

**Population**  
 Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
 City Limits 8,008

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## Davidson, Compact High Schools Merge At Compact

### Local News Bulletins

**OPTIMISTS MEET**  
 The Optimist Club of Kings Mountain will meet in regular weekly session Thursday night at 7:30 at Grace Methodist church fellowship hall.

**SPEAKER**  
 Rev. George Grissom of Gastonia will conduct morning worship services Sunday morning at 9:30 at Dixon Presbyterian church in the absence of the pastor, Rev. James Mann, on vacation. Rev. Mr. Grissom is a former supply pastor of the Dixon church.

**FULL COMMUNION**  
 The first full communion service since May 28 will be celebrated at St. Matthew's Lutheran church Sunday at 11 a. m. The pastor, Dr. W. P. Gerberding, will deliver a short communion meditation.

**REUNION**  
 Annual reunion of the Capt. William McGill Clan will be held at Smyrna ARP church, Thursday, beginning at 11 a. m. Frank McElwee is current chairman of the clan, of which numerous Kings Mountain area citizens are members.

**KIWANIS CLUB**  
 Kings Mountain Kiwanians will view a film at Thursday night's meeting at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's club. Bud Neisler, program chairman, said the program is being furnished by Capt. Stewart Sherman of the Strategic Air Command Headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska.

**MAYOR TO PREACH**  
 Mayor Kelly Dixon, in private life an ordained Baptist minister, will deliver sermons twice Sunday. At 11 o'clock service, Mayor Dixon will deliver the sermon at Penley's Chapel Methodist church, and at 7:30 evening service, he will deliver the sermon at Sulphur Springs Congregational church near Forest City.

**METER RECEIPTS**  
 Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$125.30, including \$98.10 from on-street meters, \$57 from over-parking fees and \$10.20 from off-street meters, City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., reported.

### Mauney Hosiery Wins Award For Safety

Mauney Hosiery Mills, Inc., of Kings Mountain is among 82 hosiery mills in North Carolina achieving top safety records during the year 1960, according to Frank Crane, North Carolina's Commissioner of Labor.

Commissioner Crane said the 82 plants have been awarded the State's highest honor for their effective work in accident prevention — the joint State - Federal "Certificate of Safety Achievement."

Hudson Hosiery Company of Shelby won a similar honor.

The coveted safety scroll is offered each year as recognition of outstanding achievement in prevention of injuries on the job. It bears the Great Seal of North Carolina and the signature of the Commissioner of Labor, and the seal of the United States Department of Labor and the signature of the Secretary of Labor.

The award is given to plants which 1) have no disabling injuries on the job during the year, 2) maintain an injury rate 75 per cent or more below the State average for the industry, or 3) reduce their frequency rate 40 per cent or more compared with their rate the previous year.

"The highest honor and praise are due the management, supervisors and employees of these 82 hosiery mills," Commissioner Crane stated. "Their remarkable safety record is one which the entire hosiery industry should strive to equal. Much human suffering, loss of life and limb, and economic waste have been prevented through the safety programs of these plants. The achievement has had equal positive benefits, such as uninterrupted maintenance of employee earning power and maintenance of the hosiery industry's low rate for workmen's compensation insurance."

Commissioner Crane said the group of 82 hosiery mills winning the award for 1960 achieved a disabling injury frequency rate of 1.0 per million manhours worked.

The plants had 29 disabling injuries in the course of a total of 27,99,939 manhours, he stated.

The 82 plants comprise one-sixth of the approximately 490 knit goods establishments operating in the State. They account for about ten per cent of all award-winning plants in North Carolina for the year 1960.

Commissioner Crane pointed out that the injury rate of 1.0 achieved by the 82 award winners is only about one-fourth as high as the Statewide rate 3.8 for the entire knit goods industry during 1960. It was only one-fifth as high as the national knit goods rate of 5.0 for the same year.

