

## Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 8,008

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## Mohair Firm Says Wage Rate Increases To Be Instituted

### Local News Bulletins

#### KIWANIS PROGRAM

Sam Suber, superintendent of Mountain Rest cemetery, will show a film at Thursday's meeting of the Kiwanis club. The club will convene at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's Club.

#### LODGE MEETING

An emergent communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM will be held Monday night at 7:30 p. m., Secretary T. D. Tindall has announced.

#### SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

D. C. Wright of Mooresboro will conduct a school of instruction for members of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM during the week of February 19 at 2 p. m. each day at Masonic Hall.

#### JOINS STAFF

Rev. George Thornburg of Bessemer City has joined the staff of Sisk Funeral Home of Kings Mountain and Bessemer City.

#### HOSPITALIZED

June Cloninger is a patient in Room 325 at Western North Carolina Sanatorium at Black Mountain, where he is undergoing observation and treatment.

#### TO RALEIGH

Fred Plonk, chairman of the board of education, and B. N. Barnes, superintendent of schools, will go to Raleigh Thursday to confer with W. E. Easterling, secretary of the Local Government commission, on financing plans for the proposed \$1,100,000 school bond issue.

#### METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday noon totaled \$146.05, including \$102.25 from on-street meters, \$33 from over-parking fees, and \$11.70 from off-street meters. City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr. reported.

#### ARMORY SESSION

Members of the city board of commissioners will meet at the National Guard armory Thursday night to discuss with guard officials plans for operation of the armory.

#### P-TA MEETING

The board of education will meet with members of the Compact and Davidson school Parent-Teacher associations Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, at invitation of the P-TA groups.

#### JAYCEES MEET

The Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will meet in regular session Tuesday at 7:00 p. m. at Kings Mountain Woman's Club.

#### PERMITS ISSUED

Permits were issued this week to J. Wilson Crawford to build a one-story, six-room, frame residence at 512 Bridges Street at an estimated cost of \$9,000 and to John Terris, Jr., to add a carport and porch to his Landing Street home at a cost of \$350.

#### IN CUBA

Edward Randolph Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stewart, is stationed aboard the U. S. S. Forrestal in Cuba. He entered the service in November. He completed boot training at Great Lakes, Ill., while in the Naval Reserves.

### Laughter Injured In Freak Accident

W. F. (Bill) Laughter, personnel manager at Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, was treated for head lacerations Tuesday night about 8 o'clock following a freak accident on U. S. 74 west of Buffalo Bridge.

Highway Patrolmen, who investigated the accident, said Mr. Laughter's auto, a 1955-model Plymouth, struck and killed a mule when the animal suddenly moved into the highway in front of the path of the car. The accident was unavoidable.

Damages to Mr. Laughter's car totaled \$250. Mr. Laughter was treated for injuries at Kings Mountain hospital.

### Other Textile Firms Boosting Payment Scales

A spokesman for Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company's Neisler division said this week an upward revision of wages will be made.

Effective date nor amount of wage increase has not yet been determined, the spokesman said, adding it would effect all the division's employees which include about 700 at the Margrace and Pauline plant.

Press reports in recent days relate that J. C. Cowan, Jr., vice-chairman of Burlington Industries, has confirmed that Burlington is considering upward wage scale revisions in its three major divisions.

Dover Mills and Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company of Shelby, have announced wage increases.

Elsewhere, Springs Mills have joined the wage-raising movement.

### Golfer Patton To Be Candidate?

Conversation in local Republican circles offer speculation that Billy Joe Patton, the Morganton lumberman and former golfing partner of ex-President Dwight Eisenhower, may be the GOP nominee for the U. S. Congress in the new tenth district.

As the nominee, Mr. Patton would succeed the candidate of two years ago, Kings Mountain Mayor Kelly Dixon, in the role of Congressional standard-bearer, and apparently would oppose Representative Basil L. Whitener, Gastonia Democrat, next autumn, pending results of the May Democratic primary.

Rep. Whitener has no primary opposition and none is yet apparent.

Mayor Dixon and numerous other Republicans of the area are expected to attend Saturday's tenth district convention at Morganton, billed for the afternoon, and a Lincoln Day dinner that evening.

