Goforth, both at home; and two brothers, Buddy Hardin of Raleigh and Dan Hardin of Charlotte.

Dr. Paul Ausley officiated at the final rites, and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

### C. L. Alexander To Be Elevated

Kings Mountain Postmaster Charles L. Alexander is expected to succeed to the presidency of the North Carolina chapter, National Association of Postmasters, early this month.

Mr. Alexander, first vice-president of the North Carolina chapter, was notified recently of the death of President Everett S. Stevens, of Smithfield, who died suddenly of a heart attack.

Mr. Alexander said he had been notified by the secretary, W. T. McGoogan, of Red Springs, that he is to be confirmed as president by the executive committee at a forthcoming meeting.

Both the late president and Mr. Alexander assumed their offices in October.

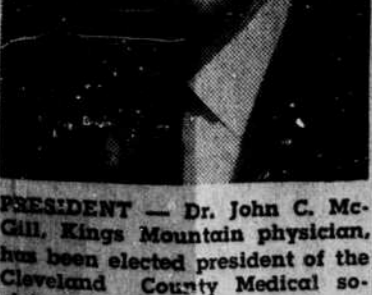
### Mrs. Fortune's Rites Thursday

Mrs. Temple Ellen Fortune, 80, widow of W. I. Fortune, died Tuesday morning following an illness of two years.

Funeral rites will be held Thursday at 3:30 p. m. from Harris Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Marion Dulosse will officiate and interment will be in Mountain Rest cemetery.

A native of Henderson County, Mrs. Fortune was a daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Levi Jones. She was a member of the Kings Mountain Baptist church.

She is survived by two sons, James Fortune of Kingsport, Tenn., and Jack Fortune of Hickory and four daughters, Mrs. Pauline Weaver of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Hunter Hudson and J. H. Scarborough, both of Charlotte, and Mrs. Harvey M. Duffin of Waynesville. A sister, Mrs. R. L. Heatherly of Jilmore, N. C. also survives, and seven grandchildren.



**PRESIDENT** — Dr. John C. McGill, Kings Mountain physician, has been elected president of the Cleveland County Medical society.

### Sunday Movie Reaction Nil

The only apparent reaction of Kings Mountain citizens to showing movies on Sundays, in violation of the city's Sunday blue law, is that some folk go to the movies.

Eugene McSwain, manager of Joy Theatre which began Sunday showings two weeks ago, said the past Sunday's attendance figures were good.

He continued to report lack of diverse reaction.

City officials report the same. Commissioner Ben H. Bridges said he had noted little reaction, guessed the city commission would try to do what the people prefer.

There are yet no indications of interference on the part of city officials to prevent operation of the motion picture house. The city

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### Kings Mountain Economy Soft As '61 Begins

Kings Mountain citizens welcomed the New Year this week with an attitude of hope that the next few weeks will see an economic upturn spelling the end of the 1960 recession.

Generally, Kings Mountain, the most part dependent on textiles and in lesser degree on mining, found the economy soft.

A slump in textiles began to be apparent in the summer and the remainder of the year produced no improvement.

The textile industry, for years contending that imports of foreign textiles have been hurting the industry are hopeful that a new national administration will lend a more willing ear to pleas for protection.

However, the attitude of most is hopeful.

Most optimistic outlook came from D. M. Peeler, president of Elmer Lumber Company, who said flatly, "It looks good." Mr. Peeler said an apparent upturn in the construction industry is in the offing, with more money available for construction financing.

Carl G. McCraw, president of First Union National Bank of North Carolina, said here last week, the outlook is for a continuation of business activity at current levels through June, with a major upturn during the final six months of 1961.

John Chesline Jr., president of Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, noted that the economy here is closely geared to textiles and hoped for a production pick-up. He pointed particularly to the close-down of Craftspun Yarns as an special drain on the area economy.

