

# Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 8,008

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**EXPLORER POST FORMALLY ORGANIZED** — Foote Mineral Company's Kings Mountain operation has organized an Explorer Post for high school boys, freshmen through senior age. A boy need not be a Boy Scout to qualify. Present for the organizational meeting were a number of Foote officials, personnel and other Scouters from the county Boy Scout headquarters. From left (seated) Herman Sparks, Ed Goter, Carl Wilson, H. M. Broadwater, and Shuford Peeler. Standing (from left) C. L. Alexander, Ken Pruitt, James A. Mos, Jack Hardin, R. W. Hurlbut, Darrell Townsend and Neil O. Johnson.

## Football Crown At Stake; Playoff Games At Shelby

Kings Mountain's high school Mountaineers will invade Lincoln Friday night for the final regularly-scheduled game of the 1964 season and with the conference championship at stake.

Kings Mountain now is at top of the Southwestern division of the Western North Carolina High School Athletic Association, with an undefeated record of six conference wins, as well as three non-conference victories.

Lincolnton is also a high school powerhouse, has a conference record of five victories against one loss and is otherwise undefeated.

A Kings Mountain victory, or a tie, would make the Mountaineers conference champions. A Kings Mountain loss would make the Mountaineers and Wolves conference co-champions. However, Lincolnton would represent the conference in post-season playoffs, under rules of the Western North Carolina high school athletic association.

Coach Bill Bates said Wednesday he had been informed that if Kings Mountain captures the championship it will be the home team in the Southwestern-Northwestern playoff at Shelby's Elanton Memorial Stadium, playing either Hickory or Valdese. A victory in that game would make Kings Mountain again the home team, also playing at Shelby, against either Mooresville or Thomasville.

Kings Mountain met and defeated Mooresville in regular season play by 12-7.

## Here Is Route To Linc Stadium

Here's how to reach Lincoln's football stadium from Kings Mountain for Friday night's Kings Mountain-Lincolnton encounter:

Entering Lincolnton via Highway 150, turn left at first stop signal and proceed three blocks; turn right at that stop signal and proceed to Battleground road; turn left (at a factory) and proceed on Battleground until arriving at stadium.

## Miss Ormand's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Miss Dorcas Anne Ormand, 89, were held Tuesday at 4 p.m. from Long Creek Presbyterian church of Bessemer City, interment following in the church cemetery.

Miss Ormand died Monday morning in Maple Grove Nursing Home in Winston-Salem. She was the daughter of the late R. D. Ormand and Sara Matilda Goforth Ormand and was a member of the Long Creek church.

Survivors include two brothers, B. Meek Ormand of Kings Mountain and R. D. Ormand of Bessemer City.

Rev. W. Hoyt Pruitt officiated at the final rites.

## LEGION DANCE

A dance will be held at the American Legion building Saturday night from 9 till midnight for members of Otis D. Green Post 155 and their guests. It was announced by Dick McGinnis, social committee chairman. The Legion dining room will open at 5 p.m.



**ELECTED** — George B. Thomasson has been elected president of the Cleveland County Bar Association for the coming year.

## Thomasson Tops Bar Association

George B. Thomasson, Kings Mountain lawyer, has been elected president of the Cleveland County Bar Association for the coming year. He will succeed Joe Mull of Shelby.

The annual election of officers was held at a recent supper meeting at Cleveland Country club.

Judge Hugh Campbell, presiding over the current criminal term of Cleveland County Superior Court, spoke to the members on post-trial hearings and on proposed legislation in connection with court reform.

Other officers elected to serve with Thomasson were Joe Mauney of Shelby, vice-president; William White of Kings Mountain, secretary; and Fred Flowers of Shelby, treasurer.

The association passed a resolution of sympathy in the death of Shelby attorney Claude B. (Pat) McBrayer.

## Education Board Will Consider Building Needs With State Funds

Kings Mountain board of education is expected to waste little time in discussing how to spend most effectively the more than \$374,000 which represents this district's share of the \$100 million state school building construction bond issue approved by North Carolinians November 3.