The Mayor said Wednesday he had no "new news" on his possible candidacy for the United States Senate. He has been invited to a post-dinner gathering at the home of Chairman William Cobb, Representative Charles R. Jonas, and other GOP leaders will be present.

### Wreck Damage Listed At \$350

A wreck on N. C. 216 Sunday at 2:40 p. m. which involved two drivers from Kings Mountain netted a damage total of \$350.

The accident occurred a half-mile south of Kings Mountain. Trooper R. E. Shaney said an automobile driven by Billy Otis Mayberry, 18, of route 1, was stopped to make a left turn when it was struck from the rear by a car driven by Marion Melton Johnson, 62, of Bennett Drive.

The officer estimated damage to the Mayberry vehicle at \$50 and to the Johnson car at \$300.

#### NO WRECKS

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

### Shuford And Son Narrowly Escape As Early Sunday Fire Razes Home

The Tolly Shuford residence at the corner of West King and Sims street, was gutted by fire early Sunday morning, Mr. Shuford and son T. M. (Buzzy) Shuford, narrowly escaping with their lives.

Mrs. Shuford was visiting her mother in Durham.

The slide trombone of Buzzy Shuford and the nightwear in which the occupants left the smoke-filled, burning two-story frame dwelling represented the sum total of properties saved. Mr. Shuford said Wednesday some silverware and china had been found in the debris and felt it might be salvaged.

Badie, the family's aged German shepherd, may have been the hero of the fire, Buzzy Shuford saying he awakened when the pet licking his face. His father says he had already awakened and was in the smoke-filled hallway.

Father and son were in adjoining rooms downstairs. Mr. Shuford remembers, "We



AIRMAN OF MONTH — A/1c James Derek Roper of Kings Mountain was recently named "Airman of the Month" while serving with the Air Force in Newfoundland.

### Roper Named Top Airman

A/1c James Derek Roper, Kings Mountain serviceman stationed at Hannon Air Force Base in Newfoundland, was named Harmon's Maintenance Man of the Month for January.

Airman Roper is a KC-97 crew chief and has been stationed in Newfoundland a year. He is the son of Mrs. Gertrude Roper of Kings Mountain and is completing a second four-year tour of duty with the Air Force.

He is married to the former Joyce Hope of Kings Mountain and they have one son, James Roper, III, age three. "Contributing factors for these results," Lt. Col. James E. Jordan, Jr., CAMS commander said, "were Airman Roper's hard work, overtime hours, acceptance of responsibility, teamwork and a desire to have the best maintained aircraft in the squadron."

### City To Redeem \$142,000 Bonds

The city natural gas system will redeem \$142,000 of the system's bonded indebtedness on February 20.

Total payment to the bondholder, the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, Hartford, Conn., will be \$149,598.97, including premiums of four percent and accrued interest of \$1,918.97.

As required in the bond covenant, the city is redeeming latest-maturing bonds first, including \$12,000 due October 1, 1974, \$100,000 due October 1, 1975-78, and \$30,000 due October 1, 1979. All these bonds carry interest of three and one-half percent.

After the redemption, the bonded indebtedness on the gas system will be \$228,000, and City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr. said, will leave about \$1700 in the sinking fund or redemption account.

Arrangement for the redemption were made by R. S. Dickson & Company, which wrote the bond covenant. The bondholder has been notified to deliver the bonds to First Union National Bank here with draft to be drawn against the city gas system.

### Three Groups Endorse Bonds

The Board of City Commissioners, Kings Mountain Mini-sterial Assn., and Kings Mountain Lions Club this week endorsed the forthcoming \$1,100,000 school construction bond issue, to be decided by voters of the Kings Mountain school district March 10.

The commissioners' action came at Thursday's meeting, the ministerial group taking the action on Monday. Kings Mountain Lions unanimously endorsed the issue Tuesday night.

Numerous clubs and organizations previously lent their support to the bond issue. They include: Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club, Grover Lions Club, Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Kelly Dixon, Number 4 Township Grange, and Kings Mountain Republican precinct committees.

### Kings Mountain S & L Directors, Officers Re-named

Officers and directors of Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association were re-elected at the annual meeting of shareholders Tuesday, as the shareholders heard reports showing gains in all categories of the association's operations for 1961.

