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Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 8,008

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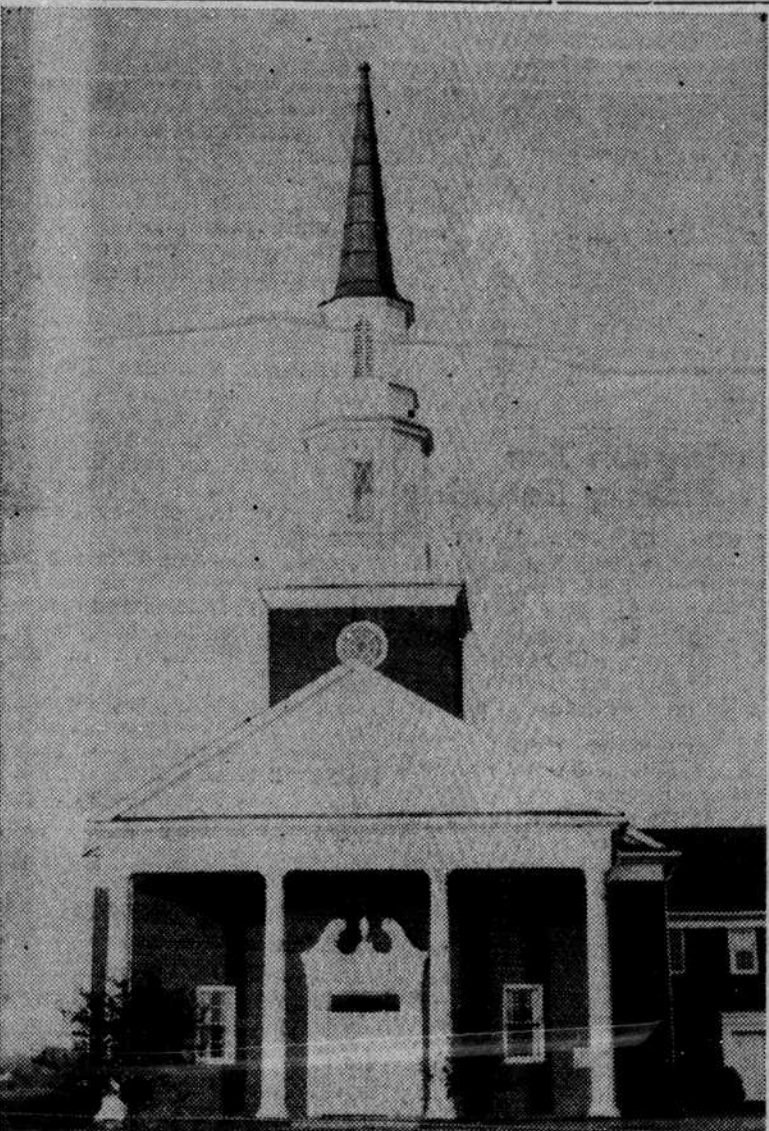
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**SPECIAL SERVICE SUNDAY** — Resurrection Lutheran church will hold special services Sunday morning at 10 o'clock dedicating the massive steeple, erected in 1961 at a cost of \$8700 and donated by Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney.

## Church Steeple Will Be Dedicated

### Lyerly Speaker At Resurrection Rites Sunday

Special services will be held at Resurrection Lutheran church Sunday morning at 10 o'clock dedicating the church's steeple addition.

The \$8700 cost of the addition and been amortized through the final of a series of gifts by Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, donors of the addition.

Rev. J. Wilford Lyerly, of Salisbury, secretary of the North Carolina Synod, Lutheran Church in America, will deliver the sermon and conduct the dedicatory rites, it was announced by Rev. George T. Moore, the pastor.

Included in the original church building plans, erection of the steeple was deferred due to lack of funds. In 1960, Mr. and Mrs. Mauney made an initial gift for the project, pledging future ones until the full cost was amortized. The steeple was erected in 1961.

