

## Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 8,008

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## Local News Bulletins

### P-TA MEETING

Park Grace school Parent-Teacher Association will hold regular meeting Monday night at 7 o'clock in the school auditorium.

### WOMAN'S CLUB

Woman's Club members, their husbands, and Senior Citizens club members will gather for a square dance Monday night at 7:45 p. m. at the Woman's club.

### BUILDING PERMITS

City officials issued two building permits to J. Wilson Crawford November 15 for the construction of two \$15,000 houses on Sherwood Lane.

### NO FIRES

City firemen received no fire calls during the past week, fireman T. C. McKee reported Wednesday.

### ONE WRECK

Approximately \$25 damage was done to the car of Ruth Boyce Ellis of 309 Ellis Street Monday morning when it was struck by a school bus driven on Parker Street by Steve Russell Jamerson, Route 1.

### INSTALLATION SET

Dixon Community 4-H club will hold its December meeting on Tuesday night, December 4th, at 7 o'clock at Dixon Presbyterian church. Recently-elected officers will be installed.

### WHEAT SIGN-UP

The Cleveland County ASC Office has announced that the 1963 wheat stabilization sign-up is continuing through Dec. 14th. Interested farmers should visit the ASC office in Shelby. The office will be closed Thanksgiving Day.

### AT STERCH'S

Mrs. Joyce Graham, of Shelby, has joined Sterch's, Kings Mountain, as cashier and assistant bookkeeper. Mrs. Graham spent several years as an employee of Sterch's Charlotte branch.

### TO ATTEND MEETING

Mayor Kelly Dixon and Gas System Superintendent Grady Yelton will attend a meeting in Charlotte Friday to consider means of handling natural gas in event of nuclear attack.

### LIONS SPEAKER

Parris Yelton will give a report of his trip to the Lions International Convention in Nice, France at the weekly meeting of the Kings Mountain Lions Club Tuesday night, 7 p.m. at the Woman's Club.

### METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday totaled \$178, including \$126.10 from on-street meters, \$32.25 from over-parking fees, and \$19.65 from off-street meters. City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., reported.

### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Regular meeting of Kings Mountain chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held at First Presbyterian church Fellowship hall Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

## Dixon Sets Harvest Festival

Dixon Presbyterian church will sponsor a Harvest Festival Saturday afternoon beginning at 3 o'clock at the church on Dixon road.

A short service of Thanksgiving and dedication for the Lord's Acre projects and harvest will be held at 6 p. m., Rev. James Mann, pastor, has announced.

Baked goods, including homemade cakes and pies, will be included in a bazaar division. Hot dogs will be sold during the afternoon with accessories, and a church membership quilt bearing names of all families in the church will be auctioned, among other items.

A Lord's Acre of cotton and wheat has already been harvested by church members and the offering will be received and dedicated.

Rev. Mr. Mann, assisted by children in the Sunday School, will lead the Thanksgiving service, including responsive readings. The church choir, under direction of Mrs. Paul Mauney, will sing "We Gather Together." Miss Joan McClure will be pianist for the program.

## Kincaid Assumes Guard Command

### Major Houston Now Serving At Headquarters

First Lieutenant Ronald David Kincaid has assumed command of the Kings Mountain army national guard unit, officially known as Company D, 105th Engineering Battalion, of the 30th Division.

Lt. Kincaid assumed command on October 26, succeeding Second Lieutenant Hugh Lancaster, who, in turn, had succeeded Major Humes Houston in September.

Lt. Kincaid, an ROTC graduate of North Carolina State college and formerly member of the army reserve, was recently transferred to National Guard.

Major Houston, who organized the Kings Mountain National Guard company on June 16, 1948, was promoted to his present rank as of September 20, and has been transferred to the battalion headquarters company, based in Charlotte. Major Houston has been assigned the duties of plans and training officer for the six companies of the battalion.

During his 14-year tenure as commanding officer, the company, organized with 16 men, numbered peak strength of 93 officers and men. Initially an infantry company, the unit became an engineering company during a general divisional reorganization.

Present authorized strength is 75 officers and men, with six men required to bring the company to full strength.

Lt. Kincaid, chief engineer of Ideal Industries, Inc., of Bessemer City, is a Kings Mountain citizen and is married to the former Lottie Lynch. He had six months active duty service with the army following his commissioning.

Major Houston is a veteran of five years of army service during World War II. He was awarded the bronze star for his service during the Battle of the Bulge in late 1944 and early 1945. Major Houston is a veteran employee of Kings Mountain Drug Company. Mrs. Houston is the former Eva Mae Suber.

