

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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Phifer Road Improvement Asked By Board

School Board Asks Widening To Four Lanes

By MARTIN HARMON

The Kings Mountain district board of education, in anticipation of construction and use of the new high school plant, has asked state highway department officials to improve Phifer road from Mountain street to Fulton road.

Specifically, the board asked Division Engineer W. W. Wyke and District Engineer J. I. Church to widen this section of Phifer road, which fronts the new high school site, to a four-lane road, with curb-and-gutter, and sidewalk.

Mr. Wyke, who indicated he had contemplated improvements only to the extent of widening the present road by six feet of pavement and replacement of the narrow bridge across Beeson's creek with a wider culvert, "The highway department isn't in the sidewalk business."

Mr. Wyke said decision on how extensive the improvements would be was in the province of division Highway Commissioner J. Clint Newton and within the limits of improvement allocations. He added that he and Engineer Church were meeting with the board to get its ideas, which would be passed to Comm. Newton.

He made these points:

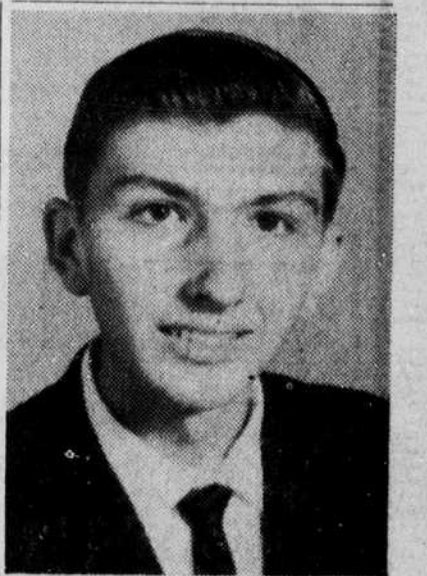
- 1) Minimal right-of-way for a four-lane road is 80 feet, preferably more, if curbing-and-guttering sidewalks are planned.
- 2) Present highway department right-of-way on Phifer road is 60 feet.
- 3) Priorly requested new road entrance to the property from U. S. 74 West would cost about \$30,000 for a two-lane paved strip.
- 4) Minimal improvements to the road probably couldn't be started before spring.
- 5) Major improvements might have to await fiscal year 1964-65 and a specific allocation, since 1963-64 anticipated revenues have been largely allocated.

Education Board Chairman J. E. Herndon had urged an early start on improvements, but Mr. Wyke noted that little paving is projected by the department after the early days of October, due to frequently poor weather conditions.

All board members noted that Phifer road now is quite heavily trafficked, since it serves several large industrial operations and they pointed to the fact that traffic is certain to increase heavily, both during the construction of the new school and after it is occupied. Mr. Wyke said no traffic count had been made for Phifer road recently and acknowledged that results of such a count likely would substantiate board members' opinions.

Should the four-lane, or other major widening plan, be approved, Mr. Wyke agreed on proper, any help by the board of education on obtaining of needed right-of-way would be quite helpful.

The engineers promised early attention to the board's request...



SEMI-FINALIST — John Tria, high school senior, has been named a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship competition.

Tria Named Semi-Finalist

John Tria, Kings Mountain high school senior and son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Tria, has been named a semi-finalist in the 1963-64 merit scholarship competition.

Principal Harry Jaynes said young Tria became a semi-finalist through outstanding performance on the national merit scholarship qualifying test. This test of educational development was given in more than 16,500 high schools last March.

The semi-finalist group of 13,000 seniors throughout the country is composed of the highest scoring students in each state and in United States territories. Each semi-finalist now moves a step closer to winning a four-year merit scholarship to the college of his choice. Mr. Jaynes added that semi-finalists must substantiate their qualifying test performance on a second examination, and fulfill certain routine, be endorsed by their time requirements to become finalists. All Merit Scholars are selected from the finalist group.

In past years, 97 percent of the semi-finalists become finalists. All finalists receive a certificate of merit and about April 23, 1964, the names of the Merit Scholars will be announced.



