



BOBBY BIDDIX



EDWARD LEDFORD



PHILIP HUMPHRIES

# More Students Receive Diplomas

Numerous other Kings Mountain students were graduated in commencement exercises this month on university and college campuses. They were: Bobby Dean Biddix, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Biddix, and Paul Eugene Hendricks, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Hendricks, were graduated from Wake Forest college. Biddix majored in physics and received a B.D. degree. He

was a member of the college baseball team. Hendricks majored in biology and received a B.S. degree. Two Tulane University students from Kings Mountain receive master of social work degree. They were Anita McGinn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul McGinnis, and Edward E. Ledford, son of Mrs. I. W. Ledford. Miss McGinnis received her B.A. *Continued On Page 8*



JERRY PATTERSON



PHIL PADGETT, JR.



ROBERT MUNSON

**Population**

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 8,008

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 1950.

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# Ground-Breaking For High School Plant Next Week

## Four Run-Off Primary Races

### Blue Challenges Scott; County Races Official

Democratic run-off primaries for June 27 were set Tuesday when Clifton Blue, second-runner to Robert W. (Bob) Scott for the lieutenant governor nomination, said he was calling a second vote. Meantime two Cleveland County second-runners had made official their prior announcements that they would demand second races. Coleman Goorth seeks to overtake J. Broadus Ellis, incumbent board chairman, for the District 2 nomination, and Charles A. Bridges, Sr., seeks to overtake Spurgeon Hewitt. Bridges and Hewitt want the District 4 nomination and the commission seat being vacated by John D. White, who did not seek re-election. Top race began before the final returns were in from the May 30 voting. Dan K. Moore, second-runner for the gubernatorial nomination, calling a run-off with L. Richardson Freyer, who led the balloting. Blue announced his run-off decision in Raleigh Tuesday. Scott held a plurality of 52,500, but John Jordan polled 140,000. They seek the right to oppose Republican Clifford Bell, of Gastonia, in November. Moore trailed Freyer by 23,500 votes and the second primary posturing is already at full tilt. Freyer is making capital of Moore's refusal to meet him in a television debate. Freyer expects to appear over a state-wide network Friday night at 9:30. There will be a chair for Moore, which Moore has indicated will be vacant. Blue indicated he will advance as a prime issue his 18 years of legislative experience, including speaker of the House, against Scott, who has never served in the General Assembly. Local level campaigning for the commission has been limited largely to personality wars. Goorth campaigned before May 30 on a one-ply platform of favoring the county manager system of operation. Ellis has agreed. Both Hewitt and Bridges made statements on the county manager system, indicating more or less favorable consideration. Hewitt led Bridges by 1171.

### Smith Concedes To Hall Young

Edward H. Smith, Kings Mountain candidate for the Republican nomination for tenth district U. S. House Representative, has conceded defeat to W. Hall Young, of Avery County. Smith lost by 32 votes out of a total of 10,192. Smith initially considered asking for a recount, but conceded last weekend. Young will oppose Rep. Basil L. Whitener, Democratic incumbent, in November.

**LUTHERAN SERVICE**  
Tom Rydenhyer third year elementary student from Columbus, S. C., will fill the pulpit at 10 o'clock services Sunday morning at St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

## 55 Percent Assessment Ratio On \$260,576,000 Valuation

### 670 Examined For Glaucoma; 17 Referrals

Seventeen Kings Mountain area citizens were referred to ophthalmologists for further treatment or examination as a result of last Thursday's glaucoma clinic sponsored by the Kings Mountain Lions club. At least two of the 670 persons examined were told they needed immediate treatment to save their vision. Additionally, 69 persons bequeathed their eyes to the North Carolina eye bank at Winston-Salem for use in cornea transplants. Meantime, the county's mobile x-ray unit set up at the armory, scene of the clinic, and made 275 chest x-rays. The six-hour clinic was conducted by Dr. M. J. Kreshan, Charlotte, and Dr. H. W. Griffin, of Hickory, assisted by a host of volunteers, including members of the Lions club, their wives, numerous high school students, Kings Mountain hospital nurses, and the staff of the Cleveland County Health department. "We feel the clinic was a rousing success," Chairman Howard Bryant commented. "Had we had only one referral we would have considered the work and expense worthwhile." President Odus Smith issued special thanks to Medical Pharmacy and Kings Mountain Drug Company for gifts of drugs and to Quality Sandwich Company for gifts of sandwiches and doughnuts for the large clinic staff.

