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## Population

Greater Kings Mountain 21,914  
City Limits 8,465

Greater Kings Mountain figure is derived from the special United States Bureau of the Census report of January 1969, and includes the 14,990 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,124 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Township in Gaston County.

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## Lynch And Dodson To Launch Paper

### KM Mirror To Publish September 1

Lom Lynch, 25, and Rodney Dodson, 24, both of Shelby, announced Wednesday their plans to publish a new weekly newspaper in Kings Mountain. First edition of "The Kings Mountain Mirror," is scheduled to appear on newsstands Wednesday morning, September 1, said the co-owners.

Mr. Dodson will serve as editor and Mr. Lynch will be photographer and advertising manager. For the past two weeks Mr. Dodson has been employed as managing editor of the Cleveland Times at Shelby. He attended Gardner Webb college and previously worked as a news photographer with the Spartanburg Herald Journal and on the news staff of the Blacksburg, S. C. Times. He is married to the former Sue Hall of Gainesville, S. C. Mr. Lynch, who owns and operates his own commercial photography business in Shelby, was a photographer while stationed with the Army in Vietnam. He has done photography work for the Kings Mountain Herald, the Shelby Daily Star, the Cleveland Times and the Charlotte Observer. He is a graduate of Shelby high school and is single.

The Mirror will be published each Wednesday morning by Mirror Publishing Company which will open offices in Kings Mountain within a week, said the co-owners. Mrs. Dodson will be receptionist.

The newspaper will utilize offset printing and will be printed in Lincolnton at the Lincoln Times-News plant.

The Mirror will be the second newspaper in Kings Mountain and the fourth in the county.

### 4169 Students Are Enrolled

Schools of the Kings Mountain district got off to a good start this week and all activities were running smoothly with 4,169 students registering for the first full day yesterday, according to Superintendent Donald Jones. The number is expected to increase some with late registrations, he said.

The number includes 1,241 enrolled at Kings Mountain high school, which last year enrolled 1,283 and marked the largest student body ever. Breaking down the number at each school, reports yesterday showed 373 students at Bethware; 350 at East; 415 at Grover; 625 at North; 341 at West; 53 in the first and second grade Early Childhood Education program at Compact; 62 in the kindergarten program at Compact; 709 at Central Junior high school.

"It is the quietest opening since I've been superintendent," Mr. Jones commented. "We had the best class distribution which will hold transfers, if any, to a minimum."

It is possible a fourth kindergarten class may be added in November, he continued, depending on demand and budget limitations.

Thirty-five out-of-district students who live in the Gaston County portion of East Kings Mountain are enrolled.

### Wade Bennett's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Wade Douglas Bennett, 80, were held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the chapel of Harris Funeral Home, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Rev. C. A. Bost officiated at the final rites.

Mr. Bennett died Sunday night. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Bennett and husband of the late Nancy Bennett. He was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

Survivors include one brother, Gus Bennett, of Kings Mountain, and one sister, Mrs. John Ford of Kings Mountain.

Nephews of Mr. Bennett were pallbearers.



PASTOR — Rev. Alfred Wright, formerly of Kings Mountain, has assumed new pastorate duties at Unity Baptist church in Gastonia.

### Wright Assumes Pastorate Duties

Rev. Alfred Wright, Kings Mountain native and son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wright, has assumed new pastorate duties at Unity Baptist church in Gastonia and his family are residing there on Donnybrook road.

Mr. Wright served for over four years as pastor of Greensboro's 1500-member 16th St. Baptist church. During his pastorate there membership increased more than 300.

Ordained at age 17 by Second Baptist church here by the late Rev. B. F. Austin, Rev. Mr. Wright is a 1955 graduate of Kings Mountain high school, attended Gardner Webb and Wingate colleges and graduated from Luther Rice Seminary in Miami, Fla. He is married to the former Dora Fisher of Concord and they have four sons, Joel, Joni, Jonathan and Jared Wright.

### Tax Prepayment Total \$21,336

City of Kings Mountain 1971 property tax pre-payments totaled \$21,336 Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Judy Harmon, assistant collector, described the payments as largely from small accounts.

Tuesday will be the final day pre-payers can earn the full two percent discount.

