

**Population**

Greater Kings Mountain	21,914
City Limits (1966 Census)	8,256
City Limits (Estimate 1968)	9300

The Greater Kings Mountain figure is derived from the special United States Bureau of the Census report of January 1966, and includes the 14,390 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 8,124 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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## Fund Drive Will Be Conducted To Equip Civic Center



**PRESIDENT — John McGinnis** has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association for the coming year.

### Retailers Tap John McGinnis

John McGinnis, partner in McGinnis Department Store, has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association for the coming year.

Mr. McGinnis will succeed John Cheshire, Patterson Oil Company executive.

A Kings Mountain native, Mr. McGinnis is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. McGinnis. He is married and father of a daughter.

Other new officer of the retailers group for the coming year will be Larry Hamrick, insurance man, associate of C. E. Warlick Insurance Agency.

The new directors for 1969 are David Plonk of Plonk Oil Company; Bill Grissom of Ben T. Go-fourth Building; J. T. McGinnis, of Victory Chevrolet Company; James Lybrand of Kings Mountain Office Supply & Equipment Company; and Tilly Lunsford of Sterchi Brothers Furniture.

Hold-over directors are Larry Morrow of Bell's Department Store, Howard Lutz of Kings Mountain Drug Company and Lee McIntyre of First Citizens Bank & Trust Company.

Mrs. Luther Joy, secretary to the association, said first meeting of the group is slated for this week at which time the 1968 report will be presented and plans for the new year will be made.

### Barrett Rites Are Conducted

Funeral rites for Forrest S. Barrett, 58, Kings Mountain native, were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home.

The Rev. D. B. Alderman, pastor of Central Methodist church, officiated at the final rites, and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Barrett died suddenly in Montgomery, Alabama after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage. He was employed as a salesman.

He was a son of the late M. and Mrs. Francis C. Barrett of Kings Mountain.

Surviving are his son, Frank S. Barrett, of Mesquite, Texas; his twin brother, Horace Barrett of Kings Mountain; and his sister, Mrs. Clarence L. Jolly, Sr. of Kings Mountain.

### Baptists Begin Bible Study

A Bible Study on Isaiah will feature vesper services beginning Sunday and mid-week prayer services beginning Wednesday at Kings Mountain Baptist church.

The vesper study will be for all departments of the church from 5:30 until 6:15 p.m. on Sundays. The mid-week study for all departments of the church will be held from 7:30 until 8:15 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Rev. James M. Wilder, pastor, will lead the study of Isaiah for adults, youth and intermediates. Miss Linda Roberts will lead the Juniors in the study of "Before Jesus Came". Mrs. Odell Benton will lead the Primaries in "The Story of Joseph"; Mrs. M. L. Williams will lead the Beginners in "Helping Others Learn About Jesus" and Mrs. Kyle Smith will lead the nursery students in the study, "My Family."

### Beautification Grant of \$10,896 Sought By City

The city commission Tuesday night formally filed application with the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a \$10,896 urban beautification grant with matching in-kind contributions from the city to take care of the city's cost in the project.

Elaborating on the project, Mayor John H. Moss said beautification would involve the new community center, residential areas, and also the Davidson and Deal street Park areas, Mountain Rest cemetery, street signs, entrances to the city, the water reservoir area, the library and City Hall.

The urban renewal program, he said, would involve some beautification, including hedges and planters to partially hide the railroad tracks through the central business district.

In conjunction with this phase of the beautification project the mayor announced another meeting of the railroad safety committee for Monday morning at 10:30 in City Hall courtroom to study traffic flow and safety and a proposed parking plan to add 69 parking places in the downtown area and beautification along the railway. Maps of this phase of the project were on display for study by the commission.

Joe Lane, director of the Redevelopment Commission commented on the program:

"As the New Year unfolds we find there is a beginning of another nature on the local scene—from an office in the First Union National Bank the staff of the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission is taking the first steps in our newest urban renewal project—revitalization of the Central Business district to attract increased retail trade.

"Urban Renewal is a local program locally conceived, locally planned and locally executed through a unique partnership between local government, private enterprise, the citizens and the Federal Government. Consequently, the project is a community undertaking and of direct concern to every citizen of Kings Mountain.

"The Redevelopment Commission, headed by its chairman, Carl F. Mauney, is the guiding force behind our Urban Renewal efforts. This Commission was established by Mayor Moss and the City Board of Commissioners in order to study Urban Renewal problems and consists of Commissioners William Herndon, Thomas A. Tate, John O. Plonk, Jr., and Charles Alexander.

"Private enterprise in the Urban Renewal team is represented by Barbour-Cooper Associates of Asheville, the planning consultants in development of the plan—a plan to be presented to the Redevelopment Commission and the Citizens of Kings Mountain for final approval.

