

# Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 8,008

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## Railway Won't Pay For Lights At Fatal Crossing

### "Close To End" On School Plans, Architect Says

"We're close to the end," Architect Thomas H. Cottrhan said Wednesday of complete plans for the new Kings Mountain district school.

"We're working with the engineers, and specifications are nearly complete. But our work and the engineering work must mesh together," he continued.

He said he and his partner Fred Van Wageningen, had been working Saturdays and Sundays for the past three weeks and expect to work again the full week end in order to present plans for consideration to the board of education next week.

Claude Heffner, of Hickory, is electrical engineer for the project, and Marvin Durlach and Associates, of Columbia, S. C., are mechanical engineers.

"Even specifications are hardly simple," Mr. Cottrhan added. "There are no less than 200 doors in this building."

"Big problem, of course," he continued, "is designing a building to fit the limited budget."

Citizens voted a \$1,100,000 bond issue authority for construction of the new plant on March 10, 1962.

## White Is Opposing Spangler For State Senate Nomination



**CANDIDATE** — Jack H. White, Kings Mountain attorney and judge of city recorder's court, has announced he will seek Democratic nomination for the state senate from the new 31st district. He opposes R. Patrick Spangler.

### Kings Mountain Lawyer, Judge Will Make Race

Jack H. White, Kings Mountain attorney and judge of city recorder's court, will oppose R. Patrick Spangler, Shelby and Kings Mountain businessman, for Democratic nomination to the North Carolina State Senate.

Judge White announced his candidacy Wednesday and said he would pay his filing fee to the county elections board on Thursday.

As he had previously indicated Judge White made his announcement following ratification of the Democratic county executive committee of a party agreement whereby Cleveland and Lincoln counties will share one of the two senators allotted the new 31st district, with Catawba and Alexander sharing the other.

Under agreement Cleveland will nominate a senator for 1964 and 1966.

Mr. Spangler had announced he would be a candidate several months ago, following announcement of veteran Senator Robert F. Morgan that he was retiring.

Mr. White opposed Senator Morgan for the nomination in the 1960 primary, losing by some 900 votes in an election attracting well over 9,000.

He said Wednesday he seeks the office as a result of heavy encouragement of citizens from all parts of Cleveland County, as well as encouragement from citizens in other counties of the new 31st district.

He stated, "I feel I can be of service to Cleveland County and the 31st senatorial district. I expect to suspend my law practice to campaign, and if nominated and elected to serve in the General Assembly, I expect to make fully clear my thinking on all matters at issue and I welcome the decision of the Democratic executive committee in endorsing a meeting at which all candidates will be invited to present their views."

Attorney White has been associated in law practice with J. Roan Davis since 1951. He earned bachelor and law degrees at Wake Forest college, and served with the 1st infantry division during World War II in the Pacific theater. He is immediate past president of the county bar association and Kings Mountain Rotary club, is a member of the American Legion, an Elk, and city recorder judge since 1953. He is a member of Kings Mountain Baptist church past deacon and trustee and current teacher of the Men's Bible class.

Mrs. White is the former Dorcas Cline, of Fallston, a teacher at Bethware school.

The Whites have three children.



**HERE THURSDAY** — L. Richardson Preyer, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, will be at City Hall here Thursday at 4 o'clock to greet Kings Mountain area citizens.

### Brosnan Says Company Won't Install Signals

Southern Railway System is sympathetic with the problem but will spend no money to install safety signals at the Gold street crossing, President D. W. Brosnan has written Mayor Glee A. Bridges.

The letter of President Brosnan to Mayor Bridges follows:

"This is in furtherance to your letter about the installation of signals at the Gold street crossing in Kings Mountain.

"We have had our engineers consider your suggestion that blinker signals be installed at Gold Street and be controlled by the same mechanism that controls the Mountain Street crossing some four hundred feet away. They have concluded that this would not be technically feasible.

"Any accident which causes loss of life or serious injuries is a tragedy which we all deplore. It is entirely impossible, however, for Southern Railway to provide signal protection at all grade crossings. Cumulative costs of installing such protection would be overwhelming.

"While we cannot participate in the costs of providing signals for crossings such as this one, I assure you we will be glad to cooperate in their installation if this can be accomplished without cost to us."

"I appreciate very much your interest in this matter."

Mayor Bridges did not comment on the letter except to say that he would refer it to the city board of commissioners at the February meeting next week.