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**MISS CASHION WELCOMES GOVERNOR** — North Carolina Governor Terry Sanford was welcomed to State 4-H Club Week at Raleigh by 4-H'ers Harold Vick of Nashville and Kim Cashion of Kings Mountain. They are pictured above with L. R. Harrell, state 4-H club leader.

### Four Teachers Are Employed, Two Resign

The Kings Mountain district schools faculty showed a net increase of two this week, the board of education employing four teachers and accepting resignations of two.

Tendering resignations were William F. (Bill) Powell, last year coach and teacher of science at Bethware high school, and Mrs. Theresa M. Holt, last year teacher of home economics at Grover. Mr. Powell has accepted a similar position at Number 3 high school and Mrs. Holt is joining her husband at Mt. Gilead high school, which Mr. Holt will serve as principal.

The new faculty members are: Mrs. Juanita Edgerton, of Rutherfordton, teacher of home economics, who replaces Mrs. Holt; Mrs. Mardecia E. Harrell, of Shelby, teacher of French; John L. Blalock, of Kings Mountain, teacher of science and coach, to be assigned to the merged Compact - Davidson high school.

Supt. Barnes said he couldn't list finally the number of teaching vacancies until the teacher allotment is received from the State Board of Education.

However, he added, the schools need a minimum of four additional teachers, including a high school teacher of Latin, a teacher of girls' physical education, an additional high school science teacher and a teacher of the educable retarded. The state board already has authorized the special teacher for the adaptable retarded.

### Kim Cashion 4-H Honor Clubber

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### Frank Roper's Rites Conducted

Final rites for James Frank Roper, 65, were held Tuesday afternoon at 4 p. m. from Grace Methodist church, of which he was a member and trustee.

Mr. Roper suffered a heart attack Saturday about noon and succumbed that night about 10 o'clock in the local hospital.

A native of Burke county, Mr. Roper was owner of City Cab Company of Kings Mountain. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Roper.

He was a veteran of World War I, serving with the U. S. Army.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Geneva Goins Roper; one son, Norman Roper; one brother, Ivey Roper and one sister, Mrs. Harvey C. Smith, all of Kings Mountain.

The funeral rites were conducted by Rev. Norman Pussey, assisted by Rev. W. C. Sides. Interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

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### Moomaw Logs 10th Year Here

Ben F. Moomaw, Jr., logged on July 22, his tenth anniversary as superintendent of Kings Mountain National Military Park.

Noting the anniversary, Supt. Moomaw addressed a letter to the Herald in which he thanks Kings Mountain area citizens for their cooperation.

Supt. Moomaw's letter follows: "I would like to thank the community, through the Herald, for ten years of whole hearted cooperation in my operation of the Kings Mountain National Military Park."

"When I assumed the superintendency of the Park on July 22, 1951, the Dramatic Program was just getting started. The mutual work on this acquainted me with the people of our community and from that time on I could not have asked for better cooperation, help, and encouragement from the good people of the surrounding area. This has been and is being greatly appreciated and I wish to say — THANKS AGAIN."

### Price Harmon's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Martin Price Harmon, 91, retired carpenter and farmer, were held Sunday at 3 p. m. from Bethlehem Baptist church, interment following in the church cemetery.

Mr. Harmon died Friday night in the Kings Mountain hospital after an illness of several months.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilkes Harmon. He was a member of the Bethlehem church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary Laurel Williams Harmon; four daughters, Mrs. Ben Barrett, Mrs. M. W. Leigh, Mrs. John Hovis and Mrs. John Eiters, all of Kings Mountain; one brother, T. A. Harmon of Kings Mountain; 26 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

The final rites were conducted by the Rev. W. G. Camp, assisted by the Rev. James Hudson.

### Baker Licensed To Practice

Dr. Thomas Baker, recent graduate of the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry, is now licensed to practice in both North Carolina and South Carolina, having passed examinations of Boards of Examiners of both states.

He anticipates joining his father, Dr. L. P. Baker, and brother, Dr. Robert N. Baker, in practicing dentistry here in the near future.

