

**Population**

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 8,256

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 1965.

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## Linwood Area Parents Protest School Board Action Area Coordinator Recommends Community Plan

### Application Is Forwarded To Washington For Approval

Kings Mountain's application for approval to the federal Urban Development Agency for a workable program for community improvement meets the approval of the regional administrator and has been forwarded for final approval to the Department of Urban Development, Washington, D. C.

Confirmation was made by Mayor John Henry Moss following a conference with Ed Meill of the Department of Urban Development Tuesday.

The application could lead to numerous grants and loans for community improvements.

It was prepared by Traffic & Planning Associates of Hickory, was approved in early May by the city board of commissioners.

Since that time Mayor Moss has appointed to re-development bodies 32 citizens, 20 of whom are members of an advisory committee, seven are members of a special committee on minority housing, and five make up the re-development commission.

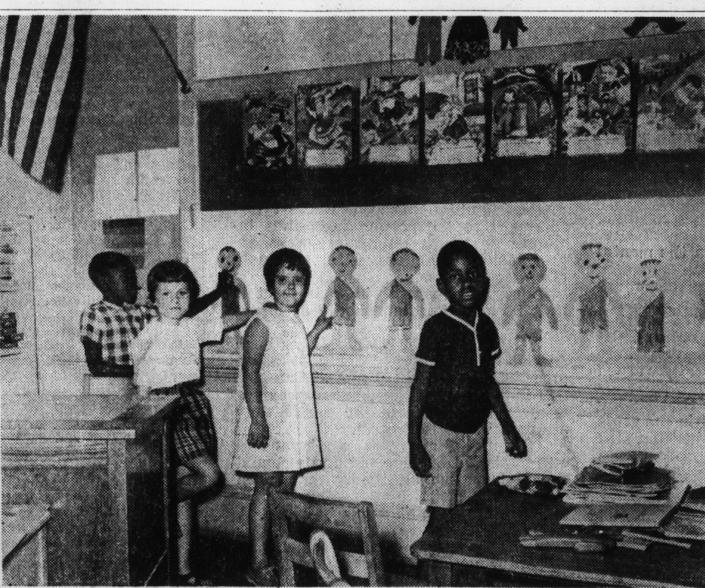
Officially, the application is entitled, "Presentation of a workable program for community improvement for small communities."

Various and sundry federal programs are included, recreation facilities, which are eligible for federal grants of up to two-thirds cost, residential area improvements, eligible for grants up to two-thirds cost, residential area improvements, eligible for grants up to three-fourths cost, open spaces playgrounds eligible for grants up to 90 percent cost, and public housing, which are eligible for 100 percent loan.

Already projected here are a recreation facility, uplifting of the business district, and a city public utilities building.

Also projected is extension of Railroad Avenue and renovation of City Hall.

The application was first filed with the area coordinator, urban development, Atlanta, Ga.



**STUDENTS BUSY IN HEAD START PROGRAM**—The two photographs above were made at West school Tuesday while 138 Operation Head Start students were busy in various activities from 8:30 until 12:30. In the photograph at left a group of boys and girls were busy in classroom activities. At right, youngsters enjoy playground activities. (Herald Photo By Ronnie Dotson.)

### Gaston Board Won't Release Out-District School Pupils

A group of East Kings Mountain residents have called a public meeting for Thursday (today) at 4 p.m. at City Hall to formally protest Monday's action by the Gaston County Board of Education in which requests for releases of out-of-district pupils were not granted.

The approximately 25 families reside on Boyce street, Woodside Extension and Brookwood Drive in the Linwood section of Kings Mountain. East Boyce street lies in Gaston County, West Boyce street in Cleveland. The areas are in Gaston County School District and last year the students attended Kings Mountain schools.

Notices were received July 18 by parents of Kings Mountain school district students residing in other counties that they will not be accepted for enrollment during the upcoming term unless they obtain releases from the board of education where, by residence, the out-of-district pupils would normally attend.

Gary Sarvis, Whitey Whitesides, Charles Hampton, Louise Leagan, Roy Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bowers, Mrs. Willis King, Mrs. Arthur Flowers, Boyce Wells, all residents of the Linwood area, and Mrs. Norman McGill and Gerald Thomasson, both of whom plan to build in that area, attended Monday's meeting of the Gaston County Board of Education and requested releases.

"We were turned down," said Sarvis. He said that Gaston County school officials said a bus would be provided to transport the students to Bessemer City schools.

"We don't want our children riding a bus to Bessemer City every day when they're in walking distance of East Elementary school," said Sarvis. Children in the Linwood section area last year attended either East Elementary school, Central Junior high school or Kings Mountain high school, he said.