### Wanted: Buggies And Aged Wagons

The Kings Mountain Merchants association seeks a listing of vintage wagons and buggies it might use during a celebration of the Battle of Kings Mountain in early October.

Bob Mincey, a member of the promotion committee, asked that area citizens who might have such horse-drawn vehicles available call Mrs. Ida Joy, secretary, at the association office.

**REUNION SATURDAY**  
The Kings Mountain high school class of '58 will hold its five-year reunion Saturday. Picnic lunch will be spread at the picnic area of the Military Park. Barbecue supper and dance will be held that evening at the American Legion Hall.

## Big Medical Need Is Family Doctors

### Rhodes Praises '63 Assembly For Medical Bills

By MARTIN HARMON  
The principal medical need in North Carolina today is for general practitioners said Dr. John S. Rhodes, president of the North Carolina Medical Society.

The Raleigh urologist said that the society's placement bureau receives 80 requests for general practitioners to one for surgeons.

Dr. Rhodes, in Kings Mountain Monday to address a meeting of the Cleveland County Medical Society, meantime gave high marks to the 1963 General Assembly for adopting legislation recommended and/or endorsed by the medical society, among the several items:

The action of the legislators in implementing the Kerr-Mills federal program for aid to needy elderly patients with respect to medical payments, the act legalizing drunkometer tests for persons suspected of drunken driving, and establishment of a single mental health authority with provision that two members be physicians, plus the establishment of a 15-member physician board to the mental health authority.

He said the medical society is disappointed the General Assembly did not adopt the so-called "Good Samaritan" bill, which would have relieved anyone, including doctors, of liability—except in case of gross negligence when one aided an accident victim.

"Great progress in medical care has been made since the state inaugurated its Good Health program in 1949," Dr. Rhodes declared.

He noted that 56 hospitals have been built within the state since that year, and that the expansion of the University of North Carolina Medical School to a full four-year school had resulted in increasing greatly the number of doctors in the state.

Since the first class was graduated in 1952, he added, 88 percent of graduates have located for practice within North Carolina.

The Academy of General Practice is seeking to increase the supply of general practitioners by invitations from third and fourth year medical students to apprentice in offices of general practitioners during the summer.

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## J. J. Gamble's Rites Thursday

Funeral rites for J. J. Gamble, 85, retired farmer of the El Bethel community, will be held Thursday at 2:30 p.m. from El Bethel Methodist church, of which he was a member.

Mr. Gamble died Tuesday night in the Watauga County hospital at Boone.

He is survived by three sons: T. Lemuel Gamble of Shelby, Zeb Gamble of Florence, S. C.; two daughters, Mrs. S. P. Spake of Shelby and Mrs. James Waters of Greensboro; and a brother, W. H. Gamble of Kings Mountain.

The Rev. Bruce Norwood will officiate at the final rites and interment will be made in the church cemetery.



**TO BE INSTALLED** — Neil O. Johnson, manager of Foote Mineral company's Kings Mountain operations, will be installed as president of the Kings Mountain Rotary club Thursday. He will succeed Jack White.

## Rotary To Install New Officers

The Kings Mountain Rotary Club will meet today at the Kings Mountain Country Club at 12:15 p.m.

The program will be the installation of new officers of 1963-64. The following new officers will be installed: president, Neil Johnson; vice - president, Fred Wright; and secretary - treasurer, Charles Mauney.

Achie Shuford, well-known citizen from Hickory, N. C., will give the program and installation. Mr. Shuford, a graduate of Davidson college, is the upcoming district governor of the Rotary Club. He is also past president of the Hickory Chamber of Commerce and the Hickory United Fund. He is now general manager of Whiting Hosley Mills in Hickory and a director of the national hosiery manufacturers.

The outgoing officers of the club are: president, Jack White; vice - president, Fred J. Wright, Jr.; and secretary-treasurer, Tom Tate.

