

# Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 8,008

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## Four Mining Corporations Are Headquartered Here

### Local News Bulletins

**AT ST. MATTHEWS**  
Dr. J. L. Norris, Executive Director of the North Carolina Lutheran Homes, will be the guest minister at St. Matthew's Lutheran church Sunday morning at the 11 a. m. worship service. The Pastor, Dr. W. P. Gerberding, will be back from a short vacation next week and will fill the pulpit Sunday, October 22.

**CAKE SALE**  
The Willing Workers class of Piedmont Baptist church will sponsor a sale of homemade cakes and pies on Saturday, Oct. 21st with serving to begin at 10 a. m. in the church recreation building.

**SERVICES CONTINUING**  
Fall Revival services are continuing through Saturday night at Macedonia Baptist Church. Rev. Earl Henry, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Kannapolis, is guest speaker for the evangelistic series.

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

**COURT OF HONOR**  
Court of Honor for Kings Mountain district Boy Scouts will be held Thursday night at 7:45 p. m. at Central Methodist Church.

**VFW SUPPER**  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9811 will serve a barbecue supper to members, their wives, and to eligible prospective members at the Post clubhouse Saturday night from 7 to 9 p. m., according to announcement by Commander Paul Dover.

**TREASURER**  
Tom Berry has been elected treasurer of Dixon Presbyterian church. Mr. Berry is a member of the board of deacons. He and his wife and two sons reside on Dixon road.

**METER RECEIPTS**  
Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday totaled \$114, including \$95.40 from on-street meters, \$6 from over-parking fees, and \$12.60 off-street meters. City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr. reported.

**HOKE BURNS HAND**  
Lester Hoke, Kings Mountain electrical contractor, suffered third degree burns on the hands Monday when a switch on which he was working exploded. The accident occurred in the new section of Carolina Throwing Company.

## Annual Barbecue To Be Sunday

The annual barbecue for employees of Neisler Mills Division of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company will be held Sunday at 1:00 p. m. at Lake Crawford. Negro employees will be feted at Davidson Pool picnic grounds. Employees, their spouses and children, and guests are invited. In case of rain at 1:00 p. m. officials ask that guests come to the area, pick up the barbecue plates, and eat in the car. They also noted ticket stubs will be drawn for door prizes which, this year, included money, watches, hams, ironing boards and cover, a steam iron, electric toaster, cloth, TV throws, and hassocks. Lucky tickets will be posted on the firm's bulletin board and prizes may be picked up at the personnel office in case of rain.

## Rob Hayes Gets Orders To Duty

Bob Hayes, city policeman for the past two months has received orders from the army to report for a year's duty Saturday to the 279th signal battalion, Fort Hood, Texas. Officer Hayes spent two years in the army before his release to inactive duty status in November 1959. Before joining the Kings Mountain police department, he was an employee of Consolidated Brass company, Charlotte. He and his family reside at 402 Hill street.

## English Mica Newest Addition To Community

The English Mica Company of Spruce Pine has moved its office to Kings Mountain and will occupy office space in the new modern office building of Kings Mountain Mica Company, Inc., on Grover Road.

This completes the transfer of the offices of Kings Mountain Mica Company, Inc., and its associates, The English Mica Company, U. S. Mica Company, Inc., and Kings Mountain Silica, Inc., into a central location.

These companies mine, manufacture, and sell a complete line of finely ground mica that is being presently used by the paint, rubber, plastic and allied industries. These products are shipped from Kings Mountain to all points of the world. Shipments within the United States and Canada are made by rail and company-owned trucks. Overseas shipments are made from ports along the eastern seaboard. These many grades of mica are mined from the extensive mica ore reserves held by the Kings Mountain Mica Company, Inc., are processed at its Patterson plant, northwest of Kings Mountain, which produces dry ground mica, and at the Moss plant on the Grover Road which produces wet ground mica.