Directors re-elected were Dr. L. P. Baker, Ben H. Bridges, J. R. Davis, Boyce Gault, Clyde Kerns, Dr. John C. McGill and C. G. White, all of Kings Mountain, and R. L. Lewis, of Gastonia.

Meeting following the shareholder session, the directors re-named J. R. Davis, president, Dr. L. P. Baker and R. L. Lewis, vice-presidents, Ben H. Bridges, secretary - treasurer, and Mrs. Ruby H. Baker, assistant secretary - treasurer. They re-named Davis & White and George Thomason association attorneys.

In his report, Secretary Bridges noted the recent purchase of the lot at the corner of W. Mountain and Cherokee streets, for present use as a parking lot for association customers and for likely utilization for construction of new offices.

He also reported these figures: 1) Total assets of \$3,502,310, up \$322,633, or 10.15 percent for the year.

2) Loans of \$3,145,375, up 10.9 percent, or \$309,091.

3) Total savings of \$3,056,374, up by \$233,841, or 8.2 percent.

4) Increase of \$34,687 in reserves to \$281,066, up 14 percent, the reserves reaching a ratio of 9.2 of total savings.

5) Increase of dividend payments during 1961 by \$12,636 for a total dividend payment of \$114,022.

### Mrs. Hutchins Died Wednesday

Mrs. Marjorie Blanton Hutchins, 21, died of leukemia Wednesday at 4 p. m. in Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem.

She has been hospitalized and in serious condition for four months.

She is survived by her husband, Jack Hutchins. The couple was married in August, 1960.

She was formerly an employee of Mauney Hosiery Company.

(Also surviving are her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Blanton; two sisters, Mrs. Don Day and Miss Louise Blanton, of Kings Mountain; and four brothers, James Blanton, of Shelby, and Marvin, William and Victor Blanton, of Kings Mountain.

Funeral plans are incomplete. Harris Funeral Home is in charge of funeral arrangements.

### Wayne Forsythe GOP Secretary

M. Wayne Forsythe, Kings Mountain chemist for Lithium Corporation of America, was elected secretary of Cleveland County Republicans at the county convention in Shelby Saturday.

He succeeds Russell Laughridge, of Shelby.

The convention delegates re-elected Pierce Cassidy, of Shelby, chairman, and Mrs. Earle Moore, of Shelby, vice-chairman, and heard an address by Kenneth Thomas, chairman of the 10th Congressional GOP organization.

Chairman Cassidy named Jack Vincent, of Shelby, finance chairman.

Some 12 Kings Mountain area citizens attended the convention.

## Harris To Seek Re-election, White May Test Morgan Again

### 352 Registered For Bond Election

#### City Tag Sales Increase To 1339

Sale of 1962 City of Kings Mountain auto tags had reached 1339 Wednesday, with motorists having a day remaining to buy the tags and display them before the Thursday night deadline.

City officials said numerous motorists will either be last-day customers or face a citation to court, with possible \$5 penalty plus court costs.

The city sold about 1800 tags last year.

The tags sell for \$1.

The same deadline applies to purchase and display of North Carolina 1962 license plates.

### Bloodmobile Here Friday

The Red Cross blood bank will come to Kings Mountain Friday with Red Cross officials hopeful a 125-pint-plus quota will be met.

Hours of the one-day visit are from 11 a. m. until 5 p. m.

Kings Mountain area donors will be processed at Kings Mountain Baptist church.

Chapter quotas for blood and schedule of bloodmobile visits for the fiscal year 1962-63 were set up at a Sub-Regional meeting in Lenoir Monday at which two Kings Mountain chapter officials were present.

Mrs. J. N. Gamble, executive secretary, and Mrs. John Cheshire, chapter blood program chairman, attended the meeting.

Because of increased usage, the Kings Mountain chapter has been scheduled for seven visits of the regional blood collecting unit, Mrs. Cheshire pointed out. Quota for the year is 909 pints of blood, which means an increase of 200 pints over the fiscal year 1961-62.

Mrs. Gamble explained that chapter quotas for blood were set according to the amount used by the chapter residents during the period July 1961 through December 1961.

"We appreciate the good response to the blood program and call on you again this week for a good turnout for the bloodmobile," officials added as they invited local donors to visit the bloodmobile.