"The Department of Housing and Urban Development has agreed to advance \$109,470,000 to finance survey and planning activities and has reserved \$892,000 for project execution. The overall project expenditure will be ultimately shared, with the city contributing 25% of the cost.

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**MANAGER — Clinton P. Rankin, Jr.** of Wilson has joined First Union National Bank as manager of the Installment Loan Department.

### Clinton Rankin, Jr. Joins First Union

Clinton P. Rankin, Jr., Gastonia native, has joined First Union National Bank here as installment loan manager.

Meantime, L. E. Hinnant, vice president, announced promotion of Mrs. Etha H. Bumgardner to installment loan interviewer. Mr. Rankin will also aid Mr. Hinnant in commercial work and public relations duties.

Mr. Rankin attended the University of North Carolina (CH) and Atlantic Christian college. He spent two years with Prudential Life Insurance Company and been with First Union at the Wilson branch for the past two years.

At Wilson Mr. Rankin has been an active Jaycee. He has joined Kings Mountain Country Club.

He is married. They have two children.

### Study Course At KM Hospital

A study course on cardio-pulmonary resuscitation has been underway this week at Kings Mountain hospital.

Dr. Sam Robinson has been serving as lecturer, training films have been used, along with a life-size mannikin named "Resusc-A-Man".

Taking the course have been staff nurses, other employees, members of the Kings Mountain high school health careers club, firemen, policemen and members of both Grover and Kings Mountain rescue squads.

The course continues through Friday night.

External cardiac massage and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation have been stressed.

### Sandra Wilson, 11 Returns To Duke

Sandra Wilson, 11-year-old Kings Mountain student, has entered Duke Hospital at Durham for treatment expected to require two months' hospitalization.

Sandra is afflicted with a rare disease of the muscles and has been undergoing extensive treatment and observation recently at Duke. She is a patient in Room 1424, Howland, Duke Hospital, Durham, N. C.

She makes her home with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. Wilson, Sr. of Kings Mountain. Sandra is daughter of Martin L. Wilson, Jr. and Mrs. Nancy Jo Wilson.

### Presbyterian Dr. Paul Ausley Will Use Sermon Topic, 'Thirsty For God'

Dr. Paul Ausley will use the sermon topic, "Thirsty For God", at Sunday morning worship services at First Presbyterian church.

### Sidewalk Progressing

J. Pat Spangler, executive of Spangler Concrete Company, reporting on progress of sidewalk work at the high school, a Kiwanis project, said "We'll be pouring the Phifer Road sidewalk in a few days." Mr. Spangler's report was made at a recent meeting of the civic club.

## Harold Crawford Rites Conducted

### Businessman Dies Instantly In Accident

Funeral services for Harold Dentist Crawford, 59, were conducted Saturday afternoon from Kings Mountain Baptist church.

Mr. Crawford died as a result of chest injuries received in a wreck on US 74 west near Royal Hotel, when Mr. Crawford's pickup truck struck a dump truck of Kings Mountain Silica, Inc. Driver of the Silica firm's truck was David Herndon.

Mr. Crawford was en route to work at Norris Packing Company, Shelby, where he had been shipping clerk for the past year. A former Kings Mountain grocer, he had been a partner with his brother in Crawford's Market until that firm was liquidated. He had subsequently operated a grocery of his own.

Mr. Crawford was a charter member of Kings Mountain Baptist church, had served as chairman of the board of deacons and as Sunday school superintendent. He was a former Kiwanian, and a World War II veteran.

He was a son of the late William Joseph and Venie Littlejohn Crawford.

Surviving are his wife, Virginia Bird Crawford, two sons, William Bird Crawford and Harold D. Crawford, Jr., a daughter, Margaret Jane Crawford, a brother, J. Wilson Crawford, and a sister, Mrs. Harold Coggins. All are of Kings Mountain. Four grandchildren survive.

The final rites were conducted by the pastor, Rev. James Wilder and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Palbearers were Alvin Bridges, of Shelby, Eugene Roberts, W. T. Weir, Odell Benton, Thomas A. Tate, and Dr. D. F. Ford.

### Phi Kappa Phi Taps Hauser

Peter J. Hauser, senior student at North Carolina State University at Raleigh, has been inducted into membership by Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society recognizing outstanding scholarship and excellent character.

This is the highest academic award any student can receive at North Carolina State University.

Hauser's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hauser, went to Raleigh for the induction ceremony.

The standards for Phi Kappa Phi are comparable to those of Phi Beta Kappa except that they are in the field of sciences whereas Phi Beta Kappa are in the field of liberal arts.

The Kings Mountain student plans to attend graduate school following graduation.

