

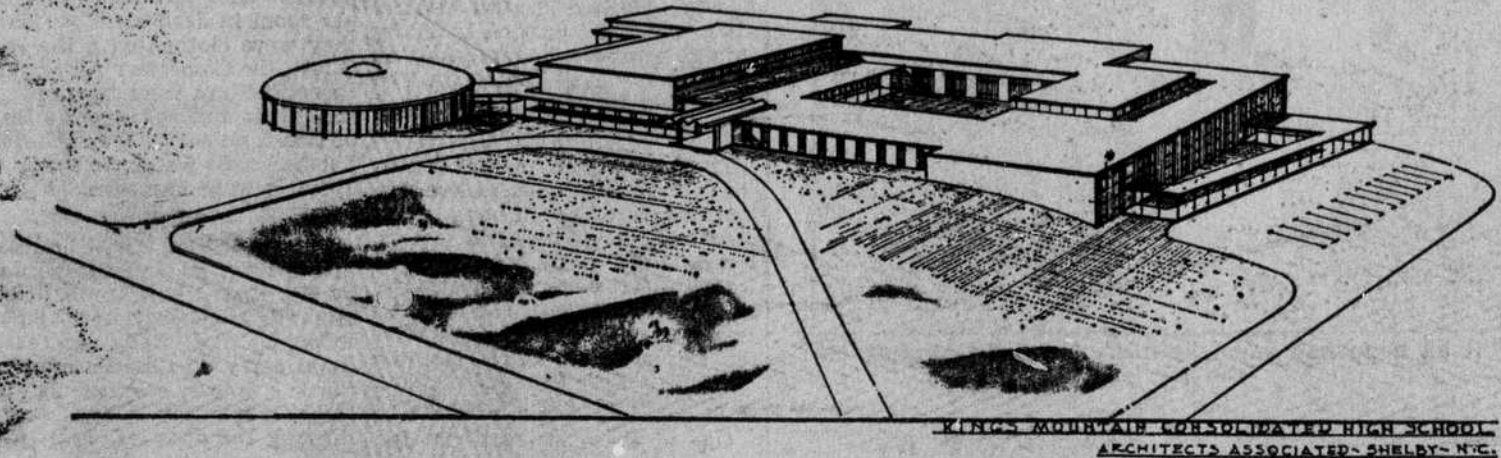
**Population**  
Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 8,008  
This figure for Greater Kings Mountain is derived from the 1955 Kings Mountain city directory census. The city limits figure is from the United States census of 1950.

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**PRELIMINARY SKETCH OF HIGH SCHOOL PLANT** — Pictured is the architect's conception of the new Kings Mountain area high school. The circular building at the left is the "future" auditorium and is not included in present plans for the building. Other minor changes to the exterior line may be dictated by space elimination to meet cash limitations. Architect Fred Van Wageningen noted, but the sketch otherwise approximates the exterior appearance of the plant as it will look on completion.

## Bridges To Recommend Lower Differentials On Water Rate

### Outside-City Industries Would Benefit

**By Martin Harmon**  
Mayor Glee A. Bridges has stated he plans to recommend some downward revision in the differential of 50 percent charged outside-city industrial water customers.

Mayor Bridges said he had not determined the amount of revision he would recommend to the board of commissioners nor what method he would suggest.

Bridges Administration IV raised in-city water rates slightly and increased the outside-city differential from ten percent to 50 percent of monthly bills.

Mayor Bridges noted that Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, some months following the imposition of the higher differential, had recommended a downward revision for industrial customers in order to improve the community's chances of attracting new industry.

Most affected by the increase was Margrate plant of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, where officials said at the time of the increase that their annual water bill would go up about \$10,000.

Since that time, this company has expanded considerably their own water system, and their use of city water in 1963 has been sporadic.