Superintendent B. N. Barnes said Wednesday he anticipated the board would discuss building plans at Monday night's regular meeting, likely within the context of a survey report made several months ago by the state's Division of School Planning.

Among the chief recommendations were a major addition to the new Davidson plant, with eventual abandonment of the old plant anticipated.

Other recommendations concerned improvements to Compact school.

Actually, the monies from the state will not be available prior to July 1965.

State Treasurer Edwin M. Gill has stated the bonds will not be sold before the next fiscal year.

Under the state constitution, the state, like counties and cities, is

empowered to issue bonds without a vote of citizens in any fiscal year up to two-thirds of the previous fiscal year's net debt retirement.

To issue the school bonds now would mean that the 1965 General Assembly, convening in February, would not be able to issue any bonds minus a state-wide election, should the General Assembly desire.

At the same time, Supt. Barnes said, state school officials declared it would be quite proper for boards of education to proceed on planning school buildings, additions, and alterations.

In 1959, the board of education invited bids on an addition to the new Davidson plant; to include classrooms and a gymnasium.

Contract was not let when the low bids exceeded cost estimates. Shortly thereafter the consolidation movement was renewed and the board of education did not pursue the Davidson project on grounds that an area consolidation might dictate requirement for different facilities.

School officials said prior to

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# Secession Petitions Are Out



**DISTRICT OFFICERS INSTALLED** — New officers of the Western District of the North Carolina Distributive Education clubs were installed Wednesday at the district convention met at Kings Mountain high school. The Kings Mountain club was host to the delegation of 250 representatives of distributive education clubs.

## Senator-Elect White, Ware Oppose Effort

Petitions seeking an election to determine whether the Kings Mountain area wishes to secede from Cleveland County to join Gaston County have thus far met with only modest support, a spot check indicated Wednesday.

The petitions were distributed to several area business establishments Saturday and the spot check indicated the secession petitions now bear some 200 signatures.

Meantime, Cameron Ware, Bethware Democratic precinct chairman, said the consensus of opinion among Bethware citizens is opposed to secession. "I would like to see it dropped," Mr. Ware commented.

Senator-elect Jack H. White says he opposes the movement. He said he was elected to represent all citizens of Cleveland County, as well as Lincoln, Catawba and Alexander counties in the 31st state senatorial district and feels that the secession effort is not the proper means of settling intra-county differences.

Mr. Ware pointed out that all of Gaston's county farm offices are located in Dallas and that federal feed grain payments are based on county averages. "Farmers would be hurt by moving to Gaston," Mr. Ware added.

The secession petition reads: "We the undersigned, citizens and qualified voters of Cleveland County, North Carolina, residing within the bounds of the Kings Mountain School District, hereby petition The General Assembly of North Carolina to authorize an election to determine whether the area of Cleveland County, within the bounds of the Kings Mountain School District, shall secede from Cleveland County for admission to Gaston County."

The petitions are available for signing at these business establishments: Griffin Drug Company, Piedmont Drug Company, Frank Ballard's Store, Tommy Ellison Grocery, Bridges Hardware, Saunders Cleaners, Kings Mountain Drug Company, Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association, Central Barber Shop, Wright's Barber Shop, City Heating Company, Western Auto Store, all in Kings Mountain, and Hardin's Grocery, in Grover.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges said one petition, bearing 40 names had been returned to him. The petition at Western Auto Store had been signed by 44 persons and the petition at Central Barber Shop by 20 persons. Otherwise, the spot check showed, signatures on the petitions were few.

The secession effort was threatened after the county welfare board closed its Kings Mountain branch office.

A group of citizens voted last Friday to distribute the secession petitions.

Mayor Bridges, who first posed the secession threat, commented, "If I think I'm right, I stick, and I'm sticking."

D. L. Saunders commented, "I'm going to back Glee Bridges on going to Gaston county."

Several other citizens commented they felt the petition effort should be pursued and majority of the 40 citizens present voted for distributing the petitions. A few abstained.

**Cast Is Complete For "Troubadour"**

The Kings Mountain high school Mixed Chorus, under direction of Mrs. J. N. McClure, will present "The Gypsy Troubadour" Thursday, November 19th, in the school auditorium.