On September 1, the discount drops to one percent, and to one-half one percent on October 1. Taxes are payable at par during November and December, and a two percent penalty applies January 1. The General Assembly changed the law in the past session, the former penalty date being February 2.

City officials say they expect a large number of pre-payments in the final two days of August.

The city budgeted \$318,400 from 1971 tax revenues.

### Mrs. Ramsey's Brother Dies

Interment of Joseph Bynum Hord, who died in Greenville, S. C., General Hospital Wednesday morning at 7:30 will be at Mountain Rest cemetery here following funeral rites in Greenville.

Hour of the services had not been set at mid-afternoon Wednesday.

A Cleveland County native, Mr. Hord was a brother of Mrs. Marie Ramsey, of Kings Mountain.

Other survivors include his wife, Mollie Smith Hord, of Greenville, two sons, Lawrence Hord, of the home and Paul Hord, Brunswick, Ga., another sister Mrs. Ann Erdwell, Decatur, Ga., a half-brother, J. C. Hord, of Cherryville, and a half-sister, Mrs. Irene Bynum, of Atlanta, Ga.

FROM HOSPITAL

Senator J. Ollie Harris was discharged Tuesday from Charlotte Presbyterian hospital after undergoing surgery and is recuperating at his home.

### Jaycees To Lead Fund Campaign For Life-Saving Squad Equipment

The 22-member Kings Mountain Rescue Squad and Life Saving Crew will kick-off a \$8,465.19 fund drive for new equipment next Thursday.

Kings Mountain Jaycees will lead the two week promotion aimed in obtaining donations to purchase a new ambulance at cost of \$11,848.32, radio equipment, and pay for a rented ambulance now in use by the department.

Gifts from the Unified Fund will not pay for all the costs, explained a crew member, and a total of \$8,465.19 will be needed to defray costs of the equipment "badly needed to provide service to Kings Mountain which we are giving."

The Jaycees will serve on committees to ask funds from businessmen and industry and also plan a Radio Day and other events during the two-week period which begins September 2.

The Rescue Squad is a volunteer non-profit organization.

The five percent penalty was applied August 1 and another will apply September 1.

## CBD Renewal Support Reiterated

### T. W. Grayson's Rites Conducted

### Kings Mountain Jeweler Passed Monday Morning

Funeral rites for Thomas Woodrow (Wood) Grayson, 58, Kings Mountain jeweler, were held Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock from Central United Methodist church of which he was a member.

Rev. Pascal Waugh officiated at the final rites, assisted by a former minister, Rev. D. B. Alderman. Interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery with full Masonic rites conducted by members of Fairview Lodge 333 A.F.A.M. Active pallbearers were lodge members and honors pallbearers were David Saunders, Joe Costner, Charlie Ballard, Charles Wilson, Bill McGinnis, Dr. George W. Plonk, Willie Williams, Howard Bryant, Jack White and W. D. Morrison.

Mr. Grayson, admitted to the Kings Mountain hospital last Tuesday for a sudden gall bladder attack, died Monday at 11:50 a. m. He had been in declining health for several years with a heart condition but had returned to work at Grayson's Jewelry which he had owned and operated for a number of years.

He served with the Army in Europe during World War II, was a member of American Legion Post 155, a Mason and Shriner. He was the son of the late Pearl Van Dyke and John Henry Grayson and a native of York County, South Carolina.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Maxine Boggs Grayson, elementary school teacher, two sons, Thomas Woodrow Grayson, Jr. and James Wesley Grayson, both of the home; one brother, Harry B. Grayson, of Greensboro; and three sisters, Mrs. Fred A. Dixon of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Ralph A. Brown of Columbia, S. C., and Miss Eunice Grayson of Lincolnton.

### Police Launch Safety Program

The city of Kings Mountain begins its annual drive to alert motorists to drive with extra care in school areas and near school buses this week... and during the weeks to come.

Colorful "School's Open" posters are being displayed throughout the community as part of the national effort by the American Automobile Association and the Carolina Motor Club to reduce the death and injury of our children.

Citing national figures revealed in a recent AAA nationwide survey, Chief of Police Tom McDevitt pointed out that each year some 500 school children aged 5-14 are killed and nearly 11,000 are injured as they travel to and from school.

