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Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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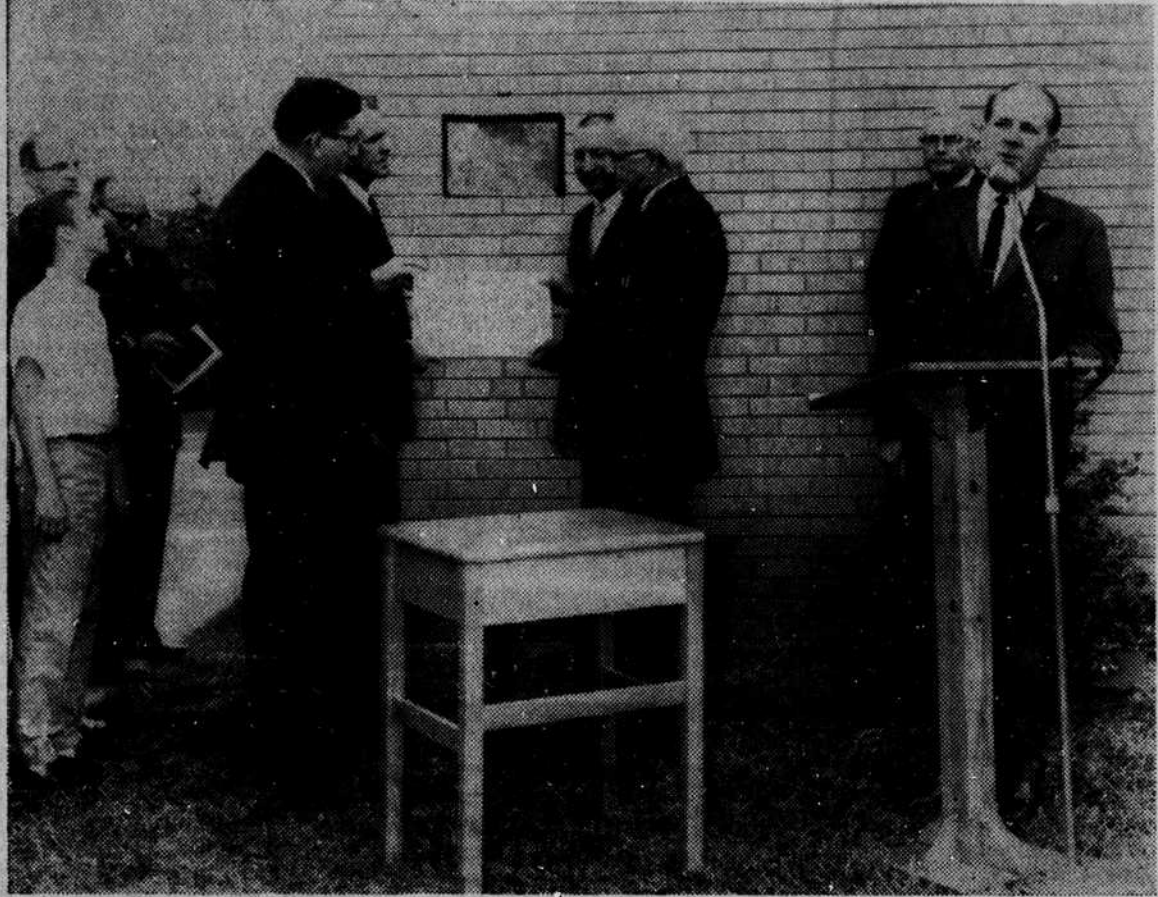
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FIRST BAPTIST CORNERSTONE SEALED — Laying of the cornerstone of First Baptist church climaxed Homecoming Day Sunday. Pictured above sealing the cornerstone, from left above, Rev. Gordon Weekley, a former pastor; James E. Amos, G. L. McDaniel, Jr., W. B. Logan, Lee Dixon, Dr. E. V. Hudson, a former pastor, and Rev. B. L. Raines, pastor. The young man standing beside Mr. Weekley was not identified. Both Dr. Hudson and Rev. M. Weekley participated in the day's activities. (Photo by Clarie Gilstad)