Mrs. Baker is the former Mary Beth Hord, also of Kings Mountain.

### Loose Freight Cars Overtaken

Three renegade freight cars from a Southern Railway switcher derailed on the Superior Stone Company spur line, two overturning and blocking traffic on Grover Road early Wednesday morning.

Kings Mountain Police Chief Martin Ware said the cars broke from the switch engine about 4:00 a. m. and gained enough momentum traveling down the spur incline that they flipped from the track as they rounded a bend that takes the track across the Grover Road.

Chief Ware said no one was injured as a result of the accident and police cleared the tracks below the overturned cars, re-routng automobiles through a graveled road which leads to Superior Stone Company turnoff.

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### Curtis Dixon's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Curtis Sims Dixon, 78, retired farmer and dairyman of the Bethlehem community, were held Monday afternoon from Bethlehem Baptist church of which he was a member.

Mr. Dixon succumbed Saturday morning at 10:45 a. m. in the Kings Mountain hospital after an illness of several days.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Dixon.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Addie Mae Wylie Dixon; three sons, H. K. Dixon and Charles E. Dixon, both of Kings Mountain; Graham Dixon of Newton and three daughters, Mrs. Lee McDaniel of Kings Mountain, Mrs. M. I. Hardin of Grover and Mrs. Fred Enslay of Wilmington.

Also surviving are four brothers, Rush Dixon and W. E. Dixon, both of Kings Mountain, J. F. Dixon of Caldwell, Idaho and T. B. Dixon of Dallas; and two sisters, Mrs. John Bridgeman of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Earl McClain of Princeton, Mo., eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Rev. W. G. Camp, Rev. George Moore and Rev. James Helvy officiated. Interment was in the church cemetery.

### Fieldhouse "Specs" Are Being Obtained

Joe Neisler, Jr., member of the Kiwanis Club committee promoting a project to build a fieldhouse at City Stadium, has told Mayor Kelly Dixon the Kiwanis Club is proceeding to obtain revised drawings and specifications from an architect, the Mayor said Wednesday.

The city commission voted last month to advertise for bids for a fieldhouse. Mayor Dixon then found that specifications had not been drawn.

The Kiwanis Club has pledged a gift of \$1500 to the city for expenditure on the project.

### Chamber Of Commerce To Do Study On City Aid In Industry-Getting

Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce board of directors voted Tuesday to make a study of immediate participation in industrial development and expansion, President Charles Blanton said following the meeting.

Mr. Blanton noted specifically that the neighboring cities of Gastonia and Cherryville are examples of municipal participants in industrial development and said he understood other North Carolina communities also promote industrial development.

The Chamber of Commerce board also voted to withhold immediate renewal of its request for modernization of business district or "white way" lighting, pending completion of the city's budgeted electrical system survey.

Mr. Blanton said the Chamber of Commerce board endorses the electrical survey heartily and hopes the city will proceed with these plans.

## First School Day For Pupils Of Area Schools August 28

### Yule Holidays Abbreviated By Two Days

Kings Mountain district school children will begin the 1961-62 term on Monday, August 28, according to the forthcoming year's schedule adopted by the board of education this week.

August 28 opening day will be orientation day, when pupils will report to classrooms, be issued books, and assigned lessons. It will be a half-day schedule. School buses will operate.

First full day of classwork will be Tuesday, August 29, for all students with possible exception of first-graders. Supt. B. N. Barnes said cafeteria will be in operation at all schools on August 29.

Faculty members will begin work earlier than usual this year, result of legislation by the recent General Assembly.

Faculty members will begin work on Thursday, August 24.

Other slight change from former schedule is in the Christmas holiday schedule, which this year calls for only eight free school days, compared to the ten formerly granted.

Supt. Barnes said the slightly earlier opening date and the slightly abbreviated Christmas holidays were adopted by the board of education on grounds that, with the district operating school buses for the first time, inclement weather is more likely to force school closings than formerly.

