

**Population**

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 8,008

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## Fulton-Phifer Road Tract Available At \$500 Acre

### Craig Falls Opposes Osborne For Clerk Of Superior Court



**PRINCIPAL** -- Jake G. Hord, Jr., Kings Mountain native, was elevated to the principalship of East Elementary school of Gastonia on Monday to succeed Norris Shuford who is retiring in June.

### Jake Hord Named School Principal

Jake G. Hord, Jr., sixth grade teacher at East school in Gastonia and a Kings Mountain native, will become principal of the elementary school upon retirement of Principal Norris Shuford in June.

Mr. Hord is son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hord, Sr., of Kings Mountain.

A graduate of Appalachian State Teacher's college, Mr. Hord earned his master's degree in 1960. He joined the East school faculty in 1960, having previously taught the third grade at Wilson school for two years and the seventh and eighth grade at Wray Junior high school for two years. He served a six months tour of duty in the Army.

Mrs. Hord is the former Mary Lou Patrick. She teaches the fourth grade at Abernathy school.

The Hords live in Pinecrest, Gastonia, and are members of Bradley Memorial Methodist church.

The newly-elected principal was recently named president of the NCEA unit composed of all Gastonia city teachers.

Veteran Principal Norris is completing his 34th year as principal of East school. He is 65.

### City Law Requires Two Weed-Cuttings

Mayor Kelly Dixon reminded citizens Wednesday of a city ordinance requiring owners of vacant lots to cut weeds a minimum of twice yearly, once by June 15 and again by August 15.

The ordinance specifies that failure to obey the ordinance can result in a fine of \$1, with each additional day to be considered a separate offense.

The ordinance also specifies that the city may attend to the weed-cutting and assess the cost to the property.

### Bible-in-Schools Program Facing '62 End Unless Underwritten Now

The Bible-in-the Schools program of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association must be underwritten by church, civic groups, and individual pledges now or the teaching of Bible in the city schools will be cancelled for next year, Dr. Paul K. Ausley, program chairman, said Wednesday.

He noted the difficulty of the association in meeting the Bible budget for the 1961-62 school year and commented the program could not be continued on such a haphazard basis.

Letters of appeal have been sent out to all churches asking each minister and treasurer to bring the matter of pledging support to the Bible program before his church directors.

Budget for the 1962-63 school term will be approximately

### Edwin Moore Offers Again For School Post

Craig D. Falls, Kings Mountain grocer, filed candidacy Wednesday for clerk of Superior Court, subject to the May Democratic primary.

Mr. Falls opposes the incumbent J. W. (Bill) Osborne, who has served as court clerk since October 1956, when he was appointed to succeed E. A. Houser, Jr.

It is the Kings Mountain man's first time to seek public office. Only other candidates to file for county-wide offices during the past week were the five incumbent members of the county board of education, including Edwin Moore, of Kings Mountain, Charles D. Fomey, Jr., Walter Davis, Buford Cline and J. D. Ellis. All are Democrats.

Mr. Falls became the third Kings Mountain citizen to seek a county-wide elective office this year. J. Ollie Harris, veteran coroner, seeks re-election.

Owner of Falls Superette on York Road, Mr. Falls is a Kings Mountain native, a son of Mrs. Pat Falls and the late Mr. Falls. For 30 years he was an employee of Neisler Mills.

He is a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran church and Kings Mountain Lodge 1748.

He is married to the former Frances Hord. They have two daughters, Mrs. Bill Cashion, of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Bert Voet, of Wilmington.

Mr. Osborne was elected to the unexpired Houser term in 1958 and re-elected to fill a full four-year term in 1958. He is a Shelby lawyer, onetime elections board chairman, and recorder's court judge.

In several elections, Mr. Falls has served as an election official of the East Kings Mountain precinct.

Mr. Falls paid his filing fee to Chairman Ralph Gilbert shortly before noon Wednesday. Mr. Osborne had filed formally on February 27.

### Easter Sunrise Service Planned

The Kings Mountain Ministerial Association announced plans this week for its annual community-wide Easter Sunrise service, to be held at 6 a. m. on Easter Morning at Memorial Park in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Rev. H. D. Garmon, who made the announcement, said the form of the program would be similar to those of previous years, and that Rev. Marion DuBose, pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist church, will preach the Easter Sunrise sermon.

The high school Glee club, under direction of Mrs. J. N. McClure, will sing special Easter music. Featured soloist will be Allan Jolley, minister of music at First Baptist church.

The high school band, under direction of Joe Hedden, will play a prelude of Easter selections.

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**CANDIDATES** -- Craig D. Falls, above, filed Wednesday for clerk of Superior Court, opposing J. W. (Bill) Osborne, incumbent. Edwin Moore filed Monday for re-nomination as a member of the county board of education, a position he has held for the past decade.

### Jonas Bridges Lions Nominee

Jonas Bridges, general manager of Radio Station WKMT, has been nominated for president of the Kings Mountain Lions club for 1962-63.

Mr. Bridges is currently the club's first vice-president.