Lt. Kincaid said the guard company would welcome enlistments by recruits or by former service personnel. Full information on enlistments can be obtained from Sgt. Charles Wilson at the National Guard Armory, he noted.

## Lithium Acquires Lincoln Deposits

Lithium Corporation of America, Inc., has announced it has entered into an agreement with Lincoln-National Concentrates Corporation to acquire mining rights and purchase options to one of the important lithium ore bodies in the world.

The deposits which are largely amenable to open cut operations lie in a contiguous group of properties amounting to approximately 470 acres, located about five miles from the company's Bessemer City plant.

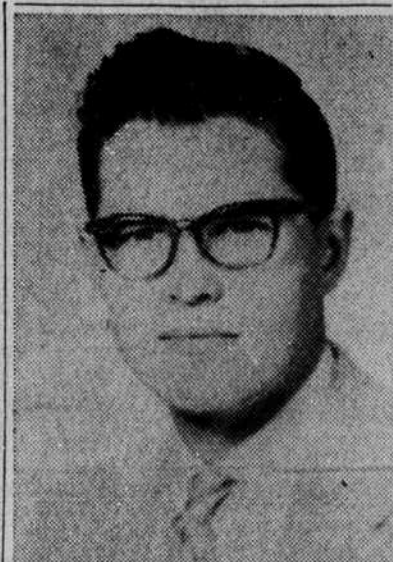
By this acquisition the company has added more than 10 million tons of high grade lithium ore to its reserves, bringing its total North Carolina reserves to more than 20 million tons. Resident Manager J. D. Herrnan said.

Weather forecasts call for clearing in this area Thursday morning (time not specific), an enheartening report for many citizens with a Thanksgiving holiday at hand.

Kings Mountain business firms, for the most part, will close for the day, as will city offices, the postoffice, financial firms and others. School faculty and pupils have a free weekend.

The menu for Thanksgiving, in addition to the traditional sumptuous dinners, will include, weather permitting, hunting, football, visits to kin and friend, as well as for traditional church services.

Two football games will attract area football fans. At Salisbury, Lenoir-Rhyne and Catawba will renew their long rivalry,



**TAKES COMMAND** — First Lieutenant David Kincaid, of Kings Mountain, is the new commanding officer of the Kings Mountain Army National Guard company.

## Thanksgiving Rites Planned

Seven Kings Mountain churches were planning special Thanksgiving Day services this week.

The traditional breakfasts will be held by Central Methodist, Kings Mountain Baptist, and Boyce Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian churches.

Men of the Churches will serve breakfast at both the Kings Mountain Baptist and Central Methodist churches beginning at 7:30 a. m. with Thanksgiving service of song and meditation to follow. Boyce Memorial's Thanksgiving service will begin at 7:30 with the breakfast to be served at 8 a. m.

Christ the King Catholic church will observe Holy Sacrament of the Mass beginning at 9 a. m. Thanksgiving morning. Trinity Episcopal church will celebrate Holy Communion and hold a Thanksgiving song service at 10 a. m. St. Matthew's Lutheran church will hold a Thanksgiving worship service at 10 a. m.

At Second Baptist church, the Women's Missionary Society will sponsor a 3 p. m. Thanksgiving Day service. Mrs. W. E. Bagwell, prayer chairman, noted that the sanctuary will be open for prayer from 8 until 10 a. m. and from 3 until 5 p. m.

Dixon Presbyterian church has scheduled a Harvest Festival Saturday from 3 until 6 p. m. A short Thanksgiving service and dedication of the Lord's Acre projects will follow.

Special music by the various church choirs will be featured in the several services on Thanksgiving.

Congregations of First Presbyterian, Resurrection Lutheran, First Baptist churches, and virtually all other area churches, held Thanksgiving services at mid-week prayer services Wednesday evening.

## Curb-and-Gutter Totals Three Miles

Mayor Kelly Dixon reported Wednesday that the city has installed more than three miles of curbing and guttering since the beginning of the fiscal year July 1.

Total cost of the several projects exceed \$32,000. Curbing and guttering installations cost \$1.80 per foot, with additional charges for driveways and drainage outfalls. Property owners share the cost at the rate of 50 cents per foot.

## Football, Church Rites, Hunting And Feasting On Turkey Day Menu

with Lenoir-Rhyne the odds on favorite, both for a victory and for a post-season bowl invitation. High school fans have an all-star Lions Bowl offering at Forest City, pitting the all-stars of the two divisions of the Western high school conference. Kings Mountain Coach Bill Bates is assistant coach of the East team and three Mountaineers, Wally Harris, Brent McDaniel and James Hope are on the East roster.