A. H. Patterson, executive vice-president of Home Savings & Loan association, said that construction activity has slowed somewhat in recent months but reported a heavy increase in savings by many citizens.

Al Maino, general manager of Neisler division of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, said, "Frankly, business is quiet, but we hope that the furniture markets, which are now opening will produce some business. He said the firm is experimenting with some new yarn which holds promise for Mohair's finished goods.

Neil Johnson, manager of Footie Mineral Company, said operations would continue at the same pace, but that a slowdown in mica consumption had not been helpful. He did not comment on the prospects for increased consumption of lithium products.

Commenting on the import competition, Mr. Masino said, "They hurt not only in textiles now, but in many other goods, including steel and automobiles."

Retail business, dependent on payrolls of industry, appeared to be in good position for the new year. Most merchants were pleased with December sales, though several reported slightly decreased sales volume from booming 1959.

### Home S & L Firm Retains Architect



**HEADS KIWANIS** — Charles Neisler will be installed as president of the Kiwanis club at a ladies' night program Thursday.

### Kiwanis Sets Installation

Rev. A. R. Craig of Rutherfordton, lieutenant governor of Kiwanis District 1, will install new officers of the Kiwanis club Thursday night.

The ladies' night event will begin at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's club. Dinner will be served by Mrs. I. B. Goforth.

Charles Neisler will be installed as president succeeding John C. Smathers and other new officers will include: B. N. Barnes, first vice-president; and Grady Howard, second vice-president; Charles Alexander was re-elected secretary and John L. McGill was re-elected treasurer.

New directors will include James E. Amos, Glee E. Bridges, Dr. D. F. Hord, W. S. Fulton, Jr., Joe Neisler, Jr., Sherman Perry and W. T. Weir. Outgoing directors are Joe Austin, L. E. Hinnant, R. S. Lennon, Grady Howard, Harold Hunnicutt and B. S. Peeler, Jr.

### New Building To Be Built On E. Mountain

Home Savings & Loan association is proceeding on plans to construct a new office building on East Mountain street on the site now occupied by Herndon apartments.

The savings and loan firm, which purchased the site last year, has retained George A. Griffin, Concord architect, and has asked occupants of the apartment house to vacate by February 1.

While detailed plans for the new building have not been completed, the general plan has been approved.

The building will be a one-story structure of brick, steel, concrete and glass, with ample parking and driveway area, plus arrangements for drive-in window service.

The interior will include a spacious main lobby, individual offices and a director's room, fireproof vault, several storage rooms, and a lounge. The overall building will contain approximately 3800 square feet.

Cost of the building is not yet known, but officials say a similar building in another city required an outlay in excess of \$70,000.

The firm's executive committee is in charge of the building project. Its members are A. H. Patterson, executive vice-president; Tom Tate, secretary-treasurer; Glee A. Bridges, vice-president; and B. D. Ratterree, John B. Mauney and Jack H. White, directors.

Home Savings & Loan association, founded in 1923, has been quartered since its establishment in its present location at W. Mountain street and Cherokee street, first sharing space with the Peoples Loan & Trust Company. The building was purchased in 1933.

### Modernization Of Yarn Firm To Be Extensive

**BY MARTIN HARMON**

The new owners of Craftspun Yarns, Inc., will modernize the plant extensively and hopes to be in full production by April 1.

A New York auditor, representing E. Stany Marks, attorney for the buying syndicate, made the statements concerning plans for the Kings Mountain firm Wednesday.

He did not reveal identity of the buyers, but did say there is no connection between the buyers and the B. V. D. Corporation, which had been among the rumored purchasers.

"The new owners will modernize the plant extensively for the manufacture of carded yarns," the auditor, who did not give his name, said, "and they anticipate an operation which will be in production 52 weeks per year."

The spokesman declined to estimate Craftspun's potential employment. He said equipment modernization will be at least 75 percent.