Other nominees presented at the Tuesday night meeting by George Thomasson, chairman of the nominating committee are: Odus Smith, first vice-president; Wesley Bush, second vice-president; C. P. Barry, third vice-president; Harry Jaynes, secretary; Carl Goforth, treasurer; Clyde (Whitely) Bridges, Lion tamer; and Richard Barnett, tail twister.

Nominees for the two-year terms as directors are Jack Hauser, J. T. McGinnis, Jr., and Joe McDaniel, Jr.

Hold-over directors with one year term's remaining are Dr. George W. Plonk, William Lawrence Plonk, and Howard Bryant.

Other members of the nominating committee were Edwin Moore and Eugene Timms.

Club elections will be held on May 8.

### Board To Meet Thursday Night

Two advisory groups will discuss findings and needs with the city board of commissioners Thursday night at the 7 o'clock meeting at City Hall.

The City Stadium committee will convene with the board to discuss its recommendations for improving City Stadium, and Ollie Harris, chairman of the Army commission, will present a request for funds for equipping the nearly-complete new armory.

Other matters to receive board attention, according to Mayor Kelly Dixon, include:

1) Application of Lloyd E. Davis for the position of city building inspector.  
2) Confirmation of sale of a 25 x 25 foot off-street lot near East King Esso station at the bid price of \$411.

### Three Contests With Filing Deadline Near

Filing deadline for county political offices is Friday at noon. As of Wednesday afternoon, there were only three contests for county-wide offices, all family arguments among Democrats for that party's nomination.

Meantime, County Republican Chairman Pierce Cassidy said Wednesday his party numbers some prospects for candidates, though he declined to name which particular offices Republicans might seek.

"We hope to have some Republican candidates filing prior to Friday noon," Mr. Cassidy commented without further elaboration.

He did note that Cleveland Republicans are gathering monthly in various parts of the county and have scheduled a May 1 meeting at Casar. He also noted organization of a Shelby Republican club which is meeting regularly.

The Democratic primary contests to date are:

For clerk of Superior Court - J. W. (Bill) Osborne, incumbent, and Craig D. Falls, Kings Mountain grocer.

For judge of Recorder's Court - Crawley B. Cash and Joe F. Mull, both Shelby lawyers.

For solicitor of Recorder's Court - Lyndon L. Hobbs and Norris (Dick) Lackey, both Shelby lawyers.

Unopposed are Sheriff Haywood Allen, Treasurer Mrs. Lillian E. Newton, Coroner J. Ollie Harris, David Bevan, incumbent county commissioner from District 3, and Ralph S. Elliott, who seeks the county commissioner seat from District 5, the latter seat being vacated by Chairman Knox Sarratt.

In Number 4 township, J. Lee Roberts seeks re-nomination as justice of the peace, and Charles Ford seeks re-election as constable.

The five members of the county board of education are also unopposed, as is the county's state legislative delegation, Senator Robert F. Morgan and Representative Jack Palmer.

### PERMITS ISSUED

City officials issued a permit Wednesday to John H. Childers to build a garage annex at a cost of \$300 and a permit Thursday to Four Square Gospel Church to build a one-story church building at the corner of Second and Blanton Streets at an estimated cost of \$3,000.

### AT PRESBYTERIAN

The Session of First Presbyterian church will meet Sunday morning at 10:30 to receive new members, the pastor, Dr. Paul Ausley has announced.



**HONORED FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE** - Charles Blanton, Jr., center, Kings Mountain pharmacist, is pictured receiving the A. H. Robins "Eowl of Hygiea" award for outstanding community service from the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association. Richard A. Veiz presents the award to Mr. Blanton as Association

President Robert B. Hall of Mocksville looks on. The community service award, a plaque mided after a sterling silver bowl, was presented as a highlight of the annual state convention of the Pharmaceutical Association in Raleigh last weekend.

## Two Scholarships Added By Kesler

### UNC Senior Wins National Science, Fulbright Awards



Stephen Kesler, Kings Mountain senior at the University of North Carolina, will go to Stanford University, Stanford, Calif., next fall under a National Science Foundation fellowship, second of three major scholarships to be awarded.

Initially chosen for a Woodrow Wilson fellowship granted by the Ford Foundation, Mr. Kesler was notified last week that he was being awarded a Fulbright scholarship for study abroad at a university of his choice.

His plans, his father Thomas L. Kesler said, are to accept the National Science foundation fellowship, awarded for nine months of study, and to accept the Fulbright scholarship, given by Senator J. W. Fulbright, of Arkansas, if the National Science Foundation grants him permission to interrupt the nine months at Stanford. Should this permission be granted, he will study in Melbourne, Australia, for six months.

He will forego the monetary reward of the Woodrow Wilson fellowship, but will retain the

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### Sara Nell Moss Is Top Speller

Central eighth grader Sara Nell Moss is Kings Mountain's spelling champ and will represent the schools in the Charlotte Observer-sponsored spelling bee.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Moss.

At the school spelling finals Tuesday Sara Nell outspelled top spellers from each school in the consolidated system to be declared the winner.

Preliminary "bees" had already been held in the various school systems and winners named from each to compete in the finals.

