

# Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 8,008

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**WEEJINS WIN TALENT SHOW** — The Weejins, a six-member dance band, was winner of the Arthur Smith Talent Show Saturday and appeared on the Arthur Smith television program Tuesday morning. Ten groups appeared in the contest and the top winner was judged by audience popularity. The Kings Mountain group of students go to Lexington in May for district finals of the Talent Hunt. From left to right in photograph above are Edward Lovelace, Kenny Barnes, David Adams, Freddie Foster, Wendell Phifer and Quay Moss. Gary Wilson is sitting in front of the group. Adams is leader of the band. (Photo by Truitt Moore)

## Cline, King, Ledford Seek Office

### Retailer Banquet Friday Evening

#### Louis Brooks Will Address Merchants

L. D. Brooks, executive vice-president of First Union National Bank of North Carolina and chief executive of the bank's Charlotte field office, will make the principal address at Friday night's employee-employer banquet of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association.

The affair, expected to attract a large crowd, will also feature installation of officers and directors for 1963-64 at 7 p. m. at the Woman's Club.

Bob Southwell will be installed as president of the association succeeding Glee E. Bridges. W. Lewis Dellinger will be installed as vice-president succeeding Harry E. Page. New directors will include Hum Houston, Menzell Phifer, Robert Mincey and Bill Brown.

President Bridges will preside and the invocation will be offered by Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church. W. G. (Bill) Jqnas will present the speaker and Jonas Bridges, a past president, will install officers. Directors will supervise the presentation of gifts to the ladies.

Mr. Brooks, a graduate of Virginia Mechanics Institute of Richmond and the Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University, began his banking career in 1920 at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. He joined Union National Bank of Charlotte in September 1944. He was president of the North Carolina Bankers Association in 1956-57, chairman of the Carolinas Bankers Conference, North Carolina Bankers Association for five years and served as president and in other capacities of the Charlotte Chapter, American Institute of Banking.

In Charlotte he has served as chairman of the finance and building committees of St. John's Baptist church, as president, treasurer, and a director of the Myers Park Country club and as treasurer and a director of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce.

Meantime, Superintendent B. N. Barnes and state highway commission engineers spent Wednesday afternoon inspecting the Phifer Road school site. The highway officials want preliminary information on road needs in order to budget the work for the upcoming fiscal year, Mr. Barnes said.

### New White Way Lighting Soon

City electricians are busy this week installing underground electrical cable to the newly installed outdoor lighting units on S. Battleground and S. Railroad avenues.

Mayor Kelly Dixon said that the work may be completed by the weekend, if the weather remains clear.

Other city work scheduled within the next few days includes resurfacing of S. Piedmont avenue, from Mountain to Gold, and spot repair work in several areas to damaged curbing and sidewalks.

Mayor Dixon said walls have been installed on the field house at City Stadium. Roofing and plumbing installation and tap on to sewer facilities remains before the fieldhouse will be ready for use.

### Size Of Gym Snags School Plans Progress

How big should the gymnasium be at the new high school plant?

A decision is required, Architect Fred Van Wageningen said Wednesday, before he sends preliminary plans to the state department of instruction consultants in Raleigh.

Said Mr. Van Wageningen: He requires a report from the gymnasium committee before preliminary plans can be completed and forwarded to Raleigh. He suggested a change from the initially contemplated 100 x 116 foot gymnasium could alter the building plans altogether.

Principal Harry Jaynes and Fred Withers were conferring on the matter Wednesday morning. There was a question whether the gymnasium, as planned, would provide most ideal arrangement for physical education instruction, and there was also suggestion that the initial plans included insufficient showers.

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### Bank Transfers Josh Hinnant

L. E. (Josh) Hinnant, assistant vice-president of the Kings Mountain branch of First Union National Bank of North Carolina, has been transferred to the headquarters office in Charlotte.

Mr. Hinnant, who assumed his new duties Tuesday, has been assigned to the auditing department.