Local News Bulletins

GOFORTH REUNION

The annual reunion of the family of Preston (Bud) Goforth will be held Sunday at Shelter Two of Kings Mountain National Military Park. Dinner will be served picnic-style at 1 o'clock. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

DIXON SPEAKER

Rev. W. D. Baker of Gastonia will fill the pulpit at church services Sunday, and also the following Sunday, at 9:30 a.m. at Diron Presbyterian church in the absence of Rev. J. S. Mann, pastor, on vacation.

LEGION MEETING

Legionnaires of American Legion Post 155 will hold regular meeting Friday night at 8 p.m. at the Legion Hall.

IMPROVING

Mrs. A. H. Cornwell, injured in a freak accident several weeks ago, continues to improve, although her injured leg will require a cast for eight more weeks. Mrs. Cornwell suffered a broken leg and painful injuries when the lawnmower she was operating struck a sharp rock and she fell in her backyard.

JAYCEES MEET

A film, "Modern Medicine," as Kings Mountain Jaycees meet in regular session Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Woman's Club. It will be featured as the program club.

OPTIMISTS MEET

Members of the Optimist Club of Kings Mountain will meet in regular weekly session Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the Cottonwood Restaurant on Highway 29.

NO PERMITS

City officials issued no building permits during the past week. Date of the last permit issued was June 29.

FIRE

City firemen were called to the Jim Short residence on Ellison Drive Friday at 4:00 p.m. to douse a blaze in some cotton waste stored in the garage. Slight damage was reported.

HOSPITALIZED

James T. Cole, 908 Grace Street resident involved in an automobile accident July 10 on Phenix Street, is at Charlotte Presbyterian hospital suffering from a head injury sustained in the crash. Cole was inadvertently listed as not injured in last week's Herald. A family member reported this week he had not regained consciousness on July 26.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ended Wednesday totaled \$195.80, including \$131.30 from on-street meters, \$17.50 from off-street meters and \$47 from over parking fees. City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr. reported.

DOING WELL

L. A. Hoke, operator of Hoke Electric Company, is still improving at home after suffering a heart attack last month.

Cornerstone Laid By First Baptists

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By ELIZABETH STEWART

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Visitors To Park Top All Records

Visitors from 42 states for a total of 46,300 traveled to Kings Mountain National Military Park in July, setting a record attendance figure.

The July attendance figure represents an increase of 3,004 over July 1961 and more than the total attendance for Park visitors the entire year of 1950 (44,773).

Park visitors in July came from five foreign countries, Panama, Holland, England, Germany and Ecuador. Two Canadian provinces were represented, with visitors from Ontario and Quebec.

Schools Add Four To Faculty

Four Kings Mountain school district faculty vacancies were filled this week, Superintendent B. N. Barnes reported.

Employed were:

Charles Estep, of Shelby, who will teach eighth grade at Bethware school. Mr. Estep has taught in the Cleveland county system at Piedmont and Burns schools since 1957 and has been teaching since 1950, when he was graduated from East Tennessee State college at Johnson City. He earned the Master of Arts degree at East Tennessee in 1958.

Mrs. Sarah Westbrook Wilkins, of Blacksburg, S. C., who will teach in the primary department at Grover. Mrs. Wilkins, a graduate of Winthrop college, Rock Hill, S. C., was a Grover faculty member in 1942, has taught since 1952 at Blacksburg.

James N. Griffin, of Greensboro, who will teach business education and social studies at Compact high school. Mr. Griffin, 1962 graduate of A & T College, Greensboro, has had teaching experience at Summerfield and at A & T College.

Re-employed was:

Richard Culyer, eighth grade teacher for the past two years. Action concerning Mr. Culyer was deferred last spring, pending clarification of his selective service status. He is from Oakboro in Stanly county and was recently married to the former Anita Vaughan, a member of the West school faculty.