Mrs. Arthur Flowers of Brookwood Drive said her children had already been assigned to Central and East schools for the coming term. Another parent said her child, a senior student, had already purchased a KMHS class ring.

"It's unfair to the students," Mrs. Flowers added, although we can understand the Kings Mountain board of education's action July 11 in asking for the releases.

"It's not that Kings Mountain district has objection to teaching these fine pupils," Supt. Barnes had commented, "but legally we don't have the authority without their formal releases."

Some Kings Mountain district students attend Gaston County schools. Supt. B. N. Barnes had said following the July school board meeting, but their requests for releases have always been granted.

Numerous city, county and school officials are being invited to meet at 4 p.m. Thursday to discuss the problem, which school officials say is a legal one, involving pupils numbering from 50 to 100, normally in the educational manage of the Gaston County Board of Education.

A spokesman for the Linwood area parents said an attorney is being retained to represent the group of school patrons.

### Housing Group To Organize Monday Night

Organizational meeting of the Kings Mountain minority housing committee will be held Monday night at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall courtroom.

Martin Harmon, Herald editor, is chairman of the committee which includes Sandro Blalock, William Orr, George White, Brooks Tate, George Edwards and Carl F. Wilson.

Duty of the committee on minority housing is to study and formulate a program for meeting the needs for decent housing in a suitable environment for all families without regard to race, color, or national origin.

### 138 Young Folk In 'Head Start'

The 138 children enrolled in Kings Mountain's first Operation Head Start program this summer are developing self identities and social relationships in a variety of new experiences.

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The boys and girls were taking part in a field trip, a new experience for them. On Wednesday they also visited Mauney Memorial Library for a Story Hour.

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### If Teeners Win, Citizens Will Finance Trip

Should Kings Mountain's Teener League win Thursday's championship baseball game, Mayor John H. Moss says he will head a committee to raise funds totaling \$1500 for transportation for the team to Hershey, Pa., site of the national tournament.

Other members of the committee are Harold Glass, Jonas Bridges, and Marion Dixon. Other citizens will be asked to assist.

The mayor said that there will be containers in downtown stores for persons to make contributions, if they desire. He also said citizens may make contributions by contacting any member of the committee.

Winner of the Eastern Regional Finals in the Teener League Thursday at 4 p.m. will play in the Hershey, Pa. tournament.

### Battle Celebration Plans Underway

A national governmental figure is being invited to make an address here during the 186th anniversary celebration of the Revolutionary War Battle of Kings Mountain.

Plans are underway for the annual celebration to be held this year October 4-8.

Mayor John Henry Moss declined to identify the personage but said he hopes to have an announcement in the near future.

The mayor said he anticipates a parade here on Saturday, October 8th, would honor the guest and that he would make an address at Kings Mountain National Military Park.

A Battle Celebration Committee is to be named within the next few days to include representatives of all Kings Mountain's civic and service organizations, the women's clubs, Daughters of American Revolution, the VFW, American Legion, Merchants Association, Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Association.

Mayor Moss, Chamber of Commerce President Jonas Bridges, Merchants Association President Charles Dixon, and Joe J. Vale, of the Kings Mountain Industrial Association, met this week to discuss plans for the annual event which commemorates the Battle of Kings Mountain.

Mr. Brewer succeeded W. Skelton Hunt as chairman of the 1966-67 blood program in Kings Mountain.

### Teacher Needs In KM District Remain At 21

Kings Mountain district schools, as of Wednesday, still required 21 faculty members to complete teacher requirements for the school year starting August 24.

Superintendent B. N. Barnes made the report Wednesday in the process of interviews with prospects.

He commented, "We have a number of applicants we consider good teachers and I anticipate majority of positions will be filled this week."

The vacancies are for junior and senior high school teaching positions. Supt. Barnes added, noting that all elementary teaching positions in the system are filled.

### Stroupe Wrecks City Police Car

City policeman Earle Stroupe received minor injuries Sunday morning when he lost control of the police department's new 1966 patrol car and overturned near the Mill Pond Creek on Dixon Road.

Stroupe was chasing a black 1955 Chevrolet with a South Carolina license plate which got away.

Stroupe spotted the car on Gold St. Sunday about 7:30 a.m. and stopped the car for a routine check. When Stroupe got out of his car the Chevy pulled off.

Stroupe gave chase at speeds up to 90 mph. The Chevy headed south on Highway 216 then turned down Dixon School Road. Stroupe lost control of the police car on a curve in the dirt road, hit a bank and overturned.

Damage to the police car was estimated at \$1,000.

The other car lost a bumper during the chase. Stroupe said that he recognized one of the boys in the car however he has not been able to pick the subject up as of yet.

