

# Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 8,008

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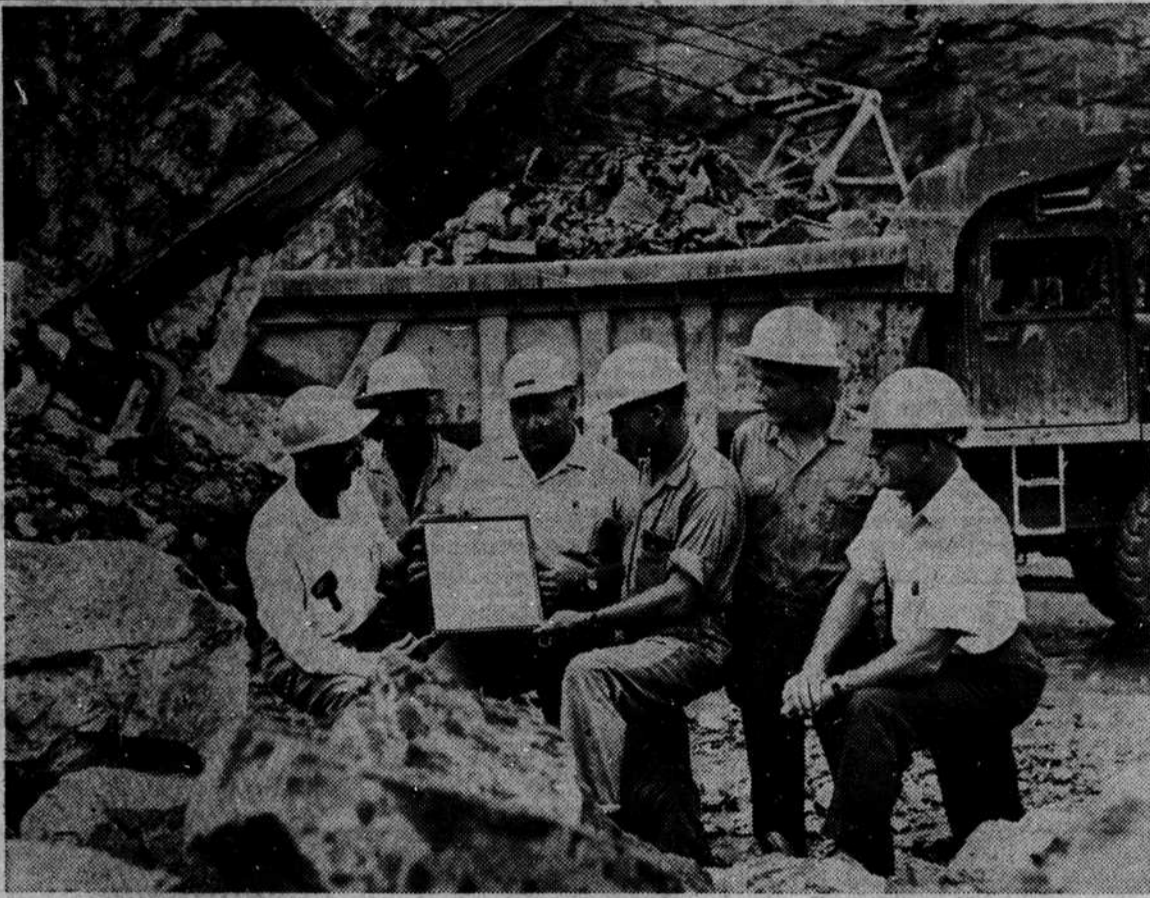
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**KINGS MOUNTAIN QUARRY RECEIVES CERTIFICATE** — The Bureau of Mines' Certificate of Achievement in Safety was presented this week to Superior Stone Company's Kings Mountain Quarry. The certificate lauded the quarry for its outstanding record of 156,911 man-hours worked without a disabling injury during 1960. Shown with the award, left to right, are Gar-

land Midyette of Raleigh, Safety Director for Superior Stone Company; Fenton Martin of Kings Mountain; Jay Powell, Kings Mountain Quarry Superintendent; Ray Bedford of Blacksburg, S. C.; Dillard Day of Nantahala Gorge; and Bill Hinshaw of Greensboro, Assistant Director of Safety for Superior Stone Company.

