

# Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 8,008

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## Saturday Penalty Day On '62 Taxes



**GRADUATED** — Glenn Grigg, Jr., has graduated with B.S. degree from North Carolina State college. He will begin work with the State Highway Commission Feb. 1.

### Glenn Grigg, Jr. Receives Degree

Glenn Grigg, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Grigg of Kings Mountain, was graduated this month with bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from North Carolina State College, Raleigh.

## Local News Bulletins

**VESPER PROGRAM**  
Luther Leaguers of Resurrection Lutheran church, under the direction of President Peggy Plonk, will present a missions program and show the film, "Sixty Hours in Hong Kong", Sunday at 7:30 p. m. vesper services at the church.

**CRITICALLY ILL**  
Mrs. Lona McGill, Kings Mountain nonagenarian, is critically ill following a stroke of paralysis. She is a patient in Garrison Memorial hospital, Gastonia.

**HOSPITALIZED**  
J. R. Davis, Kings Mountain attorney, is a patient in Kings Mountain hospital. He suffered a hip fracture in a fall Sunday morning.

**814 TAGS SOLD**  
A total of 814 city tags had been sold through Wednesday morning, Mrs. Houston Wolfe, assistant city clerk, reported. Deadline for purchase and display of the tags is February 15. Penalty is provided for late purchase or failure to purchase. A total of 1778 were purchased during 1962.

**KIWANIS PROGRAM**  
Horace Eason, of Shelby, will present the program at Thursday night's meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club. Mr. Eason will describe the Middle East and Holy Land. The club meets at the Woman's Club at 6:45.

**PERMIT ISSUED**  
City officials Monday issued a building permit to J. Wilson Crawford for the construction of a \$23,800, one-story house at 1000 Victoria Circle.

**LEGION DANCE**  
Legionaires, their wives and guests will dance to music by the Starlighters from 9 until 12 p. m. Saturday night at the Legion Hall, according to announcement made this week.

**DANCE CLASSES**  
Classes for both adults and teenagers in western-style square dancing will begin Monday evening at 7:30 at the recreation building of Long Creek Presbytery. Incumbent, Ray W. Cline, Ward 1; Eugene Goforth, Ward 2; T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, Ward 3; and J. E. (Zip) Rhea, Ward 5.

## Friday Final Day to Pay Bills At Par

City and county tax collectors are anticipating a rush of tax payments on 1962 accounts Thursday and Friday.

Penalty on unpaid 1962 taxes applies February 2, the penalty being on percent of the initial bill.

Through the close of business on Friday, 1962 taxes are payable at net.

Figures gleaned Wednesday from city and county tax collectors showed majority of the 1962 levies paid.

Robert M. Gidney, county tax collector, said about 75 percent of the county's estimated two-million dollar levy is in hand. January collections through Wednesday appeared slightly lower than the same month last year, but, he added, December collections were up slightly.

City collections on the 1962 levy of approximately \$178,000 through Monday totaled \$114,874, or about 65 percent of the total due.

The city levy is complete, excepting for receipt of the valuation in Kings Mountain of Southern Railway Company, which is supplied by the State Board of Assessment.

February is merely the first penalty month. Penalty of one-half of one percent per month applies thereafter.

Many citizens and business firms wait to pay their taxes until late in the net period, creating a pre-penalty day rush.

Both city and county collectors will honor minus penalty tax bills paid by mail and post-marked not later than February 1, they stated.

## ARP Brownies Hear Mrs. Simpson

Mrs. J. B. Simpson, West school third grade teacher, presented the program on "Good Manners" at Friday's meeting of Brownies of Boyce Memorial ARP church.

The Brownies Scouts gathered at the home of Mrs. John C. McGill, leader. Mrs. Kenneth McGill is assistant leader. Jane Anthony, Corne Phifer, Donna Alexander, Sara Beth Simpson, Sharon Plonk, Linda Ann and Meredith McGill assisted Mrs. Simpson in demonstrating "good" and "bad" manners. Refreshments were served by Connie Phifer.

## 1963 Is Political Year For City But Speculation Talk Is Brief

Though 1963 is a city and board of education election year, political speculation and conversation has been more limited than in many recent biennial election seasons.