For stay-at-home fans, television will offer virtually all-day gridiron entertainment, both professional and college, with a variety available via a switch of channels.

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## Officials Set Raleigh Talks On School Plans

By HAROLD PEARSON

Superintendent B. N. Barnes expects state school officials to give the go ahead signal to school architects next week for the beginning of preliminary sketches on the proposed new Kings Mountain high school.

Supt. Barnes, high school Principal Harry Jaynes, the school architects and members of the educational advisory committee for the new school are to meet with officials of the Division of School Planning of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh Tuesday to discuss the reports of the advisory committee.

Supt. Barnes told the members of the Kings Mountain Board of Education Monday night it was his belief that at this meeting the state officials will tell the architects to commence sketching the basic plans for the proposed new million dollar educational plant.

Supt. Barnes also reported to the school board that the deeds to the school site property had been received and recorded and at that time were in the hands of the school attorney, J. R. Davis.

The reports to be discussed by local school officials, architects and the state officials Tuesday are those submitted to Dr. Dwayne Gardner October 31.

These reports compiled after months of study by the educational advisory committee of the school deal with the space requirements for the various aspects of the new school's curriculum.

Dr. Gardner, educational consultant for the Division of School Planning, was to study these specifications and offer suggestions for changes and improvements.

With this part of the planning completed the architects can then design the school plant to accommodate the expected courses of study as well as the school pupil load.

Supt. Barnes says that the educational committee plans are well ahead of schedule and, with the special assistance being received from the state officials, the new school should be completed with a minimum of delay in obtaining final architectural plans.

## Warlick Remains Schools Agent

The Kings Mountain Board of Education Monday night voted unanimously to retain insurance coverage for the district schools with the C. E. Warlick Agency.

This action in effect, settled a question of insurance coverage and commission - splits on insurance that had been before the board since July, and previously.

In July, Bob Maner appeared before the board at its regular meeting with a request that commissions earned on school insurance be split among all representatives of the Warlick Agency also appeared before the school officials.

No action was taken at either meeting.

In deciding to continue for this school year with the Warlick Agency the board stated it would receive bids from any agency at the expiration of the present policy period.

In an other insurance matter it was decided that \$2000 medical payment insurance would be purchased for the car used to transport three bus drivers to and from Bethune each day.

The board deferred the suggestion that a lightning arrester (rod) be placed on the 65-foot chimney at the high school.

Other action by the board: 1. Failed to act on a request from Mrs. Sue G. Arrowood, a teacher at West School, that her grandchild be allowed to attend Kings Mountain schools. The child lives in Gaston County and a release from that district was not presented with the request.

2. Authorized Supt. Barnes to employ one additional high school teacher. Barnes reported he has three prospects for the position. The schools are seeking a teacher qualified to teach mathematics and science.

3. Provide two days for Thanksgiving and Easter.

4. Approved the expense accounts of Principal Harry Jaynes for recent trips to Durham, Raleigh and Boone.

5. Authorized Supt. Barnes to appoint an advisory committee for the Compact adult agricultural classes.

6. Authorized Supt. Barnes to write a letter to Southern Railway about trains blocking student's passage to Park Grace.

## FPC Approves City Request For Additional Gas Allotment



**BRASS INSPECTS RESERVE UNIT** — Navy representatives were in Shelby recently to inspect Electronics Division 6-17, the inspection resulting in a 3.12 rating, topping the average for that of the sixth naval district. Pictured, left to right are Capt. Charles Brittingham, Com.

Richard T. Fahy, of the inspecting team, and Chiefs Charles Emery, George Blakemore and Seaman Hall (seated) of the reserve unit commanded by Lt. Glee E. Bridges, Kings Mountain.

## Expansion Of System Completed

By MARTIN HARMON

The Federal Power Commission has approved the request of the City of Kings Mountain for increase of its natural gas allotment by 500,000 cubic feet per day.

The FPC included approval of the Kings Mountain application in an order dated November 8.

The increase means that the Kings Mountain system is now allocated 1,900,000 cubic feet of gas daily.

Howard Scranton, of Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation, informed Grady Yelton, natural gas superintendent, of the favorable ruling Wednesday.

Mr. Scranton commented, "The chief impact of the order is not the particular amount of natural gas involved, but the fact that the FPC recognizes Kings Mountain's need for additional gas."

Almost concurrently, construction work on the nearly \$40,000 expansion of the gas system was completed.

Mayor Dixon said the final line cut-over was made Saturday night.