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER COMMITTEE** — Members of Kings Mountain's World Day of Prayer committee are pictured above with Mayor Glee A. Bridges as he signs an official proclamation marking Friday, February 14th, as World Day of Prayer in Kings Mountain. From left, seated around the mayor's desk, are Mrs. D. L. Bennett, Mrs. Arno Haas, Mayor Bridges, Mrs. John C. McGill and Mrs. Paul Mauney. Standing, from left, are Mrs. Hunter Neisler, Robert O. Southwell, Mrs. Lawrence Lohr, Miss Mae Sue Goforth, Rev. B. L. Raines, Rev. R. L. McCaha and Mrs. O. O. Walker. Not present for the picture-taking were Rev. Mari-

us DuBose, Mrs. Thomas Durham, Earl Ledford and Mrs. T. J. Ellison. The committee represents all segments of community life. All churches will be open from 11:15 until 11:45 a.m. for February 14 services. Kings Mountain hospital, mills and mines with loud speaker systems will have prayer services conducted by local ministers and where this is not possible whistles and sirens will signal the beginning of a two-minute period of silent prayer. Stores will close for one hour to allow employees to attend churches of their choice. (Photo for the Herald by Carlisle Studio)

## Local News Bulletins

**TO JAPAN**  
A/IC Herman (Buck) Stewart left Wednesday afternoon by plane for San Francisco, California. He leaves from Travis, AFB California Saturday for Japan where he has been reassigned by the USAF. Son of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Stewart, he has spent a 30-day leave with relatives.

**VETERANS MEETING**  
The regular meeting of Kings Mountain Barracks 3275, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be held at City Hall Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Veterans are invited to bring their wives for an organizational meeting of an auxiliary group.

**1117 TAGS SOLD**  
A total of 1117 city auto license tags had been sold through Wednesday morning. City officials reminded that deadline for purchase and display of the tags without penalty is February 15.

**YOUTH GROUPS**  
Youth groups of First Presbyterian, Dixon Presbyterian and Shiloh Presbyterian churches will hear Rev. Tommy Brown, missionary to Korea, at a supper Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Grover church. Shiloh young people will be host to the other churches.

**4-H CLUB MET**  
The Dixon 4-H club planned programs and completed projects selections at the regular Tuesday night meeting at Dixon Presbyterian church. Margaret Hambricht had the devotions and President Patsy Welch presided.

**LIONS CLUB**  
Dr. Robert Bass, member of the faculty of Limestone college at Gaffney, S. C., will speak on "The Battle of Cowpens," at Tuesday's Lion's club meeting at 7 p.m. at the Woman's club.

**HOSPITALIZED**  
Palmer D. Fulton entered Veterans Hospital at Durham Thursday for treatment of a heart condition. His address: P. D. Fulton, Ward 7-B, Veterans' Hospital, Durham, N. C.

**COMPLETES COURSE**  
Orous Husky, 606 Gantt St., Kings Mountain, has completed a course in servicing electrical appliances and has been awarded a diploma by the National Radio Institute of Washington, D. C. He finished the prescribed course of technical studies with creditable grades.

**WINS CITATION**  
Miss Miriam C. Moller, a junior at Lake Erie College, Painesville, Ohio, was awarded the Faculty Citation for Scholarly Distinction on the basis of her high academic performance during the recently completed Fall Term. Miss Moller is the ward of Dr. and Mrs. P. G. Padgett of Kings Mountain.

### Foley Cobb's Rites Conducted

Final rites for Foley P. Cobb, 62, were held Monday at 4:30 p.m. from Resurrection Lutheran church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Cobb succumbed of a heart attack Saturday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. while on a hunting trip between Mooresville and Ellenboro. He was rushed to Cleveland Memorial hospital at Shelby where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

A native of Gold Hill, Mr. Cobb was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William P. Cobb. He was an employee of Slater Mills and a member of Resurrection Lutheran church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ruth Bennett Cobb; three sons, Foley Cobb, Jr., Donald Cobb, both of Kings Mountain, and James W. Cobb of Beatty, Nevada; and three daughters, Mrs. Eugene Tignor of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Dean Ramsey of Charleston, S. C. and Mrs. Philip Myers of Browns Mill, New Jersey. Also surviving are four brothers, Dewitt, A. B. and Harman Cobb of Kings Mountain and Orville Cobb of Kannapolis; one sister, Mrs. Hope Biffie of Havelock; nine grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Rev. George Moore officiated at the services. Active pallbearers were Deyvere Smith, Dorus Bennett, Hal Plonk, Fred Plonk, Wesley Bush and Dr. George Plonk.

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### February Board Meeting At 6 p.m.

The regular February 13 meeting of the city commission will convene an hour earlier than usual at 6 p.m., Mayor Glee A. Bridges reported this week.