### SPRING DANCE

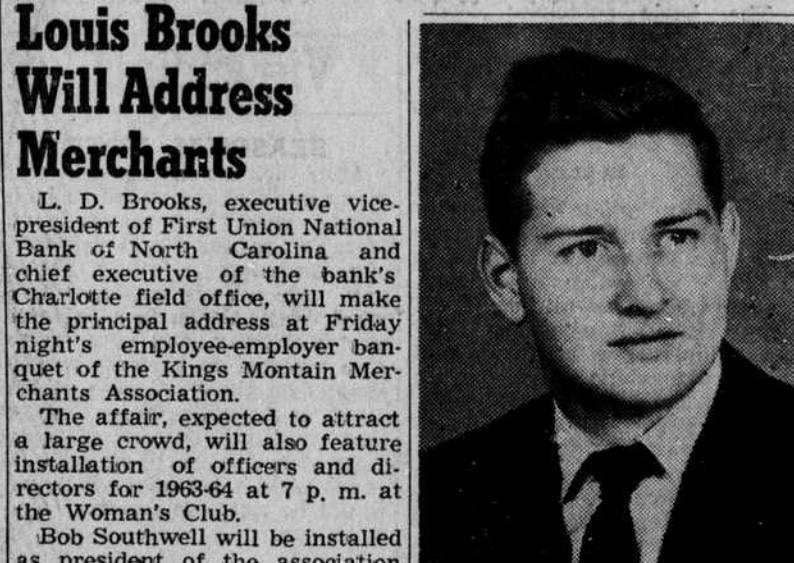
Kings Mountain P-TA is sponsoring a spring dance on Saturday, March 30th, from 7:30 until 10:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. Music will be furnished by The Etics. Admission is 50 cents.

### Kings Mountain Proved Difficult Sunday For Two Youthful Climbers

By MARTIN HARMON  
Kings Mountain, which rises some 1800 feet above sea level, two youthful spelots (on separate proved a tough taskmaster for expeditions) Sunday afternoon.

On the descent down the Kings Mountain cliff side about 2:30 p.m., Terry McClaine, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry McClaine, tripped on a rope and tumbled 75 feet, suffering severe cuts on his chin and leg, innumerable face scratches, and a bad back bruise. He was on a mount-climbing expedition with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Myers, of Candler street extension, their three children and a cousin of Mrs. Myers. It required about 90 minutes for Mr. Myers to get the boy to the car and en route the hospital, where he was examined and treated and allowed to go home only on pledge to stay in bed and out of school for a few days.

The McClaine youth was reported Wednesday to be mending nicely. The word from Mr. Myers: "No more mountain-climbing for me." The lad's father was interested in seeing where his son had fallen and returned to the scene with Mr. Myers—just in time to find another youth, 15-year-old Wayne Thomas had fallen a distance of 25 to 30 feet down the Gastonia side of the pinnacle. Thomas' companion on the climb was Scott Cole.



**PRESIDENT** — William M. Herndon has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Country Club for the coming year.

### Herndon Heads Country Club

William Herndon, secretary-treasurer of J. E. Herndon Company, was elected president of the Kings Mountain Country Club at a meeting of the board of directors Tuesday night.

Mr. Herndon will succeed John C. Smathers.

Other officers, also named at the dinner meeting, were: Dr. W. S. Peeler, vice-president; W. S. Fulton, Jr., re-elected secretary.

James Gibson, re-elected treasurer. The board of directors includes Glee Edwin Bridges, Ollie Harris, Henry Neisler, Mr. Peeler, Dr. George Plonk, Mr. Smathers, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Fulton, P. A. Francis, Tolly Shuford, Charles T. Carpenter, Jr. and Mr. Herndon.

### Kiwanis Honors Dr. Gerberding

Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church and a Kiwanian for 25 years, was presented the coveted Legion of Honor plaque by his fellow Kiwanians recently.

Long active in the Kings Mountain civic club and also a past president, Dr. Gerberding was presented the handsome plaque at the Charter Night banquet of the club here.