Austin Rites Held Monday

Funeral rites for Rev. B. F. Austin, 74, Baptist minister for over 40 years, were held Monday at 4 p.m. from East Side Baptist church which he helped organize. Mr. Austin succumbed Saturday afternoon in Gaston Memorial hospital following illness of several months.

A native of Alexander County, Mr. Austin began his active ministry at Flat Groves Baptist church in 1923. He came to Second Baptist church in 1943 where he was pastor for 12 years. Twenty-three young men were called into the ministry and numerous churches in this area became organized churches after being missions of the Second Baptist church during Mr. Austin's pastorate. The present church plant was also occupied during that period.

Mr. Austin retired in 1955 and has made his home on Gastonia highway. Mrs. Austin was the late Lillie Caldwell of Alexander County. Surviving Mr. Austin are two children, Mrs. Rosa Hamot and Frank Austin, both of Gastonia; two grandchildren, Gene Austin of Kings Mountain and Darrell Austin of Gastonia; and three great-grandchildren. Rev. L. A. Faulkner was assisted by Rev. Morris Baker of Lowell in officiating at the final rites and interment was made in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Southwell Will Be Chairman Of 1964 United Fund Drive

Only 55 Percent Of 1963 Budget Was Raised

By MARTIN HARMON

Robert O. Southwell, Kings Mountain auto dealer, will serve as chairman of the Kings Mountain United Fund drive for 1964 to begin soon.

Concurrently, Mr. Southwell said a change of format to broaden the organization in the wake of the past year's performance in which contributions enabled Treasurer Tom Burke to pay beneficiary organizations only about 55 percent of approved budget.

"This is about our last chance," Chairman Southwell commented. He said the board of directors of the organization will be broadened to include all solicitation division chairmen, which, in effect, will double, at least, the present eight-member board. Strong promotional efforts will be made to exceed the quota of the adopted aggregate budgets of beneficiaries. Strong effort will also be made to conduct the campaign and complete it in 30 days.

"Our organization for the upcoming campaign is virtually complete, with three division chairmen needed. We expect to complete the organization this weekend," Mr. Southwell added.

Under the United Fund format, participating organizations present an annual budget request, which the directors screen and adopt, the organizations agreeing to accept payments on percentage of funds raised and also agreeing, without special permission of the United Fund board, to conduct any other fund-raising campaign.

With this year's abbreviated payment, Kings Mountain district Boy Scout officials launched a special drive last week, seeking a minimum of \$1,000 to balance its budget. The Kings Mountain Red Cross Chapter received only \$3168 of its \$3,900 budget, a portion of which goes to the national organization, and, on Wednesday, had made no decision about a special drive. It had decided to pay its full dues to the national organization.

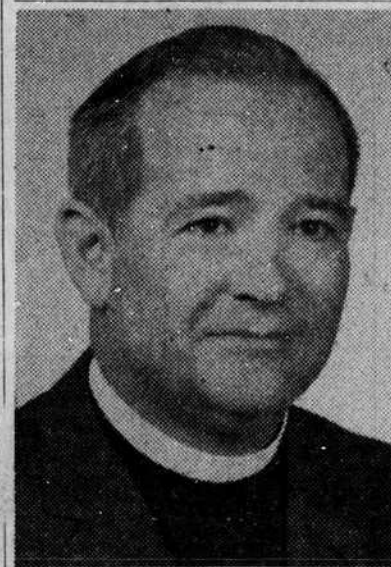
Plans of other participating organizations—the Girl Scouts, J. S. Mauney Memorial Library, Cleveland County Life-Saving & Rescue Squad, Kings Mountain high school band, Davidson-Compact band.

Last year's budget was slightly over \$17,000.

In the several year history of the United Fund here, top percentage of quota raised was slightly over 90.

Directors of the 1963 United Fund were Mr. Southwell, J. Olie Harris, W. S. Fulton, Jr., Tom Burke, W. F. Laughter, Ed Goter, J. C. Bridges, and Rev. H. D. Garmon.

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HERE SUNDAY — Bishop M. George Henry of Asheville will deliver the sermon at Trinity Episcopal church Sunday on his 15th anniversary as chief pastor of the Episcopal Church in Western North Carolina.