Supt. Barnes said he hoped to fill three to four more vacancies this weekend.

He declined to say how many vacancies remain, noting that the high school is gaining teachers under the state teacher allotment plan, while the elementary departments have had allotments lowered.

"The number of vacancies depend," he said, "on how many teachers the board of education determines it requires to employ additional to the state allotments."

Old Phenix May Go To Craftspun

Gas Expansion Contracts Let

Two Contracts For Additions Total \$37,660

The board of commissioners voted Wednesday afternoon to award two contracts, totaling \$37,660.97 for expansion of the city natural gas system.

Contract for labor and all materials excepting steel pipe was voted to C. N. Flagg & Company, of Charlotte, at \$25,066.50.

Contract for pipe required was awarded to L. B. Foster Company, Atlanta, Ga., at \$12,594.47 net. (The Foster Company had bid \$13,355.50 less two percent for payment within ten days.)

Awarding of two contracts apparently will save the gas system about \$815 under the Flagg Company's low bid among five for a "turnkey" job at \$38,476.50.

Three separate bids had been invited: 1) for a complete "turnkey" job, 2) an alternate to omit the estimated two miles of pipe required, and 3) a third alternate bid for furnishing pipe alone.

The Foster Company submitted a bid only for the pipe required. Each of the other four bidders gave bids on all items.

Other bidders and their bids for the complete job were:

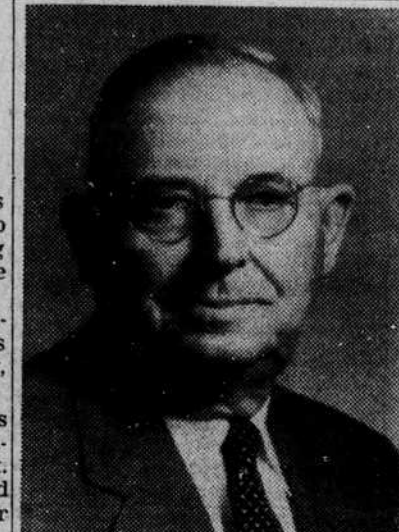
Gas Lines Company, Charlotte \$41,495; Engineering Construction Company, Tulsa, Okla., \$44,871; and Harris & Wright Company, Charlotte, \$49,049.

The specifications call for completion of the contract within 60 days of its execution.

The system additions include running of a new six-inch line from York Road to Candler street, thence from Candler to Kings Mountain Mica Company, Inc. Also running of a new line from Gold at Sims to Mountain street and the Phifer Road intersection with Mountain. Also included are four regulator stations.

Mayor Kelly Dixon said the city would request the Flagg Company to use the city as its sub-contractor for re-surfacing of streets, adding that he understood the contractor is agreeable to the suggestion.

The motion to let contract was adopted by 4-0 vote, with Commissioner Eugene Goforth absent. (Continued On Page Eight)



SUCCUMBS — R. Lee (Bob) Lewis, businessman and dairyman, died Tuesday night, following wreck injuries received Friday. Funeral rites will be held Thursday.

Rites Thursday For R. L. Lewis

Robert Lee (Bob) Lewis, 79, a vice-president of Kings Mountain Savings & Loan Association, died Tuesday night in a Gastonia hospital of injuries sustained in an automobile accident Friday.

Funeral rites will be held Thursday at 4 p. m. from Bessemer City's Grace Lutheran church of which he was a member. The body was taken from Sisk Funeral Home Wednesday evening to the home, Lewis Lake, near Bessemer City. Rev. Edwin Riggs, assisted by Rev. A. A. Bailey, will officiate at the final rites and interment will be in Lutheran Chapel cemetery.

Mr. Lewis was president and co-owner of Sunrise Dairy of Gastonia. He was also a vice-president of First State Bank and Trust Company of Bessemer City and served for many years on the Bessemer City Town Council. Mr. Lewis was elected a director of Kings Mountain Savings & Loan Association since 1954.