### Hospital Grant By Duke \$2,801

Kings Mountain hospital will receive \$2,801 from the Duke Endowment, result of a recent appropriation by trustees of \$1,304,173.32 to North Carolina and South Carolina hospitals and child care institutions on the basis of their charity work in the fiscal year which ended Sept. 30, 1961.

In announcing the appropriations, Thomas L. Perkins, chairman of The Endowment, said they bring to \$33,342,444.67 the amounts given in 37 consecutive years to help such institutions finance charity care.

Kings Mountain hospital received \$1,878 in 1960, Cleveland Memorial hospital at Shelby gets \$6,273 as compared to \$512 in 1960 and Royster Memorial at Boiling Springs, \$696 as compared to \$512 in 1960.

Current appropriations go to 137 hospitals, 99 in North Carolina and 38 in South Carolina, and 43 child care institutions, 28 in North Carolina and 15 in South Carolina.

### Lions Will Visit At Boiling Springs

Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club will go to Boiling Springs Monday night for an inter-club meeting with the Boiling Springs Lions club.

The Boiling Springs club convenes at Gardner-Webb college cafeteria at 7 p. m.

#### GRASS FIRE

City Firemen were called to Piedmont Avenue Wednesday at 4:30 p. m. to douse a grass blaze behind Stowe's Grocery store. No property damage was reported.

### Terms Of Most County Officers End This Year

By MARTIN HARMON

Coroner J. Ollie Harris, of Kings Mountain, will seek re-nomination and re-election to a fifth four-year term, he said Wednesday.

It was the first local level political announcement of the current season, which finds terms of office expiring for majority of county office-holders.

Meantime, Jack H. White, judge of city recorder's court, said he is considering opposing again Senator Robert H. Morgan, of Shelby, in the May Democratic primary. Judge White opposed Senator Morgan two years ago, losing to the veteran senator by 916 votes.

Otherwise, there has been little outward activity on the Democratic side of the political fence, though county Republicans are making efforts to field a team of county candidates for the first time in years.

Other office-holders with terms expiring this year are District Solicitor B. T. Falls, Sheriff Haywood Allen, County Recorder Rueben Elam, County Solicitor Bynum Weathers, Clerk of Court J. W. Osborne and County Treasurer Mrs. Lillian Newton.

Other terms of office expiring are those of County Commissioners Knox Sarraat and David Beam, Representative Jack Palmer, all constables and justices of the peace, and all five members of the county board of education. Filing deadline is in mid-April.

### City Will Open Cemetery Street

The board of city commissioners voted last week to open another street in Mountain Rest cemetery, to convert several two-acre lots from potter's field, but deferred action on increasing the price of lots.

Cemetery Superintendent Sam Suber had previously recommended a slight increase in price of cemetery lots.

The board also voted to share cost with the Chamber of Commerce, Home and Kings Mountain Savings & Loan associations on a supply of new city maps, the city to pay half the cost and the other organizations one-third each. Fred Wright, Chamber of Commerce vice-president, presented the proposal.

In other actions the board:

1) Approved a list of street improvement assessments.

2) Voted to ask a savings and loan association appraisal to provide an appraisal of a lot on N. Gaston owned by Melton Hope and desired for location of proposed switchgear equipment for the electrical system.

3) Deferred for study a request by George Moss, water plant superintendent, for a tank level transmitter.

4) Instructed Attorney J. R. Davis to check title on a small plot of land thought to be city-owned adjacent to East King Esso service.

5) Instructed Mayor Kelly Dixon to inform non-purchasers of privilege licenses that prosecution under the law is anticipated.

#### OPTIMISTS MEET

The Optimist Club of Kings Mountain will meet in regular weekly session Thursday at 7:00 p. m. at First Baptist Church fellowship hall.

### Ausley Says Bible-In-Schools Program In Jeopardy For Future

"If we don't get more support of the Bible-in-the-schools program, there is no alternative but to cancel it for the coming school year," said Dr. Paul K. Ausley, treasurer of the Ministerial Association Bible committee, Wednesday.

Dr. Ausley expressed disappointment that civic clubs and citizens had not joined more heartily in support of the program, with insufficient funds to meet commitments for the remainder of this year.

