

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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Army Secretary Resor To Be Celebration Speaker

US 74 Hearing September 30



PRINCIPALS AT BANK LUNCHEON TUESDAY — R. S. Lennon, left, Kings Mountain banker, Carl G. McGraw, president of First Union National bank of North Carolina, and Paul M. Neisler, Sr., chairman of Kings Mountain First Union National at Bank board of directors get together following a 1 o'clock luncheon given by the local bank honoring President McGraw Tuesday. (Herald Photo by Bill Jackson).

Map Is Posted At City Hall On Wednesday

By MARTIN HARMON
Re-hearing on the proposed 7.3 mile relocation of U. S. 74 here will be held at 11 a.m. September 30 at the Kings Mountain National Guard Armory.

Announcement was made by W. B. Garrison, of Gastonia, member of the highway commission and R. W. McGowan, assistant chief engineer in charge of location.

Detailed aerial map of the proposed route, to scale of one inch to 400 feet, was posted at City Hall Wednesday afternoon. The map shows the proposed new route in yellow and the structures in red.

The proposed route is the same on which hearing was held here on May 5.

The re-hearing was scheduled on request of the city board of commissioners on grounds many citizens effected by and adjacent to the proposed route did not have sufficient opportunity to study the map at the May 5 hearing.

Mayor John Moss and Senator Jack White specifically requested that a detailed map of the proposed new route be posted well in advance of the hearing.

The east takeoff from present 74 would be west of the US 29-I-85 intersection. The road would proceed northwesterly, crossing the Bessemer City road south of East school, and transversing the Southern Railway tracks between Burlington's Phenix plant and Mullins Textiles. Slightly west of Piedmont avenue the road would turn southwesterly, cross present US 74, and move west some 600 to 700 feet south of Bethware school, reintersecting with US 74 about a mile east of the Buffalo Creek bridge.

Full interchanges would be built at Cleveland avenue and Piedmont avenue, with a partial interchange on Waco road. Phenix street would be dead-ended.

Principal opposition to the proposed rerouting at the initial hearing was expressed by Ned and Fuller McGill who own property near the east take-off, by some residents at the Piedmont avenue interchange who anticipate losing their homes, by citizens with commercial interests on US 74 west — the latter urging the initially proposed 3.13 mile or "short" route, and by J. E. Herndon, Jr., then-chairman of the board of education who declared the safety of children attending North school would be in question.

Conversely, some citizens of the Piedmont avenue area who appear to be directly in the path of the proposed road favor it. These are concerned only that fair remuneration for the properties will be received.

Engineer McGowan told the Herald last week, "The highway commission certainly doesn't want to ram anything down the throats of Kings Mountain citizens if they genuinely don't want it." He added he hoped all citizens interested in the proposed

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PANEL FOR TUESDAY NIGHT TOWN MEETING — Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, county health officer, at far left, Cleveland Recorder's Court Judge Joe Mull, also of Shelby, Mrs. Bill Russell, Mayor John Henry Moss, Mrs. Aubrey Mauney and Roy Pearson were photographed above as they discussed community needs at a town meeting Tuesday night. Other panelists, not pictured, are Ben Poston and Harry Sandling, both of Shelby, county juvenile court officers. (Photo for the Herald by Bill Jackson).

Resor To Review Parade Here, Speak At Park

Stanley R. Resor, secretary of the army, will make the principal address for the 185th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain celebration.

Congressman Basil L. Whitener, of the 10th North Carolina district, wired Mayor John Henry Moss Monday night of the secretary's acceptance.

Secretary Resor will fly by jet plane from Washington on Saturday, October 9, will review the mammoth battle celebration parade starting at 2:30 p.m., and he will speak at 4:30 p.m. at the amphitheatre of Kings Mountain National Military Park.

Co-chairmen of the battle celebration committee, Mayor Moss and Bill Brown, said they are highly pleased at Secretary Resor's acceptance of the speaking invitation.

Meantime, it was announced that both Carolinas beauty queens will be in Kings Mountain during the celebration. Miss North Carolina will be King Mountain on Thursday and Friday, October 7 and 8, while Miss South Carolina, one of the ten finalists in the recent Miss America pageant, will be here on October 9 to appear in the parade and to lead the grand celebration ball that evening.

Announced previously was the appearance of the famed Golden Knights sky-diving team from Fort Bragg, who will perform their feats on both October 8 and 9.

Plans call for a full program of events beginning the evening of October 6 and including talent shows, beauty contests, street dancing and the Kings Mountain-Bessemer City homecoming football game, all culminating with Saturday's parade, for which General Joe S. Lawrie, commanding general of the 82nd Airborne Division, will serve as grand marshal.