**BRIDGES ADMINISTRATION V**—Pictured at their first session, shortly after taking oaths of office last Thursday morning, are the members of Mayor Glee A. Bridges' fifth administration. Mayor Bridges, seated at center, is flanked by Comms. Norman King, left, and Ray Cline, newly-named mayor pro tempore. Back row, left to right, are Comms. T. J. Ellison, Eugene Goforth, and J. E. (Zip) Rhea. Mayor Bridges regained the seat he lost to Kelly Dixon in 1961 and Comm. King succeeds Ben H. Bridges who retired. (Carlisle Studio photo)

### Rubye Burrage Funeral Held On Tuesday

Funeral rites for Miss Rubye Mae Burrage, 56, were held Tuesday afternoon at 4 p.m. from Central Methodist church, of which she was a member.

Rev. H. D. Garmon, assisted by Rev. Marion DuBose, officiated at the final rites and interment was made in Elizabeth Baptist church cemetery near Shelby.

Miss Burrage died Monday at 4:30 a.m. in the Kings Mountain hospital. In declining health for several years, she became ill suddenly Wednesday night. Buyer and saleslady of the ladies ready to wear department at Belk's, she had reported for work Wednesday as usual. Death was attributed to uremic poisoning.

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An employee of Belk's Kings Mountain store for 27 years, Miss Burrage had received her 25-year service pin.

Belk's Department Store was closed from 1 p.m. Tuesday.

She was a native of Rock Hill, S. C., daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Harvey Burrage. She attended grade school in Kings Mountain and graduated from St. Agnes high school at Charlottesville, Va.

Surviving are three brothers, Lawrence Burrage of St. Petersburg, Fla., H. L. Burrage of Ashland, Va., and G. T. Burrage of Goldsboro.

Active pallbearers were George Blalock, Bill Brown, Bob Hullen, Glenn Payseur, Jim Yarboro and Ben Goforth, Jr.

## Finals Exercises Will Begin Sunday

### Gerberding Will Deliver Sermon Sunday

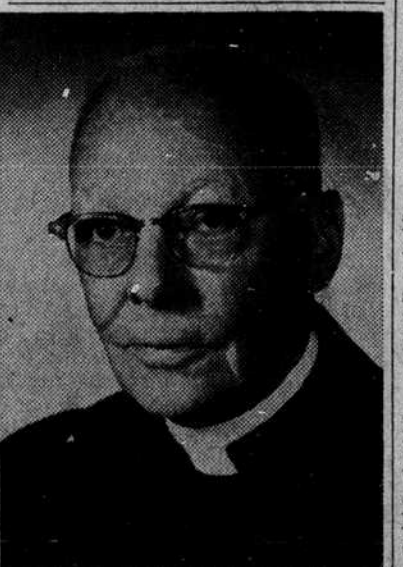
Commencement exercises for 145 Kings Mountain high school seniors will begin on Sunday night with the baccalaureate sermon and end on Wednesday with the awarding of diplomas to this community's largest class of graduates.

Both programs will be held at 8 o'clock p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church will deliver the baccalaureate sermon on the subject, "How High Can You Fly?"

Other ministers of the community will assist on the program.

Rev. Richard Hobson, pastor of Grover's Shiloh Presbyterian church will offer the invocation, Rev. Donald Callahan, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist church, will read the scripture, Rev. Marion DuBose, pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist church, will present Dr. Gerberding and Rev. N. H. Pusey, pastor of Grace Methodist church, will pronounce the benediction.



**SPEAKER** — Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon Sunday in finals exercises beginning for 145 Kings Mountain high school seniors.

### Space-Cutting Time At Hand On New School

Paring time on plans for the new Kings Mountain district high school has arrived.

Board of education members and Architects Tom Cothran and Fred Van Wageningen spent a three-hour session considering floor plan drawings Tuesday night, as they discussed means of paring the building plans to meet money available for the plant's construction.

Present plans call for a building approximately 132,000 square feet, which the architects estimate will approximate \$11 per square foot, or considerably more than the outside limits of the million dollars the board has for the building.

The architects, Superintendent B. N. Barnes, and some school board members expect to confer with officials of the Department of School Planning in Raleigh Monday morning for suggestions concerning space cuts.

### Herndon Chosen Board Chairman

James E. Herndon, Jr., newly elected member of the board of education was elected chairman at the board's organization meeting last Thursday.

He was elected by 3 to 2 vote over Mrs. Lena McGill on the third ballot.

Vice-Chairman H. O. (Toby) Williams was re-elected.

