

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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Local News Bulletins

NO PERMITS
No building permits have been issued by city officials during the past three weeks.

COMMUNION
Boyce Memorial ARP church will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the morning service Sunday, Dr. W. L. Presley, pastor, has announced.

SONG SERVICE
A gospel sing will be held Sunday beginning at 2 p.m. at East Gold St. Wesleyan Methodist church, Rev. R. C. Goodson, pastor, has announced. Among singing groups to be present will be The Rhythmers of Kings Mountain; Beaks Chapel Trio of Lenoir County; Kings Men of Rock Hill, S. C.; Melody Quartet and East Side Trio from Kings Mountain.

SENIOR CITIZENS
Senior Citizens will hold a covered dish luncheon at their regular meeting Friday at 12 noon at the Woman's club.

CHILDREN'S SERVICE
Children of Christ the King Catholic Church will present in honor of the January 6, Visit of the Wise Men, an "ophany Pageant of the Holy Child," Saturday morning at 10:30. Before the pageant, the Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated, then a Communion breakfast will be given the children. The morning festivities will conclude with games and a Mexican "Pinata."

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Regular meeting of King Mountain chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held Friday evening at 8 o'clock at First Presbyterian church Fellowship Hall.

LIONS TO MEET
Kings Mountain Lions will hold regular meeting Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at the Woman's club. Harry Jaynes is program chairman for the evening.

CAMPBELLS HERE
Retired Navy Captain Harold Glenn Campbell, Mrs. Campbell and daughter, Lee Ann, have occupied their new home on Victoria Circle. The Campbells moved last week from New Bethel, Pennsylvania.

METER RECEIPTS
Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$158.30, including \$118.50 from on-street meters, \$24 from over-parking fees, and \$16.30 from off-street meters. City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., reported.

Two New Year Births Here

James Craig Champion, who weighed in at five pounds, 10 ounces, at 3:30 a.m. New Year's Day, is Kings Mountain's first citizen of 1963.

The youngest, first child of Mr. and Mrs. James Robert Champion, didn't win the Cleveland County baby derby, however. Lora Deann Smart won first baby of 1963 honors in Cleveland County when she weighed in at Royter Memorial hospital at Bowling Springs at 12:01 Tuesday. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Smart of near Lattimore.

Two New Year's Day babies were born at the local hospital. A Gastonia couple, Mr. and Mrs. James William Hill, Negroes, are parents of the first New Year's baby born at the Kings Mountain hospital. James Jerome Hill put in his appearance nine minutes after the New Year's arrival.

Pensacola, Florida's first baby of 1963 — Timmons Rohe Blanton, who arrived at 12:15 a.m. New Year's Day, is the son of Kings Mountain natives, Lou Gumble and Howard Blanton. Mr. Blanton is stationed at the Pensacola Naval Base. Their first son, a hefty seven pounds, 10 ounces, will receive a host of prizes from Pensacola merchants. His Kings Mountain grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Blanton and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gamble.

Two Regulations Effective Jan. 1

New postal rate increases go into effect January 7th and Postmaster Charles Alexander reminded citizens that two new regulations were effective January 1.

They are:
1) Envelopes must be no smaller than 3 1/2 inches.
2) Envelopes must be rectangular. No odd-shaped pieces are permitted.

Mailing Costs To Rise Monday

Letter To Cost Nickel; Most Fees Higher

Mailing fees on virtually all types of mail increase at post offices throughout the nation on Monday.

Postmaster Charles L. Alexander gave this rundown on the increased mailing fees:

On first class mail — letter will require five-cent stamps (formerly four cents); postal cards will require four cent stamps (formerly three cents); airmail letters will require eight cent stamps (formerly seven cents); and air mail post cards will require six-cent stamps (formerly five cents).

Bulk rate or third-class mailings will also escalate in cost. Presently requiring three cents per piece for two ounces or less, the cost rises Monday to four cents for pieces weighing two ounces or less.

Of primary interest to business firms which use third-class mail for advertising, is the increase in the annual permit fee from \$20 to \$30. This type of mail has been costing 2 1/2 cents per piece, with minimum mailings of 50 pieces. Effective Monday, the rate will be 2.625 cents per piece with minimum mailings 200 pieces.

The book mailing rate will advance from 10 cents to 12 cents per pound.

Second class rates (newspapers, magazines, etc.) rise one-eighth cent per piece for in-county mailing.

Stamped envelopes, in small lots, advance only one cent each. The amount of the increased postage, however, purchases of 500, rather than 50, will be required to obtain quantity discount.