Roy H. Gunter, treasurer and general manager of The English Mica Company, along with his office staff, F. E. Buchanan and his daughter, Miss Charlotte Buchanan, have joined the office staff of the other companies. Mr. and Mrs. Gunter have moved into their new home on Sherwood Lane in Country Club Estates and Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan and Miss Charlotte Buchanan have also moved into a new home in Country Club Estates and reside on Sharon Drive.

## Kiwanis Head To See Board

Mayor Kelly Dixon said Wednesday he anticipates a light agenda for Thursday night's city board meeting. Chief item of business likely will concern City Stadium, as Charles Neisler, president of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club has asked the Mayor to keep his meeting in session until his arrival for further conversations concerning the Kiwanis-proposed building of a small fieldhouse. Other items on the advance agenda include:

- 1) Request of the Cleveland County Life-Saving and Rescue Squad for a donation from the city civil defense fund.
  - 2) Request by the Kings Mountain Ministerial association for a city ordinance closing businesses during church hours.
  - 3) Possible election of a registrar in Ward 2 to succeed the late Mrs. H. R. Parton.
  - 4) Consideration of a replacement for Policeman Bob Hayes, who leaves Friday for active duty with the army.
- The Mayor said he did not anticipate the replacement of M. H. Biser, resigning October 31, would be discussed, adding the city has received no formal applications for the tax supervisor-collector position.

## 58th Floral Fair Is Wednesday: Theme: "Dedicated To Our Town"

Kings Mountain clubwomen were readying this week for next Wednesday's 58th annual Floral Fair and flower show of the Woman's Club and Garden Council. Many gardeners were grooming their entries this week in competition for numerous prizes to be awarded in the Fair, open to the public at the Woman's club from 12 noon until 9 p. m. ENTRIES All entries for the flower show division of the 1961 Fair should arrive at the Woman's Club not later than 9:30 a. m. Wednesday. Judging will begin at 10 a. m. and out-of-town judges will award first, second and third prizes to winning exhibits. Format for the event will follow that of former fairs. The Woman's Club will serve lunch from 11:30 until 1:30 p. m. and the evening meal will be served in the club dining room from 5:30 until 7 p. m. A bazaar division will again be a feature of the 1961 fair. The



**WINS CAPTAIN BARS** — Charles Eugene Painter of Kings Mountain recently won his captain bars. He is navigator instructor in the Strategic Air Command in Wichita, Kansas.

## Painter Wins Captain Bars

Captain Charles Eugene Painter, Kings Mountain native, won his captain bars recently in exercises at the Strategic Air Command of Connelly Air Force Base at Wichita, Kansas.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Painter of Kings Mountain and entered service in September 1954.

The Kings Mountain serviceman has been stationed on Guam and in Mountain Home, Idaho. He completed specialized training at Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Ala., and has resumed his regular duties as navigator instructor at Connelly.

Captain Painter is married to the former Teddy Lazone of Arlington, Texas. They have two sons, Charles, Jr., and Robert Leigh Painter. After graduation from Kings Mountain high school in 1952 he attended Appalachian State Teacher's college at Boone.

The Painters live at 2018 East 51st Street, South, at Wichita 16, Kansas.

## Rites Friday For Mr. Carpenter

James Howard Carpenter, 50, of 406 Baker Street died at 9:30 Wednesday morning following an illness of two weeks.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the Mountain View Baptist church, conducted by the Rev. Floyd Hollar and the Rev. George Leigh. Burial will be in Mountain Rest cemetery. The body will lie in state one hour prior to the services.

The deceased was the son of Mrs. Bright McClure Carpenter and the late Charles P. Carpenter. He was born on October 20, (Continued From Front Page)

## City Gas System Has New Office

The city gas superintendent has a new office and a new telephone number. Supt. Corbett Nicholson is now quartered at the City Garage and the gas system telephone number is 739-2351.

## Leslie McGinnis, Onetime Herald Printer, Dies

Leslie McGinnis, 83, Kings Mountain native and former Kings Mountain Herald printer, died in a Clifton Forge, Va., hospital October 4.

Graveside rites were held in Hollywood cemetery, Richmond, Va., where he had resided since 1919, on Friday.