Dr. Ausley reported he received only one contribution this week, from Cyrus Falls, of Dunedin, Florida.

An additional \$818 is needed to meet expenses for the 1961-62 school year. The funds go to pay a teacher of Bible in the city

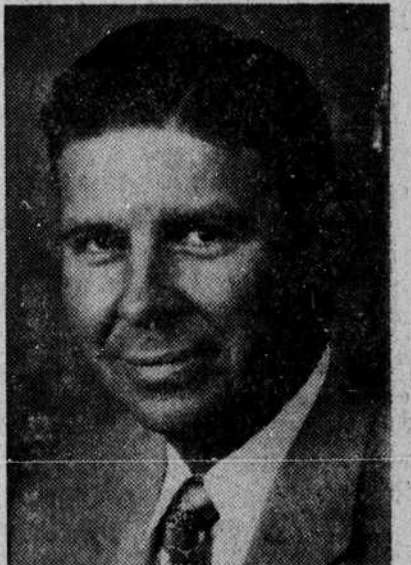
schools system.

"The Bible committee deeply appreciates all the generous contributions made thus far, but we must raise additional funds. We haven't the money to meet the current year's expenses," Dr. Ausley commented.

The budget allotted for the program is out of kilter on two counts: 1) the general statewide teacher pay increase; and 2) the fact that the Bible teacher up-graded her teaching certificate to an "A."

The program is supported entirely by the area churches, the Ministerial Association, and other contributors in the area.

Other members of the Bible-in-the-schools committee are Dr. W. L. Pressley and Rev. J. W. Phillips.



RUNNING — Coroner J. Ollie Harris said this week he would be a candidate for re-election. The veteran coroner is completing his fourth four-year term.

### Bond Promotion Group Formed

City hall courtroom was packed solid Tuesday night, as the Chamber of Commerce called a mass meeting for a forum session on the forthcoming school construction bond issue, and began to effectuate a working organization for support of the issue.

After the forum, chairmen were named in each of the eight precincts.

They are: J. R. Davis, Ward 1; W. D. (Bill) Bennett, Ward II; Charles Mauney, Ward III; Ben H. Bridges, Ward IV; Dr. W. L. Mauney, Dan Finger, Fred Plonk and Mrs. John Cheshire, Jr., Ward V; Ward VI, the Grover Lions club, Woman's Club and Rescue squad; Ward VII, the Bethware school committee; and Ward VIII, Bob Maier.

Chamber of Commerce President Glee A. Bridges conducted the meeting, emphasizing the interest of would-be industrial and individual citizens in the caliber of local schools.

In the forum session, Superintendent B. N. Barnes answered technical questions on cost, need, tax impact and other related questions.

Mr. Barnes commented: "The increase in the district tax rate to support the \$1,100,000 will probably be between 38 and 40 cents per \$100 valuation. He explained that a conference with W. E. Easterling, secretary of the N. C. Local Government Commission, is scheduled Thursday at which time the various means of selling the bonds will be discussed. The board will then decide on the least expensive way of issuing them so that the rate will not be so high and the period of payment will not cause

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### Skunk Project Claims Spunky

Donna Crawford made a big sacrifice Wednesday, relinquishing "Spunky" to the world of science. "Spunky" is a skunk — Donna's pet for the last year — descended, of course.

"Spunky" was caught near the Shelby Road in a rabbit box by Lalor Franks and given to Donna, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Crawford of 116 Lackey Street.

A Gastonia veterinarian defragrated the perky creature of the Florida spotted variety, he has a mottled white pattern in his fur instead of the prosaic single white stripe down his back.

Mr. Crawford sent the skunk Wednesday afternoon to Henderson to Walter A. Collett, instructor of biology at Henderson Institute.

Mr. Henderson has a research project in progress, endeavoring to breed the "scent" out of skunks.

Collett's theory is that animals breed out unused glands or appendages over a period of generations, citing the hornless steer as example. He feels the skunk, over a period of generations of not using its scent glands, will eventually breed out the unwanted (pet wise) characteristic.

Mr. Crawford says skunks (according to a pet book in his possession) are presently the third most popular pet in America. First and second are dogs and cats.

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