## Negro High School Decision Soon

### Mayor Reiterates Study Group Need

#### Fieldhouse Plan Stymied; Sewage Disposal Problem

Mayor Kelly Dixon reiterated his previous recommendation to the board of commissioners Wednesday that a study committee is needed to make a general survey of the community's stadium needs in conjunction with the schools.

Mayor Dixon listed several "whys": 1) the sewage disposal problem at City Stadium, where the closest present outfall is on Gaston street — uphill from the stadium; 2) eventual major function of City Stadium; and 3) needs of the city recreation program.

Specifically, the Mayor noted, the Kiwanis - sponsored field house project, approved by the board of commissioners, remains stymied for lack of specifications on the proposed building and the sewage disposal problem.

H. R. Parton, who owns real estate to the north of the stadium property, has reiterated his request for sewage lines on Carpenter street, which he told the commission would enable him to develop his property and also serve City Stadium.

The Mayor said that a minimum of about 1200 to 1250 feet of sewage line would have to be installed to serve Carpenter street and said that cost estimates had not been made and would be variable depending on the amount of rock encountered.

#### Privilege License Penalty Date Near

In-city business and industrial firms which fail to purchase 1961-62 privilege licenses by the close of business Tuesday will be faced with a five percent penalty.

The law provides that privilege licenses are purchasable net through August 1, with penalty of five percent per month applying thereafter.

Purchases through noon Wednesday totaled \$3497.25, compared to the city's estimated receipts from this source of \$5500. This figure indicates that some \$2002.75 in licenses remain to be bought.

#### Group On Aging Meets Thursday

Representatives of Kings Mountain civic and service organizations will gather for a second organizational meeting Thursday night to plan a program for Senior Citizens.

The group will also vote on organization of a community council, with members of this body to include civic club leaders, ministers and other representatives of the city council and service groups.

Mrs. George Houser, Woman's club president, said the meeting tonight will be held at 8 p. m. at the Woman's club.

Among groups sending representatives to the meeting are: Kings Mountain Lions, Optimists, Jaycees, Rotarians, American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Chamber of Commerce, Ministerial Association, the Woman's club, Junior Woman's club, Mayor Kelly Dixon and representatives of the city board of commissioners and representatives of the county welfare office.

Purpose of the program is to alleviate problems of the aging with formation of a local Senior Citizens club.

The Woman's Club has offered to provide the meeting place, refreshments and games for a recreational program for a "Golden Age" club until the program is enlarged and future plans are developed.

At the first organizational meeting earlier this month reports were heard from Golden Age clubs in other towns, and slides showing these clubs at work featured the program.

#### Mrs. Patterson Injured In Wreck

Mrs. I. G. Patterson suffered a cracked rib, cuts and bruises Monday morning when the Pontiac in which she was riding with her husband was hit by a 1955 Chevrolet a short distance north of Tryon.

Mr. Patterson, driver of the Pontiac, was not injured. The Pattersons were en route Bon Clarken, ARP summer assembly grounds when the Chevrolet, driven by a Miss Whitesides emerged from a service station and crashed into the Pontiac's front fender.

Mrs. Patterson received first aid at Tryon clinic and is recuperating at her home here. Damage to both cars was extensive.

#### West Elementary Graduates To Go To Park Grace

The Kings Mountain board of education is expected to meet within the next two or three days, Superintendent B. N. Barnes said Wednesday, to make decision on Negro high school pupil assignments.

Indications were, at the July board session, that the former Davidson and Compact high schools will be consolidated, with the merged high school utilizing the Compact plant.

Meantime, Davidson plant is expected to be utilized exclusively for elementary pupils, both those who would normally attend Davidson and new students now in Kings Mountain district who formerly attended Washington school in the county district.

Supt. Barnes also clarified plans for assignment of white pupils. Central plant will not only be utilized for the merged township high school, but will also house eight eighth grades.

Pupils graduating to the seventh grade from the six-grade West elementary school will attend Park Grace school. There were two sixth grades at West during the 1960-61 term.

Supt. Barnes also outlined plans for eight additional classrooms at the Central plant as follows:

1) No seventh graders, of whom there were three classes in 1960-61, will be housed at Central, providing three additional rooms.