He was injured Friday when the car he was riding in was forced off the road and into a utility pole three miles west of Bessemer City. Driver of the (Continued On Page Eight)

Low Declines To Confirm Or Deny Rumor

By MARTIN HARMON

Unconfirmed rumor among textile industry circles here is that Craftspun Yarns, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of B-V-D Corporation is in process of purchasing the Parkdale Mills, Inc., property formerly known as Loom-Tex Corporation.

Robert Lowe, general manager of Craftspun, Inc. declined to confirm or deny the rumor.

The Parkdale property is virtually adjacent to the Craftspun property, being separated by the Southern Railway right-of-way.

Purchased by Parkdale on January 30, 1961, the buildings, subsequently improved, have been used for warehousing cotton of the Gastonia manufacturer of knitting yarns.

Parkdale purchased the property (at time of purchase the Whittington Corporation) for \$700,000. The property includes about 6.5 acres and buildings with some 86,000 square feet of floor space, including the building occupied by Frank Ballard's Parkdale Store and the Phenix Barber shop quarters.

Idle since the early nineteen-fifties, the plant once employed well over 200 persons. Owned briefly after World War II by Burlington Industries, the plant was sold by Burlington to Du-Court Mills Company, which went bankrupt. It was subsequently purchased by interests of the late Lester Martin, then owner of many textile operations. These owners sold the more than 70 houses acquired and removed all operating machinery from the plant in 1955.

B-V-D Corporation acquired Craftspun, Inc. through a Pennsylvania federal court order after Craftspun's former owner, Seranton Corporation, went into bankruptcy, one of the many firms "raided" by Alexander Guterman, now in federal prison.

The Craftspun plant was remodeled and renovated, both building and machinery, for yarn production, and the firm recently put into production a 32,000 square foot knitting plant, at last reports employing 55 persons and operating on a three-shift, five-day-per-week schedule.

The Craftspun knitting firm manufacturers men's underwear.



SOUTHWELL ACQUIRES MOTOR FIRM—Robert O. Southwell, left, Plonk Motor Company sales manager, has purchased the Plonk firm from Fred W. Plonk, dean of Kings Mountain's franchised auto dealers. Mr. Plonk opened the Ford agency here in 1936.

Southwell Buys Ford Dealership

Pre-School Band Session Aug. 13th

The Kings Mountain school band will begin pre-school football and marching training August 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Band Room, Director Joe C. Hedden has announced.

Mr. Hedden said that all students who are eligible for membership in the high school band are requested to gather at the Band Room for uniforms and equipment which will be issued at this pre-school session. New members will receive instructions in band regulations and the fundamentals of drill, he added.

"All students are urged to be present and on time," Mr. Hedden continued.

Transaction Was Effective On Wednesday

Kings Mountain's oldest franchised automobile dealership changed names Wednesday.

Plonk Motor Company, Kings Mountain Ford dealer since 1936, owned by Fred W. Plonk, became Southwell Motor Company, owned by Robert O. Southwell, sales manager of the Plonk firm since November 1960.

Arrangements for the transaction were completed Friday, with Mr. Southwell acquiring the parts inventory and shop equipment, and Mr. Plonk retaining the used car inventory, accounts and note receivable, building and real estate, which fronts on both Battleground avenue and King street.

Mr. Plonk remarked, "I'll be in the used car business awhile."

Mr. Southwell said there would be a lone personnel change, with Paul H. Dwyer, of the sales force, promoted to sales manager.

Mr. Plonk assumed the then-vacant dealer franchise in 1936 and operated in the building now Mountain Lane Bowling Center until he built the present motor company building in 1939-40. A Kings Mountain native, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Plonk, Sr., he had previously been an employee of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company and Brown & Williamson Tobacco Company, before returning to Kings Mountain. He is a graduate of North Carolina State college and chairman of the Kings Mountain Board of Education. He is a member of Resurrection Lutheran church. Mrs. Plonk is the former Ferguson Rhoads.