Both the request for additional allotment and the distribution system expansion resulted from increased demand for natural gas, much of it industrial. Bennett Brick & Tile Company, the city's largest single customer, is nearing completion of an expansion program. Craftsman Varnish, Inc., is using gas and anticipates additional demand, and Kings Mountain Mica Company, Inc., had requested additional gas.

The allotment increase is first since the system went into operation in January 1955. The system, installed with \$100,000 revenue bonds, has shown an operating profit in each year and has been able to retire half of the initial bond issue. The recently completed expansion was done with funds on hand from the extension and renewal fund.

## Blood Donors Give 106 Pints

Charles A. Neisler, Paul Ham and L. Arnold Kiser became members of the "Three Gallon Club" and seven donors joined the "One Gallon Club" at last Thursday's visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile.

Mauney Mills employees led industrial donors at the bloodbank, as 35 donors from this firm gave a pint of blood. Minette Mill employees of Grover remain the top leader, furnishing over 100 pints of blood during the recent Grover visit.

Joining the "One Gallon Club" were Thomas Darby, John K. Kiser, Pauline W. Ware, F. A. Bradley, Mrs. Lucille Randall, Joe Wyte and Billy H. Hawkins. Lithium Corporation, with 23 donors, and Sadie Mills, with 10 donors, placed second and third for industries. Other firms whose employees donated blood were: Lambeth Rope Corporation, four; Foote Mineral Company, six; Mauney Mills, three; Burlington Mills, two; Bonnie Mills, four; Massachusetts Mohair Plush, four; Patterson Oil company, one; Kings Mountain hospital, three.

Complete list of the 102 donors follows:

Catherine H. Mauney, Edward M. Fenn, Frank Fajonova, Charles C. Proost, Rufus Lora Morgan, Billy H. Hawkins, John E. Kiser, Jerry Savage, Charles E. Ballard, John W. Cain, Robert W. Whitesides, Mrs. Grace McCall, Guy Henderson, Larry Anderson, Floyd Sanders, Larry L. Cain, Troy Lee Wright, William Arthur Morgan, Waddell Thompson, Mrs. J. D. Houser, Carl F. Wilson, Rachel M. Goforth, Dr. D. F. Ford, Sarah Jane Biddy, Lonita B. Mitchell, Annie Laura Robinson, Mrs. Dixie Blanton, Mrs. Irene Hicks, Mrs. Lucille Randall, Mrs. Linda M. Splawn, Joe Wyte, Lee E. Miller, Ray W. Cline, Herman Fredell, D. Kenneth McGill and W. F. Laughter.

Also Mrs. Earl Ledford, James E. Amos, Paul D. Bell, Ralph H. Hayes, Robert E. Herndon, J. W. Phillips, Howard McKee, S. H. Ware, John A. Cheshire, Jr., Carl F. Mauney, Millard Metcalf, Pauline W. Ware, Horace Patterson, F. A. Bradley, Herschel Wright, Darvin G. Moss, George H. Houser, Mrs. Nancy Ware, Miss Diane Gamble, Charles A.

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## Ivey Whisnant Is Appointed To Register Post

Ivey Whisnant, Polkville Farmer and florist, was named Cleveland County register of deeds Tuesday.

Mr. Whisnant was appointed by the board of county commissioners Tuesday afternoon, following his recommendation by the county's Democratic executive committee. He received the oath of office Wednesday morning. Th position pays \$5340 per year.

Mr. Whisnant won the executive committee endorsement 29 to 24 over Ralph Tucker, assistant county tax collector, who had sought the nomination in the 1960 Democratic primary. Decision was on the second ballot.

The committee members had agreed to choose from the top two vote-getters after the initial ballot in which 18 applicants for the position and Mrs. Eva Thompson, chief assistant to the late Register of Deeds Dan Moore, were considered.

Ollie Harris, chairman of East Kings Mountain precinct, had suggested that the second ballot consider the five most-favored of the 19, but his suggestion was not accepted. It was Mr. Harris who had placed the name of Mrs. Thompson in nomination.

After the balloting, Mr. Harris moved that the committee make its recommendation unanimously and the committee approved by voice vote.

Kings Mountain residents who had applied for the position included Justice of the Peace J. Lee Roberts and Walter S. Smith.

Funeral rites for Mr. Moore, who succumbed to a heart attack last Thursday, were held Saturday. Mr. Moore, a Boiling Springs citizen, was 69.

The appointment is for the unexpired portion of Mr. Moore's four-year term.

## Half-Holidays To Be Suspended

Majority of Kings Mountain retailers will operate on a full six-day week schedule next week and continue the full week, suspending the Wednesday half-holidays, and continue this schedule through Christmas.

