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 Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
 City Limits 8,008
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Final High School Plans Indicated By January 15



MOUNTAINEER TROPHY WINNERS — Pictured with High School Coach Bill Bates, left, and UNC Coach Jim Hickey, extreme right, are top leader, Warren Goforth, best blocker, Ben Grimes, Jr., best player award made at last week's Lions club football banquet, at which Coach Hickey was the principal speaker. Also in the picture are Mike Huffstickler, most valuable, Jim Medlin, top leaders, Warren Goforth, best blocker, Ben Grimes, Jr., best scholar, and Terry Leonard, most improved. Coach Bates holds the trophy emblematic of the team's conference co-championship.

Herndon Says Major Work Now Complete

By MARTIN HARMON
 Architects for the new Kings Mountain district high school indicated to the board of education Monday that complete and final plans for the new plant would be available for board consideration by January 15. "This means," Chairman J. E. Herndon, Jr., said, "that state school planning officials should get the plans immediately thereafter, advertising for bids would be started, and should be received prior to the end of February." The statement of the architects, Cotran and Van Wagenen, of Shelby, followed a two-hour session with the board of education, in which the board reviewed the architectural and engineering work to date. Chairman Herndon noted that the remaining work includes quite minor design changes and final preparation of specifications, which the board authorized Superintendent B. N. Barnes and Principal Harry Jaynes to handle with the architects. Chairman Herndon listed some of these items a few door locations, determination of particular fixtures, such as plumbing, heating, hardware and lockers, and use of terrazo floors or asbestos floor coverings. On Monday, the board instructed the architects to rough in an elevator shaft with anticipation of installing the elevator (estimated to cost \$8,000) at a future date. The board also told the architects it anticipated using city water and sewerage disposal facilities, and to plan accordingly. The new plant will be located on Phifer Road across from Lam-beth Rope Corporation. Citizens of the school district authorized a bond issue of \$1,100,000 for school plant construction and site purchase on March 10, 1962.



NEW CHURCH MEMBERS — Resurrection Lutheran church recently welcomed a group of 21 persons, including children by baptism, to membership in the church. The new members brought total of baptized members to 300, a gain of 186 since the church was organized in 1951. The pastor, Rev. George Moore, announced that all local church debts had been paid as of November 20.

Veteran Teacher Mrs. Pritchard Dies Suddenly

Funeral rites for Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald Pritchard, 63, wife of Fred S. Pritchard, were held Monday at 2 p.m. from Central Methodist church of which she was a member. Mrs. Pritchard, a sixth grade teacher at East school, died Saturday night at 12:45 p.m. in the Kings Mountain hospital after suddenly becoming ill about 10:30 p.m. Friday night. A daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Fitzgerald, she had been a Kings Mountain resident for 14 years. Besides her husband she is survived by a son, Leland F. Pritchard, of Concord, and one grandchild. Also surviving are two brothers, J. S. Fitzgerald of Linwood and J. B. Fitzgerald of Mooresville; and four sisters, Mrs. P. W. Allison of Lincolnton and Miss Ethel Fitzgerald, Mrs. B. C. Wilson and Mrs. Wade Jarrett, all of Linwood, N. C. Rev. Howard Jordan officiated at the final rites and interment was made in Carolina Memorial Park at Concord. Active pallbearers were Jonas Bridges, Odus Smith, Ben F. Beam, Harry Jaynes, Howard Bryant and R. W. Kennedy.

Plonk Purchases Business Property Three Buildings Of Plonk Estate Sold This Week

John O. Plonk, Jr., has purchased the W. L. Plonk Estate the block of buildings on South Railroad avenue including the buildings occupied by Plonk Brothers & Company, Inc., and Wright's Barber Shop, including the former Dixie Theatre Building. The \$60,000 transaction was completed this week. Mr. Plonk, stockholder and general manager of the retail firm, announced concurrently immediate plans for installing air-conditioning at the retail establishment. He said the former theatre building will be used principally as a warehouse. The property fronts 145 feet on South Railroad and is 150 feet deep. Once the property of the late William Lafayette Plonk, who died in 1924, the current surviving heirs and vendors of the property are C. S. Plonk, R. L. Plonk, W. L. Plonk, Mrs. J. O. Plonk, Sr., Mrs. M. L. Harmon, Sr., and Mrs. Mary P. Lovell, all of Kings Mountain, Dr. Laura Plonk and Dr. Lillian Plonk, of Asheville, and Dr. John S. Rhodes, of Raleigh. A portion of the structure was built in 1899, while the Dixie Theatre building was completed in 1935. The initial building and the main building occupied by Plonk Brothers & Company, Inc., were extensively renovated in 1947.

