

# Population

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City Limits 8,008

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## Pastors Want Referendum On Sunday Blue Law Issue

### Local News Bulletins

#### Commission Defers Action "For Study"

The Kings Mountain Ministerial association has asked the city board of commissioners to hold a referendum on the question of business operation on Sundays.

Rev. J. W. Phillips, recently retired president of the association, presented the pastor's resolution, stating that it was unanimously adopted at the December meeting by all members present.

Comm. Ross Alexander asked Mr. Phillips, "Will the referendum be for closing everything?"

Mr. Phillips did not answer directly, but noted that he had received telephone calls since Joy Theatre began its Sunday movie showings with one question on whether he'd sworn a warrant for arrest of the manager.

"If people break the law, the policemen are supposed to handle it," Mr. Phillips continued, adding, "My job is as a minister of the Gospel, not swearing out warrants."

W. K. Mauney, Jr., attending the board session on another matter, questioned whether he was in violation of existing law. He said one of his firms must operate on Sundays or face a three-day shut-down to resume operations. He said such a situation would force him to move the business outside of the city limits.

Mr. Phillips remarked that in Biblical times works of necessity and mercy were permitted on Sundays. He concluded, "I'm neither a politician nor a businessman, but I feel bound to uphold the law of God."

The ministers' resolution did not mention Sunday movies per se.

The resolution reads:

"We, as Ministers appreciate the Lord's Day and we deplore anything that takes away from the main emphasis of this day which is set aside for the proclamation and reception of the gospel.

"We further affirm, that we who constitute the Ministerial Association, are not a law making group nor do we speak for our congregations and, therefore, feel that the present test of the Blue Law presented to our City Council should be decided in a referendum by the people of Kings Mountain."

Comm. Luther Bennett commented he favored a referendum on the Sunday question. Then the board accepted the suggestion of given.

The board also approved rezoning of the lot at the corner of N. Watterson and W. King street to business zone and advertised a public hearing on a petition by residents of the 200 block of East King street for rezoning from residential to business designation.

The board confirmed a group of street improvements assessments and approved a petition for paving, curbing and guttering Rhodes avenue, from Linwood to Henry street, and Henry street to the school.

#### MISSION STUDY

Sunday morning Rev. W. P. Gerberding will preach on Foreign Missions at St. Matthew's Lutheran church. In the evening at 7:30 he will lead the mission study class on Home Missions. Everyone, including the men of the church, are invited to this class in the Sunday School auditorium.

#### IN FRATERNITY

James C. Blanton of Kings Mountain will be inducted into Gamma Rho Chapter of Kappa Alpha Order at East Carolina college Thursday at the Order's annual Convivium banquet. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Blanton.

#### NO WRECKS

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

#### GRASS FIRE

City firemen were called to Bennett Drive last Thursday at 4:15 p. m. to douse a grass fire. No property damage was reported.

#### WOMAN'S CLUB

The Public Welfare Department of the Woman's club will meet Monday at 8 p. m. at the clubhouse to hear a program, "Citizenship and Safety" arranged by Mrs. Gene McCarter. All members are urged to attend.

#### KIWANIS CLUB

Peter J. Verna, Jr., Charlotte civil engineer who recently made a trip to Russia, will address Kings Mountain Kiwanians at their Thursday night meeting. The club convenes at 6:45 at the Woman's Club.

#### OPTIMISTS MEETING

Kings Mountain Optimist Club will hold a non-dinner meeting at the American Legion Hall Thursday at 7:30 p. m. Jake Early, temporary president of the group, asks that all Kings Mountain men who are interested in boy's work and combating juvenile delinquency to please turn out for the session.

#### RECRUITER

Mr. Sgt. Gale S. Moore, U. S. Army recruiter, will be at the Kings Mountain postoffice every Wednesday afternoon from 1 until 3:30 p. m. Sgt. Moore's office is located in the Masonic Building in Shelby.

#### WEST P-TA

Kirsten Zacho, Danish student who is the community's third exchange student, will present the program at West School P-TA Monday night. The P-TA meets at 8 p. m. in the school auditorium.

#### METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$111.97, including \$15 from over-parking fees and \$7.51 from off-street meters, City Clerk Joe McDaniel reported.

## Nominees Asked For Teen Award

Kings Mountain citizens are being urged to nominate teenage citizens for the Kings Mountain Jaycees' annual "Teen-Ager of the Year" award.

Charles Blanton, chairman of the committee on the award, reminded this week that deadline for nominations is February 1.

Nominations should include a list of supporting qualifications for the nominee, who must be a boy or girl living in Kings Mountain and between the ages of 13-19.

Nominations should be mailed to Box 272, Kings Mountain.

The Kings Mountain winner will be the local entry for the Carolina "Teen-Ager of the Year" award.

## Tract Optioned As Possible High School Site

Kings Mountain School Board has obtained an option on a 73-acre tract of land on Phifer Road for possible use as the site of the proposed million dollar consolidated high school, F. W. Plonk reported Monday night.

The board was meeting in regular session at Central school.

The land is on the west side of the road, just across from Bennett Brick & Tile Company, Mr. Plonk said. He has obtained a six-month option at a price of \$500 per acre. He reported the option is renewable for an additional six months, if needed.

The tract of land is in three parcels, he added, belonging to Martin Phifer, the Phifer family heirs, and to Neisler Brothers, Inc.

He told the board the option would be recorded Tuesday.

Mr. Plonk explained to the board that the tract is to be one of several possible sites for the proposed school and he is seeking option on several other tracts.

In other action, the board:

- 1) Unanimously voted to institute condemnation procedures against property adjacent to Central school property owned by Mrs. Garland E. Still. The board for some months has been negotiating with Mrs. Still for purchase of the land, desired for a service road to the Central school plant.
- 2) Board members agreed that a disputed boundary line could best be settled and the property acquired more readily through the condemnation process.
- 3) Supt. B. N. Barnes told the board that negotiations for the property of Mrs. D. H. Houser, which joins the Still tract, has been completed.
- 4) Voted unanimously to institute the legal sale of a triangular tract of land divided from the North Elementary school tract by Barnes Street extension. Supt. Barnes reported that Gordon Isatty and Ben H. Bridges had voiced interest in purchasing the tract.
- 5) Sale price of the land, stipulated in the motion, is subject to board approval.
- 6) Authorized F. W. Plonk and B. N. Barnes to take bids on hot food serving counters for West and Davidson schools and a hot water heating system for Central School.
- 7) Barnes reported the water system is needed for the installation of an automatic dishwasher for use in the Central school cafeteria.
- 8) Voted to send Supt. Barnes to the American Association of School Administrators meeting in Philadelphia, Pa. to be held March 25-28.
- 9) Heard a report from Supt. Barnes that the District XIV North Carolina State School Boards association meeting has been changed to March 8 and will be held at Garringer high school in Charlotte.
- 10) The board authorized Barnes to make the necessary reservations for the entire board to attend.
- 11) Authorized Supt. Barnes to handle the employment of replacements for three teachers in the city school system who are resigning before the end of the school year.
- 12) Heard a report from Supt. Barnes that delivery of the new activities bus is expected in mid-February.



NEW PASTOR — Rev. Floyd R. Willis of Lincoln County has assumed pastorate duties at Westover Baptist church. He and his family have occupied the Westover manse.

## Rev. Willis At Westover

Rev. Floyd R. Willis has assumed new pastorate duties at Westover Baptist church.

Mr. Willis comes to Kings Mountain from Hulls Grove Baptist church in Lincoln County where he served the past six years. He attended Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute.

He, his wife and two children have occupied the Westover parsonage.

The former pastor at Westover, Rev. J. D. McClellan, who resigned, has moved to Shelby.

## Welcome Sign Erected On 74

A joint project of several Kings Mountain civic organizations came to partial fruition this week with erection of a road sign on U. S. Highway 74 near Bethwase school.

The large sign welcoming travelers to Kings Mountain displays emblems of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis and Lions clubs and the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce, with space reserved for addition of Chamber of Commerce and Rotary club emblems. Each of these organizations, plus the Kings Mountain Merchants association, which originated the project, shared cost of the construction.