Major development to date has been the confirmed possibility that Ben H. Bridges, veteran Ward 4 commissioner, may decide to move outside the city and, if so, retire from the board of commissioners at the end of his present term in May.

Earliest development, of course, was the filing last September 4 by Clarence E. Carpenter for mayor. He is the lone official candidate to date.

In-city voters will elect a mayor and five ward commissioners for two-year terms. Kings Mountain school district voters will elect two trustees, both from within the Kings Mountain city limits, for six-year terms. On the board of education, the terms of Chairman Fred W. Plonk and Dr. P. G. Padgett, both completing their twelfth year on the board, are expiring.

Mayor Kelly Dixon is expected to seek re-election to a second term, and ex-Mayor Glee A. Bridges, unseated by Mayor Dixon in a run-off election two years ago, has been regarded as a "sure" candidate for months. Ex-Mayor Garland Still is also expected to be a candidate.

Names mentioned as likely candidates for Ward 4 commissioner are Norman King, Incumbent; Paul Lefford and Clyde Gladden. Incumbent, Ray W. Cline, Ward 1; Eugene Goforth, Ward 2; T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, Ward 3; and J. E. (Zip) Rhea, Ward 5.



**IN NEW POST** — Rev. Harley Dixon, Kings Mountain native and Baptist minister, has assumed new duties as chaplain at Western Baptist hospital in Paducah, Ky.

## Harley Dixon In Chaplain Post

The Rev. Harley C. Dixon of Bethlehem community near Kings Mountain began working today as a chaplain at Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah, Ky. He replaces Chaplain George Miller, who resigned to take a similar position at Miami Baptist Hospital in Miami, Fla.

Dixon is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Dixon of Bethlehem community and at one time worked as an announcer over Radio Station WKMT in Kings Mountain, as a salesman for Victory Chevrolet Co., and as a salesman for an insurance concern in Kings Mountain.

His new work will include ministry to patients, their relatives, visitors and hospital employees.

As president of the Kentucky Chaplains' Association, he will also be an instructor of a course in the school of practical nursing. He will represent the hospital in denominational relations work.

Service with a naval unit in the Pacific interrupted his high school education at the end of the 10th grade. He saw active combat duty. A ship on which he served was sunk and he was among the few survivors.

When his enlistment was completed, he returned to high school and received his diploma before seeking regular employment.

Interested in dramatics, Dixon played a role one season in "The Sword of Gideon," a play which was based on the battle of Kings Mountain.

During the pastorate of the Rev. E. E. Robbins at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Dixon dedicated himself to full-time Christian service and entered Furman University. Later he graduated from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

Since graduation from the seminary, he has been chaplain at the Louisville and Jefferson (Continued on Page Eight)

# Armory Will Be Dedicated Sunday

## School Board Makes Minor Layout Change

Another step toward the construction of the proposed million dollar Kings Mountain high school was completed Tuesday morning in the offices of Superintendent B. N. Barnes.

Fred Van Wageningen and Tom Cothran of Architects Associated, school architects, presented to Barnes, Principal Harry Jaynes and members of the board of education pre-preliminary plans for the layout of the facilities of the plant to be erected on the Phifer Road site.

Barnes, Jaynes and board members made suggestions as to corrections of the designated facilities and additions to what the architects termed pre-preliminary sketches.

Presently the architects are working on preliminary plans to be presented for local approval before being taken to Raleigh for approval by officials of the Division of School Planning.

Sketches shown to local officials Tuesday had the proposed plant facing South on the knoll just across Beason's creek about 250 feet from Phifer Road, with bus entrance at Fulton Road.

Architects anticipate completing the preliminary drawings for the plant within the next two weeks.

Meanwhile, local officials are studying the problem of de-stitching some 9,000 square feet from the desired instructional area specifications.

Present educational requirements call for 89,250 square feet, which architects say must be reduced to a minimum of 80,000 square feet.

Local building committee members are presently working on the problem and Barnes hopes to meet with state officials the latter part of the week to get their assistance on the problem.

The problem must be resolved when the preliminary plans are completed in order that the school architects may draw working plans for the building — those for laying of contracts for the school's construction.