The board re-elected teachers, discussed plans for the construction of the new high school plant, and approved a recommendation to raise the appropriation for supplemental texts by 50 cents per student.

Other new board member is George H. Mauney.

Other hold-over member is Holmes Harry, of Grover.

### 28 Graduating At Compact

Compact high school will award diplomas to 28 seniors in finals exercises Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at Compact Gymnasium.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Gymnasium.

Dr. O. P. Foster, pastor of Shiloh Baptist church of Shelby, will deliver the baccalaureate and Dr. Samuel E. Duncan, president of Livingstone college at Salisbury, will make the commencement address.

Principal L. L. Adams will present diplomas.

Other commencement-season activities for Compact students include the annual music festival on Tuesday evening by the Glee club and Band; Senior Class Night on Thursday; and Awards Day next Wednesday.

Candidates for diplomas are: Willie Lee Adams, Willie L. Adams, Elwood Lendis Childers, David Crank, Gilbert W. Dye, Steve R. Jamerson, Frankie D. McCluney, Harold T. McDowell, Lawrence C. McSwain, Elwood Roberts, Lonnell Ross, Fred Smith, Thomas J. Smith, Lynnwood B. Thoms, Farris Turner, Jr., and Billy G. Whitesides.

Also: Ossie Adams, Yvonne

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### Nine Teachers Not Returning

Nine members of the 157-member Kings Mountain school district faculty won't be returned for the 1963-64 term.

Eight asked not to be considered for re-election and Mrs. Ruth D. Crotts, high school math teacher, has resigned since being re-elected along with other faculty members last Thursday.

### Chamber of Commerce Committees Are Named By President Crawford

Membership of Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce committees covering a wide range of previously approved projects were announced this week by President J. Wilson Crawford.

Mr. Crawford said committees are complete in most instances, but that one or two may have additions.

He also noted that, on most committees, one member is a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Directors of the Junior Chamber have approved the Chamber of Commerce project list and Mr. Crawford commented, "This organization can and will render valuable aid in seeing the projects to fruition. The board of directors felt it proper to include them on the working committees."

The committee include:

### Teacher Group Lists Complaints

Bethware faculty members, in a letter to Board of Education Chairman James E. Herndon, Jr., have issued four complaints concerning Bethware School operations.

In the letter, signed by all faculty members except Principal R. G. Franklin, contend:

- 1) The student transportation schedule creates a too-long class day with adverse effect on the learning abilities of the students.
- 2) Classroom loads are too heavy.
- 3) Split-grade teaching should be eliminated.
- 4) The teachers also object to the requirement they remain with their classes until all buses are loaded in the afternoons.

Following the late Tuesday board meeting, Chairman Herndon handed the letter to Superintendent B. N. Barnes with the statement, "The other members have copies."

Public sanitation, Charles Blanton, chairman, Richard Barnett, Harry Page and Robert H. Goforth, Jaycee.

Traffic — Ollie Harris, chairman, Charles Neisler and W. G. (Bill) Jonas, Jaycee.

Public parking — W. S. Fulton, Jr., chairman, Mariott Phifer, Glee E. Bridges and Bill Culp, Jaycee.

Vacant property beautification — Ben H. Bridges, chairman, Glee A. Bridges and Jake Dixon, Jaycee.

Urban renewal — Bob Maner, chairman, Ed Goter, J. E. Rhea, and Harold Lutz, Jaycee.

Community landscaping — Mrs. George Houser, chairman, Mrs. J. E. Herndon, Sr., Ray W. Cline and Hugh Lancaster, Jaycee.

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### Poppy Day Here Set For Saturday

Saturday is Poppy Day in Kings Mountain.

Officials of Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion Auxiliary, are urging Kings Mountain area citizens to buy a poppy for benefit of veterans in VA hospitals. The veterans make the Poppies themselves.

Mrs. O. O. Walker is Poppy Day chairman. All members will assist in the street sale to be held on downtown streets all day Saturday.

### Rotary To Honor KMHS Baseball Champs Tuesday; Ferrell Speaker

Kings Mountain Rotary club will honor the high school baseball team, conference title winners, at lunch at the country club Tuesday at 12:15.