The board also voted to pay teachers on the 25th of each month.

The full schedule for the 1961-62 term follows:

August 24 — Faculty members report.

August 28 — All pupils report to school for orientation day.

August 29 — All schools operate on full-day schedule.

October (date not yet set) — One holiday for meeting of Southwestern district, North Carolina Education association.

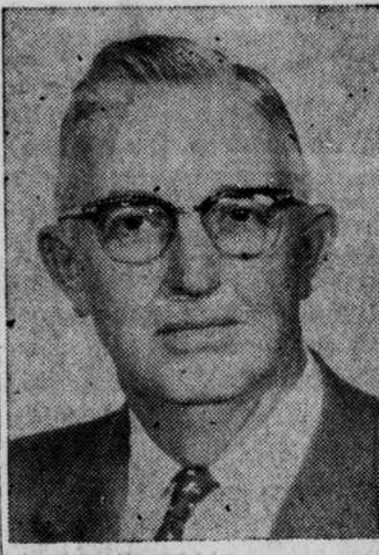
November — Thursday and Friday holidays, Thanksgiving weekend.

December 19 — January 1 — Christmas holidays.

April 20-23 — Easter holidays.

May 24 — Classroom work ends.

May 25 — Classroom teachers complete duties.



**LIONS SPEAKER** — Mayor Kelly Dixon will address members of the Kings Mountain Lions club at their Tuesday night meeting at 7 o'clock at the Woman's Club. J. Wilson Crawford arranged the program.

### Davidson Plant To Be Large Grammar School

The Kings Mountain board of education voted unanimously at a Monday session to consolidate Davidson and Compact high schools at the Compact plant.

The board had delayed decision previously due to opposition by some Davidson patrons.

Superintendent B. N. Barnes commented on the decision, "In view of repeated recommendations by expert survey teams, by state school officials and by the Kings Mountain board of education's recent thorough surveys, the board felt that in all fairness to the Negro high school students of the Kings Mountain administrative district, consolidation of the Davidson and Compact high schools at the Compact plant was imperative for the year 1961-62."

Meantime, the Davidson plant will be utilized for a large elementary school, which Supt. Barnes said, would have a minimum of ten teachers and perhaps 12.

Davidson will be the elementary school for students already attending Davidson, for former Washington school elementary pupils now in the Kings Mountain district, and perhaps for a few Compact elementary students who live near the Davidson plant.

Compact will be both a high school and elementary school, with majority of Compact elementary students resuming studies at that plant.

Consolidation of the two high schools provides an enrollment potential of 185 to 190 high school students and, Supt. Barnes recently told a protesting Davidson delegation, will be an eight-teacher school, replacing the former four-teacher Compact school and three-teacher Davidson school.

Though official teacher allotments have not yet been received from the State Board of Education, Supt. Barnes reported to the protesting delegation that he had been verbally promised an eight-teacher allotment for the merged Negro high school.

All pupils living sufficient distance from any school to which they are assigned will be provided transportation to and from school.

The board of education previously had voted to merge Bethware, Grover and Kings Mountain high schools at the Kings Mountain Central plant.

Central will house for 1961-62 up to eight eighth grades, plus the four high school grades, 9-12.

As a means to providing more classroom space at Central, the board on Monday authorized Supt. Barnes to vacate his present office in Central building and to move himself and his staff to the school-owned frame, resident at 201 E. Ridge street.

Supt. Barnes said he and his staff will occupy the new quarters as quickly as possible.

### 200-Pint Quota Next Blood Call

Goal of next Friday's bloodmobile is 200 pints of blood.

And there's a special reason, Red Cross chapter chairman M. D. DuBose says.

"If the August 11th visit of the bloodbank is a success, Rev. DuBose added, Kings Mountain blood donors will give 30 pints of blood needed by Clarence L. Elgin, who undergoes open heart surgery soon, and 116-plus to erase a deficit in the blood program during the '61 year.