Five Gridmen Win Trophies For '63 Work

By DICK WOODWARD
 Presentations of trophies to outstanding players of the 1963 Kings Mountain football team highlighted activities at the Lions Club Football Banquet Friday Night December 5 at the Woman's Club. Two additional trophies were presented this year in addition to the three trophies which have been given previously. A Leadership Trophy and a Most Improved Trophy were inaugurated by the coaching staff this year, and will be presented annually by the coaching staff. Plaques were presented to the senior members of this year's team, with Coach Don Parker making the presentations and commenting upon the fact that next year's team will sorely miss such standouts as Fred Dixon, Jimmy Medlin, Jimmy Owens, Mike Huffstickler, Lewis Cook, Warren Giforth, and Terry Leonard, and seven starting seniors on this year's team. Parker added numerous remarks which were directed at the senior members of the team. "Our loss is Clemson's gain," was Parker's remark as Fred Dixon came forward. Dixon has recently accepted a grant-and-aid scholarship to attend the Atlantic Coast Conference school. "Try to replace him," said Parker as big Jimmy Owens approached the table. "See what I mean," continued Parker as Jimmy Medlin came forward, and Coach Bates cringed as senior after senior came forward for their last appearance as Mountaineers. The tension began to mount as spokesman Odus Smith introduced Coach Bates, who presented the Leadership and Most Improved Trophies. "The coaching staff deemed it

Choir To Sing Cantata 'Noel'

The 45-voice Combined Choirs of Kings Mountain Baptist church will sing "Noel," a Christmas Cantata by Henry Wessel, Sunday afternoon at 5:30 p.m. at the church. Mrs. J. C. Bridges, organist, will direct the Christmas program to which the community is invited to attend. In addition to choral numbers, the program of traditional music will include solo parts and quartet numbers, in addition to selections by the Junior choir. Members of the church choir are: Soprano: Mrs. Bill Crawford, Mrs. Harold Crawford, Mrs. R. G. Franklin, Mrs. Bobby Hussey, Mrs. Harold Coggins, Miss Naomi Edens, Miss Annie Roberts, Brenda Williams, and Linda Roberts. Alto: Mrs. Odell Benton, Mrs. Marion Dixon, Mrs. D. F. Hord, Mrs. Jack White, Jo Bridges, Elaine Dixon, Mary Jo Hord and Mrs. Edith Womack. Tenor: J. C. Bridges, G. A. Bridges and Gene Austin. Bass: Marion Dixon, M. L. Williams, Dr. D. F. Hord and Gary Benton. Junior Choir members include Barbara Hord, Vickie Thomas, Kathy Willis, Janet Bridges, Sheila Dixon, Vickie Boheler, Laura Stowe, Jane Crawford, Jan Willis, Susan Owens, Kathy Owens, Susan Cash, Cindy Freeman, Mike Boheler, David Hord, Clyde DuBoise, Don Bridges, Dana Franklin, Jack White, Jr., Charles Reed and Lane Logan.

Pressly Wins Scholarship

WINS SCHOLARSHIP—James Allen Pressly is a recipient of the Dr. Hillory M. Wilder scholarship at UNC Medical School. James Allen Pressly, second year medical student at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, has been named one of the first recipients of the Dr. Hillory M. Wilder scholarship. Pressly is the son of Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Pressly of Kings Mountain. Dr. Pressly is pastor of Boyce Memorial A.P.C. church. UNC medical students this year have been awarded nearly \$45,000 in scholarships. Ninety-five of the students, including the Kings Mountain student, were selected by the Medical Aid Committee. The scholarship fund was established this year under the will of Mrs. Celeste W. Blake in memory of her father, Dr. Hillory M. Wilder of Charlotte. Pressly is a graduate of Davidson college.