### Movement Leading To New School Began Over 13 Years Ago In 1951

When the new Kings Mountain district school plant is occupied in 1965, the event will mark physical completion of a movement dating 14 years previously. While the immediate movement will have consumed only six years, first suggestion of an area wide school consolidation, plus modern high school plant, is first recorded on May 30, 1951, when officials of the state's school division recommended consolidation of the area. First action on the recommendation was nearly two years later, May 7, 1953, at a joint meeting of the county and Kings Mountain boards of education. On Nov. 16, 1953, the consolidation effort failed, as patron straw votes on elimination of split-term schooling, showed the outlying areas unwilling to accept that condition of consolidation. The current movement began April 20, 1959. The Kings Mountain board of education was in



PRESIDENT — Hugh Lancaster is the new president of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce succeeding Bill Allen.

### Toll-Free Poll Ends Saturday

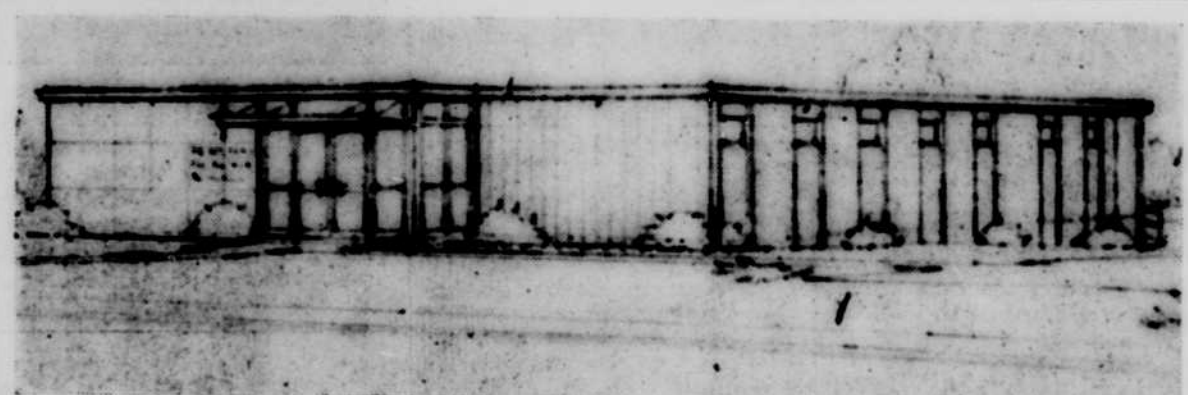
Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company's patron poll to determine whether Kings Mountain area subscribers want toll-free service to Gastonia and Dallas will end Saturday. Manager Bryan Houck said that Saturday will mark a month since the polling began and that daily mail return of ballots is dwindling. On Monday, he said, nine ballots were received, five marked "for" and four against. Actual tabulation of the ballots has not been made, he noted, but estimated at in excess of 65 percent of patrons have returned. *Continued On Page 8*

### Over-Paying Auto Owners To Get Break

Cleveland County board of commissioners will tax county citizens on the basis of 55 percent of \$260,576,000 — total value of real and personal property in the county on basis of the recently completed new property valuation by Cole, Lyster, Trumble Company, appraisal specialists. The commission declined, by 20 percent, to honor the recommendation of the City of Shelby, City of Kings Mountain, county and Shelby school districts, who had requested taxing on basis of 75 percent. The taxing base therefore will be \$143,316,845, a gain of \$29,861,845 over last year's \$113,500,000, representing a gain of more than 26 percent of taxable base. Generally speaking, the chief beneficiary of the new valuation will be the automobile owner. Autos have, in the past, been valued a current wholesale market value, while other properties have been valued at 32.5 percent of current market value. The tax bite in dollars, whether more or less will depend on tax rates set by the several governing bodies elected. The current county general tax rate is \$1.77 per \$100 valuation. Should the county commission attempt to attain the same amount of tax revenue from the new valuation the indicated tax rate would be about \$1.17. Will total county tax bills escalate? Already county citizens have approved a \$2 million hospital bond issue which would up the *Continued on page 8*