Wes Ferrell, former major league pitcher who starred for years with the Cleveland Indians and other big league clubs, will be the principal speaker. Ferrell is currently managing the Rock Hill Chiefs of the Western Carolinas League.

Another feature of the program will be award of the most valuable player trophy which is given by John Moss, Western Carolinas League president.

Jack White, Rotary president, said it is the intention of the Rotarians to make the baseball luncheon an annual event.

Guests at the luncheon will include all members of the high school baseball team, their coaches, sports editors of area newspapers, and other baseball dignitaries.

Ferrell, a native of Guilford county, starred in the thirties, and was one of the top right-handers of his era. His brother, Rick Ferrell, was for many years a major league catcher for the St. Louis Browns and Washington Senators.

The Mountaineers claimed the conference championship with a record of eleven victories against no defeats. It was the first con-

### Patterson Grove Church To Burn Notes Sunday

Homecoming Day Sunday will be a special event for 228 members of Patterson Grove Baptist church.

Morning services at 11 a.m. will feature the burning of a note for \$40,000, indebtedness on the educational plant, pastorium and adjacent Patterson Grove school property purchased by the church.

The service will culminate an eight-year building program in which the congregation erected a new educational plant, in addition to a new pastorium. Present estimated value of all the properties is \$155,000, a spokesman for the church said.

Rev. Richard E. Plyler, new pastor of the church, will deliver the morning message. The day's offering will begin a new building fund designated for the new church sanctuary.

Picnic lunch will be spread on the church grounds at 12:30. Special singing will begin at 2 p.m.

All members of the church, former members, and visitors are invited. (Continued on Page Eight)

### Electrical Work To Start In June

The new Bridges Administration, immediately after being sworn last Thursday morning, authorized contract with Hunter & Walden Company, of Charlotte, for the first phase of the re-building job on low bid of \$70,077.

Actually, Hunter & Walden will receive about \$28,000 less for the work, Don Lampke, of South-easter Consulting Engineers, said, as deductions will be taken for about \$25,000 for switchgear equipment the city already has on order, and about \$3,000 for materials in the present system which will be used in the re-building work.

On the technicality that a commission cannot contract to spend in budgeted funds, award of the second phase of the re-building work was deferred until after July 1. This contract, too, is expected to be awarded Hunter & Walden, who entered a total bid of \$130,678.

Engineer Lampke said the successful bidders had indicated they would begin the project about June 3.

In other first meeting actions, the commission followed precedent in naming the biennium's leading vote-getter mayor pro tempore, Ray W. Cline, Ward 1 commissioner unopposed for re-election, succeeds J. E. (Zip) Rhea.

The board voted to retain all employees for 30 days and voted to pay Mayor Bridges \$5,000 per year, same salary (\$5,000) and expense account (\$600) paid Mayor Kelly.

The board recommended to the recreation commission resumption of use of juke boxes at the Deal street and Davidson recreation areas, with provision that "phaperonage is provided and Sunday use is excluded.

**HARMON REUNION**  
Children of the late Charlie Harmon and Mollie Gamble Harmon, along with their families, had their annual reunion at a picnic dinner at Beulah church Sunday.

### Ray W. Cline Is Elected Mayor Pro Tem



**WINS GRANT** — Donald Campbell, Compact high school senior, has won a National Science Foundation grant for further study.

### Campbell Wins NSF Grant

Compact high school was notified this week that Mark Donald Campbell, a rising senior, has been awarded a national science foundation scholarship to study in the summer science institute for secondary school students at Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C. this summer.

Campbell was a successful applicant out of 1238 applications for 65 top students who met the high qualifications for admission to Bennett's Science Institute.

He is a member of the National Honor Society at Compact and an outstanding student.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Campbell, teachers at Compact.

### JC's Will Sell Light Bulbs

The Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will have a door-to-door light bulb sale Friday night, beginning at 7 o'clock.

Cartons of eight bulbs are \$2 and contains four 100 watt, two 75 watt and two 60 watt bulbs.

Bill Childers is chairman of the J. C. project, and Jim McGinnis is co-chairman. Club president is Bill Allen.