**Other Actions**  
In other actions at the special meeting Tuesday members of the school board:

1. Agreed to purchase a Permo Fax copy machine for Kings Mountain schools.

2. Appointed Supt. Barnes to study the question of an additional teacher for Bethware school.

3. Voted to put on interest \$40,000 of the system's capital outlay money.

4. Voted to pay expenses of the guidance counselor to Salisbury for the guidance conference. Expenses of Principal Jaynes were also okayed if he is able to attend.

5. Set fee for use of all gymnasiums in the system at \$10 each per night.

## Goforth, Gold, Morris Win School Election

Friday will mark the end of a week of "politics" at Kings Mountain high school.

Installation ceremonies will be held Friday afternoon, at which time Warren "Bo" Goforth, Richard Gold and Judy Morris will be installed as Student Participation Organization officers for the 1963-64 school year.

Goforth, a rising senior, was successful in his bid for SPO president in a race with Terry Leonard and incumbent Don Freeman.

Gold, a rising junior, was elected as vice-president of the organization in contest with Neil McCarter and George Plonk.

Miss Morris, opposing Coral Ramsey and Linda Plonk, was elected secretary-treasurer.

All nine candidates were nominated at the Delegates Assembly last Thursday.

Campaign speeches were made at assembly Tuesday, and election was held Wednesday.

Don Freeman, president, and Diane Roberts, secretary-treasurer, are presently the SPO officers. The vice-presidency is vacant.

The Student Participation Organization serves as the student governing body with representation from all homerooms and clubs.

**RADIO SERVICE**  
Church services during the month of February will be broadcast via WKMT Radio from Resurrection Lutheran church. Rev. George Moore, pastor, will deliver the sermon, "The End of Fear", at the 11 a. m. service Sunday.

## Jaycees To Make '62 DSA Award



**SPEAKER** — John L. Kennedy of Fayetteville, president of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce, will make the address at the annual Bosses' Night banquet Tuesday of the Kings Mountain Jaycees.

## Several Plan Gotham Trip

Several Kings Mountain citizens are anticipating an industry-hunting expedition to New York in late February.

Occasion for the expedition is a "North Carolina Day" luncheon of the New York Sales Executive Club, at which Governor Terry Sanford will be the chief speaker.

Pat Spangler, chairman of the Shelby Chamber of Commerce industrial committee, in outlining plans for the trip here recently, said some 150 firms in New York have indicated to the State Department of Conservation and Development an interest in locating plants in North Carolina.

Mr. Spangler, Kings Mountain and Shelby concrete manufacturer, was among a group of North Carolinians who made a similar venture to Europe several weeks ago.

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## Post 155 Tops Quota

Kings Mountain Post 155 of The American Legion has exceeded its membership Incentive Goal for 1963 according to information received here from State Headquarters of The American Legion in Raleigh.

J. E. Rhea, Commander of the Post, has received a letter from the Legion State Adjutant Nash McKee expressing congratulations and thanks to the membership chairman, Post Office, and membership workers for their effort.

Leslie R. Brady, Sr., of Newton, N. C., Department Commander of The American Legion, issued a statement of high praise for the local Post.

Commander Brady said, "I am proud to congratulate the officers and members of Post 155 on this notable achievement. All of the programs and services of the Legion are made possible through dues paid for membership, and we appreciate the great part played by Post No. 155 of Kings Mountain. Since then, we are proud to have you as a member of the Post who had a part in the membership work."

The Incentive Goal of Post 155 is 361, and the membership for 1963 to date is 361. Incentive Goals are assigned each American Legion Post by the State Headquarters and are based on last year's membership of the Post plus 2 per cent.

"We do not intend to stop our membership drive now that we have reached our Incentive Goal," Post Commander Rhea said. "There are many more eligible veterans who have not yet joined our Post, and we invite them all to become members."

## State President Bosses' Night Banquet Speaker

Kings Mountain's Young Man of the Year for 1962 will be announced at Tuesday night's Banquet of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

John L. Kennedy of Fayetteville, state president of the North Carolina Jaycees, will make the principal address and announce the winner of the annual distinguished service award.

Nominations were accepted from the general public. The winner, to be selected by a secret committee of citizens over 35, will be the ninth recipient of the award here. The Jaycees award is presented to a young man, age 21 to 35, who has made outstanding contributions to the general community welfare, has shown evidence of leadership ability and evidence of personal and business progress. Former winners have been B. S. Peeler, Jr., Grady K. Howard, Everette L. Carlton, Bob Maner, Charles E. Dixon, Sam Stallings, Charles Blanton and Otis Falls, Jr.

