

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
 City Limits 8,008

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Local News Bulletins

ATTENDED MARKET
 Eugene Timms of Timms' Stop & Shop last week attended the Southern Furniture and Rug Market at Southern Furniture Exposition, Building in High Point which featured 14 acres of furniture exhibits.

PERMIT ISSUED
 M. H. Biser, City Building Inspector, issued a permit Friday to J. Wilson Crawford to build a 6-room residence at 117 Sharon Drive. Estimated cost of the structure is \$13,000.

OPTIMISTS MEET
 Kings Mountain's Optimist Club will meet Thursday at 7:30 p. m. at the American Legion Hall according to an announcement Tuesday by temporary president Jake Early.

WOODS FIRE
 City firemen were called Tuesday at 3:30 p. m. to Edgemont Drive to douse a woods fire which was threatening homes in the area. Although a difficult blaze to handle, firemen extinguished the fire before it did damage to the homes.

NEW SCHEDULE
 The Kings Mountain Bus Terminal is open on new schedule beginning this week, according to announcement by the management. The Bus Station and Western Union opens at 7:30 a. m. and closes at 5 p. m.

704 TAGS SOLD
 A total of 704 city auto license tags for 1961 have been sold. City Clerk Joe McDaniel said this week. Motorists who fail to purchase tags and display them by February 16 are subject to a \$5 penalty. The city customarily sells about 1800 motor vehicle license tags.

TRUCK AUCTION
 The city will auction the 1942 Dodge truck, formerly the No. 2 firewagon, at the City Garage the morning of February 4 at 10 a. m. The truck has been stripped of its fire-fighting apparatus.

ORDER OF RAINBOW
 A public installation service for new officers of the Kings Mountain Assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls, will begin at 3:30 p. m. Sunday at Masonic Hall.

SUPPER
 The Young Men's Class of Piedmont Baptist church will serve a chicken supper Saturday from 5 until 9 p. m. at the church recreation hall. Tickets are available at \$1.25 for adults and 50 cents for children.

FAIRVIEW LODGE
 An emergent communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM will be held Monday night at 7:30 p. m. at Masonic Hall, according to announcement by Secretary Thomas D. Tindall.

Reports Heard On Churchwork

First Presbyterian church members heard annual reports at a congregational meeting last Sunday.

Total income from all causes for the year 1960 was \$32,697, including \$10,913, to benevolences. A total of 46 new members were received into the church.

Newly-elected members of the 1963 Class of the Board of Deacons include Charles Blanton, B. F. Maner, R. W. Moss and Joe Neisler Jr. George Thomasson was elected to fill the unexpired term in the Class of '61. Henry P. Neisler is board chairman, Paul Mauney is vice-chairman, B. F. Maner is secretary and J. W. Webster is treasurer.

Officers of the Men of the Church include: Ben Grimes, president, B. M. Hayes, vice-president, Herman Campbell, secretary and treasurer.

New officers of the Women of the Church are Mrs. P. G. Padgett, president; Mrs. Charles Ballard, vice-president; Mrs. Jack Amette, secretary; Mrs. O. W. Myers, treasurer; Mrs. Robert Miller, historian.

Circle chairmen are Mrs. Hall Goforth, Mrs. Thurman Seism, Mrs. George Moss, Mrs. S. S. Weir, Mrs. Henry B. Jones, Mrs. Heywood E. Lynch, Mrs. B. W. Gillespie and Mrs. E. A. Harrill.



JEAN HICKS



BUDDY MAYES



STEVE WELLS

Neisler, Plonk On Branch Bank Directorate

Charles A. Neisler, secretary-treasurer of Blackmer & Company, and John O. Plonk Jr., secretary-treasurer of Plonk Brothers & Company, Inc. have been elected directors of the Kings Mountain branch of First Union National Bank of North Carolina.

The two directors were elected at the bank's annual meeting of stockholders held in Charlotte January 17. Other Kings Mountain branch directors were re-elected, including B. S. Neill, chairman of the board, R. S. Lennon, vice-president of the Kings Mountain branch, Dr. L. P. Baker, dentist, G. A. Bridges, Kings Mountain mayor, J. E. Herndon, Jr., vice-president of J. E. Herndon Company, Inc., P. M. Neisler, treasurer of Dickey Mills, Inc. and Neisler Brothers, Inc. and Frank A. Summers, sales manager of Scott Huggins Realty and Mortgage Company, Atlanta, Ga.