## Cyrus Falls Family May Hold Record

The Cyrus Falls family, formerly of Kings Mountain, may have set a record in church attendance.

Mr. Falls, his wife, daughter, and two grandchildren are here for the summer at their home on route three from Dunesin, Fla. They will return to Dunesin in the fall.

Mr. Falls receives his 50-year perfect attendance pin from his Sunday School class this month; his wife marks her 26th year of perfect attendance, as does their son, Tommy Falls, of Washington, D. C.; their daughter, Mrs. Sarah Falls McCraney, marks her 24th year of perfect attendance.

All are active in the Methodist church of Dunesin, Fla. and here attend Central Methodist church. (Mr. Falls held a supervisory job in the Florida orange groves prior to his retirement about a year ago.)

## Community-Paid Bible In Schools Has Been In Curriculum Since '39

By ANNE JAMES HARMON  
The recent Supreme Court decision concerning the unconstitutionality of state prescribed Bible reading does not affect the teaching of Bible in the schools, and Bible will be taught in the Kings Mountain schools for the 24th consecutive year beginning with the 1963-64 term.

Currently supported by 28-30 churches in the community, the program started in 1939 as a joint project of civic clubs and several uptown churches, fifteen organizations in all.

Byron Keeter, initial chairman of the finance committee, and B. S. Neill, treasurer, continued in these positions for about 12 years, and the course has been taught as an elective from the sixth grade through high school by a fully accredited teacher.

Miss Mildred Lowrance, a Queens-Chicora college graduate in English and Bible, from Mooresville was the first Bible

## S & L Dividend Payment \$171,503 For New Record

Semi-annual dividend payments by Kings Mountain's two savings and loan associations again are establishing a new high record, collectively and severally.

Payments the associations will make as of June 30 will total \$171,503 up by over \$23,000 from December's aggregate payment.

Both Thomas A. Tate, secretary - treasurer of Home Savings & Loan association and Ben H. Bridges, secretary - treasurer of Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association attribute the increases to increases in savings account and the hike in dividend rate to four and one-quarter percent per year. December dividends were at the rate of four per cent per year.

Home Savings & Loan's payments will increase for the six months by \$11,199 to \$98,730, including \$57,188 on full-paid shares and \$41,542 on optional savings shares. Home Savings & Loan paid \$87,531 to savings shareholders in December and \$83,596 a year ago.

Kings Mountain Savings & Loan's payments will increase by \$11,697 to \$72,772, including \$34,800 on full-paid shares and \$37,972 on optional savings shares. Kings Mountain Savings & Loan paid \$61,085 to savings shareholders last December and \$58,081 last June.

## Foote Is Top Blood Donor

Four Kings Mountain industries have attained their full quotas in blood-giving for industrial coverage of employees and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Cheshire, co-chairmen of the blood program for the Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter, announced top industrial donors for the year and listed names of the 82 citizens who donated a pint of blood at last week's final visit of the fiscal year for the regional blood collecting unit.

Foote Mineral Company will receive the 1963 plaque to be given by the Kings Mountain Rotary club to the firm with the largest percentage of employees participating in the blood program throughout the year. Foote, with 88 employees, furnished 51 donors for the blood bank, attaining a percentage of 57.9.

Mauney Hosley Mills, which furnished more donors than any other industry, compiled a percentage of 54.2. Mauney Mills furnished 122 donors throughout the year from its 225 employees.

Sadie Cotton Mills and Minette Mills of Grover also reached their industrial quotas for the year.

Twenty-three donors were rejected because of health reasons at last week's bloodmobile visit. The 82 donors were processed at Kings Mountain Baptist church.