The one envelope cost will be six cents for either the 6 1/2 or 10 size envelope bearing a five-cent stamp.

No changes have been made in parcel post (fourth-class) mailing rates.

Park Logs 287,770 Visits

Kings Mountain National Military Park headquarters logged 287,770 visitors during 1962, J. Ben Moomaw reported.

Visitors came from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, 14 Canadian Provinces and 27 foreign countries.

Mr. Moomaw commented: "This represents another record year, with an 11 percent gain over last year and almost 500 percent over the travel of ten years ago. About one-third of the visitors actually entered the Park Museum or Visitor Center and were personally contacted by the Park's uniformed staff. Many visitors attended lectures in the Museum's lecture room."

Waco Sportswear Buys Building; First Development Project Done

Kings Mountain Business Development, Inc., put the "complete" tag on its first project this week as Waco Sportswear, Inc., executed its purchase option on the building it occupies.



PRÉSIDENT — Grady K. Howard will be installed as president of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club Thursday night as the civic club installs new officers for 1963. He succeeds B. N. Barnes.

Kiwanis Officers To Be Installed

Grady K. Howard, Kings Mountain hospital administrator, will be installed as president of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at the civic club's regular Thursday night meeting at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's club.

Mr. Howard succeeds B. N. Barnes.

Dr. W. P. Gerberding, a Kiwanian and pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, will install the new officers and directors for 1963.

Other new officers, include: Dr. W. L. Presley, first vice-president.

R. S. Lennon, second vice-president.

B. N. Barnes, past president. Charles Alexander, secretary. John L. McGill, treasurer.

Both Mr. Alexander and Mr. McGill were re-elected.

The new directors are: Dr. T. P. Baker, Glee Edwin Bridges, Bill H. Brown, Joe N. McClure, Rev. H. D. Garmon, Dr. D. F. Hoard and Dr. W. L. Mauney.

Wives of Kiwanians will be special guests at the first meeting of the club year.

Dinner will be served by Mrs. I. B. Goforth, Sr.

New Councilmen To Be Installed

Newly-elected Councilmen of Resurrection Lutheran church will be installed at special services Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

The new Councilmen are: Bill Brown, Charles Dixon, Ed Goter and Dr. George W. Plonk. They succeed Paul McGinnis, Stowe Devenney, Sherman Perry and Tommy Yarbrough, whose terms have expired.

Other Councilmen, with two year terms remaining, are Dorus Bennett, Laney Detmar, John B. Plonk and Eugene Tignor.

Those with one year terms remaining are Hubert McGinnis, A. J. Slater, John Cavany and Carl Goforth.

The Council will meet for its initial meeting of the year Sunday night to elect a slate of officers.

School Matters, Tornado Major Events of '62

A review of Herald headlines of 1962 reveals Kings Mountain citizens had a busy, active year.

Major news events included:
1) The late May tornado which wreaked property damage yet uncounted, but, miraculously, resulted in no casualties.

2) Approval of school district voters, by 2 to 1 margin, of bond issue authority up to \$1,000,000 for building a high school plant.

3) The long heated discussions on selection of a site for the high school plant, with a 78-acre tract on Phifer Road the ultimate choice, by a split 3 to 2 vote of the board of education.

4) The Republican effort in the general election, with three Kings Mountain area GOP candidates. (Still in question in the courts is effort of Elzie L. Putnam, justice of the peace candidate in Number 4 township, to be confirmed.)

He seeks a writ of mandamus against the county board of elections. Meantime, the county board has filed a demurrer, denying Putnam has legal grounds for action. Hearing is tentatively set for January 12.

The Herald recorded the year's fourth snow in early February.

Industrially, a business citizen was added when Shannon, Ltd., went into production. Other business news included the opening of the new Harris-Teeter Super Market, expansion of A & P Super Market, and purchase of the Ford agency by Robert O. Southwell.

The State Highway commission approved the by-passing of U. S. 74 to the north of the present route, with the construction date hinging on progress of construction on Interstate 26 (from Charleston to Asheville).

The city annexed small tract in Gaston county, expanded its natural gas distribution system, took first steps toward rebuilding the electrical distribution system, and began a replacement program on outdoor lighting.

Death claimed these prominent citizens: J. Bun Patterson Campbell Phifer, Miss Jette Plonk, Dr. W. L. Ramseur, Clarence L. Jolly, Miss Carlyle Ware and Sam O. Davis.

