

# Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 8,008

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## Many Textile Firms Set Week Holiday



GRAND CONDUCTEUR—David J. Delevie has been elected Grand Conductor of the Grand Voiture of North Carolina for the coming year.

### Delevie Named By Forty & Eight

David J. Delevie, Kings Mountain Legionnaire and long active in Forty & Eight, was named Grand Conductor of La Societe Des Quarante Hommes Et Huit Chevaux, Grand Voiture of North Carolina, at the recent convention held in Asheville.

### Cabs To Up Some Fares

Kings Mountain taxi firms will adjust some fare charges upward on July 5.

According to spokesmen for all Kings Mountain cab companies yesterday, three rates will advance and a new category of charges is included.

Changes include: Across-town rate (dividing line King street and Piedmont avenue) 75 cents, up 25 cents.

School children (groups) 20 cents, up five cents.

Package pick-ups, 75 cents, up a quarter.

New high school (groups — a new category) 25 cents.

Spokesmen for the taxi association noted that the upcoming rate adjustment is the first since 1950.

Cab fare to A & P Tea Company's store at Battleground and Falls will continue to be a half-dollar, regardless of point of origin.

### Plonk Installed Lions President

Dr. George W. Plonk, Kings Mountain surgeon, was installed as president of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night.

He succeeds Harry Jaynes, Kings Mountain high school principal.

Steve Coon, of Fallston, district deputy governor, conducted the installation ceremonies.

Hal S. Plonk, first vice-president; Howard Brvant, second vice-president; Jack Hauser, third vice-president; William Lawrence Plonk, secretary; Peter Mason, treasurer; Sam Weir, Jr., lion tamer; Willie Williams, tall twister; and Fred Withers, assistant tall twister.

Installed as directors for two-year terms were Rev. Bob Hadley, John Lackey, and Bill Moss. Directors with a year term remaining are Bob McDaniel, David L. Saunders, and Glenn Campbell.

Mr. Jaynes is an ex officio director.

### Retailers To Query Members' Closings

The Kings Mountain Merchants Association board of directors voted Tuesday to address letters to the membership asking opinions on store closing hours on Friday and Saturday.

If approved by general membership, the directors will recommend that stores remain open until 6 p.m. on Friday and close a half-hour earlier at 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

The stores are normally open until 5:30 p.m. on Friday and until 6 p.m. on Saturday.

The motion to alter the store closing hours on the two days was made by P. H. Wilson, seconded by Bill Moss.

### Several Firms Schedule Week Off With Pay

Majority of Kings Mountain area textile employees will enjoy a week's holiday, a partial survey of the industry shows, either during the week prior to Independence Day or the week following.

Many firms will make vacation payments.

A few firms said Wednesday their holiday plans are not yet set, pending determination of their customers' needs.

Holidays will begin Saturday for employees of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, Sadie Cotton Mills, and Minette Mills, of Grover.

Planning a week's holiday starting July 3 are Mauney Mills, Craftspan Yarns, Inc., and Pheix Plant of Burlington Industries.

Lambeth Rope Corporation has announced an "optional" holiday from July 3 to 12. Manager Tom Burke said the firm hopes enough employees will reject the option to allow at least a one-shift operation. Employees taking the vacation will receive a week's pay. Employees electing to work will receive two week's pay.

James E. Amos, of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, said the Pauline and Margrace plants will suspend operations at 7 a.m. June 26 and will resume at 7 a.m. July 3. Employees will receive either a week's pay or two percent of earnings, based on length of service.

George H. Mauney, of Mauney Mills, said employees will receive vacation payments of two and four percent of earnings, based on length of service.

Walter J. Keeter, Jr., said Burlington Industries Phenix Plant No. 1 will suspend operations at 10 p.m. July 3, resuming at 10 p.m. July 11.

All eligible employees will receive vacation pay based on length of service, Keeter added.

Vacation payments will be made by Sadie Cotton Mills and Craftspan Yarns.

### Rotary Club To Hear Grigg

Robert E. Grigg, Jr., chaplain of Akers Motor Lines, Charlotte, will speak to the Rotary club at their regular June 24th meeting.

Mr. Grigg is a World War II veteran and a former Kings Mountain resident and was educated at Wake Forest College and Southern Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Program was arranged by Wilson Griffin who will also preside in the absence of President D. R. Smith.

Rotary meets at Kings Mountain Country club at 12:15.

### KM Monogram Club Makes Stadium Gift

Pledges and contributions to the John Gamble Stadium Fund reached \$82,852.55 this week, Treasurer Charles Harry, III, reported.

Largest boost to the total was made by a \$150 gift from the Kings Mountain high school Monogram club. Also donation was also reported, a check from Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Harmon, Sr.

Total pledges are \$39,939.22. Mr. Harry said, while actual cash-in-hand is \$42,913.33.