B. S. Peeler, Jr. made the presentation. The certificate is signed by Grady K. Howard, president of the Kings Mountain club; Charles J. Alexander, secretary of the Kings Mountain club; Merle H. Tucker, president of Kiwanis International; and O. E. Peterson, secretary of Kiwanis International.

The plaque reads: "Be it known that Rev. William P. Gerberding has been a member of Kiwanis International for the period of 25 years as shown by the official organization records and be it further known that he is hereby accorded distinctive recognition and the admiration and gratitude of his club, district and Kiwanis International."

The Kings Mountain Kiwanis club signature was affixed to the plaque as was the "K" emblem. Dr. Gerberding also received from the local club a sterling silver pin in recognition of his long service to the club.

### Ben Moomaw's Father Passes

Benjamin F. Moomaw, secretary and executive director of Roanoke Chamber of Commerce for 30 years and father of Kings Mountain National Military Park Superintendent, Ben F. Moomaw, Jr., died in a Roanoke hospital last Thursday afternoon. He was 84.

Funeral rites were held in Roanoke Saturday morning at 11:30. Supt. and Mrs. Moomaw and son, Benjie, went to Roanoke, returning here Tuesday.

Widely known as a leader in conservation and industrial development circles and as an advocate of good roads, Mr. Moomaw were Bruno Beccari, Providence, (Continued On Page Eight)

### Wood Jackson Rites Conducted On Wednesday

Funeral rites for Thompson Wood Jackson, 57, were held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from First Presbyterian church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Jackson succumbed Monday night of cancer at 7 p.m. at his home following a four-week illness.

A native of York County, S. C. he was the son of the late William Thompson and Lela Falls Jackson. Superintendent of the Weaving department at Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company's Neisler plant, he was a member of Cleveland County Ham Radio club, member of First Presbyterian church and member of Loyal Order of Moose.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Beulah Fleming Jackson; three sons, Arthur Lee Jackson of Leaksville, Robert T. Jackson of Greensboro and Harold J. Jackson of Chicago, Ill.; three daughters, Mrs. J. R. Davenport of Charlotte, Mrs. Edwin B. Smith of Kinston and Miss Margaret Ann Jackson of Kings Mountain; three brothers, Beverly P. Jackson of Kings Mountain, Howard B. Jackson of Kings Mountain and New York; and two sisters, Mrs. John Hoyle of Shelby and Miss Janie Jackson of Kings Mountain; and two half sisters, Mrs. Marshall Barnette of Charlotte and Miss Lela Jackson of Clover, S. C.

Dr. Paul Ausley officiated at the final rites. Active pallbearers were Carl Logan, Dewey Bookout, Dr. O. P. Lewis, John Lutz, Jack Mathis and Floyd Willis.

### Easter Sunrise Rites Planned

Plans for the traditional community-wide Easter Sunrise Service were announced this week by the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association.

The service will be held in Memorial Park of Mountain Rest cemetery Easter morning, April 14th, at 6 a.m.

Rev. Marion DuBose, president of the minister's group, will lead the responsive call to worship after a prelude of music by an instrumental ensemble. Rev. R. Lewis McGaha will pray the invocation and the congregation will sing "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today."

Rev. H. G. Clayton will read the scripture and Rev. J. W. Phillips will offer the morning prayer. Combined choirs from all area churches will sing "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" under the direction of Allen Jolly. Mrs. J. N. McClure will be at the piano.

The Easter Sermon will be delivered by Rev. B. L. Raines, pastor of First Baptist church.

Rev. George Julian will pronounce the benediction. The program committee includes Rev. B. L. Raines, Rev. H. D. Garmon and Dr. W. L. Pressly. Arrangements at Memorial Park are under the direction of Cemetery Supt. Sam Suber.

### Miss Phillips In Student Post

Miss Vinelle Phillips, Kings Mountain freshman at Central Wesleyan College at Central, S. C., has been elected treasurer of the student body for 1963-64.

Daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Phillips, Miss Phillips was named in campus-wide elections last week.