Jaycee President Kennedy, head of the Number One Jaycee state in the nation, is also president of the Fayetteville Board of Realtors. He has served as past president of the Musical Arts Guild of Fayetteville, chairman of the Cumberland County American Red Cross chapter, and director of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce.

On a local, state, and national Jaycee level, he has served in many capacities, having set a record in membership increase as president of the Fayetteville Jaycees.

Kennedy is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of North Carolina, was an enlisted man in the U. S. Army during the Korean conflict. He is married and a deacon in the First Baptist church in Fayetteville.

During the remainder of the Jaycee year, Kennedy will direct the more than 9500 Jaycees across North Carolina towards their goal of being recognized the best Jaycee state in the U. S. for the second consecutive year.

Tuesday night's program begins at 7 p. m. at the Woman's club. Employers of Jaycees will be special guests.

## Water Plant Operation Good

A recent State Board of Health inspection of Kings Mountain's water filtering plant showed operations good in all categories.

Several recommendations were made for comparatively minor plant improvements.

The report recommended: 1) Overhauling of valves; 2) sand-blasting and painting of wash troughs to eliminate rust; 3) removal of a brick wall to eliminate flow problems in filters; 4) consideration of lowering of the effluent wire to permit lowering of water level in basins to stop trapping of leaves and other debris in each settling basin.

The Melody Quartet, the Wesleyaners and other gospel singing groups will participate in a gospel sing Sunday afternoon beginning at 2 o'clock at E. Gold Street Wesleyan Methodist church, the pastor, Rev. C. R. Goodson, has announced.

## Trouitte In Custody In Kentucky, Charged With Many Felonies There

Jimmy Trouitte, charged with armed robbery of East King Esso station here on January 9, is in the custody of law enforcement officers of Harlan County, Ky. City police have been notified.

Chief Paul Sanders, who had forwarded warrants for Trouitte's arrest to Harlan and two other Kentucky counties, said he was informed that Trouitte was apprehended and arrested prior to arrival of the Kings Mountain warrants. Trouitte was an escapee from a Harlan prison.

Chief Sanders said he was also informed: Trouitte first declined to waive extradition to North Carolina, then confessed to breaking, entering and robbery "all over Harlan county," implicated seven or eight others in the several robberies, agreed to sign extradition papers, then declined against a go to extradition.

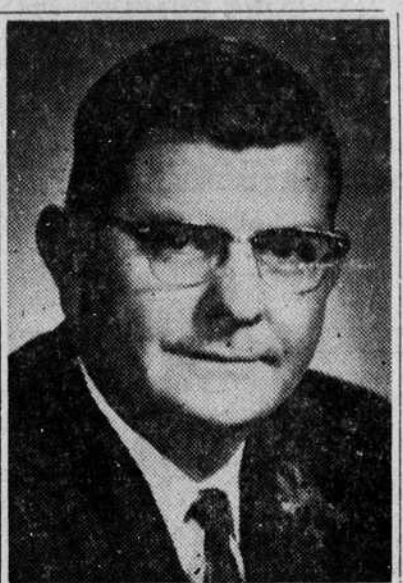
Latest word from the Kentucky officers, Chief Sanders said, is that Trouitte is again indicating a willingness to return for trial here.

"If not," Chief Sanders added, "we'll start legal procedures to obtain his extradition this week-end."

Partner in the East King early morning hold-up was Jimmy Eugene Hopper, who gave himself up to Rutherfordton police, was returned here and hanged himself with his small belt in city jail. Hopper had implicated Trouitte and said Trouitte left him near Shelby when the car stalled.

Rutherfordton police, Chief Sanders said, have a different version. The car was wrecked near Rutherfordton. Two sets of footprints were found at the scene of the wrecked car, indicating the pair remained together until the accident. Police theorize that Hopper wanted to give up. Trouitte not agreeing, Trouitte, it is theorized, gave Hopper five dollars of the \$110 stolen from East King Esso, keeping the balance and the .32-caliber pistol.

The five dollars was in Hopper's wallet when he gave himself up.