He stated that work will begin next week on building improvements which will precede installation of air-conditioning and added that contracts for the purchase of new production equipment should be signed this week.

"They hope to be in production by April 1 and earlier if possible," he commented.

"The new ownership is well-financed and will provide the community with a modern plant in every respect", the auditor continued.

Robert Lowe, member of the management committee for the former ownership after the resignation of Carl H. Swan as president, will remain with the firm.

Mr. Lowe said he is highly pleased with the plans of the new ownership.

Purchase by the new owners of the Craftspun firm was completed shortly after Christmas, after a federal court had approved its sale several weeks earlier. Former owner was Scranton Lace Corporation, of Scranton, Pa.

Under the former ownership, Craftspun employed some 240 persons. The parent company was operating in bankruptcy and, according to the sale petition, Craftspun had been operating at a loss for several years.

### Jaycees To Name Teen-Ager Of '61

Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for a new award it will inaugurate this year.

The Jaycees will honor Kings Mountain's "Teen-Ager of the Year".

Charles Blanton, chairman of the committee, invited nominations from all citizens this week. The candidate must reside in Kings Mountain and must be between the ages of 13-19, not reaching age 20 prior to June 1, 1961.

The Kings Mountain award winner will become automatically the Kings Mountain club's nominee for the state "Teen-Ager of 1961" award.

Deadline for nominations is February 1. Mr. Blanton asks that nominations be signed, that they include a list of the nominee's accomplishments, activities and positions held, and that the nominations be mailed to Box 272.

### Porter Opens Uptown Shop

Porter Plumbing Company, owned and operated by C. R. (Bob) Porter, will open an uptown shop Monday in the Phifer building on Cherokee street.

The firm specializes in general plumbing repair, as well as in residential and industrial construction.

The firm will offer for sale Kohler and American-Standard plumbing fixtures.

Mr. Porter obtained his North Carolina plumber's license in 1958.

He is a one time employee of Bridges Hardware.

### Daughter Of Former Minister Here Has Role In Upcoming Joy Booking

Eileen Fulton, Mrs. Margaret McLarty Cochran offstage, appears in the film "Girl of the Night" which plays at the Joy Theatre here Thursday and Friday.

Miss Fulton is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. James B. McLarty, former resident of Kings Mountain. Rev. McLarty was pastor of Central Methodist church for some years.

The film is Miss Fulton's first motion picture appearance. She has a varied background of stage and television appearances.

The motion picture is the film version of "The Call Girl" a social and psychoanalytic study of Dr. Harold Greenwald, and stars Anne Francis, Lloyd Nolan, Kay Medford, and John Kerr.

It is a Vanguard Production released by Warner Brothers.

In the film, Miss Fulton plays the part of Lisa, one of the many of New York's fashionably dressed, chic "girls of the night".

The main character, Bobbie Williams, is portrayed by Miss Anne Francis.

The film is hailed as a shocker, but producers say the factual account has been dealt with sensitively, understandingly, and with restraint.

The film is booked as adult entertainment.



**IN FILM** — Eileen Fulton, daughter of former Kings Mountain minister Rev. James B. McLarty, appears in the film "Girl of the Night" playing Thursday and Friday at Joy Theatre.

### C of C Members To Name Officers

A general membership meeting of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce will be held at City Hall courtroom Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

Principal business will be election of officers for the coming year.

In addition, John Cheshire, Jr., president, will make a brief report on the past year's activities and Bob Maner, treasurer, will give the financial report.

The following have been nominated for officers by the Chamber of Commerce nominating committee: Charles A. Blanton, president; Thomas A. Tate, vice-president; Fred Wright, Jr., second vice-president; and Bob F. Maner, secretary-treasurer.

Director nominees are Doris L. Bennett, Wesley Bush, Bob Southwell, L. E. (Josh) Hinnant, John Cheshire, Jr., John H. Moss and B. S. Peeler, Jr.

Nominations for all offices will be invited from the floor.