Donors are: Dennis L. Gofort, Herman T. Cash, Campbell Lockridge, Raymond Cox, James E. Herndon, Leonard A. Smith, Thomas Wyte, William W. Herrndon, Johnston Covington, W. F. Laughter, James Crosby, Mrs. Norma K. Robbs, William Manning, Mrs. Paul McGinnis, Mrs. C. S. Plonk, Jr., Clarence Plonk, Jr., Troy Lee Wright, S. Robert Suber, C. Yates Harbison, Ray W. Cline, James Bennett, and Luther

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## Bell Hearing Continues

Hearing on a writ of habeas corpus to free Alton B. Bell from jail will be resumed by Judge W. K. McLean in Gaston Superior Court Thursday morning at 9:30.

Bell, onetime meat cutter at B & B Food Stores here, has been accused by Mrs. Mary Lou Smith, 52, of killing her husband on the night of June 19.

The hearing, in which Bell seeks freedom on bond, began Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Smith, of Bessemer City, as is Bell, first told police her husband had been shot by two Negroes who had come to their home and shoved her into a bedroom. Under continued questioning, she said her first version was false and that Bell was the murderer. Both Mrs. Smith and Bell were indicted for murder.

Mrs. Smith testified at length Wednesday, before Judge McLean recessed the hearing at 3 o'clock.



**WIN DEGREES** — Norma Hamrick Blanton, and Don Tignor were graduated from college in recent school finals.

## Two Students Receive Degrees

Two Kings Mountain students were recently graduated from college.

Mrs. Norma Hamrick Blanton was graduated from Meredith college with bachelor of arts degree. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hamrick of Kings Mountain, she held membership in the religious club and the Philanthropic Society. A religion major, she was also chosen as a college counselor.

William Dickie Woodward, son of Joe Lee Woodward of Kings Mountain, was graduated with A. B. degree from East Carolina college at Greenville.

Donald Eugene Tignor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Audley Tignor, was graduated with B.S. degree in business administration and social science from Western Carolina college.

## Moore Re-Elected To Lowman Board

Rev. George T. Moore, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church, has been re-elected to the board of trustees of the Lowman Home, White Rock, S. C., Lutheran home for the elderly.

Subsequently, Mr. Moore was re-appointed to membership on the board's executive and building committees.

Mr. Moore will attend a board meeting at the home on July 3, when bids will be opened for the construction of a new 50-bed infirmary estimated to cost about \$360,000.

## FROM GIRL'S STATE

Joan McClure and Virginia Goforth, high school seniors, have returned from attending annual Tar Heel Girl's State held last week on the campus of Woman's College of the University of North Carolina. They represented American Legion Auxiliary Post 155.

## No Floating Casket, Grave Dug Too Shallow, Mayor Is Injured

The city has been threatened with suit, Mayor Glee A. Bridges has a broken right shoulder, and a casket buried and vaulted on January 4 has been opened—all because the grave of Zeb Grigg in Mountain Rest cemetery was dug a bit shallow.

Contrary to the rumors which accompanied last week's monsoon season, the Grigg vault did not "float" to the surface.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges says a relative visited the grave to place flowers on it and felt something hard when he stuck the floral pins into the ground.

It was discovered that the vault was only about three inches below the surface earth, where as customary depth is approximately one foot.

The family protested to the funeral director, Sisk Funeral Home, who in turn protested to the Mayor, cemetery superintendent and the vault manufacturing company in Newton.

## Bell Is Closing Business Office

### Bank Is Named Collection Agent Effective July 8

Kings Mountain's Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company business office will be closed July 12, with the functions of the office transferred to the Gastonia office, E. Floyd Farris, manager, announced Wednesday.

Meantime, the phone company has designated First Union National Bank as its collection agent for Kings Mountain and Grover patrons. The bank will begin accepting payments July 8 during regular banking hours.

Persons and firms who mail checks in payment of telephone accounts may address them to the Gastonia office.

There will be no change in the operations of installation, repair, and long distance services.

"This new procedure will permit us to provide Kings Mountain and Grover customers better service," Bryan Houck, Gastonia manager, said. He pointed out that for many years the installation, repair and long distance service for this area has been supervised from the Gastonia office, while business office operations have been supervised from Shelby.