Mr. McGinnis was a first cousin of C. L. Black, of Kings Mountain.

Mr. McGinnis was associated with the Herald during the editorship of H. P. Allison and others.

He was a past master of the Lodge of Strict Observance No. 207, AF & AM, and a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason. He was also a member of Acca Temple Shrine, the Sphinx Club and Centenary Methodist church, of Richmond.

After leaving Kings Mountain to work in Charlotte, Mr. McGinnis went to Richmond as joint baggage agent for the Chesapeake and Ohio, Southern and Seaboard Railways.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Eliza Netherton McGinnis; four daughters, Mrs. T. Bascom Martin and Mrs. Richard L. Bullington, both of Richmond, Mrs. J. R. O'Hare of Jacksonville, Fla., and Miss Manon McGinnis of Baltimore; two sons, Frank L. McGinnis of Norfolk and Harrell McGinnis of Nashville, Tenn., 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

## Owners Approve Marietta Merger

Stockholders of the Martin and American - Marietta companies have approved a consolidation of the two firms into the Martin-Marietta Corporation, the Associated Press reported today.

The plan of consolidation was approved at special meetings here and in Chicago.

George M. Bunker, Martin chairman, will be president and chief executive officer of the new corporation, while Grover M. Herrmann, founder and chairman of American - Marietta, will be chairman of the new board of directors.

Martin stockholders will receive 1.3 shares of common stock in Martin-Marietta for each share presently held, and American-Marietta common stockholders will receive a share-for-share exchange.

## KIWANIS PROGRAM

Joseph H. Morris, head of the fire prevention bureau, Charlotte fire department, will address the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club Thursday night at 6:45 on a program arranged by Rev. Herbert Garmon.

## Civil Defense Director Predicts Fall-Out Shelter Building Boom

J. Ollie Harris, city civil defense director, predicted considerable building of both individual and communal fall-out shelters in an address before the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night.

He noted that there has been much increase in interest in civil defense since the Berlin crisis and added, "In our next war, we'll get some devastation here."

He said he had become a believer in the building of communal shelters, which, he noted could be built for about \$70 per person, whereas private, small shelters cost a minimal \$1200.

A 10 megaton hydrogen bomb, he said, would cut a hole 287 feet deep and 1900 feet wide, leveling about everything within a 15-mile radius, drawing into the air brick, dirt and debris which would then be radioactive, endangering the lives of all human and animal life.

He expressed confidence that the civil defense arrangements of the nation, having defined civil defense as the protection of civilian population in time of war or disaster, with the assignment of civil defense functions to the army.

Mr. Harris said Germany lost World War II as quickly as it did because the civilian population was undisciplined and hampered the defending German troops. Defense against enemy missiles, he noted, includes planes with missiles and anti-missile weapons which fly around the clock and the Polaris-bearing submarines.

"It is estimated that these defenses would destroy 70 of 100 missiles, but the remaining 30 could do a lot of damage, he declared.

Other items in Director Harris' address:

- 1) It is guessed Kings Mountain area citizens would have three hours after an attack else.

# Wyche Indicates Mrs. Davis May Drop Integrating Effort



**PRINCESS** — Betty Morrison high school senior, is Kings Mountain's Carrousel Princess and will represent the city in the Thanksgiving Day Carrousel in Charlotte.

## Betty Morrison Is Princess

Miss Betty Morrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Morrison, 406 Edgemont Drive, has been elected Carrousel Princess for Kings Mountain schools. She will represent Kings Mountain in the Carrousel Pageant in Charlotte, on Thanksgiving Day, November 23, at 3 p. m.

Miss Morrison was a member of the May Court, is Co-Editor of the Yearbook, Who's Who; and Recorder for Order of the Rainbow.

She will go to Charlotte on Wednesday afternoon, November 22, attend the Knights of Carrousel Ball Wednesday evening, in the Coliseum where the new Carrousel Queen XV, Miss Linda Ogburn of Rock Hill will be crowned. Miss Morrison will vie with 34 Princesses for the Queens Crown in 1962.