2) Supt. Barnes' office and the office of the teaching supervisor will be moved into the residence at the corner of Ridge and Gaston streets, providing two additional rooms.

3) With two teachers of vocational home economics, schedules will be arranged to utilize both cooking and sewing departments at the same time, providing one additional class room.

4) Two 20 x 48 prefabricated structures have already been obtained to provide quarters for the merged high school's two vocational agriculture teachers, adding two more classrooms.

Total: eight additional rooms. Supt. Barnes noted that assignments thus far are general, rather than specific, and that formal assignment, both white and Negro students, will await the formal pupil assignment resolution required of all North Carolina boards of education.

Findings by the study committee are to be given to the 1963 Legislature for study.

Supt. Brown is a former Principal of Kings Mountain high school.

### Guard Company Has 36 Vacancies



**APPOINTED** — E. Lawson Brown, former principal of Kings Mountain high school, has been named by Governor Terry Sanford to a commission which will report to the 1963 General Assembly on the manner in which school boards of the state are selected.

#### Former Principal On Study Group

Supt. E. Lawson Brown of the Davidson County Schools has received official word that he will be on a nine-member commission which will study the manner in which county and city school board members are selected in the state.

The appointment of Supt. Brown was by Governor Sanford in Raleigh. Among those recommending Supt. Brown for the high honor were: Lt. Gov. Cloyd Phillipott, State Senator R. W. Van Landingham and Davidson County's representative to the General Assembly, Eugene Snyder.

Earlier this week it was announced that Supt. Brown would receive the appointment to the important committee and today the official announcement came.

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#### 59 Underwent Carrier Exams

Fifty-nine Kings Mountain area citizens underwent civil service commission examination Saturday in Gastonia for rural postal carrier.

Kings Mountain postoffice has two rural carrier vacancies, due to retirement of Lloyd Phifer and W. B. Logan.

Appointments are made from the eligible list which last Saturday's examination results will establish by Congressman Basil L. Whitener, of Gastonia.

Indications from the Congressman are that grades likely won't be posted for about 90 days.

#### Local Company Gets Authority To Up Strength

In the wake of President Kennedy's Tuesday night address to the nation, in which he announced steps he will take to alleviate the Russian threat to Berlin and other areas, Capt. Humes Houston, commanding officer of Co D, 105 Engineer Battalion, of the North Carolina National Guard announced openings for 35 recruits.

Previously frozen at the present strength of 71 officers and men, the company has now been authorized to go to full strength of 107 officers and men.

The permission to increase to full company manpower was received in late June.

Among those eligible for service in the National Guard company are young men age 17, in good physical condition, and at least rising high school seniors.

Capt. Houston also noted that veterans may enlist in the company at the rank they held at discharge.

Other officers in the Kings Mountain company are Second Lt. Wayne Wellmon, Charlotte, and Second Lts. Hugh Lancaster and Robert L. Wilson, both of Kings Mountain.

North Carolina's National Guard division is known as the 30th or "Old Hickory" division. The President said in his Tuesday night address he did not intend to activate national guard units at the present time, but would increase armed forces strength by doubling and trebling the draft and by ordering reservists to active duty.

#### Open House Set At Club Sunday

The new Kings Mountain Country Clubhouse was to open Wednesday night.

Manager Percy Card said Wednesday that dinner will be available to club members nightly for the remainder of the week and that dinner will also be served at noon Sunday.

Effective Tuesday, both lunch and dinner will be available. On Sunday afternoon, officers and their wives will receive at open house for club members and their families from 4 to 6 p. m.

The Grand Opening of the new clubhouse will be Saturday evening, August 5, with a dinner-dance featuring the music of Tommy Cook and his Orchestra, of Gastonia.

Mrs. J. O. Plonk, Jr., and Mrs. Ben Grimes are handling arrangements both for the open house and for the August 5 Grand Opening.

The club has been without a clubhouse since last November when fire razed the old colonial frame structure, remodeled as a clubhouse in 1947 and initially erected as a residence by the late R. S. Plonk in 1900.

The new clubhouse is modern in both exterior design and interior decor. Ceiling beams are of pre-stressed concrete, walls and brick-block and floors are terrazzo tile. The club has three major rooms in addition of service rooms. The spacious ballroom-dining room can be divided into three small rooms by sliding dividers. The Jamaica room is a snack bar, with the large kitchen between ballroom and Jamaica room.