Ralph D. Arrowood Dies In Crash; Funeral Rites Thursday Afternoon

Ralph David Arrowood, 67, retired school teacher and husband of West school second grade teacher Sue Guffey Arrowood, was killed instantly Tuesday morning at 10:15 a.m. in an automobile-truck collision in Greensboro. Funeral rites will be held Thursday at 3:45 p.m. from First Presbyterian church. The body will lie in state at Sisk Funeral Home in Bessemer City until an hour before the rites when it will lie in state at the church. Dr. Paul K. Ausley will officiate and interment will be made in Long Creek church cemetery near Bessemer City. Mr. Arrowood had gone to Greensboro on business. He was pronounced dead in arrival at a Greensboro hospital. Mr. Arrowood was a veteran of World War I. He served with the

Masons Elect Carl M. Logan

Carl M. Logan has been elected Worshipful Master of Fairview Lodge 339 AF & AM for 1964 and he, along with other new officers, will be installed December 30th in a special program at Masonic Hall. Mr. Logan will succeed Joe Donald Roberts. Other officers include: Houston Wolfe, senior warden; Howard Bridges, junior warden; J. Ralph Harrison, treasurer; Thomas D. Tindall, secretary; B. Manley Hayes, Jr., Tyler; Bobby C. Bridges, senior deacon; Bob Raines, junior deacon; Lloyd Putnam, senior steward; David S. Dellinger, junior steward and Donald Falls, chaplain. Elected to a three-year trustees post was Past Master Robert Reed and Lane Logan. *Continued On Page 6*

Empty Stocking Fund Now \$225

Santa Claus' helpers again this Christmas will include many individuals, churches and civic organizations who will collaborate in spreading Christmas cheer to the underprivileged. The Kings Mountain Ministerial Association is heading the effort via an Empty Stocking Fund which reached \$104 in individual gifts and \$121 more via "collection pot" the ministers' merriment at a booth on downtown streets on Saturdays. On duty this Saturday at the booth will be Rev. Howard Jordan, Rev. Floyd Willis, and Rev. C. R. Goodson. Ministers who manned the booth last Saturday were Rev. Wayne Ashe, Rev. H. G. Clayton, Rev. Clyde Goodson and Rev. Marion DuBose. Rev. Marion DuBose, pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist church and outgoing president of the minister's group, said Mrs. C. R. Goodson, wife of the pastor of E. Gold Street Wesleyan Methodist church, will receive any calls and lists of needy persons from churches, circles, civic groups and individuals and will in turn give them to the various ministers who will contact the needy personally and/or give names of needy to others who ask for the names. The ministers group will be a clearing house and those who've already selected a family should turn these names over to the ministerial association so that all will be assured of visits from Santa Claus this Christmas. Empty Stocking contributors will be acknowledged via the Herald. Gifts may be forwarded *Continued On Page 6*

Staff Elects Hendricks Chief

TO HEAD STAFF — Dr. Paul E. Hendricks has been elected chief of staff of Kings Mountain Hospital. He assumes the duties January 1. Dr. Paul E. Hendricks has been elected chief of staff of Kings Mountain Hospital. He assumes the duties January 1. He and other officers elected Monday at a staff meeting will assume their duties January 1. Dr. Hendricks succeeds Dr. T. G. Durham. Other officers elected are Dr. Frank Sincox, vice-president, to succeed Dr. P. G. Padgett, and Dr. L. R. Beam, secretary-treasurer, to succeed Dr. Hendricks.

Retailers Plan Later Closing

Retail merchants will be open until 9 p.m. nightly beginning Thursday, December 19th, to accommodate Christmas shoppers. Mrs. Ida F. Joy, Merchants Association secretary announced this week. All department stores, variety stores, jewelers and furniture stores will observe later closings with exception of Christmas Eve December 24th when the 6 p.m. closing policy will be followed. Stores will remain open this Friday night until 9 p.m.