Members of the cast will include Sonny Willis as Todor; Freda Conner as Maria; Larry Dellinger as Vario; Freda Bowen as Janina; Libby Alexander as Elena; Reggie Alexander as Marko; Teresa Jolly as Rosita; Galtner Bumgardner as Nikoli; Jerry Ledford as Tom Gordon; Myra Mauney as Mrs. Jean Jerrod; Richard Franks as Henry Clayton; Pat Butler as Mary Matthews; and Teresa Dixon as Clare Clayton.

**TO CONVENTION**

Rev. Charles W. Easley, W. K. Mauney, and Aubrey Mauney will represent St. Matthew's Lutheran church at the annual state convention of Lutheran Church Men Thursday at St. John's Lutheran church in Cherryville. The all-day session will end with a banquet at 6:30.

## DE District Names Gore As Officer

Keith Gore, Kings Mountain high school student and son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Gore, was elected associate president of the Western District of the North Carolina Distributive Education Clubs of America at the annual convention attended by 250 members Wednesday in the high school auditorium.

The Kings Mountain chapter was host to the all-day gathering. Other officers, installed along with Gore, by Clifton Belcher, assistant state supervisor, were: Judy Brown, Ashley, of Gastonia, president; Jimmy Haiman, Lenoir, vice-president; Nita Mobley, Hunter Huss, Gastonia, secretary; Bobby Pinkerton, Ashley, Gastonia, treasurer; and Shirley Lambert, Hunter Huss, Gastonia, parliamentarian.

Guests and sponsors arrived at 3:15 p.m. and were greeted by members of the host DECA. Refreshments were served until 4:15.

Before the first general session opened, contestants for the job interview contest, candidates for the beauty queen contest and candidates for the district offices met in their respective rooms.

Ms. Lois Dixon presided at the first assembly and a program on parliamentary procedure was presented with the Belmont club assisting Mrs. Dixon. The 7 p.m. session followed dinner in the school cafeteria.

Steve Wallace presided and Tina Morris gave the invocation. David Shipman presented special guests and Supt. B. N. Barnes gave the official welcome. Janice Lane, Lenoir, responded. In the absence of Dorothy Allen, Carolyn Jones read the secretary's report. Danny Neal, acting treasurer, Kings Mountain, gave a financial report.

In the job interview contest awards went to Willa Dean Hines, Claremont Central high, first; Joan Reid, Shelby, second; and James Berdine, Morganton, third.

In the beauty queen contest Lisa Caruso, Valdese, took first place, Sharon Story, Hudson, was second and Judy Brown, Ashley, placed third.

## Retailer Group Asks Tag Office

Merchants Would Sell Auto Plates

Kings Mountain Merchants Association board of directors Thursday approved unanimously efforts to obtain a state automobile license sales office here.

Jonas Bridges, association president, said he had conferred with officials of the Motor Vehicles department in Raleigh and that he was informed, that if approved, opening date would not be prior to November 1965.

Meantime, Bridges noted that formal application would need to be made for such a service, the application would be thoroughly checked, and if approved, the person in charge of the sales office would be required to attend a training session in Raleigh.

The directors voted to pay expenses of the association secretary Ida F. Joy to the training classes.

Mr. Bridges said retailers would ask the endorsement of civic clubs and townspeople in spearheading the move.

The association directors also voted to sponsor Linda Sherrer, Carrousel Princess, in the Thanksgiving Day Carolinas Carrousel in Charlotte. The merchants will be responsible for decorating the convertible in which the high school senior will ride in the parade. Cars are to be decorated around the theme, "Symbols of Freedom and the young lady with the best decorated Princess car receives a \$50 savings bond.

**F-TA TO MEET**

North School Parent-Teacher Association will hold regular meeting Tuesday night at 7:30 in the school auditorium.

**WINS DEGREE** — Gene Mauney has received his master of arts degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**Mauney Earns Master's Degree**

Gene A. Mauney, Kings Mountain native and son of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, recently received his master of arts degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Mr. Mauney is a graduate of Lenoir Rhyne college and following Army service, he continued his studies at State college in Raleigh as well as in Chapel Hill.