At the annual meeting, 664 stockholders were served luncheon in the lobby of the Charlotte branch. Carl G. McGraw, president, said the attendance represented one of the largest stockholders' meetings in any bank in the United States. He reported total operating income reached an all-time high during 1960 and amounted to \$8,984,516. The bank had record net operating earnings after taxes amounting to \$2,039,738. Total resources at the year end were \$203,607,276.

Mr. McGraw stated that First Union National Bank of North Carolina has reached many milestones since 1908, but no achievements have been more gratifying than those of 1960. He stated further that First Union National will approach the year 1961 with cautious optimism, confidence and enthusiasm.

Mrs. Sellers' Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Rosanna Elizabeth Sellers, 85, were held Saturday from Bethlehem Baptist church, interment following in the church cemetery. Mrs. Sellers, widow of W. B. Sellers, died Thursday at 6:30 p. m. in Broughton Memorial hospital at Morganton. She had been in ill health the past 10 months.

Local Students In ASTC Play

Three Kings Mountain students will portray roles in the Playcrafters production of William Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" at Appalachian State Teacher's College, Boone.

They are: Miss Jean Hicks, a senior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Hicks; Bud Mayes, a senior, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Carl Mayes; and Steve Wells, a freshman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wells.

Mr. Mayes, who is majoring in social studies and English at ASTC, has the role of "Friar Lawrence". He has previously played in "The Crucible"; "The Male Animal"; "Pygmalion" and "Horn in the West".

Miss Hicks, who is president of the "Playcrafters" and vice-president of Alpha Psi Omega, has the role of "Lady Capulet". She has also appeared previously in four productions of the Playcrafters: "Iphigenia in Tauris"; "Pygmalion"; "The Male Animal" and "The Crucible". She is majoring in English and library science.

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Retailers Voting For 1961 Officers

William G. Jonas and W. G. Grantham have been nominated for president of the Kings Mountain Merchants association for the coming year.

Ballotting is now underway for election of officers and four new directors of the association, and deadline for posting ballots is February 1.

Directors will be elected for two-year terms, officers for one-year terms.

Nominees for vice-president are Odus Smith and Mrs. Sue Young.

A. H. Patterson Will Retire Soon

Home S & L Assets Top \$4,000,000

A. H. Patterson expects to retire as executive vice-president of Home Savings & Loan Association on March 31, shareholders were informed at the annual meeting Tuesday.

Mr. Patterson, a former Kings Mountain postmaster and chief executive officer of the association since it was organized in 1923, will continue to serve as a vice-president of the firm and as a director.

Shareholders were also informed Tuesday of progress on plans for a new building to be erected on East Mountain street, site of the Herndon Apartments. The building has been sold for removal to John Chambers and the apartments were vacated during the past week.

Mr. Patterson reported highlights of the association's 1960 operations, showing that the firm topped \$4,000,000 in assets for the first time with total assets at December 31 of \$4,112,349. Increase in assets during the year was \$416,007.

- 1) Total of mortgage loans at December 31 was \$3,341,528, up \$307,556 for the year.
 - 2) Loans made during 1960 totaled \$853,395. The number of loans was 283.
 - 3) Saving at year end totaled \$3,752,611, up \$466,705 for the year.
 - 4) Record dividend payments of \$136,347 compared to payments of \$112,553 in 1959.
 - 5) The association added \$36,902 to its reserves during the year, with \$1,500 remaining as undivided profits.
 - 6) The ratio of reserves to total savings was 9.63 percent.
 - 7) The association's liquidity factor (ratio of cash, government bonds and time deposits to total of savings accounts) was 10.96 percent.
- On announcement of Mr. Patterson's plans to retire, the stockholders adopted a resolution of appreciation for his service to the association and commending him for his work in building the association.
- All directors were re-elected. They include, in addition to Mr. Patterson, Dr. J. E. Anthony, G. A. Bridges, J. H. Thomson, Thomas A. Tate, J. B. Mauney, J. G. Patterson, B. D. Ratterree, Jack H. White, Dr. Paul E. Hendricks, and R. S. Plonk of Bessemer City.
- Subsequent to the shareholder session, directors convened and re-elected all officers and staff members. They are: Dr. J. E. Anthony, president; G. A. Bridges, J. H. Thomson and A. H. Patterson, vice-presidents; Thomas A. Tate, secretary; Mrs. Emily A. Herndon, assistant secretary; treasurer; Jake A. Dixon, manager of profits; Bessemer City branch; and Miss Phyllis A. Smith, clerk.
- The association's legal staff is the firm of Davis & White and George B. Thomasson.