### Mrs. Plonk's Father Passes

Funeral rites for B. O. Thomason, 82, of Greenville, S. C., father of Mrs. William Lawrence Plonk of Kings Mountain, were held Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. from Greenville's Buncombe Street Methodist church of which he was a member.

Interment was in Greenville cemetery.

Mr. Thomason died of an apparent heart attack Sunday morning while on a vacation trip with his wife in Jacksonville, Fla. He suffered the attack while eating in a restaurant.

Besides his wife and his daughter here, Mr. Thomason is survived by a son, B. O. Thomason, Jr. and a daughter, Mrs. Bill Dalton, both of Greenville, S. C.

### \$79,000 Needed; Committee Will Be Named

The city commission Tuesday night authorized Mayor John Henry Moss to appoint a committee to head up a public subscription drive for \$79,000 to equip the new community civic center on Cleveland Avenue.

Completion date for the center is targeted for the first week in September, said Bob Williams of J. L. Williams and Associates, architects for the project, who reported work on the facility "on schedule."

Funds raised will provide much-needed equipment for the neighborhood facility, including kitchen equipment, roll-away bleachers for 2,000 spectators, basketball backstops and fold away partitions. These items were deleted when the contracts were awarded because of lack of funds at that time.

Total cost of the facility is \$442,600 without the equipment, including a \$392,650 federal grant, a \$100,000 city appropriation and \$40,000 plus from the Kings Mountain Housing Authority. Adding the \$78,000 for equipment, the total cost would approximate \$520,600.

Williams gave the cost figures in pointing also to advantages of the new center which could provide day-care for 450 children during one shift each day and seat more than 2,000 people in the gym area. This, and other services such as in recreation, health, meeting and banquet rooms, and spectator sports activities were rated as factors that would attract new industry. Ample space on the bottom floor of the center could accommodate 450 children during one shift each day, said Williams.

The mayor and all commissioners expressed confidence that citizens would support the fund drive because of the versatility of the new center and its capability of providing some service to every citizen.

Earlier the mayor had praised the city recreation program and its leaders, "I claim our program is the best program for a city our size in the Southeast."

The mayor recognized Carl Wilson, chairman of the city recreation commission, who outlined an ambitious program for the new year, listing bubble-top swimming pools for year-round swimming and miniature golf courses as targets. Mr. Wilson said that Frank Hinson of Charlotte, architect, is preparing plans for the bubbletop and plans should be completed by March 1 so construction can begin on the plastic-type top in order to have it

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### Friday Holiday In Area Schools

Friday will be a student holiday in the Kings Mountain school district.

Teachers will participate in a faculty workshop.

Superintendent Donald Jones said purpose of the workshop is two-fold: 1) evaluation of the work of the first semester and 2) planning the work of the second semester.

### PH A Will Invite Rent Applications

Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority, Inc., will begin accepting rental applications beginning February 1.

A clerk will be available at City Hall each Saturday morning from 9 until noon.

The dwellings are expected to be ready for occupancy by September, Thomas W. Harper, executive director said.

Units for the elderly, most of them one-bedroom (as pictured above) will be available to couples with annual income of less than \$3,000, with the added stipulation that one member must be at least 62 years of age.

These units will be constructed in the Ridge street-Dilling street area. This area was chosen for two primary reasons: nearness to uptown shopping area and to the new neighborhood facilities building, which will house various social service agencies.

The units are designed to make living convenient and safe for elderly people. Cabinets and storage shelving are lower than normal, generally at mid-wall level rather than going to the ceiling. All bathrooms are designed with safety devices to decrease chance of falls. Cooking stoves will be electric and walks and steps will be laid out with safety as the prime consideration.

### Seminary Course Is Offered Here

The Seminary Extension Department of the Southern Baptist Convention will offer a course in Old Testament to interested persons in Cleveland County, for college or seminary credit.

The classes will meet in First Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, each Tuesday evening for nine weeks, beginning January 26th, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The Rev. Robert C. Mann, minister of First Baptist church, will be the instructor.

Cost for the course will be \$7.00, which will cover the textbooks and syllabus.

Admission is open to the public. Call the church office for registration.

### Frame House Guttled By Fire

A frame house on Waters street was gutted by fire about 4:30 p.m. Monday, city firemen reported.

First Capt. C. D. Ware said the home was one of the oldest structures in the city and was occupied by two Negro families. He said no one apparently was at home when the fire started and added that the cause of the fire has not been determined. The home was damaged beyond repair, he added.