### Bethware Fair Set For Sept. 14

Premium-lists for the 19th annual Bethware Community Fair were distributed in a fair catalog to advertisers and fair patrons this week.

The fair will be held September 14-17 on the grounds of Bethware school.

Sponsored by the Bethware Progressive Club, Bethware Fair again offers cash prizes to exhibitors.

This year's official fair catalog is dedicated to the memory of Boyd Harrelson, charter member, past president, and long active in the Fair Association.

Mr. Harrelson came to the Bethware community as a school teacher after World War I. A mail carrier for more than 30 years until his retirement, he continued his farming and other activities until his death.

He was also active in El Bethel Methodist church.

Sarah Edith Hambricht will reign as Queen of the 1966 Fair.

Fair officers are Mearl Seisen, president; Bobby Ware, vice-president; Stokes Wright, secretary; John O. Patterson, treasurer; and Johnny W. Patterson, manager. Past president is Grady Seisen.

### McGee Rites Held Monday

Funeral rites for Harold Rudisill (Maggie) McGee, 52, of Greenville, S. C., formerly of Kings Mountain, were held Monday at 10 a.m. from Trinity Lutheran church of Greenville, interment following in Woodlawn Memorial Park.

Mr. McGee died in his sleep early last Saturday morning at his summer home at River Falls. He was a life insurance underwriter.

Born at Anderson, he was a son of Horace Julian and Bright Rudisill McGee, both of whom are in an Easley nursing home. The McGees are well known here.

Mr. McGee was a graduate of The Citadel, class of 1936, and had been in the insurance business since that time. At the time of his death he was a special agent for Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co. and headed Poinsett General Insurance Agency.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and had served on the church council. He was also a member of the Certified Life Underwriters of South Carolina, which he was serving as president, and the Greenville Lions Club.

He was a veteran of World War II, having served with the U. S. Army as a major.

Surviving also are his wife, Mrs. Ellen Daniel McGee, a daughter, Mrs. Thomas C. Nord of Charleston; two sons, Dan and Sam McGee of Greenville; a sister, Miss Mary Bright McGee, and a brother, Horace J. McGee Jr.

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### City Tax Advertising To Begin August 11

Real property of citizens who have not paid 1965 city tax bills will be advertised for sale for taxes beginning August 11th, Assistant City Tax Collector Grace C. Wolfe said Wednesday.

Mrs. Wolfe urged payment in advance of the advertising date.

Added expense will be saved she said, as a penalty fee is assessed for advertising costs.

### Mayor Moss Will Recommend Study Of Refuse Collection In City

September 1, the mayor said, calling the refuse collection study a much needed program in Kings Mountain, the mayor continued that a better method of collecting refuse in the downtown area would improve safety and sanitary conditions of the area.

The mayor said he will recommend a container system and will ask the commission to make a study of this type collection system.

### Silver Villa Opens Thursday

The new Silver Villa Restaurant will hold grand opening at its new location on East King Street today (Thursday) from 6 a.m. until 12 midnight.

Melton Kiser, manager, said that door prizes will be given Thursday and that the new restaurant will offer reduced prices on most all of its foods.

The restaurant is located one door east of its old location. The Villa will offer drive-in window service as well as booths which will seat as many as 50 people at one time.

### Rotary Club

Kings Mountain Rotarians will meet Thursday at 12:15 in Country Club. Charles for luncheon at Kings Mountain. Wilson has arranged the program.

### Bloodmobile Returns On Monday For First Visit Of Fiscal Year

The Red Cross bloodmobile will return to Kings Mountain Monday for a one-day visit at Kings Mountain Baptist church.

Donors will be processed from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m., according to announcement by L. C. Brewer, chairman of the Red Cross blood program.

Volunteer workers are also needed for the first visit of the fiscal year 1966-67 and those interested should contact Mrs. Charles Mauney.

Mr. Brewer reminded local citizens that blood is needed here as well as in disaster areas around the globe. He noted that donors

### Lex Barkley Kiwanis Speaker

Lex G. Barkley, manager of the Gastonia Social Security District office, will be guest speaker at Thursday's Kiwanis club meeting at 8:45 at the Woman's club.

Mr. Barkley will use the subject, "Medicare."

A native of Statesville and a graduate of Lenoir Rhyne college he spent five years in the Army during World War II. From 1946-54 he was associated with the Veterans Administration.

Barkley is a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran church of Gastonia, the Gastonia Rotary club, Gastonia Chamber of Commerce and on the Advisory board of the Salvation Army.

Mr. and Mrs. Barkley and their two children live at 1711 Fairfield Drive in Gastonia.

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