HEADS UNIT — Glee E. Bridges, of Kings Mountain, recently assumed the duties of commanding officer of the naval reserve electronics division headquartered at Shelby.

Bridges Heads USNR Division

Lt. Glee E. Bridges, USNR, has been named commanding officer of U. S. Naval Reserve Electronics Division 6-17, headquartered at Shelby.

Lt. Bridges succeeded Lt. Com. Wade S. Weatherford, of Gaffney, S. C., effective January 16. The new commanding officer of the division, which currently has a complement of 35 officers and men. Members of the division include naval reservists from Gaffney, S. C., Forest City, Gastonia, Lincolnton, Shelby and Kings Mountain.

Lt. Bridges, a veteran of World War II, has been in the active reserve since 1953. He joined a Gastonia unit. A year later he was transferred to the Shelby unit. During World War II he attended the Navy midshipman school at Cornell University, subsequently studied diesel engines at N. C. State College and was assigned to duty aboard an LCI amphibious ship operating in the Pacific theater.

Montonia Line Bids Invited

The city has rescinded its action providing sale of its Lake Montonia road power lines to Duke Power Company and has advertised for bids on the lines for opening on February 9.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges said that the Rutherford Rural Electrification Association, which has also posted an offer for the lines, protested the method of sale as of questionable legality and had endeavored to post an increased offer of \$6,600 prior to board action.

Duke Power Company proffered \$5,500 for the lines against the initial REA offer of \$5,247. At a special meeting last Thursday, the commission decided to accept sealed bids for the Lake Montonia lines, which serve approximately 33 customers.

City electrical officials had reported that many of the customers, all outside the city limits, had requested release to other suppliers. Offered for sale are the power lines, hardware, transformers, meter boxes and other equipment serving the Lake Montonia road customers.

It's Cold Zero Mark is Possible
 "Brr... it's cold..." This was the standard greeting Monday as passersby met on Kings Mountain streets and the weather predictions were for a continuance. Some weather forecasters were predicting 1960-61 winter low temperatures for this area Wednesday night, with a possibility the mercury in local thermometers would plunge to zero.

'60 City Taxes 71 Percent Paid; Penalty To Start

City and county tax collectors are anticipating a rush of payments during the weekend and early next week, as taxpayers endeavor to beat the deadline on penalties on 1960 tax bills.

Penalty of one percent will apply February 2, meaning that next Wednesday is the final day to pay tax bills at par.

Additional penalty of one percent is added in March, per state statute.

M. H. Biser, city tax collector, said Wednesday that payments on the 1960 levy of \$166,433 have totaled \$116,675, or 71.39 percent of the total levy.

Already city taxpayers have made 1960 payments totaling \$13,160 during January.

In addition to payments on current taxes, collections of taxes for 1959 and prior years have totaled \$22,222 since July 1, beginning of the current fiscal year.

Total city tax payments for the current fiscal year are \$138,897.

Bond Election Information Soon

J. R. Davis, city school's attorney, for some weeks has been negotiating with New York Bond attorneys for clearance of a bond issue election to raise funds for the proposed new consolidated high school for No. 4 Township.

He reported Wednesday that negotiations are still continuing and he may have a definite report concerning the bond election within the next few days.

Davis is working with the New York bond company of Mitchell, Perring, Shetterly, and Mitchell.

Tax Listing To End Tuesday

Final day for listing properties for city and county taxes—without penalty is Tuesday.

Max Hamrick, county tax supervisor, said Wednesday no time extension is contemplated. Last year, the time was extended due to especially bad weather.

Meantime, Conrad Hughes, township tax lister, and M. H. Biser, city tax lister, were being kept busy at City Hall as citizens rushed to list their taxes in time.