Because the AAA study showed that kindergarten and first grade youngsters suffer the greatest number of school-route pedestrian injuries, Chief McDevitt urged parents to walk with their children at least on the opening day of school to make certain that the youngsters take the safest route to school.

If at all feasible, the chief said, parents should avoid driving children to school because this only adds to the traffic confusion around school areas, thus creating extra hazards for all youngsters going to school.



SUCCEDES — T. Wood Grayson, Kings Mountain jeweler, succumbed Monday morning. Funeral rites were held Wednesday afternoon.

### E. D. Sanders' Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Enoch D. Sanders, 63 of McAdenville, former Kings Mountain resident, were held Wednesday at 4 p.m. from Penley's Chapel Methodist church with the Rev. W. L. Huffstetler and the Rev. S. W. Avery officiating.

Interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Sanders died at 3 p.m. Monday after illness of several years.

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Sanders.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Ella Pruitt Sanders; one daughter, Mrs. Martha Falls of McAdenville; one brother, John Sanders of Kings Mountain; three sisters, Mrs. Etta Crowder, Mrs. Summie Greene and Mrs. Mary Myers, of Kings Mountain; and two grand children.

### Board Amends Resolution

The city commission Monday night passed a resolution amending the municipal agreement with the State Highway Department in regard to the recently completed Candler street project.

A resolution was passed by the full board at its last meeting requesting the highway commission to establish no parking areas along Candler street. Mayor John Henry Moss said he had conferred with a highway commission representative who informed him an amendment to the municipal agreement should be passed.

The board received a letter signed by James E. Adams, treasurer and trustee of Bynum Chapel A.M.E. Zion church on behalf of several churches and businesses requesting that parking be allowed in front of their buildings on Candler street because there was no property available for the construction of a parking lot. Named in the letter were, in addition to Bynum Chapel, New Hope Presbyterian church, St. Paul Methodist church, J. W. Gill & Son Funeral Home, Carolina Cate, Brown's Snack Shop, Dr. N. H. Reed and Dr. D. F. Hord.

The board passed a resolution granting the request.

On recommendation of Comm. W. S. Biddix, the board also passed a resolution removing the temporary traffic light at Piedmont and Waco road and that traffic markers be moved back up to 30 feet from the intersection pending discussion with property owners in the area to extend them beyond 30 feet if possible.

### Privilege License Penalty To Advance

City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr. reminded delinquent purchasers of city privilege licenses Wednesday that the penalty for late payment is five percent per month.

The five percent penalty was applied August 1 and another will apply September 1.

### Downtown, Inc., President Urges Project Proceed

By MALVIN HARMON

The president of Downtown, Inc., visited with the city commission at Monday night's meeting and issued a statement supporting and urging the commission to continue your positive approach taking necessary action to hasten accomplishment of this vital and worthwhile program.

Charles Blanton, Jr., is the president of the non-profit corporation which anticipates purchasing property on Cherokee street to provide free parking.

Other members of Downtown, Inc., present were Bill Brown, Larry Hamrick, Lewis Dellinger and W. S. Fulton, Jr. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Finger and John Cheshire, Jr.

Text of the statement follows: "Our organization is dedicated to improvement and promotion of the downtown shopping district. Our members have been active in this effort for many years. Five years ago our private venture to renovate a two block area was unsuccessful due to staggering costs and natural resistance to change. However, thanks to the effort of Mayor Moss and the City Board of Commissioners, hope for the future of the downtown has revived at that time with the establishment of the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission and subsequent approval of \$1,500,000 in Federal aid to renovate the entire thirty acre downtown area. We heartily endorse this positive action which affords the citizens of Kings Mountain the opportunity to renovate and preserve the market place of our historic city.

"The economics of the downtown redevelopment are sound and we all will benefit from the program. The public funds are used to improve public facilities; streets, sidewalks, walkways, parks and utilities. This expenditure encourages private investment by the businessmen and property owners to build new stores and renovate older property. In fact, we the members of Downtown, Inc. plan to invest in modern paved parking areas. This action will reverse the decline of our downtown; business will profit through increased trade; property owners will realize appreciation and higher income; the city will benefit through additional revenue generated by private investment; and the individual citizen will enjoy the convenience of a modern shopping area here at home.