"We're behind in our blood giving," Mr. DuBose pointed out as he called on citizens to "give of yourselves by giving a pint of blood."

Mr. DuBose gave these statistics about the blood program: "The Piedmont Carolinas Regional Blood Program was established in September, 1948, for the purpose of collecting, processing and distributing blood to meet the needs of patients in the hospitals served by the program.

"There are 35 Red Cross chapters and two military installations — Fort Bragg and Camp Lejeune — participating. Blood and its derivatives are provided to hospitals served by the program.

"Kings Mountain Red Cross Chapter is a participating member of this blood program, and by being a member, no resident admitted to member hospital is charged for Red Cross blood.

"Our community has a tremendous responsibility to each person. When we help someone else over a crisis, we give of ourselves in the democratic way."

The blood bank will set up for operation here from 11 a. m. until 5 p. m. at the Woman's club.

### Heavner Firm Opens Friday

Marshall Heavner's Goody Bar-B-Q will open for business at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon.

The new establishment, located on U. S. 74 adjacent to Bethware school, is successor to the former one Mr. Heavner operated on U. S. 74 east of Gastonia. The former location has now become State Highway commission right-of-way.

The new establishment will be open daily except Tuesdays. It will be open from 11 a. m. to 11 p. m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and from 11 a. m. to midnight on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

The firm will serve pit-cooked barbecue, all kinds of sandwiches including shrimp and fish sandwiches.

### Retailer Picnic Set For August 16

Annual employer - employee picnic of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association will be held Wednesday, August 16th.

Women of Oakdale Presbyterian church will again prepare the meal. Serving will begin at 7 o'clock.

Merchants Association Secretary Mrs. Ida Joy asks that ticket reservations be made with her by August 10th.

W. S. Fulton, Jr., is chairman in charge of arrangements for the annual outing.

### No, You're Not Mis-reading: City Wants To Be Billed For Sales Tax

The City of Kings Mountain WANTS to pay sales taxes due! As proof, City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., exhibited a letter Wednesday which is being mailed to all of the city's regular suppliers.

Of course, there's a reason therefor.

Under Mr. McDaniel's interpretation of the sales tax statutes effective July 1, the city, by law, is required to pay direct to the State Revenue Department the three per cent sales tax should a vendor of tangible personal property fail to remittance the tax item.

"Some are billing us for sales tax and some are not," Mr. McDaniel explained, "and it would be much simpler for all concerned if all vendors charged the tax themselves. Additionally, vendors who don't charge the tax run the risk of having to absorb the amount of the tax."

The city, of course, on submission of documentary proof subsequent to June 30, 1962, will obtain refund of all sales tax paid.

Mr. McDaniel is also asking all vendors selling the city to furnish a minimum of two copies of all invoices, listing thereupon the articles purchased and amount of the tax. He wants one invoice for furnishing the state with the required "documentary proof" and the other to retain in the city files.

All agencies of government, in (Continued on Page Eight)

### Mrs. Roberts' Rites Thursday

Mrs. Mamie Louise Roberts, 84, widow of James Albert Roberts, died Wednesday morning at her home on West Mountain street after an illness of several years.

Funeral rites will be conducted Thursday at 4 p. m. from Harris Funeral Chapel, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery. Rev. H. D. Garmon, pastor of Central Methodist church, will officiate at the final rites.

Mrs. Roberts was a native of Gaston county, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Calvin Bumgardner. She was a member of Central Methodist church. Mr. Roberts died in November, 1960.

Surviving are one son, James C. Roberts, and two daughters, Mrs. Nina Wolfe and Miss Ether Roberts, all of Kings Mountain; and five sisters, Mrs. Frank McDaniel of Wilmington, Mrs. Will McDaniel of Charlotte, Mrs. Gerard Sherer and Mrs. Herman Erwin of Erwin, Tenn., Mrs. Curtis Falls of Greenville, S. C., two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.