### Tony Anthony Will Be Speaker For Jaycee Awards Night Banquet

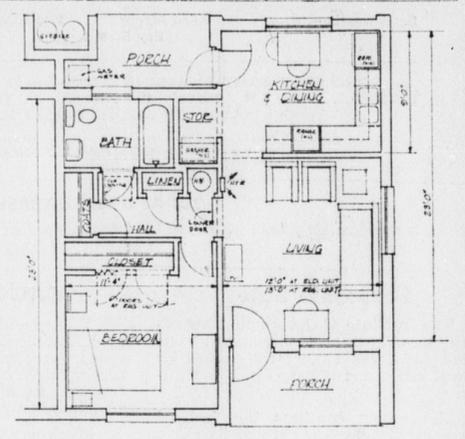
William A. "Tony" Anthony, Administrative National Director of the North Carolina Jaycees, will be the principal speaker at the Jaycees' 15th Annual Distinguished Service Award and Bosses' Night Banquet Tuesday night.

Mr. Anthony, president of the Gastonia Jaycees in 1965-66, attended Wake Forest and Erskine Colleges, graduating from Erskine with an A.B. Degree. He joined the Gastonia Jaycees in 1962 and served as a director, vice-president and president. He served the state organization as vice-president, National Director and currently as Administrative National Director. He has served Gastonia and Gaston County in numerous civic capacities.

Presentations of the Jaycees' Award to the outstanding young man of 1968 will follow the dinner and address by Anthony. The award winner will be entered in the North Carolina State Contest. All state winners will be entered in the national competition which annually chooses America's ten outstanding young men.

Jaycee President Joe Smith will preside at the banquet and will introduce Mr. Anthony, past D.S.A. winner Charles Blanton will present the D.S.A. to the 1968 Young Man of the Year. Jaycees will have their employees as special guests.

For the first year the Jaycees will also honor the Boss of the Year as named by Jaycees and the Outstanding Educator of the Year as voted by Jaycees.



ONE BEDROOM UNIT FOR ELDERLY — Pictured are floor plan and architect's drawing of exterior appearance of one-bedroom units for elderly persons which will be built by Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority. Rental applications will be accepted beginning February 1.

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### H. W. Gamble, 93, Appreciates Invitation To Nixon Inauguration

H. W. Gamble, life-long Republican who celebrated his 93rd birthday Sunday, said his best birthday gift was invitation to attend the inauguration of President-Elect Richard M. Nixon.

Mr. Gamble says he won't be able to attend.

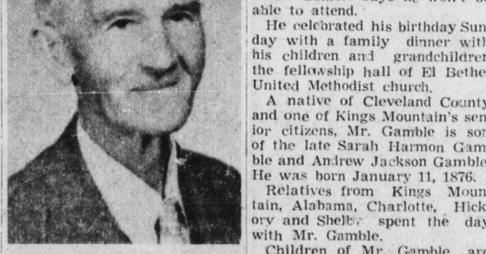
He celebrated his birthday Sunday with a family dinner with his children and grandchildren in the fellowship hall of El Bethel United Methodist church.

A native of Cleveland County and one of Kings Mountain's senior citizens, Mr. Gamble is son of the late Sarah Harmon Gamble and Andrew Jackson Gamble. He was born January 11, 1876.

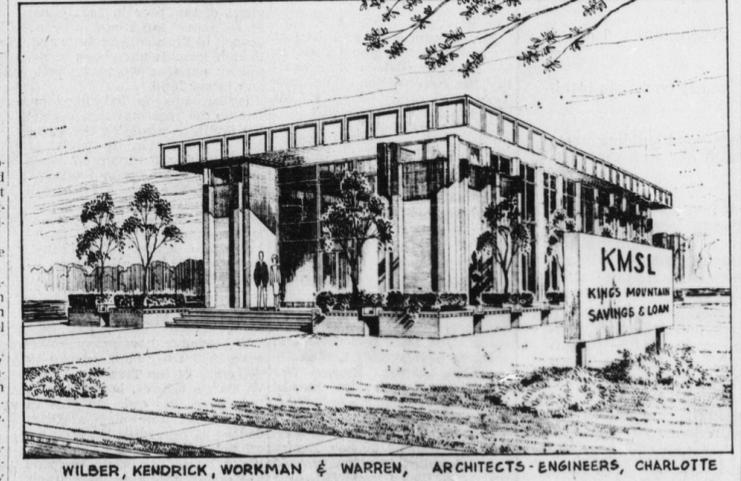
Relatives from Kings Mountain, Alabama, Charlotte, Hickory and Shelby spent the day with Mr. Gamble.

Children of Mr. Gamble are sons Howard of Mobile, Ala., Ted of Kings Mountain and Warren

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**NOTES BIRTHDAY — H. W. Gamble** celebrated his 93rd birthday Sunday.



PROJECTED NEW HOME OF KINGS MOUNTAIN SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION — This is the architect's projection of the new Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association building to be constructed at the northwest corner of S. Conslar and W. Mountain streets. The firm hopes to receive bids in February. Cost estimate is \$200,000.