"At long last the first concrete evidence of progress is visible. The Redevelopment Commission is moving to change the face of the central business district and the Board of Directors of Downtown, Inc. desires to take this opportunity to commend both the City Board of Commissioners and the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission for the initiative.

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## Frances Green Suffers Relapse



FRANCES GREEN — Mrs. Frances Green, recuperating in Charlotte Memorial hospital from a kidney transplant Aug. 4, was to undergo surgery yesterday afternoon to remove what her husband termed a "block between her new kidney and bladder."

Oscar (Bud) Green said his wife returned to a kidney machine for six hours Tuesday first time she had left the machine since she received the life-sustaining kidney from her sister, Mrs. Jean Burdette of Fayetteville, in a transplant operation.

Mr. Green said doctors were afraid this week the patient was "going to reject the kidney" and "put her back on the machine to try to remove the block and avoid an operation."

Mrs. Green underwent more x-rays on Wednesday morning and doctors advised another operation necessary for the kidney to function properly. Mr. Green said his wife told him in a telephone conversation from the hospital. The 41-year-old mother of six was also receiving blood transfusions at mid-afternoon Wednesday.

The Green family was in Charlotte with Mrs. Green yesterday afternoon.

### Sewing Classes Are Slated

Adult Beginners' dressmaking and tailoring classes will be offered this year beginning the week of September 13th at the Community Center under sponsorship of Cleveland Technical Institute and Kings Mountain high school.

Seven classes will be taught and interested students may pre-register by calling 739-3794.

Instructors for the classes will be Mrs. Betty R. Gamble, Mrs. Margaret Baird, and Mrs. Adelaide Allison, all of the high school home economics department, and Mrs. Mae Tignor.

### Mayor Moss Named To Committee

Mayor John Henry Moss has been appointed to the resolutions committee of the North Carolina League of Municipalities which will make its recommendations at the annual League convention in October.

Mayor Moss was appointed by the league president, Mayor Ferd L. Harrison, of Scotland Neck.

The League will convene in Durham October 10-12.

### Five Teachers In New Posts

Addition of five new teachers brings to 194 the number of faculty members who begin the school term yesterday in the district system.

They are Patricia M. Satterwhite, North; Mary S. Hardin, West; Clara C. Jackson, Grover; Kenneth Blanton, Central; and Harriell Blanton, Central.

### Twins Second Time For John Conners

John Conner has his chest stuck out.

On Friday, August 13, his wife, the former Donnie Vee Cooke, delivered the Conners' second set of twins and their fifth and sixth children.

The first set of twins, Sandra and Cheryl, arrived 16 1/2 years ago.

The recently arrived twins are boys. Dr. John C. McGill, attending physician, logged Donnie's arrival six minutes in advance of Johnny's.

The Conner family number two other girls, Sheila Lynn 17 1/2, and Gina Lee, 14.

Mr. Conner is 38, his wife 39.

They reside at 300 Lackey street.



LEM LYNCH

### Little Theatre Sets Auditions

Kings Mountain's Little Theatre announces that its fall production will be "The Mousetrap" — a suspense mystery by Agatha Christie.

Performances are scheduled for the first two weekends in November.

Auditions will be held on Monday and Tuesday, August 30 and 31 at 8 p. m. at Park Grace school auditorium.

There are parts in the play for five men and three women.

All interested persons should attend the auditions and also anyone interested in backstage work. Directing "The Mousetrap" will be Mrs. JoAnn (Boots) McDaniel.

### Building Permit Activity Brief

It requires a building permit to tear down a building.

Howard Robinson, Jr., of Bessemer City, bought one (\$10) this week to demolish the building at N. Carpenter street.

Otherwise, permit activity was limited to purchase of two trailer permits by Donald Connor to install two off Waco road, and by Tommy Yarboro to install one trailer on the Gastonia highway. Both will be located within the city's mile zoning jurisdiction.



WINS MASTER'S — Mrs. Michael Clark the former Beverly Willis of Kings Mountain, earned her master of arts degree in early childhood education Friday from Western Carolina University at Cullowhee. She was among 341 students receiving degrees in summer commencement exercises.