Mrs. Mauney is the former Marie Abernethy of Hickory. The Mauneys and their two daughters lived four years in Burlington where Mr. Mauney taught in the city schools. Now they are living in Greensboro where he is in his second year of teaching general science at Kiser junior high.

**Kimmel Rites To Be Thursday**

Funeral rites for Mrs. Carolyn L. Kimmel will be held at Harris Funeral Home chapel Thursday morning at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Kimmel, mother of Harry Kimmel, former Kings Mountain citizen and widow of William Hoyle Kimmel who died in October 1950, succumbed at 10:45 Tuesday morning at Huntersville hospital. She had been ill several months.

Mrs. Kimmel was a native of Cabarrus county, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Lipe. She had resided at Kenmore Apartments, Charlotte, prior to her illness.

Surviving are her son, now of Saluda, S. C., two grandchildren and two grandchildren, a brother, Walter Lipe, of Concord, and a sister, Mrs. Helen L. Brooks, Winston-Salem.

Rev. Walker Black will conduct the final rites and interment will be in Mountain Rest cemetery.



**NAMED** — Joan McClure, top and Phyllis Pusey, Kings Mountain freshmen at UNC-G, are among 51 gifted students selected for participation in the freshmen honors program.

## Local Students In Honors Group

Joan McClure and Phyllis Pusey, Kings Mountain students at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, are among 51 gifted freshmen selected to participate in the UNC-G honors program.

Selected on the basis of their high school work and test scores, 51 freshmen were chosen from 1204 students in the class.

These honor students, whose records place them in the upper 10 percent of their class, elect special course sections taught by outstanding faculty members. They also attend seminars to discuss college opportunities, post college life and literary works dealing with universal questions and human values.

Students participating in honors are considered capable of eventually undertaking graduate work and a special effort is made to interest them in preparing for this.

The honors program is designed to make up about a fourth of the student's regular scholastic schedule. The remaining part is in the standard scholastic curriculum.

Miss McClure is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McClure and Miss Pusey is daughter of Rev. N. H. Pusey.

## Foote Mineral To Sponsor BSA Explorer Group

An explorer Boy Scout post, Kings Mountain's first, has been organized at Foote Mineral Company.

What is exploring? It is a program of the Boy Scouts of America for high school age boys and a boy does not have to be a Boy Scout to be an Explorer.

Carl F. Wilson served as chairman of the local organizational group at Foote which met in Shelby at Aldersgate Methodist church to formally organize an Explorer Post. Other Foote officials attending the meeting were Neil O. Johnson, plant manager; H. M. Broadwater, E. R. Goter, R. W. Hurlbut, S. K. Peeler, and J. D. Townsend.

Within the Kings Mountain area are more than 100 boys eligible for exploring. Charles L. Alexander, member of the Cleveland Commissioner staff of the county Boy Scout headquarters, noted in announcing the post's organization.

Foote's Kings Mountain plant will provide the leadership, meeting room and program facilities for the Post. The Explorer program provides each boy with experiences in developing social skills, exploring vocational opportunities, acquiring an appreciation of the out-of-doors; promoting personal fitness; giving service to the community; and understanding his role as citizen.

Boys range in ages of 15 and 18 years old and/or must be in the ninth grade to 12th grades of high school. They are eligible to remain in the unit until they graduate from high school even though they may have passed 18 years of age.

High school boys interested in joining the Explorer Post at Foote should contact Carl F. Wilson or any member of the organizational staff.

**Schools Noting Education Week**

Kings Mountain district schools, along with those throughout the county, are holding open house all week in observance of National Education Week, which began Sunday.

Parents are invited to come in and see the schools at work, school officials pointed out.

Members of the Future Teachers' organization at Kings Mountain high school honored the Kings Mountain unit of the North Carolina Education Association during a program Monday afternoon which featured several five-minute talks by teachers on "Why I Became A Teacher" and talks by students on "Why I Want To Become A Teacher."

The theme of National Education Week this year is "Education Pays Dividends". Special topics supporting the theme will be given special emphasis on each day of the week, including better human relations, improved earning power, personal fulfillment, good citizenship, national economic growth, better communities and international relations.