Several other individuals and business firms have a part in the project. Earl Morris allowed the use of his property for the sign, concrete was given by Spangler & Sons, and Elmer Lumber Company transported the sign. The city electrical department dug the post holes.

Another sign, already built, is to be installed on U. S. Highway 85, but obtaining a location is pending due to uncertainty concerning right-of-way on this highway, Charles Blanton, Merchants association president, said.

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## Barnes To Discuss Workbook Aids; Group Of Patrons Favors Their Use

B. N. Barnes, superintendent of schools, will outline the school administration's position on use of workbooks as teaching adjuncts at a meeting of West School Parent-Teacher association Monday night.

The board of education after a two-hour discussion on the subject this week, suggested that the superintendent address the P-TA group, following a continuing effort of a group of West school patrons to have instituted the use of reading workbooks in the primary grades.

Mrs. William Herndon, spokesman for the pro-workbook group, said the school administration was asked in September to conduct a survey on the question among other schools.

She continued, "We said we would be satisfied with results of the survey and at no time did the group endeavor to dictate school policy, as we don't now."

"We were given no reply by school officials. In November, we were told that workbooks would be put in the school system by the first of the year. On January 11, a total of 20 workbooks for

more than 50 students was given to the third grade teachers at West school only."

Mrs. Herndon said members of her group didn't regard 20 workbooks for two grades as a fair test of the workbook method of teaching reading and reported that interested parents have offered to furnish a full complement of workbooks, which have been ordered.

"We had hoped the experiment would be throughout the school system, she continued, adding, "We're not trying to hurt the schools, but to help our children."

Supt. Barnes told the board members at Monday's meeting that school officials had considered the matter of use of workbooks an administrative one, subject to decision by the principals and the teaching supervisor, on request of particular teachers.

The school board agreed that the question is an administrative one.

Mr. Barnes said that the survey had been conducted. The

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## Bell To Build Work Center

Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company let contract for construction of a plant work center on West King street, manager Floyd Farris announced this week.

The building will cost \$34,000, will be of concrete block construction and will measure 66 x 17 feet with an attached vehicle storage shed 39 x 45 feet.

Miller Construction Company, of Claremont, was successful bidder for the contract.

Mr. Farris said construction is to begin in February and that it is anticipated about 90 days will be required to complete the work.

The building will include offices for the plant maintenance crew and equipment storage facilities, for service to Kings Mountain and Grover.

## Penalty On Taxes Starts February 2

Penalty on unpaid 1960 city and county tax bills applies February 2, City Tax Collector M. H. Biser reminded this week.

State law requires that penalty of one per cent be added in February, another one per cent in March, with one-half of one per cent in subsequent months.

# Armory Local Funds Short; County Indication Is \$10,000

## Charles Blanton Is Winner Of Young Man Of '60 Honor



IN NEW POST — Rev. Thomas E. Moore, Jr. begins new pastorate duties Sunday at East Side Baptist church.

## Rev. Moore In New Post

The Rev. Thomas E. Moore, Jr., will begin his pastorate Sunday morning, January 22, at Eastside Baptist church, York Road.

Rev. Moore comes from Cherokee Falls Baptist church, Cherokee Falls, S. C., where he served as pastor for two and one-half years. The Sunday School attendance tripled during his leadership. The community recognized Rev. Moore as a working preacher.

He is married to Evelyn Rahn. Both the Moores are originally from Sumter, S. C. They have two sons, Michael, eight years old and Richard, five years old.

Moore attended the University of South Carolina and had correspondence courses from Southern Baptist Seminary. He graduated from Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute, Hendersonville, N. C. Both Rev. and Mrs. Moore have training in music.

Rev. Moore welcomes anyone who is not attending church to worship at Eastside church.

## Tax Listing On Schedule

"I believe we're on schedule," Conrad Hughes, Number 4 Township tax lister said Wednesday.

"We've been kept busy throughout the listing period and I believe that more than 50 per cent of the work is done," he added.