Bishop Henry Here Sunday

The Right Reverend M. George Henry of Asheville, chief pastor of the Episcopal Church in this section of the state, will deliver the sermon at Trinity Episcopal church.

Bishop Henry will make his annual visit to the local congregation on the 15th anniversary of his consecration to the episcopacy and leadership of the Diocese of Western North Carolina.

Members of Trinity church will serve coffee during an informal reception after the 10 a.m. service.

Born in Chapel Hill, October 25, 1910, Bishop Henry is the son of Dr. K. G. Henry, then professor of Latin at UNC and later assistant registrar at the university. He was graduated from the university in 1931 and held a teaching fellowship from 1931-32 while working on his master's degree. From 1932-35 he attended the Virginia Theological Seminary, was ordained to the Diaconate in 1935 and to the Priesthood in 1936.

As Deacon and Priest, he served the following pastorates: St. Philip's, Durham; St. Paul's, Winston - Salem; Emmanuel, Stoneville; Church of the Messiah, Mayodan; Christ church, Walnut Cove; and St. Philip's, Germantown. In 1936 he became rector of Calvary Parish, Tarboro, and in 1943 became the first rector of Christ church, Charlotte (the largest Episcopal church in that city).

From Charlotte he was called to his present ministry and was consecrated Bishop in Trinity church, Asheville, exactly 15 years ago.

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Thieves Rob Timms Firm In \$3,500 Haul

Timms Furniture Store, located on the Grover Road, was all but left without any small appliances Tuesday morning as thieves entered the store in the wee morning hours and made off with a list of items totaling 155 in number.

"The robbery occurred between the hours of 12 midnight and six o'clock a.m.," reported owner Gene Timms Wednesday. "It is my contention that the bandits entered the store through a small window in the warehouse," continued Timms.

The door leading from the warehouse to the store was badly damaged as the robbers broke through the door to enter the main part of the store.

After a complete inventory of stock Timms reports that the loss amounts to nearly \$4,000 wholesale. Timms said that insurance would cover \$1,000 of the loss at most.

The robbers method of operation is presumed to be that of professionals as no clues have been uncovered to give the investigating authorities any leads as yet. The Sheriff's department has recovered countless fingerprints from the store in hopes of getting some basis on which to further investigations.

A list of the stolen merchandise has been sent to all counties in North Carolina and around 100 other city and county police departments will receive a list of the items.

Timms believes that the thieves were driving a small truck, either a pickup or a panel type.

Stolen were 11 portable television sets, 44 radios, 13 clocks, 11 phonographs, 12 irons, one watch, five electric heaters, three pieces of luggage, eight electric blankets, 10 mixers, two electric can openers, one small oven, seven toasters, seven electric skillets, eight percolators, one grill and waffle iron, seven hair dryers, and three electric toothbrushes. Most of the missing items bore the brand names of General Electric and RCA.

UNC Coach Lions Banquet Speaker

Coach Jim Hickey, of the University of North Carolina Tar Heels, has accepted tentatively an invitation to speak at the 1963 annual football banquet of the Kings Mountain Lions club.

Coach Hickey will be the first UNS head coach to appear at the annual banquet honoring the Kings Mountain high school football squad since Carl Snavely spoke during the Charlie Justice era. Justice spoke here subsequent to his college career, as did Pat Preston, former assistant UNC coach.

The Lions club launched its grid banquet series following the 1939 season, with Clemson's Jess Neely the featured speaker. Last year's speaker was Clarence (Ace) Parker, of Duke.

Members of the Lions club committee on arrangements are Martin Harmon, chairman, Harry Jaynes and Howard Bryant.

Lone Announced GOP Gubernatorial Candidate Badgley Here Thursday

The lone announced Republican candidate for Governor will speak here at City Hall court-room Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

He is Donald Badgley, Greensboro life insurance salesman and one of Guilford county's representatives in the General Assembly. Mr. Badgley will speak under auspices of the Kings Mountain Young Republican club, and his appearance is expected to attract Republicans from throughout the county, Mr. Wayne Forsythe, program co-chairman stated.

