

Kings Mountain

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when the Southern Railway was extended through the area. It is on the mainline of the Southern Railway, and US 74, US 29—"Main Street of the South". Interstate 85 bypass is one mile away. Besides railway, bus and truck service, a privately-owned airport is only four blocks from the center of town.

Situated 978 feet above sea level, the town has an average climate of 60 degrees F., and is blessed with abundant natural resources in the area.

Industry is predominantly textiles. Both combed and carded yarns, stretch nylon yarn, novelty fabrics, novelties, narrow fabrics (tapes), men's hosiery, and knit sweaters are manufactured. Other major industries are the mining of limestone for roadbuilding, mica, and lithium ores. The town is a virtual center of the Lincoln, N. C.-Gaffney, S. C. mineral belt which contains the largest proved lithium ore deposits in the Western Hemisphere.

Agriculture is of increasing importance to the area. Farming has shifted from one-crop cotton-raising to more consistent cash crops, such as poultry-raising and dairying. Some cotton, corn, small grain, vegetables and fruits are produced.

Town A Shopping Center

More than 200 commercial establishments representing almost every type of retailing offer goods and services to area citizens.

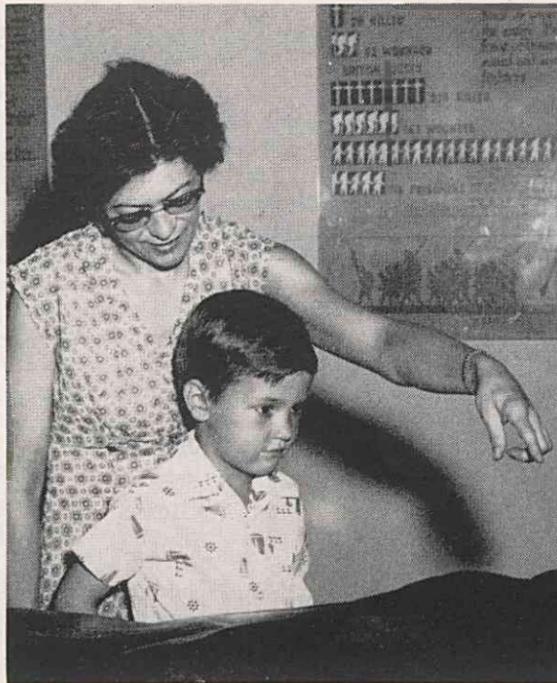
Kings Mountain is a city of beautiful well-maintained homes, with a high percentage of home ownership. Three residential areas have been developed in the past ten years. They are unmarred by business and industry.

The city government is a mayor-council form. There are five ward commissioners and a mayor elected by city-wide vote.

Public institutions include the Kings Mountain Hospital, a fully-accredited 50-bed facility; and the Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library, a gift to the city from the Jacob S. Mauney family.

Among communications facilities are the Kings Mountain Herald, outstanding weekly newspaper; WKMT, a 1,000-watt radio station, and a modern telephone exchange.

The city operates six educational plants, two of which are of modern-type construction. A faculty of some 80 teachers, and a staff of administrative and supervisory personnel afford a



DECISIVE GROUND—At the Battleground Museum Mrs. Felix Johnson of Winding shows son Terry some features of a bas-relief map of the Kings Mountain Battlefield.

stable and progressive school system.

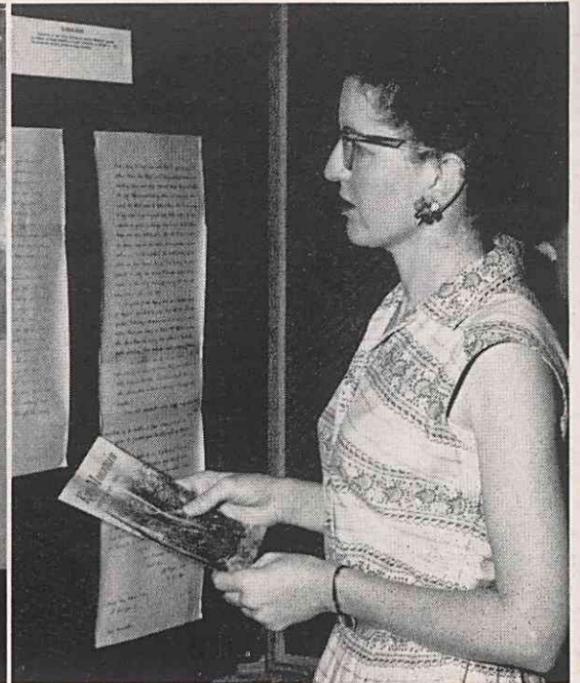
Recreational Facilities

The town has two municipally-owned and maintained swimming pools, an athletic stadium, and picnic area. At the Kings Mountain Country Club is a nine-hole golf course. Lake Montonia Club is a popular summer recreation spot.