### New Minister At El-Bethel

Rev. Roy H. Lockridge, Jr., who became pastor of El Bethel Methodist church and Rev. Bruce Norwood will go to Northbrook Methodist church as a result of assignments announced Sunday at the Lake Junaluska meeting of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference. New ministers for eight other Cleveland County Methodist churches announced and changes were made in the churches making up three county charges. The Shelly circuit, formerly composed of Bess Hoey Memorial, Martin Street and Pine Grove Methodist churches, was divided. Bess Hoey was paired with El Bethel of Kings Mountain in a charge to be served by Rev. Mr. Lockridge of Nelo. June 17 has been set as moving day for the 26 ministers in the conference who will be moving to new pulpits, announced Sunday by Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, presiding bishop of the Charlotte Methodist Area.



Architect's Sketch of new Hendricks-Durham Clinic

### City Board To Authorize Planning Study

The board of city commissioners is expected to approve contract for a city planning study at Thursday's 6 p.m. meeting. Contract calls for the city to provide \$6,000 for the planning study, with the federal government providing a sum of \$9,000. The work will be carried out by the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, in association with the city planning commission. The city board is also expected to approve contract with the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce whereby it will accept a gift of an electric scoreboard for city stadium. The proposed contract provides 1) that the Jaycees may remove the scoreboard for relocation at the futuristic high school stadium when it is constructed on Phifer Road, or 2) that the scoreboard may be removed by the Jaycees at Jaycee option. The board will consider a proposal of Mayor Glee A. Bridges to franchise a civic club to sell Kings Mountain license plates. Mayor Bridges said his idea is to ask sealed bids of civic clubs interested. The Kings Mountain Jaycees and Lions club have indicated interest, he said. The commission is expected to enact for 1964-65, with little if any change, the current privilege license ordinance. Besides his sons and daughter here, Mr. Simpson is survived by his wife, Mrs. Connie Brown Simpson and two stepdaughters, Miss Jo Taylor of Hickory and Mrs. Martha Hemphill of Hickory. Nine grandchildren also survive. Rev. James Howles officiated at the final rites. *Continued on page 8*

### Mrs. Styers' Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Arie Melvinia Roberts Styers, 76, were held Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. from Temple Baptist church, of which she was a member. Mrs. Styers, widow of Joseph Cleveland Styers, died at 10 p.m. Sunday in Kings Mountain hospital. A native of Madison county, she was the daughter of the late James and Katherine Fox Roberts of Madison and Cleveland Counties. Surviving are four sons, John S. Styers, Lloyd D. Styers, and Dewey A. Styers, all of Kings Mountain, and G. E. Styers of Martinsville, Va.; two daughters, Mrs. Coy Bernette of Goldsboro and Mrs. Thomas Greene of Mangrum, Nicaragua; a sister, Mrs. Mollie R. Phillips, of Kings Mountain; 10 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Rev. R. L. McGaha, assisted by Dr. W. L. Pevsly, officiated at the final rites, and interment was made in Mountain Rest cemetery. **FAMILY NIGHT**  
Dixon Presbyterian church will hold family night with a covered dish supper at 6:30 p.m. Sunday in the church fellowship hall.