Mr. Badgley announced his candidacy several weeks ago, would withdraw should United States Representative Charles R. Fer. He is busy touring the state Jonas, of Lenoir, decide to offend and has told local Republicans he will have been in 47 counties by mid-October when the General Assembly convenes in special session in an effort to re-district concurrently announcing he the North Carolina Senate.

Mr. Badgley polled 17,014 votes in the 1962 general election, placing second among eight Guilford candidates for the House. He is the lone Republican member of the House on the senatorial re-districting committee.

Mr. Badgley is a native of



GOP CANDIDATE — State Representative Donald Badgley, announced candidate for Governor, will speak at a Republican meeting here Thursday night.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., is a Quaker, became a Tar Heel in the mid-fifties and was an air force staff sergeant during World War II. Said Mr. Forsythe, "Refreshments will be served and all interested citizens are invited."

A. B. Prince's Brother Passes

Rev. Clarence Prince, 83, retired Baptist minister of Fair Forest, S. C. and brother of A. B. Prince of Kings Mountain, died early Wednesday morning. Mr. Prince had been in ill health after suffering a stroke some weeks ago.

Funeral rites will be held Thursday.

In addition to his brother here, the Rev. Mr. Prince is survived by his wife, two daughters, one son, one sister, and an additional brother.

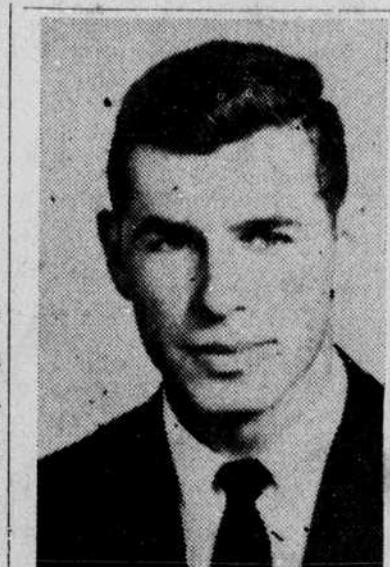
Members of the Prince family will go to South Carolina today for the funeral rites.

ARP Church Sets Special Services

Special services at Boyce Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian church will be held this fall October 7 through Sabbath night, October 13th.

Dr. Charles Edwards of Atlanta, Ga. is visiting evangelist.

"We invite our friends to worship with us at these services", Dr. W. L. Preston, pastor, said in making the announcement.



CHAIRMAN — Robert O. Southwell will serve as chairman of the 1964 Kings Mountain United Fund campaign.

Plonk Named To Committee

The Morehead Foundation has appointed seven Cleveland County citizens to the Morehead County Selection Committee in this area.

The new appointees will join with a total of over 500 committee men and women throughout the state in screening local nominations for the 1964 Morehead Awards for study at the University of North Carolina.

Named to the Cleveland County committee were: J. Clint Newton, Lawndale; Dr. George W. Plonk, Kings Mountain; Earl D. Honeycutt Jr., Shelby; Mrs. C. Rush Hamrick Jr., Shelby; John R. Dover III, Shelby and N. Dixon Lackey, Shelby.

The new chairman of the committee, which is nominated on a yearly basis, will be L. Lyndon Hobbs of Shelby.

The appointments were announced by Morehead Foundation Director Roy Armstrong.

The coveted Morehead Awards, given solely on the basis of merit, pay all expenses of an undergraduate at Chapel Hill and are generally regarded as the most generous in the nation of their kind.

The county selection committees screen nominations made by local high school committees. Their selections are further evaluated by seven regional committees in January and a central committee in Chapel Hill in March. Final awards are made by the Morehead Foundation trustees. In 1963, 53 students received awards out of an original 844 nominees.

The Cleveland County committee met in Charlotte at the end of August to discuss this year's program on a regional level. They are presently visiting local schools qualified to nominate Morehead candidates to explain the features of the awards and to arrange the nomination.

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Mountaineer Days Plans Jelling; "Miss Mountaineer" Is Chosen

Kings Mountain males who are growing beards will compete for three trophies to be presented by the Merchants Association Friday, October 4th.

The Merchants are sponsoring "Mountaineer Days" here October 3-5 in celebration of the October 7th anniversary of the battle of Kings Mountain.