Following is a review of the year's major headlines:

JANUARY
Corny Boy Winner Of '62 Baby Derby; Bond Election Date To Be Designated; Funeral Rites Held Tuesday For Pritchard W. Ferguson; Mayor Dixon To Decide On Senate Bid This Month; Support Reported; Brother Of Robert Kennedy Dies Of Suffocation At Burlington Home; Township GOP Will Meet Here January 18 To Name Officials; S & L Firm Buys Baker-Plonk Lot; School Bond Vote Detail: To Be Set; Kiwanis Club, Chartered In 1940, Contributor To Welfare Of City; Otis Falls, Jr. Is Taped For Young Man Of 6' Award; City Acts To Protect Watershed; No Bond Vote Call But Date is Expected To Be March 10; S. O. S. Bible In School Managers In Red Budget; Wise Personally; It's Official; School Bond Election Will Be March 10; GOP Chairman Casady Asks New Registration Fall Ticket; Books Are Open For Grover Vote.

FEBRUARY
Fourth '62 Snow Harbinger More? Two More Groups For School Bonds; Crowded Now High School To Need Eight More Classrooms Next Year; School Bond Election Registering To Start Saturday; GOP Convention Will Be Saturday; City Is Expected To Call Gas Bonds; Harris To Seek Re-Election; White May Test Morgan Again; 352 Registered For Bond Election; Mohr Firm Says Wage Rate Increases To Be Instituted; Ausley Says Bible-In-School Program In Jeopardy For Future; Shuford And Son Narrowly Escape As Early Sunday Fire Razes Home; Saturday Last Day To Register For School Election; Allen And Osborne Seek Re-election; Gilliland Commends City Says Stadium Dependable; Morrison Opens Loan Firm Here; Humorist Feature Of Lions Club Farmer's Night Banquet Tuesday; Carol Goter, Merit Scholarship Finalist, A. B. Duke Semi-Finalist.

MARCH
3595 Register For Bond Election; Beam Is Seeking Re-election; Two County Posts Contested; Bond Issue Fight Is Waxing; Warmers; Tax Rate Won't Be Over 40c; Phenix Of Burlington To Raise Wage Seals Effective Monday; Area Citizens Decide School Bond Issue Saturday; J. Bun Patterson Dies Wednesday; Moxon, Palmer Are Candidates; Bridges Heads Retailer Group; New Super Market Building Is Started; Stephen Kester Is Awarded Wilson Fellowship To Graduate School; Board Considering Several Sites

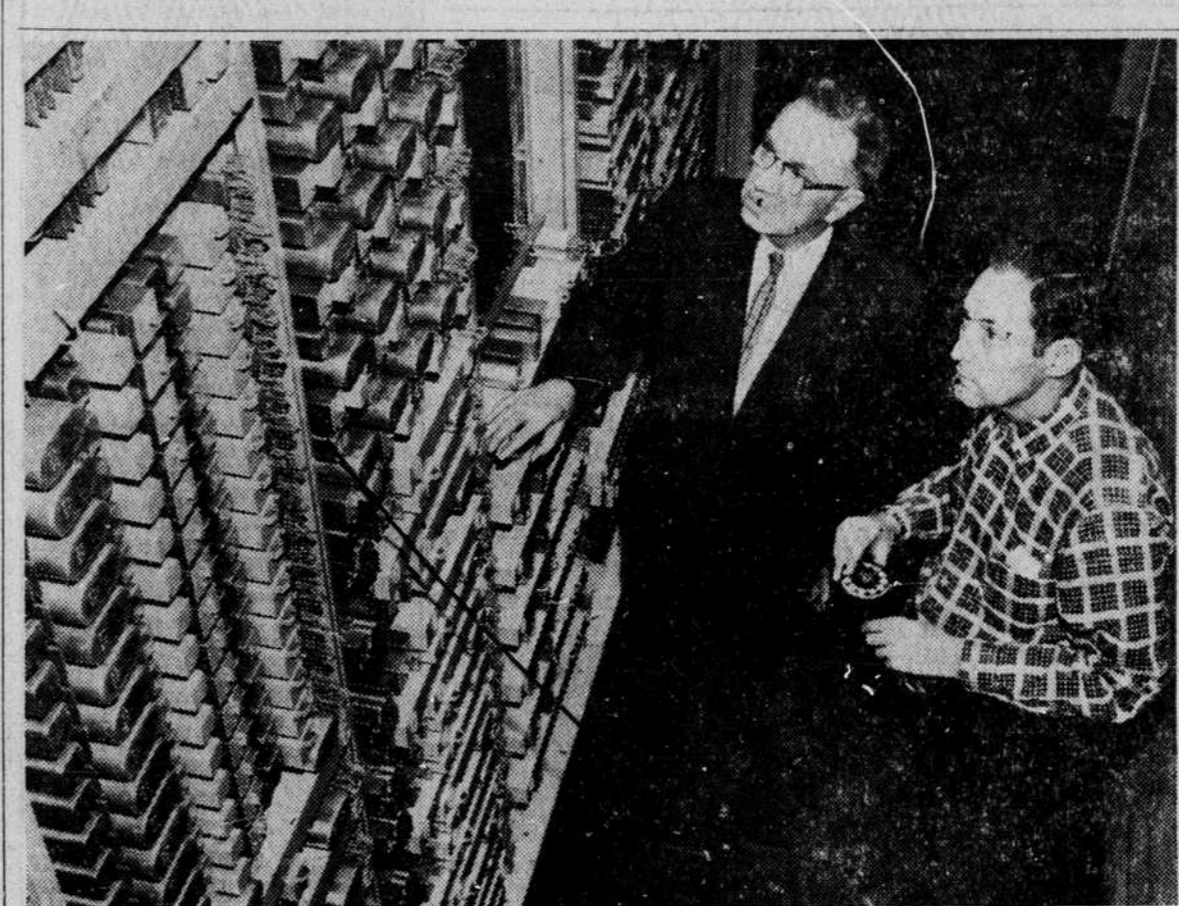
otherwise, owed.