Mr. Hughes said Wednesday that there had been little let-up in the listing chore, and he said he felt that the big majority of his listing job is done and that, by Tuesday afternoon, virtually all of it will be finished.

"Of course, some will be late and some will fail to list. It would appear some folk like to be penalized," he commented.

All citizens are required to list properties for taxes during the month of January.

Real estate is automatically carried forward, though sales, purchases and improvements should be noted. Personal property is listed annually and all articles of value must be listed. Included are automobiles, household goods, television sets, jewelry and dogs.

Answer Unknown On Armory Delay



SPEAKER — Clarence Stasavich, Lenoir-Rhyne college football coach and athletic director, will address members of the Kiwanis club Thursday night.

Federal Word Is Awaited By Officials

City and National Guard officials are still in the dark concerning possibility of delaying the project into the fiscal year beginning July 1.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges conferred with North Carolina National Guard officials in Raleigh last week, but Major R. E. Shelton, the officer in charge, was out of town and other officers said they didn't know whether a delay would be possible.

It was indicated that there would be no problem at the state level, but that a check must be made with federal officials. The federal government furnishes 75 percent of the funds for armory construction, the state 7.5 percent, and local governmental units 17.5 percent.

Mayor Bridges said he'd received no word from Raleigh Wednesday morning.

The armory construction program is twofold.

A total of \$33,400 in local funds is required for the \$140,000 construction.

The city is committed to furnish \$20,000 of this amount, but the funds are not budgeted and the city is checking ways and means to provide the cash by June 1, when the state has said all funds must be on deposit.

Informally, the county commission has promised a \$10,000 appropriation for the project, but has stated firmly no cash will be available before late August, with the remainder not available until January 1962.

And the total commitments are \$3,400 short of the amount required.

Mayor Bridges said he was assured by National Guard officials that they would endeavor to honor the city's request for a delay on the project, but that the federal government decision would be the determining factor.

Part of the money problem was posed when site requirements for armories was raised from three to five acres.

Local governments or agencies have full responsibility for providing sites.

Sufficient land is available to meet the site requirements at \$7,500, National Guard officials have reported.

John Ed Davis Speaks To Lions

John Ed Davis, of Shelby, Lions zone chairman, discussed the work of the American Cancer society at Tuesday's meeting of the Lions club and said that the cancer cure rate could be doubled if preventive examinations were made early enough.

C. L. Putnam's Rites Thursday

Funeral rites for Charles Lawrence Putnam, 68, who died Tuesday of a heart attack, will be held Thursday at 3 p. m. from Temple Baptist church.

The body will lie in state at the church 30 minutes before the service. Rev. Jack West, Rev. W. F. Monte, Rev. Fred Hicks, and Rev. J. J. Thornburg will officiate, and interment will be in the Patterson Grove cemetery.

Mr. Putnam's death was unexpected. He had been ill the past three weeks.

A native of Cleveland County, he was a retired farmer and textile worker, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Putnam. He was a member of Temple Baptist church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lela Hord Putnam; six sons, Grady Putnam of Denville, N. J., Elzie Lee Putnam, Lloyd F. Putnam, both of Kings Mountain, Forest C. Putnam of Charlotte and Billy and Bobby Putnam of Ft. Belvoir, Va.; one daughter, Mrs. J. W. Rayfield of Kings Mountain and 11 grandchildren.

Also surviving are three brothers, Carl Putnam of Shelby, Wayne Putnam of Kings Mountain and Albert Putnam of Rutherfordton; and one sister, Mrs. A. C. Neal of Charlotte.

Sadie Mill Employees Had Good Blood Donor Record During Year

Employees of Sadie Cotton Mills gave 70 pints of blood, or 13.3 percent of Kings Mountain area requirements during 1960, Mrs. O. W. Myers, Red Cross chapter blood program chairman, reported this week in announcing that the Bloodmobile would return here for a blood collection on February 6.

Employees of A. M. and Lithium Corporation of America for special efforts in the 1960 program.

"We must remember that the blood needs of our citizens must be replaced by citizens. There's no other way to acquire blood, which, through the regional blood bank, is available when they need it—sometimes meaning the difference between life and death," Mrs. Myers commented.