### Commission Defers Zoning Change Action, As Some Citizens Protest

The city board of commissioners listened to citizens who oppose an amendment to the 1948 city zoning ordinance, then deferred action last Thursday night.

A proposed amendment would change to ten feet the sidewalk line requirement for multi-unit dwellings, now the minimal eight feet plus five feet for each unit over two.

Anchor Development and Construction Company, of Forest City, seeks to build two 12-unit apartments on West Gold street, estimated to cost \$200,000, but the city declined to issue building permit when it was determined the proposed construction conflicted with the multi-unit dwelling requirement of the zoning ordinance.

Charles T. Carpenter, Jr., objected on several grounds among them insufficient space for the proposed apartment complex and potential exaggeration of a drainage problem.

Mrs. Pauline F. Weaver, who lives adjacent to the proposed development, said she felt space on the lot was insufficient.

## No Teachers Hired Or Fired In Kings Mountain System



FOOTE WINS ROTARY AWARD — Foote's Kings Mountain plant won the Kings Mountain Rotary club's fourth annual blood donor award for the second year at Thursday's recognition program held by the civic club. Foote maintained a high of 136 percent participation by employees during the 1964-65 season for the highest percentage of employee participation in the Red Cross blood donor program. Rotary President Devere Smith, at right above, presents an engraved plaque to Edwin R. Geter, Operations Manager, at the Kings Mountain plant. Mr. Geter accepted the award on behalf of employees.

## Legion Juniors Advance Round

### Hickory Team Foe; Series Starts Friday

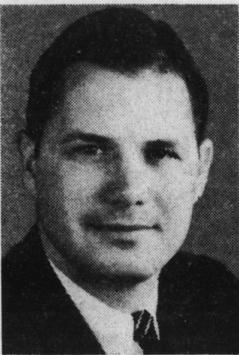
The Kings Mountain American Legion Juniors won two straight games over Bessemer City Monday and Tuesday to advance to the Area IV quarter-finals against Hickory on Friday.

Kings Mountain won by an 11-7 score here on Monday night and by a 14-8 count at Bessemer City Tuesday. Seerley Lowery won his second game against one loss in Monday's contest and Steve Wilson picked up his first win of the season at Bessemer Tuesday.

Richard Gold paced the Post 155 boys in the two games by collecting six hits in nine official times at bat. Gold scored five runs in the two contests, drove in four, and had two doubles and two stolen bases.

Gold had a four-for-five night here Monday and was two-for-four on Tuesday. His two extra base hits were ground rule doubles.

Centerfielder Chris Faulkner had a perfect four-for-four night (Continued On Page 2)



PHARMACIST — R. Regan Harper, Jr., has joined the staff of Kings Mountain Drug Company. He is a recent graduate of the School of Pharmacy, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

### Harper Joins KM Drug Staff

Ralph Regan Harper, Jr., who graduated this month with B.S. in pharmacy from the University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy, joined the staff of Kings Mountain Drug Company Monday.

Harper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph R. Harper of Gastonia, is a member of the first class to graduate under a five-year program at the University in Chapel Hill. He graduated in 1960 from Frank L. Ashley high school.

At UNC, Harper participated in freshman tennis, was a member of the American and North Carolina Pharmaceutical Associations' student branch.

He is married to the former Diane Fite of Belmont.

### Jaycees To Sell Light Bulbs Here

Kings Mountain Jaycees will conduct a light bulb sale, an annual project for benefit of its civic projects, Thursday night from 7 until 9 p.m.

Jaycees will sell the light bulbs door-to-door, offering a package of eight bulbs for \$2.

### Board Awaits State Allotment Of Teachers

By MARTIN HARMON

No member of the Kings Mountain city schools faculty during 1964-65, other than administrative personnel, has been employed for the upcoming term. None has been discharged.

This is the report of Superintendent B. N. Barnes, both in comment on a charge by a National Urban League official, K. B. M. Crooks, of Atlanta, Ga., and in a letter addressed to J. LeVonne Chambers, a Charlotte lawyer.

Chambers, stating he had been retained by the North Carolina Teachers association in behalf of "Kings Mountain teachers whose contracts you refused to renew," wrote: "I have been advised that Negro teachers have not been rehired because of the anticipated changes in enrollment at formerly all-Negro schools."

Barnes replied to Chambers that no teachers have been employed, White or Negro. He noted that the 1965-66 allotment of teachers for Kings Mountain district schools has not been received from the State Board of Public Instruction and added "Until the pupil assignment plan is approved, we do not know whether we can re-employ any one to be paid from federal funds."

Crooks, in a press release over the weekend, charged that six Negro teachers "have been fired" in Kings Mountain. Hendersonville was charged with firing 17 Negro teachers, Morganton nine Washington five, and Method 11 in Asheville, 12 Negro teachers will not be rehired for 1965-66 according to Crooks' listing of "complaints being investigated."