The retailers customarily follow this schedule during the pre-Christmas shopping season. Emblematic of the season, the city's Christmas lights in the business district will be lighted for the first time Thanksgiving evening.

Majority of grocers were open Wednesday afternoon to assure proper ingredients for Thanksgiving menus.

## TO PAPA DINNER

Mayor Kelly Dixon will attend the annual awards night dinner of the Piedmont Area Development association to be held at Park Center, Charlotte, Tuesday night.

## T'warn't A Skunk At City Hall . . .

The atmosphere around City Hall was hardly fresh on Tuesday. In fact, the stench was not only revolting, but sickening.

Several theories were advanced as to cause, chief among them possibilities of a leak in a natural gas line. While natural gas is odorless, it is treated with an odorant referred to as "skunk juice" as a protection against trouble caused by leaks. But the gas line proved clean.

Other theories were advanced, but to no avail. Finally, an open vent under the jail portion of City Hall was discovered. In the jail area, the stench was worse.

Investigation revealed that a cat had taken refuge under the jail for its voyage to the happy hunting ground of catville. The odor was still somewhat extant Wednesday, but city employees were no longer wearing clothes pins on their noses.

## Hook Winner On Annexation

George Hook, Sr., remained mayor of Bessemer City Monday night, as his board of commissioners 1) declined to accept his resignation and 2) adopted resolutions on expanding the Bessemer City city limits.

Mayor Hook had previously threatened to resign when his board declined to proceed with annexation of acreage west of the city limits.

The resolution of Monday night included annexation of acreage to both the west and east, including Lithium Corporation of America's plant and Ideal Industries, Inc.

## Dixon Optimistic For Early Start On Re-placement of "White Way"

Mayor Kelly Dixon expressed optimism yesterday that the city may be able to launch a re-placement of the city's aged "white way" in the near future.

"I'm just talking through my teeth," the Mayor interposed, but added, "I feel we may be able to make a start on the lighting work with possibly a minimum of ten units and I hope as many as 20."

At the request of the Kings Mountain Merchants association and Chamber of Commerce, the board of commissioners received a General Electric Company representative, Jim Hunter, of Charlotte, last Thursday night, Mr. Hunter outlining a long-term plan for improved outdoor lighting for the city.

He recommended replacement of the business district "white way" with 1,000-watt units, which, he estimated, would cost about \$400 per unit, exclusive of labor for installation. Twenty would be required to replace the present business district lighting.

Additionally, he recommended installation of 400-watt units on Kings street, the city's principal thoroughfare, and 175-watt units on Piedmont avenue (Highway 216) and York

## Naval Reserve Unit Gets Good Inspection Mark

Naval Reserve Electronics Division 6-17, commanded by Lt. Glee E. Bridges, of Kings Mountain, and headquartered on Route 18 near Shelby, scored a 3.12 rating on a recent inspection by representatives of the Naval Reserve National Headquarters.

Lt. Bridges said his unit was one of two electronics units and one of six in total chosen for inspection.

The rating compared with a United States average of 3.1 and the 6th naval district average of 2.95.

Conducting the November 5 inspection were Capt. Charles Brittingham and Com. Richard T. Fahy, USN.

Reporting himself and the unit highly pleased with the result of the inspection, Lt. Bridges noted that the reserve unit has openings for seamen recruits and offers training in radar and sonar operation, radio, signaling and in electronics.

"There are many opportunities open to recruits, both in on-the-job training and for future formal education," he noted. "He said enlistment in the naval reserve could prove especially beneficial to the high school junior and senior who can meet enlistment requirements."

Present roster includes 34 officers and men, with an authorized strength of 50.

Lt. Bridges said full information on enlistments can be obtained from him, or from Lt. I. Ben Goforth, Jr., the unit's executive officer.

Of the present complement, about half is from Kings Mountain, he noted.

Road (Highway 161), as well as for residential areas.

He suggested the city might well adopt a regular purchase program of lighting units in a long-term re-lighting program.

The unit cost estimate for the 1,000-watt units included aluminum poles, wiring, and the light unit itself. He said the smaller wattage lamps would be less expensive.

Mayor Dixon noted that aluminum poles cost about \$80, somewhat higher than steel poles, but that steel poles would require regular painting.

Mayor Dixon said the apparent potential saving in the bid on switchgear equipment the city expects to contract for its electrical system rebuilding increases likelihood of early action on the re-lighting project.

Additionally, there are some unbudgeted funds in hand, principally the \$4,000 rebate from the state for 1961-62 sales tax paid by the city.

The present "white way" has been in use for more than three decades.

Mayor Dixon said the re-lighting project would be on the agenda for the commission's December 13 meeting.