He said he called attention to the change, due to conflicts with other meetings, in order that persons having business at the February meeting have early notice of the change in hour.

### Preyer To Visit Kings Mountain

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### GOP Planning Lincoln Day

"A Salute to Barry Goldwater for President" will be the theme of a Lincoln Day Supper to be sponsored by the Cleveland County Republican Party on Saturday, February 8, at 7 p.m. at the Hotel Charles in Shelby.

Speaker for the event will be Robert Strickland of Wilkesboro, vice-president of Lowe's Hardware and Republican member of the 1963 North Carolina House of Representatives from Wilkes County.

General chairman for the fund raising event is Robert (Bob) Maier of Kings Mountain. Serving with him are Richard Sahle, arrangements; Mrs. John E. Davison, publicity; and Wayne Forsythe, program. Tickets may be ordered by phone or mail from Financial Chairman Ed Smith of Kings Mountain.

The supper is the first of its kind for Republicans in Cleveland County and organizers hope to make it an annual affair. Republicans in the surrounding counties of Rutherford, Lincoln, Gaston, and Catawba, where no Lincoln Day celebration is planned, are invited to attend the Cleveland event.

Further support of Senator Goldwater's candidacy among Cleveland County Republicans was evidenced at the County Convention on February 1 where a resolution endorsing Goldwater for President was unanimously approved.

### Optimists Set Final Try-Outs

Final try-outs for the Optimist club talent show February 15th will be held Friday night at 7:30 p.m. at the National Guard Armory.

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### SENIOR CITIZENS

Regular luncheon meeting of the Senior Citizens club will be held Friday at 12 noon at the Woman's club. Covered dish luncheon will be served.

### Junious Rhodes' Funeral Rites Held Saturday

Funeral rites for Caleb Junious Rhodes, 85, founder of Park Yarn Mills in 1905, were held Saturday at 3 p.m. from Resurrection Lutheran church.

Mr. Rhodes succumbed at Lowman Home in White Rock, S. C. Friday morning. Since his retirement he had made his home here with a daughter, Mrs. Fred Plonk, Crescat Circle. In apparently good health, he died of a heart attack.

A native of Lincoln County, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John M. Rhodes. He was first married to the former Ida Plonk of Kings Mountain who died in 1907. His second wife was the late Fulla Torrence Rhodes of Raleigh.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Plonk of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Bert Moore of Rutherford; a son, Dr. John S. Rhodes of Raleigh; two sisters, Mrs. Lillie Cromer of White Rock, S. C. and Mrs. Mabel Stirewalt of Denmark, S. C., 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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### METER RECEIPTS

Meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$207.75, including \$187 from on-street meters and \$18.75 from off-street meters. Included is \$51 in fines for overparking.

### Annual Boy Scout Week Will Start Friday; Special Events Planned

Numerous activities are projected in Kings Mountain during the annual observance of Scout Week February 7-13.

Sunday will be Boy Scout Sunday in most Kings Mountain area churches and Boy Scouts in full dress will attend church services and sit in a group at the church which sponsors their troop and organization.

"Scouting Can Make The Difference" is the theme of the nation-wide observance which begins Friday, February 7th and ends next Thursday.

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## Special Service At Resurrection

### Dr. Reinartz Will Preach Here Sunday

Dr. F. E. Epply Reinartz, president of the Lutheran Theological seminary, at Columbia, S. C., will deliver the sermon at Resurrection Lutheran church Sunday morning in services commemorating the fifth anniversary of the church's pastor Rev. George T. Moore.

Following the 11 o'clock services at the church, a congregational covered dish dinner will be held at the Kings Mountain Woman's Club. At this function, the history of the church organized in 1951 will be reviewed and emphasis will be given the church's future needs and plans. Charter members of the church will be recognized, deceased members honored, and the 82 new members affiliating during the Moore pastorate will be recognized.

Membership of the church is now 300.

Dr. Reinartz, until assuming the presidency of the seminary at Columbia, was secretary of the United Lutheran Church in America from 1947 through 1960.

Ordained a Lutheran minister in 1925, he served in many UCLA capacities, was on the committee which launched the Lutheran



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Donors will be processed from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Rescue Squad Building, Knox Neeley, a member of the Unit said this week.

Goal of the one-day collection is 125 pints of blood and Monday's visit will be the first of Grover this fiscal year of the regional blood collecting unit.

Industrial quota of blood-giving at Monday's visit is 96 pints of blood, a spokesman of the Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter said. This means that in order for Minette Mills employees and their employees and their families to qualify for industrial coverage, the blood-giving quota is 160 pints yearly and first visit of the year should reach 96 pints of blood, officials continued.

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