## New Medical Clinic Is Now Underway

### Homecoming Set At Resurrection

Annual homecoming will be observed Sunday at Resurrection Lutheran church. Former members have been invited to attend 10 a.m. regular church services and to join the congregation for picnic dinner at the church following the services. Ground was broken Monday for a new 12-room doctor's clinic for Hendricks-Durham Clinic at the corner of Mountain and Juniper streets. Contracts were awarded low bidders last week. T. C. Strickland of Shelby is general contractor, Hoke Electric company, Ben T. Goatin and Kings Mountain Sheet Metal Works, all of Kings Mountain, were low bidders for electrical plumbing and roofing. Architect J. L. Beam of Gastonia said. The building will approximate 3200 square feet on a lot which fronts 115 feet by 180 feet deep. The lots were purchased from George W. Mauney and Mrs. A. L. Allran. The clinic will house offices and treatment rooms plus an x-ray room and emergency room. It will be of brick and marble construction. Construct on work is expected to be completed by September 1. Dr. Paul E. Hendricks and Dr. Thomas Mauney also announced that Dr. Joe Lee of Greenville, S. C. will join them in the practice of medicine July 1. The Lee family will occupy the former O. W. Myers residence on Piedmont Avenue. Dr. Lee is now completing his internship.

### Simpson Rites Held Wednesday

Funeral rites for Willis Arken Simpson, 73, of Hickory, were held Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. from Hickory's Temple Baptist church, interment following in Oakwood City cemetery. Mr. Simpson was the father of Mrs. W. K. Mauney, Jr., W. B. Simpson, and James Simpson, all of Kings Mountain. He died Tuesday morning following illness of three weeks. Semi-retired Mr. Simpson has been employed by Merchant Distributing Company for over 30 years. He was a member of Penelope Baptist church.

## Kings Mountain Jaycees To Seek Cash To Fight Multiple Sclerosis

John H. Gamble and W. F. (Billy) Houser are serving as honorary co-chairmen of the 1964 multiple sclerosis drive which gets underway this week. Kings Mountain's goal in the campaign for funds is \$1,000. The Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce is conducting the drive in No. 4 Township and a house-to-house canvass will be held from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday night, Jaycee John Warlick said. Mr. Warlick said citizens who may not be contacted Friday night are invited to mail their contributions to him, to Jaycee President Bill Allen or to any member of the Jaycee organization. There are coin containers available in most stores for contributions, Mr. Warlick continued. Multiple sclerosis or MS is a

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## Pinnix Firm "Ready To Go" Says Official

R. H. Pinnix & Company, general contractors for the new Kings Mountain district high school, expect to break ground within a week and to have the new plant completed within a year or less. R. H. Lindsay, vice-president director and general manager of the Pinnix firm, said Wednesday, "We're ready to go as quickly as the contract is returned to us." That matter was being handled Wednesday. Mr. Lindsay said the construction superintendent for the Kings Mountain project will be Ben Lindsay, who is completing some three years work at Duke University, where the Pinnix firm has constructed additions to Duke Hospital and a new physics building. Architect Thomas H. Cothran reported Wednesday that all contracts have been returned with the exception of the one for heating-cooling installations, expected momentarily from Southern Plumbing and engineering Company, of Charlotte. The Kings Mountain plant — with the acceptance of the alternate for three additional classrooms — will total 128,900 square feet of floor space. The heating-cooling specifications provide for air-conditioning of administrative areas, and for basic installations for all the remainder of the building excepting vocational education shops and locker rooms. Space is provided for a chilled water unit which would complete the air-conditioning of the whole plant. The plant, which when equipped will cost a minimum of \$1,500,000, will be built on a 73-acre site on Phifer Road. School officials anticipate occupancy for the opening of the 1965-66 school term.

### Church School Set At Lutheran Church

Bible School will get underway Monday and continue through Saturday from 9 a.m. until 11:30 at St. Matthew's Lutheran church. Mrs. Dan Finger is serving as director of the school. The week of activities will follow the theme, "Old Testament Heroes."

### Mauney Hosiery Wins Contract

Mauney Hosiery Mills, Inc., Kings Mountain men's hosiery manufacturer, has received contract for producing one million pair of cotton-nylon black socks for the federal defense clothing and textile supply center. Contract price is at unit cost of 28 cents to 28 1/2 cents for gross contract of \$280,058. These are firm, fixed-price contracts awarded by competition, after formal advertising. Of the 24 concerns solicited, six concerns furnished bids. The contracts were awarded under Invitation for Bids ESA-1-64-1039 which opened on May 26th. The awards were made in accordance with regulations governing awards made to small business. They were awarded to the lowest responsible bidders who conformed with all bid requirements.