Initial cost estimates, including swimming pool, called for expenditure of \$60,000. Final figures have not yet been compiled. Members of the building committee were Paul M. Neisler, Sr., chairman, William Herndon, Fred W. Plonk, Fred Wright, Jr., H. R. Neisler, and Mrs. George H. Houser.

## Senator Ervin Asks Re-Election

### State Chairman Bert Bennett May Be Opponent

By MARTIN HARMON  
Sam J. Ervin, Jr., of Morganton, senior United States Senator from North Carolina, announced Tuesday he would seek re-nomination in next May's Democratic primary.

The Senator, who has completed seven full years in this office, may be opposed by Bert L. Bennett, Jr., Winston-Salem oil dealer and North Carolina Democratic chairman.

Several weeks ago, Raleigh newspapermen wrote that Mr. Bennett might oppose Senator Ervin. Mr. Bennett, when contacted by the Herald via telephone, acknowledged he was considering opposing Senator Ervin.

Mr. Bennett was manager of Governor Terry Sanford's successful 1960 primary and general election campaigns. Along with the Governor, he was among those first supporting President John F. Kennedy at the National Democratic convention.

Senator Ervin also supported President Kennedy in his successful campaign against former Vice-President Nixon.

Senator Ervin, then an associate justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, was appointed to the Senate in 1954 by Governor William B. Umstead at the death of Senator Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby.

Senator Ervin said Tuesday in announcing his candidacy: "My service in the Senate now totals seven full years. I hold substantial positions upon the Senate Committees on the Armed Services, Government Operations, and the Judiciary, and am Chairman of the Senate Subcommittees on Constitutional Rights and the Codification and Revision of the Laws. In addition to serving upon these regular Committees and Subcommittees, I have been assigned by the leadership of the Senate in times past to membership upon several highly controversial special committees, such as the Watkins Committee to study the proposal to censure the late Senator McCarthy and the McClellan Committee to investigate racketeering in the labor-management field.

"...I have stayed on the job, and devoted virtually all of my energy and time as well as such talents and experience as I possess to the performance of my official duties.

"I do not claim I have voted right on all occasions, but I do assert in all sincerity that I have always voted for what I honestly believed to be right in the light of all the information available to me at the time of voting. I shall continue to do this as long as I remain in the Senate, regardless of all other considerations."

**NO PERMITS**  
M. H. Eiser, City Building Inspector, issued no building permits during the past week.

### Kings Mountain Superior Plant Safety Winner

In recognition of its outstanding safety record during 1960, the Kings Mountain Quarry of Superior Stone Company has been awarded a Certificate of Achievement in Safety from the Department of Interior, Bureau of Mines.

The certificate, presented to the quarry this week during a plant barbecue, noted that the Kings Mountain Quarry worked 156,911 man-hours during 1960 without a disabling injury. The Kings Mountain Quarry is one of 13 Superior Stone Company quarries which will receive a Certificate of Achievement in Safety from the Bureau of Mines in recognition of accident prevention during 1960.

The certificate was presented by Bill Hinshaw, Assistant Director of Safety for Superior Stone Company. Jay Powell, Kings Mountain Quarry Superintendent, accepted the award on behalf of the quarry's personnel.

In a letter accompanying the Certificate of Safety, James Westfield, Assistant Director, Health and Safety, Department of Interior, Bureau of Mines said, "this award is in recognition of your outstanding safety record. We realize that this required the full cooperation of all your employees and officials in a well-designed and effectively administered accident prevention program."

Superior Stone Company's headquarters is in Raleigh. The Company operates quarries in North and South Carolina, Virginia and Georgia. It is a division of American - Marietta Company.

**IN YORK PAGEANT**  
Sandra Lee Myers, Miss Kings Mountain of 1961, has been entered by local Jaycees in the Miss York Colonial Pageant. The event runs August 1-3. She will appear in swimsuit and evening dress. Miss Myers is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Myers of Route 2.

**OPTIMIST MEET**  
The Optimist Club of Kings Mountain will meet Thursday at 7:00 p. m. for the club's regular weekly session at Grace Methodist Church fellowship hall.