Organized in 1958 in an effort to attract industry here, the business development firm's stock was purchased by local investors. Funds raised were used to provide loan equity for building of the Waco firm. Mr. Bridges noted that the experience with the Waco firm was directly responsible for the location here early last year of Shannon, Ltd., which required no local financing.

"The business development corporation can take credit for adding about a hundred jobs for Kings Mountain area citizens," Mr. Bridges commented. "That was the firm's purpose."

J. Wilson Crawford, president of the business development firm, said, "Our transaction with Waco Sportswear, Inc., have been most pleasant. I presume the firm will want to use its assets in the future as initially, though, of course, that will be the province of the board of directors."

Cotton Price Question Main Blur On 1963 Outlook Here



DIRECT DISTANCE DIALING AVAILABLE SUNDAY — Pat Patterson, Southern Bell switchman at the Kings Mountain exchange, makes a final check of equipment before the upcoming Sunday 12:01 a.m. inauguration of direct distance dialing service. It will be possible to make station-to-station calls, where numbers are known correctly, with much more speed. Kings Mountain area folk will be able to dial numbers direct in the 50 states, Canada and Puerto Rico.

Distance Dialing Available Sunday

Long Distance To Be Speedier, If Number Known

Direct distance dialing becomes available to Kings Mountain exchange telephone users on Sunday.

The Bell Tel News which accompanied the current phone bills outlines this method for use of direct distance dialing on station-to-station calls.

1) Dial the number "1".
2) Then dial the area code number if it's different from Kings Mountain's (704).

3) Follow with the telephone number being called.

An operator will then ask, "Your number, please?" for logging the charge on the call.

"It's as simple as that," says Floyd Farris, Kings Mountain exchange manager.

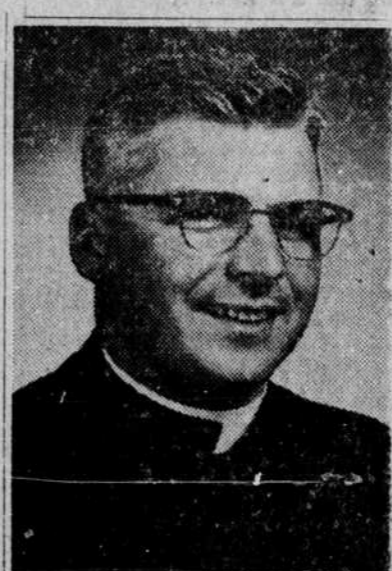
Direct distance dialing is designed to increase the speed of calls, Mr. Farris notes, adding that the new, simple method (where the number to be called is known exactly) will provide speedier service at lowest rates.

Station-to-station calls to some points in the nation are up to 49 percent cheaper than person-to-person calls.

Direct distance dialing is not usable on person-to-person calls, collect calls, credit card calls or pay station calls, which must continue to be placed in the present manner by dialing "0" for the long distance operator.

Holiday Wreck Orphans Two

Triple deaths Friday brought to 16 the number killed on Cleveland County highways during 1962.



TO LEAKSVILLE — Rev. Thomas Paul Clements, pastor and director of the Kings Mountain Catholic Mission Center, will go to Leaksville Friday where he will serve as pastor of the Church of St. Joseph of the Little Hill at Leaksville.