In a telephone conversation Wednesday, Crooks acknowledged his information stemmed from reports from non-official sources, that he had not contacted either Dr. Charles Carroll, state superintendent of public instruction, nor individual superintendents in North Carolina.

The recent letter of Attorney Chambers to the Kings Mountain board of education was the second concerning school desegregation.

In February, claiming retention by Kings Mountain citizens, including William Orr and others, he wrote touge school desegregation. The reply was that he board of education anticipated devising a pupil assignment plan to comply with Title VI of the 1964 federal civil rights act.

### No Major Gas Leaks

Infra-red beams have ferreted out 61 leaks in the city's gas distribution system, none of major incidence.

Grady Yelton, public works superintendent, said Wednesday the company inspecting the system reported 61 leaks, none in the "A" or "major leak" category.

A few leaks were rated "B," with the vast majority in the "C" or "very minor category."

Supt. Yelton said the gas department is at work on the sealing job.

Noting a 14.65 percent discrepancy between gas pumpage and billings, William Edwards, the city's gas engineer, recommended the survey.

### Stores To Close Monday, July 5th

Kings Mountain merchants will close Monday, July 5th, in observance of Independence Day, the board of directors voted Tuesday at a regular meeting.

July Fourth this year falls on a Sunday.

Motion was made by Marion Williams, seconded by Bill Moss, that retailers observe the holiday July 5th.



SECOND BAPTIST DEDICATE FELLOWSHIP HALL — Second Baptist church observed its 50th anniversary Sunday by dedicating a new fellowship hall. Members of the program committee for the anniversary celebration were, from left to right, Richard Barnette, Sunday School superintendent; Dr. Eugene Poston, president of Gardner-Webb college, who made the principal address; Rev. George Julian, pastor; Mrs. C. M. Lankford; Mr. Lankford and Norman King. (Photo for the Herald by Bill Jackson).

## 50-Year-Old Second Baptist Began In One-Room School



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### New Pastor To Fill Pulpit

Rev. Max Brandon, Jr. of Fallston, new pastor of Grace Methodist church, will fill the pulpit at Sunday services.

The new minister and his family moved into the Grace parsonage Wednesday, moving day for ministers in the Methodist Conference assigned to new posts. The former pastor, Rev. N. H. Pusey and family, moved to Chandler where he will serve as pastor of Montmorenci church near Asheville.

Son of a Methodist minister, Rev. Mr. Brandon comes to Kings Mountain from Friendship Methodist church. He is a graduate of Duke University and Duke Divinity School.

Mrs. Brandon is the former Flossie Deal. They are parents of five daughters, two of whom are married. Two younger daughters are in junior high and elementary school while another daughter is a college student.

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### Second Baptist Dedicates New Building

Fifty years ago 27 charter members of Second Baptist church worshiped in a white one-room schoolhouse.

Sunday on their anniversary, the congregation now numbering 478, dedicated a handsome new fellowship building which adjoins an educational plant and church sanctuary valued at \$250,000, including a parsonage.

Twelve pastors and four supply pastors have served the church during its history, the church historian Mrs. C. M. Lankford, noted. She told of the growth of the church from its beginning in the winter of 1914 when J. R. Roberts, then superintendent of Cora Cotton Mills, Inc., led a community Sunday School in one of the village houses, sponsored by Dr. O. G. Falls, president of the mill. Mr. Roberts' Bible class was for all age groups, and afterwards they walked a mile up town to First Baptist church for preaching where Mr. Roberts was a member and deacon.

The history continued that in the spring of 1915 David D. Lankford moved from Upper Cleveland to a farm near east of Kings Mountain and inquired about a place of worship. He subsequently suggested that a Baptist church be erected on the East side of town and R. L. Chaney, Sr. liked the plan, talked to others, and Chaney, Ben Bruce, and J. H. Riddle hired a buggy and on the farm of Mr. Lankford formed a committee to ask First Baptist church to help them organize a missionary Baptist church which the church did.

The church was organized East Side Baptist church June 13, 1915. J. R. Miller was first moderator and D. F. Hord, Sr. was secretary.

The first meeting house was donated by Dr. O. G. Falls. Membership was 25.

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In other actions, the board: 1) Authorized Schools Architect Tom Cottrhan to accept the low bid if reasonable for a walk-in freezer for the new high school plant.

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GRADUATE — Esther Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Campbell of Kings Mountain, received the B. A. degree in elementary education in recent commencement exercises at Johnson C. Smith University.

### Schools Open On August 24

It will be "nip and tuck" but the Kings Mountain \$1.1 million high school is expected to be completed by August 1.

That's the word of school architects to the Kings Mountain district board of education who discussed progress of the new plant on Phifer road at Monday night's regular monthly meeting.

Rain has delayed workmen on the new building—expected to open to district pupils August 24—opening day of the 1965-66 term.

School board members okayed purchase of all new high school equipment such as cafeteria equipment, tables and chairs for the library, tables and chairs for the dining area, 200 or more new desks and any needed office equipment.

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