### \$450,000 Coxe Accident Damage Action Is Settled For \$61,000

A damage action for \$450,000, resulting from a traffic accident on G-over road, was settled by agreement in Gaston Superior court this week.

The accident, on June 13, 1961, cost the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Coxe, of Dallas, and resulted in severe injuries to two of their children, Judy Faye Coxe, age 13, and Grady Michael Coxe, age nine. The third child, eight-month old Teese Lucille Coxe wasn't injured.

Fred W. Plonk, of Kings Mountain, who had been made party to the complaint, pays \$1500 as his share of the settlement. Initial defendants in the litigation were Bruno Beccari, Providence,



### Contest Posed For Ward 4 City Position

Two candidates, Paul H. Ledford and Norman King, filed their candidacies this week for the Ward 4 commissionership being vacated by Ben H. Bridges and Ray W. Cline filed for re-election to a second term as Ward 1 commissioner.

The new filing brought to eight the total of candidates for five city and two board of education elective offices.

To date there are only two contests, for mayor, between Mayor Kelly Dixon and Ex-Mayor Glee A. Bridges, and the Ward 4 commissioner job.

No candidate has yet filed for Ward 2 commissioner, where Eugene Goforth is expected to seek re-election.

Only one candidate, George H. Mauney, has filed for the board of education, with two positions to be filled. Chairman Fred W. Plonk, completing his second term, is expected to seek re-election. Dr. P. G. Padgett, also completing his second term, has indicated to friends he will retire with completion of his term in May.

Other candidates are T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, seeking re-election for Ward 3 commissioner, and J. E. (Zip) Rhea, seeking re-election for Ward 5 commissioner.

Mr. Cline, serving as police commissioner in the present administration, is an overseer at Mauney Hosiery Company. He is a navy veteran of World War II, past commander of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, and a past Legion district commander. He is a member of Kings Mountain Moose Lodge.

Mr. King, member of the service staff of Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company, was a candidate for the commissionership in 1961, losing to Comm. Bridges in a runoff election. He is a member of Second Baptist church.

Mr. Ledford, an employee of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, is a former commissioner, having served the unexpired term of the late Oliver T. Hayes. He, too, was a candidate for the Ward 4 position in 1961.

### J. W. Carroll's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for John William Carroll, 94, of route 1, were held Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. from Penley's Chapel Methodist church, interment following in Patterson Grove cemetery.

Mr. Carroll died Monday morning in the Kings Mountain hospital. A retired farmer, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Carroll. He was a native of Gaston County.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Minnie Goforth Carroll; five sons, Henry, J. C. Sam and George Carroll, all of Kings Mountain, and James Carroll of Grover; five daughters, Mrs. S. Sinclair Bridges, Mrs. Maggie Lee Hamrick, Mrs. Pauline Perkins, all of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Essie Mason of Ware Shoals, S. C. and Mrs. Audrey Hancock of Charlotte; and a half sister, Mrs. Alice Biddix of Gaffney, S. C. Also surviving are 43 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Rev. Leonard Huffstetler was assisted by Rev. R. L. McGaha and Rev. M. Grigg in officiating at the final rites and interment was made in Patterson Grove cemetery.

### KMHS Loses 4-0 To Jones, East

An infield single in the last half of the seventh frame marred the otherwise perfect 1963 pitching debut of Simon Jones Wednesday afternoon in City Stadium as the East Rutherford Cavaliers blanked the Mountaineers in the season's opener 4-0.

Coasting along on a four-run cushion Jones was slow in making his play to first on Gold's roller, thereby losing his bid for a season-opening no-hitter. The Mountaineers failed to hit a ball past the infield.

A squeeze play following Larry Marshall's leadoff triple in the welcome frame started the scoring for the winners, and they added singletons in the third, fourth and sixth innings. Jones logged 10 strikeouts in chalking up win number one.

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## Local News Bulletins

### METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday totaled \$190.65, including \$127.90 from on-street meters, \$46 from over-parking fees, and \$16.75 from off-street meters, City Clerk Joe McDaniel reported.