Henry W. McGinnis Was 94 On Sunday

Henry W. McGinnis, Kings Mountain nonagenarian, observed his ninety-fourth birthday Sunday. A longtime and loyal member of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, he attended services as usual, accompanied by Mrs. McGinnis, his daughter, Mrs. Grady Howard, and his grandson, Jasper Howard. Mr. McGinnis recently underwent a minor nose operation, missed attending church only one Sunday. He is a retired Kings Mountain businessman.

Church Receives \$10,500 In Gift

Anonymous Member Makes \$10,000 Gift
 An anonymous member of Resurrection Lutheran church has made a \$10,000 donation earmarked for construction of the proposed east wing of the church, the pastor announced at morning services Sunday. The pastor, Rev. George T. Moore, also announced a \$500 gift from the family of C. S. Plonk, Jr., in memory of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cudd, this gift to be used for purchase of two narthex desks for the vestibule and for a credence shelf for the chancel. The announcement was made that 21 adults and children became members of the church recently. Reviewing the growth of the church, organized in 1951, the pastor noted that baptized members number 300, compared to the 114 adults and children who were members of the church when it was organized in 1951. Mr. Moore will complete five years as pastor of the church in February. *Continued On Page 6*

DSA Nomination Deadline Nears

A week remains for nominations for the Junior Chamber of Commerce Young Man of 1963 award. Deadline is December 18. Howard Lutz, chairman of the committee, urged citizens to nominate candidates for the award. Any Kings Mountain man, age 21-35, is eligible. The Jaycees annually present its Distinguished Service Award to the young man adjudged to have contributed most in community service during the year. (Ed. Note: A nomination blank appears in the current edition of the Herald.)

Industrial Holidays Will Vary, Partial Herald Survey Reveals

Majority of Kings Mountain industrial employees can look forward to Christmas season holidays, a Herald survey Wednesday showed. Length of the holiday is variable, and in some instances yet to be determined, though many will have Christmas week free from regular duties. Also yet to be determined by some firms is the question of holiday pay. Following is a summation of holiday information gleaned Wednesday: Phenix Plant of Burlington Industries will suspend operations at the end of the second shift on December 21, resuming the morning of December 26. Employees eligible by length of service for vacation pay will receive their checks this week. Carolina Throwing Company will operate on full schedule, with the annual employee-Christmas dinner scheduled for the American Legion building the evening of December 19. Mauney Hosiery Mills will be closed from December 20 to December 30, with the annual employee Christmas dinner at the Legion building the evening of December 20. Shortest announced vacation period will be the Neisler division. *Continued On Page 6*



Raines Heads Ministers Group

PRESIDENT — Rev. B. L. Raines, pastor of First Baptist church, will head the Kings Mountain Ministerial association for the coming year. Rev. B. L. Raines, pastor of First Baptist church, has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association for the coming year. Mr. Raines will succeed Rev. Marion DuBose, pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist church. Other new officers include Rev. Howard Jordan, pastor of Central Methodist church, vice-president; and Rev. John Harris, pastor of First Wesleyan Methodist church, secretary-treasurer. Chairmen of the various committees will include: Rev. H. G. Clayton, pastor of First Nazarene church, welfare; Rev. Wayne Ashe, pastor of Macedonia Baptist church, county home; and Rev. Thomas Droppers, pastor of Trinity Episcopal church, radio.

Thornburg Rites Friday

William Henry Thornburg, 85, died Wednesday afternoon at 1:25 at his home on Shelby road after a several month's illness. Funeral rites will be held Friday at 4 p.m. from Bethlehem Baptist church, of which he was a member. The body will be taken to the home Thursday afternoon. Rev. Donald Callahan, assisted by Rev. Howard Jordan, will officiate an interment will be made in Mountain Rest cemetery. A retired car inspector for Southern Railway Company, Mr. Thornburg was a native of Cleveland County and son of the late John Thomas and Nancy Ann Harmon Thornburg. His wife, the *Continued On Page 6*