**SPEAKER** — Congressman Basil L. Whitener will deliver the principal address at Sunday afternoon ceremonies dedicating the Kings Mountain Army National Guard Armory.

## Ice Causes Death, Injuries

Partially ice-glazed roads, sidewalks and walkways proved perilous to many and injurious to some Saturday night and Sunday morning.

A wreck, credited to ice, cost the life of a Gastonia citizen, George Lambert, on I-85, near the N. C. 216 intersection, Saturday night.

Several other auto accidents resulted.

J. R. Davis, Kings Mountain attorney, suffered hip fractures in a fall Sunday morning.

Marvin Goforth, well-known farmer, suffered two cracked ribs in a Sunday morning fall.

Miss Lillian Plonk, of Asheville, suffered a broken arm in a fall following the wedding of a niece shortly after noon Saturday.

Grady Howard, hospital administrator, said several weekend admissions were attributed to falls on the ice and that X-ray technicians were kept busy checking for possible injuries to several citizens.

Many suffered falls, by their own testimony, had no injuries and could laugh about it.

## Rites Thursday For Quinn Wells

Funeral rites for Quinn Wells, 63, will be held Thursday afternoon at 3:30 p. m. from Dixon Presbyterian church.

The body will remain at Harris Funeral Home until 2:30 and will lie-in-state at the church 30 minutes before the rites. Rev. James S. Mann will officiate, and Masonic burial will be made in Antioch cemetery.

Mr. Wells, Dixon community farmer, died suddenly Tuesday morning about 3 o'clock of a heart attack. He had been in declining health the past several years. A native of Cleveland County, he was a son of the late Aaron and Jane McCarter Wells. He was a member of Antioch Baptist church and of Grover Masonic Lodge, State Line Lodge No. 379 AF&AM.

Twice married, his first wife, Macie Byars Wells, died in 1936. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hattie Vienna Slaughter Wells; two sons, Harold Wells of Kings Mountain and A. L. Wells of San Francisco, Calif.; one daughter, Mrs. Paul Dudas of Charleroi, Pa.; six brothers, Whitney Wells, Earl Wells, Wayne Wells and Hunter Wells, all of Kings Mountain, D. C., and Dailey Wells of Virginia; one sister, Mrs. Basil Francis of Blacksburg, S. C.; nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.

## Tax Listing D-Day Is Thursday, 31st

Thursday is the final day to list taxes — minus penalty for late-listing.

City and county tax listing officials, who worked over-time Wednesday, said they felt the big annual chore was near-complete, though they expected a very busy final day on Thursday.

All persons are required to list properties for ad valorem taxes in January.

## Basil Whitener To Give Address; Public Invited

Kings Mountain's Army National Guard Armory will be dedicated at formal public ceremonies Sunday afternoon beginning at 2 o'clock.

Basil L. Whitener, of Gastonia, veteran United States Congressman, will deliver the dedicatory address.

Other details of the dedicatory ceremony announced this week by First Lieutenant Ronald David Kincaid, commanding officer of the Kings Mountain unit, Company D, 105th Engineer Battalion include:

Posting of the colors by the company.

Invocation by Captain J. E. Weyland, Jr., chaplain of the 105th Engineer Battalion.

Presentation of State Senator Robert F. Morgan by Major Samuel Humes Houston, battalion training officer and for many years commanding officer of the Kings Mountain company.

Presentation of Congressman Whitener by Senator Morgan.

Presentation of distinguished guests by Lt. Kincaid.

After retiring of colors, Mayor Kelly Dixon will present a flag to the company, which will raise it. Chaplain Weyland will say a benediction.

The dedicatory ceremony is scheduled for one hour, and the National Guard company will hold open house from 3 to 5 p. m.

Prior to the dedication ceremony the Kings Mountain high school band, directed by Joe Hedden, will present a concert starting at 1:30.

Work has been underway for the past several weeks on the program details and in decorating the new armory, completed last year.

Located at the corner of West Mountain street and Phifer Road, the building represents an investment of about \$140,000, built with federal, state, city and county funds.

"Kings Mountain's National Guard company extends a cordial invitation to all citizens to attend the dedicatory ceremonies and to inspect the armory, of which the company is quite proud," Lt. Kincaid stated.