With slightly less than two weeks remaining in the tax listing period, he added, "I hope they keep coming at the present rate."

Citizens are required to list their properties during the month of January for county and city ad valorem taxes. North Carolina law provides penalties for persons who list late or for those who fail to list.

County and city tax listers are on duty at City Hall courtroom Mondays through Fridays from 8 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. On Saturdays, Mr. Hughes is at Hambricht's Store in Grover to accommodate citizens in the Grover area.

Principal work of the tax listing is personal property, since real property listings are automatically carried forward.

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

#### PERMITS ISSUED

M. H. Biser, City Building Inspector, issued two permits this week, one last Friday to Kings Mountain Baptist Church to build a seven-room parsonage on Hawthorne Drive at the estimated cost of \$19,082 and a permit Monday to Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company to build a four room commercial garage on W. King Street at the estimated cost of \$17,800.

## Druggist Is Tapped For Honor

Charles Blanton, Kings Mountain druggist, was named Kings Mountain Young Man of the Year and presented the Distinguished Service Award Tuesday night at the Junior Chamber of Commerce Bosses' Night banquet.

The award is given annually by Kings Mountain Jaycees to a local citizen, age 21 to 35, who has made outstanding contributions during the year to the general community welfare, has shown evidence of leadership ability, and evidence of personal and business progress.

Blanton was presented the award by Charles Dixon, the 1957 Award winner.

Mr. Blanton graduated with honors from Kings Mountain high school and was a 1953 graduate of the University of North Carolina school of pharmacy.

He holds the rank of Eagle Scout and is active in Boy Scout work. He serves as vice-president of the Cleveland County Drug association.

A deacon at First Presbyterian church, he is a teacher of the men's Bible class.

He is a Jaycee, served as president of Kings Mountain Merchants association for 1960-61, is president of the Chamber of Commerce, is treasurer of the foreign exchange student fund, a director of the Red Cross, and served as chairman of the TB association in 1959.

He is married to the former Libby Wilson of Gastonia and the father of two children.

Fred Ratchford, secretary of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce, addressed the group of 40 Jaycees and guests present at the meeting.

Ratchford, a graduate of Davidson College, was formerly associated with Burlington Industries for 15 years.

His humorous talk touched lightly traits of human personality and then seriously on various phases of loyalty.

"I think it most important that a person have loyalty," Ratchford said, "to his community, his country, his religion, and his employer. Even to his section of a community."

"If a person is not pleased with the section of a community in which he lives, he should move to one that does please him."

"I am not fully in favor of the adage that 'When you eat a man's bread, you sing his song' but those words have a definite

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OPENS OFFICE — Dr. K. G. Kellough, Gastonia chiropractor, has opened new offices at 306 East King Street.

## Kellough Opens Offices Here

Dr. K. G. Kellough, formerly of Concord and presently of Gastonia, announces the opening of the Kellough Chiropractic office at 306 East King street.

The resident building has been renovated to provide ample office quarters for Dr. Kellough's latest chiropractic equipment.

Dr. Kellough, a graduate of Concord high school has served three years in the U. S. Coast Guard as Captain of the port. Upon discharge in 1954 he began his studies at the Lincoln Chiropractic College of Indianapolis, Ind., and graduated with honors after completing the curriculum on an accelerated basis. Dr. Kellough also served his two year internship at the Lincoln Out Patient Clinic.

Dr. Kellough plans to utilize the latest in chiropractic and physiotherapy equipment and techniques.

Office hours will be from 11 a. m. to 1 p. m. and from 2 to 4:30 on Tuesday and Wednesday, and 8 a. m. to 10 a. m. on Saturday. The remainder of the week Dr. Kellough will practice chiropractic at his suite of offices in Gastonia located at 2005 S. York Rd.

#### CITY TAG SALES

A total of 561 city automobile license tags for 1961 have been sold, City Clerk Joe McDaniel reports, or about one-third of the estimated number motorists are required to display on their cars by February 16.

## Rev. Tom Droppers Is Chairman Of Annual Heart Fund Campaign

Rev. Thomas Droppers, Priest-in-Charge of Trinity Episcopal church, will again head the Heart Fund Drive in Kings Mountain.