**ROTARY SPEAKER**  
John G. Hilden, Industrial Relations Manager of Fiber Industries, will be featured speaker as Kings Mountain Rotary Club members meet in regular session Thursday at 12:15 p. m. at the Country Club.

### Ground Broken For New Armory

Bulldozers began moving dirt at the Phifer Road site of the new National Guard Armory Wednesday.

Here to launch construction were Fred Ayers, construction engineer, and James Grey, construction superintendent, for Gallimore Construction Company of Greensboro, successful bidders for the general contract.

J. L. Beam, Jr., of Cherryville, is supervising architect. The structure is expected to cost about \$140,000, in addition to the site.

According to the contract, the builder has 240 days from July 24 to complete the Armory. Capt. Humes Houston, commanding officer of the Kings Mountain company, said this week.

### Judge Riddle Denies Writ

Shelby — Superior Court Judge H. L. Riddle, Jr., of Morganton, Thursday denied a writ of mandamus to dissent patrons of the No. 4 Township schools which would force the Kings Mountain Board of Education to call an election in the rural area on revoking a 20 cents per hundred valuation supplementary school tax.

Before announcing his decision, Judge Riddle told attorneys and representatives of interested parties that he expected the matter to be settled finally by the North Carolina Supreme Court, no matter what his ruling.

Attorneys for the dissent patrons said they have laid the groundwork for an appeal to the high court but have made no final decision yet.

The patrons want an election on abolishing the special tax in the old Grover, Compact and Bethware school areas and oral arguments from attorneys heard by Judge Riddle in his chambers, was whether the rural area could be considered a special tax district or whether the entire district, including both the old Kings Mountain city administration unit and the area annexed in May of 1960 must be considered a cohesive unit.

State Attorney General Ralph Moody had formerly ruled that the new unit is cohesive and must be considered as a whole in any election.

### Elgin Has "Second Chance To Live" Through Heart Valve Operation

By MARTIN HARMON  
"I have a second chance to live."

This is the statement of Clarence L. Elgin, former employee of Burlington Industries' Phenix plant, who hasn't been able to work for the past 30 months due to a heart ailment.

Mr. Elgin hopes to return to Minneapolis in the near future for the operation that promises to restore his health. Obviously, for a man who hasn't worked in 30 months, the expense estimate of operation and hospitalization of \$2500 is staggering.

The University of Minnesota clinical report has been filed with the North Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation commission and Mr. Elgin hopes the financial arrangements will be provided by this agency.

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Mr. Elgin was a World War II army mess sergeant.

### Sandra Didn't Win, But All Were Lovely; An Accompanist Got Hurt

By DAVID BAITY  
Sandy Myers, Miss Kings Mountain of 1961, was one of 74 lovely losers in the Miss North Carolina Pageant which was climaxed Saturday about midnight in Greensboro with the naming of Maria Beale Fletcher of Asheville as Miss North Carolina.

Miss Asheville, the 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Beale Fletcher, charmed the panel of 10 judges with her smooth vocal and tap dance presentation of "Somebody Loves Me." She has danced with the Rockettes of Radio City Music Hall in New York City for six months.

First runner-up was Susan Woodall, Miss Roanoke Rapids, who presented the sleep-walking scene from Macbeth in talent competition. She first presented the soloique in classic Shakespearean style and then a take-off version with a deep south accent. Second runner-up was Ruby

Gail Newton, Miss Raleigh, who impressed the judges in the talent division with a classic piano presentation of "Revolutionary Etude" by Chopin.

Third runner-up, Kay Sloan Hobbs, Miss Asheville, charmed the audience and judges with her presentation of "I Enjoy Being a Girl."

Fourth runner-up was Elizabeth Beel, Miss Durham, who presented a dramatic reading, the prayer scene from "Joan of Arc."

Other semi-finalists were Miss Winston-Salem, who sang "I Enjoy Being a Girl"; Miss Charlotte, who sang a medley of blues tunes; Miss Watauga County, who sang an operatic selection; Miss Mooresville, who played a jazz rendition of "The Warsaw Concerto" at the piano; and Miss Albemarle, who sang "Un Bel De" from "Madame Butterfly." Miss Fletcher is the daughter

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