The Carrousel Parade this year is "Adventureland." The 50 professional float parade, 30 contest winning bands, 34 Princesses all-decorated cars with at least a dozen celebrity beauty queens, television and stage stars will attract over a half million spectators as it rounds itself from suburban Charlotte to downtown, with over 150 units.



**TO LEAD REVIVAL** — Rev. R. L. McGaha, new pastor of Temple Baptist church, will lead a week of revival services beginning Sunday and continuing through October 22. Services are at 7:14 p. m. nightly. Bill Childers will direct the 40-voice A. duitch choir in special singing and the 100-voice Youth choir will be under direction of Richard Shanley.

## McGinnis President Of Church Group

United Lutheran Churchmen of Resurrection Lutheran church have elected officers for the year beginning October. Bill McGinnis was elected president to succeed Carl Goforth. Other officers elected are Hal S. Plonk, vice-president; Boyce Eaker, secretary; and Rufus Mitchell, treasurer. The group will meet Sunday night at 6:30.

# J. Ross Roberts Dies Suddenly

## Funeral Rites Were Conducted On Saturday

Funeral rites for John Ross Roberts, 86, Kings Mountain grocer, were held Saturday at 4 p. m. from Kings Mountain Baptist church, of which he was a member.

Mr. Roberts died at Kings Mountain hospital Friday morning after suffering a heart attack Thursday night. He had not been ill.

Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts, Mr. Roberts operated Roberts Cash Grocery with his son, Eugene Roberts. He was a charter member and deacon of Kings Mountain Baptist church, a former city commissioner, schoolman and former superintendent and general manager of Cora Mills. He attended a boarding school for boys in York, South Carolina.

He is survived by his wife, Della Moore Roberts; two sons, Eugene E. Roberts of Kings Mountain and Forrest C. Roberts of Gastonia, and two daughters, Miss Annie B. Roberts of Kings Mountain and Mrs. R. T. Hasty of Charlotte.

Also surviving are 11 grandchildren, eight great grandchildren; a brother, Robert Roberts of Grover, and a sister, Mrs. Amos McSwain of Shelby.

The final rites were conducted by Rev. Marion DuBois, assisted by Rev. Clarence Bobbitt and Dr. Zeno Wall. Interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to the Kings Mountain Baptist church building fund.

## Home S & L In New Home

Home Savings & Loan association occupied its new \$300,000 building at 106 East Mountain street Wednesday and will be open for business there for the first time Thursday morning. The association has announced it will hold open house on October 19 and 20, with the public invited to visit and inspect the new facilities. Further announcement concerning the formal opening will be made next week, Tom Tate, secretary-treasurer, stated.

## Integration No News To Bethlehem Baptist, Old Church Minutes Show

Bethlehem Baptist church minutes show that this venerable church, organized July 16, 1842, has had at least three Negro members, according to a history of the church published in "Carolina Churches" in 1939 and furnished the Herald by Mrs. M. C. Hardin, Herald Grover correspondent.

And it was the segregation practice of the church in the early days to separate the men and the women, the men sitting on one side of the church, the women on the other. Nor was this the limit of the segregation. The clerk kept two rollbooks, one for the males, the other for the ladies.

These facts had been gleaned from old minute books supplied by Clyde Randle and the late Spurgeon McSwain, the author noted. The minutes noted: "Solomon, a colored boy, baptized in 1853"; "Phil, a colored boy of Mrs. Stone, was received by letter in 1858"; "Drusilla, a colored person, baptized in 1850."

# Board Sustains Previous Action By 4 to 1 Vote

By MARTIN HARMON

T. H. Wyche, Charlotte Negro attorney, handling the request of Mrs. Mable Jackson Davis for admission of two of her children to all-white Central school, indicated this week the application may not be prosecuted further.

Attorney Wyche, a lawyer of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, told the Herald - shortly after the board of education had voted 4 to 1 to sustain the previous denial of admission - he was not sure whether the case would be taken to the courts but confirmed a comment he had made previously to Supt. B. N. Barnes that "the facts of the (Davis) case aren't exactly as had thought them."