Mr. Droppers, chairman of the 1960 appeal, said the completed list of other volunteer workers for the 1961 drive will be announced next week.

Advanced giving has already begun under the direction of Mrs. F. R. Summers.

Heart Sunday, when door-to-door visits are made, will be February 26th.

Although the national policy of the Heart Fund is to hold an independent campaign during the month of February, there is no desire to compete with the United Fund but rather to supplement the charitable work that is done in that drive, Mr. Droppers pointed out. "The same willingness to assist in a situation of need is evident in the history of the various drives which take place in our community," he added.

"The response made last year to the cause of Heart Disease was most gratifying and has established a welcome precedent for this year's work," Mr. Droppers



HEADS DRIVE — Rev. Thomas Droppers will head the 1961 Heart Fund Drive appeal in Kings Mountain. The drive will begin in February.

The Heart Fund Drive will be conducted throughout the month

## Problem: To Get Enough Cash By June 1st

Weather Kings Mountain will get a National Guard armory remains in doubt.

The county board of commissioners Monday informally and unofficially told Mayor Glee A. Bridges it would supply \$10,000 for the project in August or September. There was no official action.

Meantime, the armory project faces a June 1 deadline on deposit in Raleigh of required local funds and deed for two additional acres for the site.

In addition to the time problem, \$3,400 of the minimum local funds requirement of \$33,400 is still to be obtained.

Three alternatives were being talked by city and local National Guard officials Wednesday:

- 1) Possible delay of the project past the June 1 deadline and into the 1961-62 fiscal year.
- 2) An increase in the city's \$20,000 commitment to \$23,400.
- 3) Raising of the \$3,400 by public subscription.

Sgt. Charles Wilson of the Kings Mountain National Guard company, said he doubted delay of the project is possible. He understands that federal appropriations (major portion of the total \$140,000 outlay) can't be carried over. However, Mayor Bridges said he hoped to confer with state National Guard officials Wednesday concerning this possibility.

City officials were non-committal about an increase in the city's commitment, noting that they have a problem of raising the \$20,000 and the city has already invested an additional \$6,300 in the present three-acre armory site.

Reaction to the public subscription possibility was unknown. Mayor Bridges said he would give \$100 to start the fund, if that route is chosen.

To the county commission plea that no funds will be available before August, local officials suggested that the county borrow the money. The commission replied that such borrowing is illegal, except for emergency need.

Commissioner Ben H. Bridges commented, "We don't have \$20,000 either, but we'll figure out some means of getting it. Our immediate problem is to get the county commission to supply the \$10,000 in time."

All commissioners expressed disappointment that the county commission didn't see fit to supply the \$13,400 minimum required and in time for the June 1 deadline.

The federal government furnishes 75 per cent of the funds, the state 7.5 per cent, and local governments 17.5 per cent for armories. Federal and state funds have been approved and are available.

## Duke Bid High For City Lines

The city tentatively accepted a bid of \$5,500 from Duke Power Company last week for its Lake Montonia Road power lines.

Rutherford REA had bid \$5,247.

The acceptance of the Duke bid was tentative, pending Duke's agreement to install higher poles on the York road bridge to Lake Montonia road and on Duke's agreement to allow Southern Bell Telephone Company lines on their poles.

Mayor Glee Bridges explained that several Lake Montonia residents have requested release to another power supplier.

Duke has not yet confirmed the purchase.

## It's Small World Says Mrs. Carpenter

Mrs. Jimmy Carpenter, of Alexander, La., daughter-in-law of Clarence E. Carpenter of Kings Mountain, thinks it's a small world that the next U. S. President's wife should be a personal friend of hers.

Mrs. Carpenter, the former Mary Louise Dunbar of Augusta, Ga., and Mrs. Kennedy were schoolmates at Vassar.

Dr. Carpenter is the son of Mr. Carpenter of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Bess Webb Carpenter of Shelby. He is minister of Timothy's Episcopal church at Alexander, La., where he, his wife, and sons, Andy and Mark, now reside.