Rev. Clements In New Post

Rev. Thomas Paul Clements pastor and director of the King Mountain Catholic Mission Center, has been appointed pastor of the Church of St. Joseph of the Hills, Leaksville, and its mission, Holy Innocents' Church, Leaksville. The appointment is effective January 4.

This transfer will complete five years of ministry in the Rutherford, Cleveland and Gaston County areas for Father Clements. He was assigned in 1958 to be pastor of St. Mary's Church, Shelby with Forest City as a mission. In May of 1961 Bishop Vincent S. Waters, Catholic Bishop of Raleigh, opened an Apostolate Center in King Mountain to serve Gaston County mission churches previously cared for by the monks of Belmont Abbey, placing Father Clements in charge of the center. That city Father Clements was pastor of missions in Cherokee, Bessemer City, Dallas Center Mountain, Randle, and Lowell.

Rev. James Keenan, an ex-West Point commissioned Captain and former pastor of the Catholic church in Lexington, N. C., will succeed Father Clements as director of the King Mountain Center. Father Keenan recently opened a mission church in Mocksville and is an active member of the center.

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Survey Reveals Many Officials Arc Optimistic

Whether 1963 will be a good business year in Kings Mountain brought mixed opinions in a spot survey by the Herald Wednesday.

Some textile officials were optimistic, while two yarn manufacturers said they doubted a good turn of events prior to settlement of the two-price cotton question.

Outlook for home construction here is thought good.

George H. Mauney, of Mauney Mills, and George H. Houser, of Sadie Cotton Mills, said they felt orders for these firms would continue to be slow until the cotton price matter is settled. Exported cotton is subsidized at 8.5 cents per pound to make it competitive in the world market. This differential has been attacked by the cotton manufacturers. In early fall, the Federal Tariff Commission, by 3 to 2 vote, declined to abolish, or lower, the export subsidy. Since President Kennedy has called for Congressional action to remedy the situation and legislation to this effect is expected to be introduced in Congress.

Both Mr. Mauney and Mr. Houser attributed the unsettled question as chief factor in a situation of hand-to-mouth orders.

"Nobody wants any inventory with prospects it will be devalued," Mr. Houser commented.

There were these optimistic outlooks:

W. K. Mauney, of Mauney Hosiery Mills and Carolina Throwing Company, "I'm optimistic, both for sales of hosiery and yarn. We expect greater sales in hosiery as a result of machinery additions we're just completing installing."

Robert Lowe, of Craftsman Yarns, Inc., described his firm's outlook as "good," both in spinning and knitting operations. This firm is operating on a three-shift, six-day weekly schedule.

Tom Burke, of Lambeth Rope Corporation, commented, "We have nothing to complain about for 1962 and feel that 1963 will surpass the recent year." Lambeth is also operating a three-shift, six-day week.

Ben H. Bridges, secretary-treasurer of Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association, said, "We're starting 1963 in better fashion than 1962, with more loans in process. It looks like a good year upcoming for building."

The comments were seconded by J. Wilson Crawford, a builder, who said Kings Mountain has no current housing backlog with a good year anticipated.

Red Cross Bloodbank Returns Monday

The Red Cross Bloodmobile returns to Kings Mountain Monday for a one-day visit.

Goal of the collection is 125 pints of blood.

Donors will be processed, as customary, at Kings Mountain Baptist church from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

City Auto Tags For '63 On Sale

City auto tags for 1963 went on sale at city hall Wednesday.

Auto owners who live in Kings Mountain are required to purchase the tags not later than February 15, same deadline on purchase of state license tags.

Savings and Loan Associations Again Set Record For Dividends

Kings Mountain savings and loan associations again paid a record total of dividends during 1962, both for December's semi-annual payment and for the full year.

Aggregate dividends of Home and Kings Mountain Savings & Loan associations were \$290,438 during 1962, nearly \$22,500 more than the 1961 aggregate of \$268,023.

Recently resolutions by both associations, noting intention to pay dividends during the coming year at the annual rate of 1.25 percent, up one-quarter of one percent from the four percent rate prevailing through 1962, in-

dicates dividends for the coming year will easily top the \$300,000 mark. Both associations anticipate the increased rate will attract more than normal savings dollar into the associations.

Thomas A. Tate, secretary-treasurer of Home Savings & Loan association, reported year-end dividends of \$87,624, and total dividends for 1962 at \$171,023.

Ben H. Bridges, secretary-treasurer of Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association, reported year-end dividends of \$81,129, and total for 1962 at \$119,253. Mr. Bridges said his firm total 1962 shareholders at December 31.