He said he too, "is interested in the Kings Mountain school district's proposed building program.

The board voted to sustain the prior denial of admission to Larry Hastin Davis and Lela L. neez Davis on motion of Holmes Harry and H. O. Williams' second, Chairman Fred Plonk and Mrs. J. L. McGill voted "aye", with Dr. P. G. Padgett, who had abstained on the initial action, voting "nay".

There was no further discussion of the issue nor comments by board members.

The next recourse of Mrs. Davis would be the courts, either the Superior Court, if the pupil assignment law is to be tested, or the Federal District Court, if violation of the Constitution is charged, as Attorney Wyche charged in his presentation of Mrs. Davis' plea at the October 3 formal hearing.

Mrs. Davis' was the first formal application here for admission of Negro children to an all-white school. Another Negro parent filed an application at the time Mrs. Davis did, then withdrew it.

## Woman Shot By Foster Son

Mrs. Georgia Hendricks, 58-year-old Negro resident of 111 N. Watson Street, died Saturday at 5:00 a. m. Kings Mountain Hospital of a bullet wound sustained at 11:30 Friday night.

She was shot by a foster son, William McSwain, age 12.

Coroner Ollie Harris reported "he youth said he heard Ken Hopper, a neighbor, tell Mrs. Hendricks he was going to "break her neck". The couple were, at that time, in the living room, and the boy was in bed.

Young McSwain told investigators he got out of bed and took a .22 calibre pistol from under the mattress, which he intended to take to Mrs. Hendricks.

He drew back the hammer as he got to the bedroom door, the hammer clicked home and the pistol discharged, shooting through the door, the bullet lodging in Mrs. Hendricks' abdomen.

Mrs. Hendricks was taken to Kings Mountain Hospital for treatment here she told Police Chief Martin Ware there had been no argument between her and Hopper.

She said she told Hopper she had been shot, got up from where she was sitting, went to the bedroom door, and found the youth there with the gun in his hand.

Coroner Harris said examination of the gun proved the safety mechanism to be defective.

He said investigation into the incident is continuing and no ruling has been given at this time.

Funeral services for Mrs. Hendricks were conducted Tuesday at 3:00 p. m. from Vestibule A.M.E. Zion Church, Rev. Howard Miller, church pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the church cemetery. Mrs. Hendricks is survived by a brother, Otis Thomas of Kings Mountain; three sisters, Mrs. James Wray, of Shelby, Mrs. Ella Vinson, of Hickory, and Mrs. Tessie Wray, of Baltimore, Maryland; two stepsons, Joshua Hendricks, of Charlotte, and Ernest Hendricks, of the home; and two stepdaughters, Mrs. Willie Mae Adams, of New York City, and Mrs. Juanita Creeks, of Charlotte.

## Homecoming Queen

Beverly Yarbrough is Kings Mountain schools' homecoming queen for 1961 and will reign over Homecoming festivities next Friday night.

Miss Beverly Yarbrough, high school senior, will reign as 1961 Homecoming Queen at Kings Mountain Consolidated schools.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Yarbrough.

Miss Yarbrough and members of the Homecoming Court will be presented at the Kings Mountain - Lincolnton football game here at City Stadium next Friday, October 20th. A parade down Kings Mountain streets at 4 p. m. will begin the evening activities. Bill Ramseur, president of the high school Student Participation Organization, will crown the new queen. Sponsors are high school girls chosen by the football players.

The Homecoming Queen is SPO representative from the "K" club, a member of the Future Teacher's, the Future Homemakers and a cheerleader. She is also a member of Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

## Jenkins Is Home After Operations

Andrew Jenkins, well-known Kings Mountain citizen and theater projectionist, returned home from New Orleans, La., Friday, where he underwent three major operations at the Ochsner Foundation hospital.

He was hospitalized for 12 weeks, undergoing operations for removal of a rib and tumor, foot ulcers and for an abscess.

Mr. Jenkins said he is most appreciative of the many kindnesses of Kings Mountain friends during his long hospitalization.

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