"This realignment of business office operations will permit closer coordination between departments of the company's work in this vicinity," Houck said.

Customers will continue to call 739-9411 on all business transactions. Calls to repair service and long distance service will remain the same.

"We want to emphasize the change of payment of bills from the business office to the First Union National Bank. Those wishing to mail payments may address Southern Bell at Box 199, Gastonia. All other local operations remain as they have in the past," Houck concluded.

## Jordan To Speak At Union Service

Fourth in a summer series of Sunday night union services will be held at Central Methodist church Sunday night at 8 p.m.

Rev. Howard R. Jordan, new pastor of the church, will deliver the evening message.

Last Sunday's union service for seven city church congregations was held at Kings Mountain Baptist church with Rev. Marion DuBose delivering the evening message on "God and Outer Space."

The union services are under sponsorship of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association and seven in-town churches are participating.

## Local Students At Plonk School

Three Kings Mountain students have enrolled for the summer term at Plonk School of Creative Arts at Asheville.

Barbara Plonk, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George Plonk, Linda Plonk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wray Plonk, and Cindy Ware, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pink Ware, left for Asheville Tuesday.

## Forsythe Calls YRC Meeting

An organizational meeting of Kings Mountain Young Republican club will be held Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at City Hall courtroom, it was announced this week by Wayne Forsythe, county Republican secretary.

"All people interested in a conservative government or who are disturbed by the recent Supreme Court decisions are urged to attend this meeting. No longer can the American people sit back and say 'What can I do?' We must now unite and work together to preserve our freedoms which our forefathers tried to give us, and to turn this country back from its present socialistic-communistic trend," Secretary Forsythe said.

## Stores To Observe July 4th Holiday

Kings Mountain retailers and their employees will observe the July 4th holiday, according to by-laws of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association.



**PRESIDENT** — Odus Smith, owner of Western Auto Store, was installed as president of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night. He succeeds Jonas Bridges.

## Lions Install New Officers

Officers of the Kings Mountain Lions club for 1963-64 were installed Tuesday night, after the members had heard J. Horace Grigg, retiring superintendent of Cleveland County schools discuss "The Origin of Names."

John Ed Davis, past president of the Shelby Lions club, conducted the informal installation ceremonies.

New officers are Odus Smith, president; Wesley Bush, C. P. Barry and Dr. George Plonk, vice-presidents; Howard Bryant, secretary; W. D. (Bill) Bennett, treasurer; Peter Mason, Lion tamer; Dr. Nathan Reed, tail-twister; and W. J. Kay, Sam Weir, Hal Plonk, and Carl Goforth, directors. Holdover directors are Jack Hauser and J. T. McGinnis, Jr., and retiring president Jonas Bridges is an ex officio member of the board.

Mr. Grigg, who was presented by Edwin Moore, declared, "Your most valuable possession is your name for it remains after you are gone."

He said family names came into use for the first time about 1000 A.D., not having previously been needed by the nomadic families. As late as World War II, he said, Iceland employed no family names, not needed because of the sparse population.

He said surnames derived from these sources:

- 1) Physical traits (Long, Short, Tall, Sullivan — which means blue eyes).
- 2) Character traits (Good, Devine, Trueblood).
- 3) From given names (all names with "son" endings such as Johnson, Robertson, Jepson).
- 4) Occupation (Smith, Copper, Glover).
- 5) Rank or position (Duke, King).
- 6) Cities of residence (Berlin, Leeds, Lyons).
- 7) Surrounding natural geography (Ford, Field).
- 8) Inns and taverns.
- 9) Common objects of nature.

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Mrs. Ida F. Joy, association secretary, said Kings Mountain stores will be closed all day next Thursday, July 4th.

Stores will follow the usual closing policy on Wednesday afternoon.



**CHAIRMAN** — City Commissioner Norman King was elected chairman of the managing board of Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library at a meeting of the library board Tuesday.