Students were given a written spelling test of 100 words Monday by Bethware Principal R. G. Franklin who was pronouncer.

Judges were Mrs. Wilson Griffin from Central school, Principal R. H. Bryant from North, Mrs. W. F. Powell from West, Mrs. M. C. Poston from Park, Grace, Mrs. Jessie R. Greene from Bethware, Miss Sue Borders from East and Principal James Scruggs from Grover.

Veing for the spelling championship in addition to Miss Moss were Jo Bridges from Park, Norma King from North, and Mary Ann Morrison from Bethware, Danny Dyke from West, Bobby Clack from East, and Martha Herndon from Grover.

Kings Mountain's spelling champ is 14. She is active in the Pioneer fellowship of First Presbyterian church.

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### Neislers Owners; Goforth-Plonk Asking Price About \$90,000

By MARTIN HARMON  
There were these developments this week concerning selection of a site for the new high school plant, as reported by Chairman Fred W. Plonk, of the board of education:

1) Neisler Brothers, Inc., reported it would make available up to 60 acres of the property at the southwest corner of Fulton road and Phifer road at \$500 per acre.

C. S. Plonk, Sr., and the J. O. Plonk Estate said whatever acreage required of this property in the Goforth-Plonk site would be available at \$1,000 per acre.

3) Architects were surveying both the Phifer road tract, under option to the school board of education at \$500 per acre, and the Neisler tract.

4) The City of Kings Mountain has been asked to work with the architects to provide estimates on relative costs of utilities services to the three tracts now receiving major consideration.

5) The board hopes to meet with the architects either Thursday or Friday for a discussion of relative merits of the several sites.

6) The board is receiving an increasing number of suggestions that it give consideration to the Houser property on York road.

Chairman Plonk noted that relative costs of grading, clearing, and utilities services, as well as pupil transportation load, will be factors in deciding which of any site will be chosen for the high school plant. An additional factor effecting the two Phifer road sites is potential need for widening Phifer road. He said the State Highway commission has been asked to confer with the board on this matter.

Offering price of the several sites are:

1) Phifer road site, about 73 acres, owned by the Butler Phifer Estate, Marlin Phifer and Neisler Brothers, under option at \$500 per acre. The Neisler portion of about 20 acres has been tendered as a gift, making the approximate cost \$25,000 to \$27,000.

2) The Neisler Brothers tract, up to 60 acres at \$500 per acre, approximate cost \$30,000.

3) The Goforth-Plonk tract north of U. S. 74 and adjacent to Kings Mountain Country Club and Country Club Estates, involving about 42 acres of Marvin Goforth lands at \$58,000 (\$1500 for 28 acres and \$1000 for 16 acres) and about 32 acres of adjacent land owned by C. S. Plonk, Sr., and the J. O. Plonk Estate at \$1,000 per acre, \$32,000.

Total of \$90,000, exclusive of cost of lots owned by Garrison Goforth, two by James Lybrand, nine by Wilson Crawford and one by Bun Goforth. The Crawford and Bun Goforth lots are regarded as desirable but not mandatory.

### Concert Thursday By Mixed Chorus

Annual spring concert of the Kings Mountain high school Mixed Chorus will be held Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium.

Mrs. J. N. McClure will direct the concert, which will include the following program of selections:

"Tamlane Joe" by Richardson, "Marianne" by Ross, "Hold 'Em Joe", Thomas, "Banana Boat Song" from an arrangement by Simeone, Williams' "The Halls of Ivey", Nobel Cain's "America", "My Own", "Give Me Your Tired and Your Poor" by Howe-Steffle, and Grant's "They Call It America."

Following a short intermission the Chorus will sing Rodgers' "You'll Never Walk Alone," "Green Cathedral" by Hahn, a Swedish folk melody, "Children of the Heavenly Father," "In A bysterian church."

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### Weatherman To Speak At Annual Kiwanis Club Farmer's Banquet

Kings Mountain Kiwanians will honor area farmers at the annual Farmer's Night banquet Thursday night.

Featured speaker will be Paul Bowers, of Charlotte, who is associated with the U. S. Weather Bureau.

Mr. Bowers will outline procedures of weather forecasting in a program which is expected to attract more than 50 farmers

from Number 4 township. Mr. Bowers is a native of Sanford.

Members of the Kiwanis program on arrangements for the event are Jack Barham, chairman; Sherman Perry, Glee E. Bridges and N. F. McGill.

Dinner will be served at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's club. B. N. Barnes is president of the civic club.



**HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTS MEMBERS** -- Seventeen Kings Mountain high school juniors were tapped by the local chapter of the National Honor Society during a special program Friday. The 17 inductees represent 10 percent of the junior class. From left to right above, front row - Jewel Rabba, Laura Page, Pattie Howards.

Sara Hendricks, Felma Lynn, Jamie Cox, Peggy Plonk and Sandra Spangler. Second row, Linda Goforth, Paul Smith, Marilyn Dixon, Jackie Hughes, Robert Plonk, Gary Collins, Kenneth Barnes and Dennis Searty. Absent from the picture because of illness is Ann Cooper.