Judging of "best beards" will take place in front of the mock jail on S. Battleground avenue in the business district from 4 until 6 p.m. Men who wish to enter the contest should arrive at the "jail" at 4 p.m.

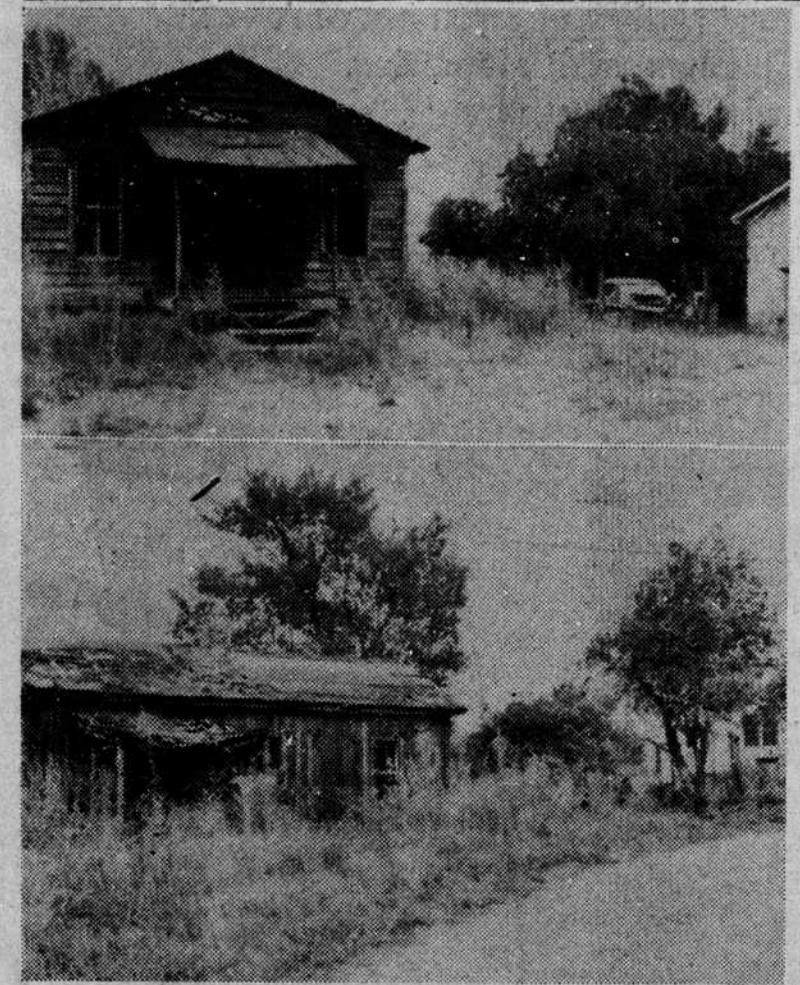
Trophies, a first, second and third place award, are to be presented at 6 p.m.

Judges include Mrs. Luther Joy, Merchants Association secretary, Mrs. Paul Williams, assistant secretary, and Mrs. Neal Young, manager of Eagle's. Advance tickets went on sale at the Merchants association offices this week for barbecue and sandwich plates to be available all three days of the trade promotion. The Merchants are sponsoring the sale of lunches and dinners on October 3rd and the Jaycees are sponsoring a similar

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MISS MOUNTAINEER — Mary Ann McCurdy, high school senior and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. McCurdy, will reign over "Mountaineer Day" festivities October 3-5. Miss McCurdy will appear in half-time ceremonies at the Homecoming football game Oct. 4 and will be featured in the Saturday morning parade at 10 a.m. Oct. 5.



DERELICT HOUSING — Pictured are two samples of the type of derelict buildings the Chamber of Commerce would like to see razed. The organization has urged the city to adopt an ordinance to implement elimination of buildings of this type. President Wilson Crawford said the above buildings are two to a half-dozen he snaped within 15 minutes time. "There are many more," he added, "some of them occupied as dwellings."