### TO BARIUM SPRINGS

Mrs. M. C. Hardin, Grover correspondent for the Herald, has accepted a position as housemother at Barium Springs Orphanage and will assume her new duties Monday. Mrs. Hardin has lived in Grover most of her life, has been community correspondent a number of years.

### PERMITS ISSUED

City officials issued two building permits during the past week. A permit for a \$12,000 brick house on Bennett St. was issued to John W. Bennett, Sr., Friday and N. E. Chapman was issued a permit Tuesday to construct a \$9,000 house at the corner of Rhodes and Woodside.

### NO WRACKS

City police officers were not called to investigate any wrecks during the past week, Desk Sergeant Earl Stroupe reported Wednesday.

### HOTDOG SALE

Methodist men of Penley's Chapel church will have a hotdog sale Saturday at the Fellowship Hill of the Grace Methodist church. For delivery call 739-5391.

### KIWANIS CLUB

The Kiwanis Club Archery club will present the program at Thursday night's Kiwanis club meeting at 6:45 p.m. at the Woman's club. Dr. W. L. Preshly has arranged the program.

### PASSION SUNDAY

Dr. W. P. Gerberding will use the sermon topic, "Primacy of the Cross" on Passion Sunday, traditionally observed throughout of church to think about the atonement. The Sunday worship service is at 11 a.m.

### LENTEN SERVICE

Wednesday evening Lenten services at St. Matthew's Lutheran church at 7:30 will be the theme, "Before False Priests." Dr. W. P. Gerberding will bring the message.

### DIXON 4-H CLUB

The Dixon community 4-H club will hold regular meeting Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Dixon Presbyterian church.

### SLIMNASTIC CLASSES

Slimnastic classes for women are continued weekly on Thursday evenings at 7:30 at the National Guard Armory. The classes are under sponsorship of the city recreation commission.

### GOSPEL SING

East Side Baptist church will sponsor a gospel sing Sunday afternoon, the program beginning at 2 p.m. Seven groups of singers are expected to participate, and the interested public is invited.



**APPOINTED** — Governor Terry Sanford has appointed Glee E. Bridges to the President James Knox Polk Birthplace advisory committee.

### Bridges Named By Governor

Glee E. Bridges, Kings Mountain hardwareman, has been appointed by Governor Sanford to serve as a member of the President James Knox Polk Birthplace Advisory committee.

The Governor wrote Mr. Bridges that he and other members of the committee, of which James Stenhouse, of Charlotte, is chairman, would work with Dr. C. C. Britenden, state historian, toward the establishment of the Polk birthplace, near Pineville, in Mecklenburg county, as an historical shrine.

Mr. Bridges is a son of former Mayor and Mrs. Glee A. Bridges. He is retiring president of the Kings Mountain Merchants association and a member of the Kiwanis club. He was Kings Mountain manager of Governor Sanford's successful 1960 campaign, first in the Democratic primary and subsequently in the general election.

Mr. Bridges is a navy veteran of World War II and commanding officer of the active naval reserve communications unit headquartered at Shelby.

### \$62,000 Action Will Be Tried

A damage action for \$62,000 against I. M. Allen and several other defendants including the City of Kings Mountain is docketed for trial in Cleveland Superior Court Monday.

The suit, brought by the administratrix of the estate of J. B. Mackey, Mackey and Mrs. Margaret Carswell Hamrick died during the night of December 19, 1958, of carbon monoxide poisoning at Royal Motel.

The complaint charges negligence on the part of Mr. Allen, as owner, and his son I. M. Allen, Jr., as operator, of Royal Motel, on the part of the City of Kings Mountain and two former gas department superintendents V. L. Beacham and Corbett Nicholson, and on the part of Eugene and Herbert Mitcham, former partners in the Appliance Center. All had been negligent, the complaint charges, in the installation of the gas heating unit serving the room occupied by Mackey and Mrs. Hamrick.

The suit was filed on December 19, 1960.