Mr. Southwell, a 1954 graduate of Davidson college, is a native of Rome, Ga., where he attended Darlington School for Boys. He spent two years with the army, including service in Germany. He is a member of First Presbyterian church, the Kings Mountain Country Club, and a director of the Kings Mountain Merchants association and Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Southwell is the former Dorothy Saunders. They and their two children live at 300 Edgemont Drive.

Antioch Sets Homecoming

Antioch Baptist church of Grover will hold annual Homecoming Day services on Sunday, August 5th, the pastor, Rev. Archie Hughes, has announced.

Mr. Hughes will deliver the morning message, and after a picnic lunch at noon, the church choir and the Blacksburg, S. C. Male Chorus will render special music.

Revival services will get underway on Monday night at Antioch. Rev. Mr. Hughes will be the evangelist for the week of services which will be held at 7:30 p.m. nightly.

Mr. Hughes invited all members, former members and visitors to join in the Homecoming Day services on Sunday and to worship with them at the revival services.

Board Authorizes Line Installation

The city board of commissioners Wednesday authorized installation of 275 feet of 14-inch water line from the filter plant on Deal street to an eight-inch line, also on Deal.

The line addition will solve a pressure problem at Sadie Cotton Mills, Mayor Kelly Dixon said. The project was approved unanimously.

Whitener Recommends Henson, Tate For Two Postal Carrier Posts

Representative Basil L. Whitener, this district's United States Congressman, has recommended the appointment of Bobby E. Henson and Fred A. Tate to fill the two rural carrier vacancies at Kings Mountain postoffice.

The Congressman informed Clint Newton, Cleveland County Democratic chairman, in a letter dated July 30.

Mr. Whitener thus accepted the recommendation of the East Kings Mountain, West Kings Mountain and Bethware Democratic precinct committees who had nominated Henson and Tate last week.

Henson had finished first, Tate third in the civil service examination for the positions. Both are veterans. Henson having served first in the National Guard unit here and subsequently for seven years in the Marine corps. Tate is an air force veteran.

Henson is currently employed at McCoy's Service Station and Tate is an employee of Lithium Corporation of America.

Mr. Whitener, in his letter to Mr. Newton, did not indicate when the postoffice department would act on his recommendations. However, in notifying the Congressman of the results of the examination, the postoffice department asked that his recommendations be received not later than 30 days from July 5.

The vacancies were created by retirement of Lloyd Phifer and W. B. Logan. Bryan Horis is the other rural carrier.

The routes are being handled by Substitute Carriers Edwin (Continued On Page Eight)



MISS BETHWARE FAIR—Frankie Hamrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamrick and a rising high school senior, will reign as Queen of Bethware Fair for 1962. The 15th annual community fair opens Sept. 12th for five days on the grounds of Bethware school. Miss Hamrick was chosen by a committee from Bethware Progressive club which sponsors the event. Kick-off to the fair program will be a barbecue August 22nd at which fair patrons will be guests. Barbecue tickets and the fair catalogue will go out to advertisers within the next few weeks. Miss Hamrick's father is president of the sponsoring club this year.

Tentative School Opening August 27

School days are around the corner again.

Indicated date for school opening in the Kings Mountain district is August 27, with the first day — from the pupil standpoint — orientation day, an abbreviated schedule, on Wednesday, August 29, and first full day of classwork on Thursday, August 30.

The actual date hasn't been set, but Superintendent B. N. Barnes said Wednesday this is the opening schedule he anticipates the board of education will adopt.

The county system will open on this schedule.

Supt. Barnes said the board of education is likely to meet within a few days and the opening schedule will be set officially at that time.

Improving

Miss Carlyle Ware is improving satisfactorily at her summer home in Bon Clarken after suffering a slight stroke some weeks ago.