Cleveland Fair To Open Tuesday

Clown Kelly, Miss Swanner Fair Features

Flags are flying over Cleveland County fairgrounds and workmen are busy putting finishing touches on buildings to make ready for the 1963 fair which opens Tuesday and continues through Saturday, October 5.

Unprecedented in its 40 years is the demand for exhibit space at the coming fair, the main exhibit hall having been enlarged by addition of a 16-foot section, and a tent 40 by 100 feet having been ordered to take care of dairy and beef cattle entries which have overrun the main barn. The same interest applies to all departments of the mammoth fair where \$15,000 in premiums will be awarded by the week's end.

Stars headlining the event include a week-long appearance of the famous clown, Emmett Kelly, Jr., who has delighted youngsters and oldsters alike; official visit of Miss North Carolina, lovely Jeanne Flinn Swanner, on Tuesday, who will cut ribbons and officially welcome all fairgoers in an 11 a.m. ceremony; and popular Betty Foster who has made thousands of friends through her well-known WBTV program.

Jack Kochman and his Hell Drivers will appear nightly in thrill-packed performances before the grandstand, together with his variety acts which will star Suzi Arden, The Lancers Four and The Verdus. Suzi has

Scott Cloninger Struck By Car

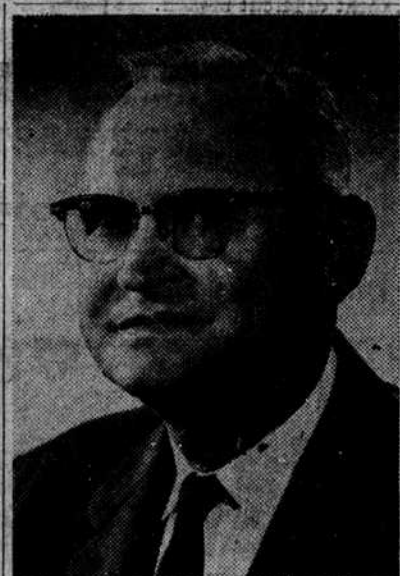
Jeffrey Scott Cloninger, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cloninger, is recuperating satisfactorily in Charlotte Memorial hospital from facial injuries sustained Saturday night when struck by an automobile.

Young Cloninger was reported Wednesday to be "resting well." He suffered loss of several teeth and injuries to his nose and face.

Attending physicians said fact that the youth was wearing a football helmet helped him escape serious injury.

Police say Sarah Jane Robbins, 20, route 1, was driving west on Ridge street when her car, a '61 Chevrolet, struck the boy. Cloninger was reportedly going to football practice on a field near the high school and had just gotten out of his father's car and started to run across Ridge street when he was struck. Police have made no charges and say Deputy Sheriff G. A. Huffstetler was a witness to the accident which occurred at 6:10 p.m.

The youngster was transferred from the Kings Mountain hospital to Charlotte Memorial hospital Saturday night.



CHAIRMAN — D. B. Blalock has been re-elected chairman of the Cleveland County ASC for the coming year.

D. B. Blalock Renamed By ASC

D. B. Blalock, Dixon community farmer, has been re-elected chairman of the Cleveland County Agriculture and Stabilization Committee for 1963-64.

Charles J. Hamrick was named vice-chairman at the county ASC convention held Monday and Carmie Brackett was named regular member. First alternate member is Odus Royster and second alternate is John W. Cline.

Delegates from 11 Cleveland County communities were present and ballots were tabulated. Farmers from the 11 communities voted on a committee from each township last week and these results also were tabulated.

Nevette Hughes, Dixon community farmer, was elected chairman of the No. 4 Township community. H. K. Dixon was named vice-chairman and Stough Wright was named regular member.

First and second alternate members are Eugene Patterson and Tom Hamrick. County and community committee members assume offices October 1.

Charles Gafarth was elected chairman of the Number Five township committee. A. A. Barrett was named vice-chairman and T. Z. Hord regular member. W. A. Wright was elected first alternate member and Clifford Hamrick was named second alternate member.

ROBERTS REUNION — The annual Hugh Karr Roberts reunion will be held Sunday, September 29th, at Antioch Baptist church. Following the morning worship service, a picnic lunch will be spread. In the afternoon a short business session will be held.