Adjacent to the Kings Mountain Military Park is South

Carolina State Park. It is widely visited during summers by campers, swimmers and picnickers.

Nationally-affiliated civic organizations are the Lions, Kiwanis, and Rotary clubs and the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Others include a Masonic Order, Order of Eastern Star, Loyal Order of Moose, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Kings Mountain



LAST LETTER—In museum, Essie Foster of Spooling reads copy of last letter from Capt. De-Peyster (second in command of British at Kings Mountain) to Lord Cornwallis.

Woman's Club, and Junior Woman's Club.

Colonel Frederick Hambright Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, honors the name of one of the colonial commanders at the Battle of Kings Mountain.

A number of garden clubs combine their efforts through the town's Garden Council for beautification of "The Historical City."

People and Places

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Mrs. Lane Creasman, receptionist and PBX operator, Mr. Creasman and daughter Debbie spent eight days on a tour of Florida in June. Main stops were at Daytona Beach, West Palm Beach, and Hope Sound, where they visited relatives. Motorboating and fishing were included in their schedule. From Miami, the Creasmans came home by the east coast of the Sunshine State.

R. L. Tompkins, purchasing agent, and Mrs. Tompkins of Main Office vacationed at Seaside Inn, Daytona Beach, Fla., a few days in late June and early July.

Personnel

Sp/5 Wilburn E. Belt, Mrs. Belt and their daughter, Billie Jean, have returned to Fort Riley, Kan., after spending several days in Gastonia. Here, they visited the families of Mrs. Belt's brothers, Thomas Grant, Time Study; and J. L. B. Grant, Twisting (synthetics). The Belts—with the Thomas Grant family—spent June 15-21 at Camp Firestone. Mr. Belt, in army service more than 13 years, is with Headquarters Co., 1st Engineering Battalion at Fort Riley. Before his present assignment, he and his family spent three years in Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Davis, with Mr. and Mrs. Buford Ware of Kings Mountain returned home in early July after having spent a week in Perryville, Mo. There, they visited the Davis' son, Harold, his wife and her parents. Young Mr. Davis is an insurance broker in the southeast Missouri community some 30 miles north of Cape Girardeau. His father is a clerk in the Firestone Recreation Center.

Shop

Jerry, son of Frank Sparrow of grounds maintenance, and Mrs. Sparrow, is spending the summer working for a food processing plant at Arlington, Wis. Jerry attended Warren-Wilson College at Swannanoa, N. C. for the past two years. He plans to return from Wisconsin in August, before entering East Tennessee State Teachers College at Johnson City in September.

Office Of Superintendent

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Martin with daughters Katherine and Mariana spent June 28 to July 4 vacationing at Kure Beach, near Southport, N. C. Mr. Martin, of the Superintendent's office, did some deepsea fishing in the Atlantic.

Warehouse

Rosevelt Rainey, cotton office, spent several days in New York City recently. He visited a sister there, and had a look at some of the familiar sights of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Wellman vacationed in Philadelphia, Pa., in late June and early July. While there, they stopped for a visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Meeks spent several days recently visiting a son, Ben Meeks, at High Point, N. C.



Joyce Keever (left), and Teresa Chastain were honorary hostesses. Their dress was in keeping with the people of the North Pacific state. Teresa's father, Henry Chastain, works in Carding; her mother is in Weaving (SYC). Joyce's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Keever.

Hawaiian Day Theme Of Variety Garden Club Meeting

America's upcoming 50th state furnished a theme for the June session of Firestone Variety Garden Club, meeting in the Recreation Center. In commemoration of Hawaiian Day, June 11, the club prepared flower arrangements with the Pacific Islands flavor, and colorful paper leis for those in attendance.

Refreshments had a native touch, in keeping with the territory which has been scheduled to become the newest member of the United States. Served were Hawaiian punch, creams, and small portions of tropical fruits artistically arranged on fresh pineapple shells.

Hawaiian Day memorializes the birthday of Kamehameha I—founder of the dynasty of that name—who conquered Oahu, Maui, and Kauai islands early in the 19th century and united them with the original kingdom of Hawaii. He was known for numerous social reforms, and arranged for the coming of American missionaries who later accomplished great educational reforms.

Kamehameha I created the original government of his island kingdom and permitted the beginning of trade with foreign nations.

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