Meantime, Mayor Moss was busy Wednesday appraising previously-invited dignitaries of final details and renewing the invitations. Area United States Congress, Governors from five surrounding states, and many other leading officials have been invited to attend.

Already more than 100 units have accepted invitations to appear in the parade.

Secretary Resor and other distinguished visitors will see the parade from a reviewing stand to be erected on Railroad avenue.

Mr. Resor, a former partner for ten years in the New York law firm of Debevoise, Plimpton, Lyons and Gates, became secretary of the army on July 7, only two months after his appointment as under secretary. He is a World War II army veteran of the European Theatre, served in the Battle of the Bulge in defense of Bastogne, France, as a second lieutenant. He was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart and his unit

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McGraw Praises KM Leadership

Kings Mountain Native Honored By KM Board

People are most important in providing leadership for progress, and Kings Mountain has been blessed with progressive people, Carl McGraw, Kings Mountain native and president of First Union National Bank of North Carolina said here Tuesday.

Mr. McGraw spoke to more than 100 Kings Mountain area business and professional men at a luncheon, given in his honor by First Union's Kings Mountain board of directors.

Summarizing Kings Mountain's history, he noted that what is now the City of Kings Mountain was once the postoffice of White Plains and that Mrs. J. W. Tracy, in naming the town, honored the Mountain Men of 1780 who defeated the British here and turned the tide of victory for the struggling colonies.

He noted that a gold mine opened near here in 1834 produced more than a million dollars in gold, and said it was a predecessor to the current mining operations for lithium ore, limestone and mica.

He praised the founding families of Kings Mountain, Mauney, Neisler, Falls, Plonks, Wares and others for their industry and progressive spirit and noted that textiles boast 11 plants in the immediate area.

He told the audience his firm will begin construction in the very near future of a new two-story bank building and noted that Kings Mountain stockholders of First Union, increased by ten percent since the merger with First National five years ago, own stock valued at more than a million dollars and collect dividends totaling \$40,000 annually.

Mr. McGraw reviewed briefly the fabulous growth of First Union stating it assets have increased ten times in the past seven years to \$600 million, making First Union the nation's 12th largest and the state's third largest.

The bank has 1600 employees in its 43 branches with a \$9 million annual payroll. The bank's loan limit has risen to \$5.3 million.

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KM Citizens Aiding Betsy-Ravaged City

Mayor John Henry Moss has directed an appeal to Kings Mountain area citizens to aid, with cash, used clothing and household goods, or both, the hurricane-ravaged city of Lockport, La.

Harris Funeral Home will serve as a depository for clothing and household goods and cash contributions should be given either to Ollie Harris or William Plonk.

Several cash donations were forwarded to Lockport Wednesday and a large parcel of clothing from Plonk Brothers & Company will be shipped Thursday.

Mayor Moss talked by telephone to Lockport Mayor Nolan E. Toups who said there remains many needy persons from Hurricane Betsy, which cost many lives and wreaked great property damage in the New Orleans area. Mayor Toups said even communications have not yet been completely restored.

The Mayor urged citizens to make their donations of goods and cash this weekend. "We hope to ship a real quantity of goods by Monday," he added.

Reynolds To Defy Ban On Trailers

Warren E. Reynolds, Kings Mountain realtor and trailer park owner, said this week he will not honor the city's recently-enacted ordinance banning up to 120 days installation of any more trailers within the city limits.

"My lawyer says they can't do that," Mr. Reynolds commented.

He added he has five trailers on order he intends to use as trailer-residences.

The city recently banned installation of any more trailers within the city limits for up to 120 days, following recommendation by the zoning board.

Meantime, the zoning board is examining trailer ordinances and zoning laws of other cities in an effort to provide a recommendation for regulating use of trailers for residences and trailer parks.

KMHS Frosh Get New Course "Work World"

Kings Mountain high school is one of 260 in North Carolina to offer a new course to help ninth graders get an introduction to the world of work.

North Carolina's high schools are the first in the nation to offer the new course—called Introduction to Vocations, or IV—first offered in 45 schools in the state in the fall of 1963 on an experimental basis. It was offered last year in about 100 schools. This fall the course is no longer experimental. It is being offered in about 260 schools—an increase of 550 percent since 1963—and is supported partially by federal funds this year.

Already New Jersey and Washington are going into a similar program and other states are investigating the possibilities.

Myers Hambricht, a member of the vocational agriculture department, is instructor of the new course open to only high school freshmen.

What is this program that has generated such contagious enthusiasm?

It is a course which will help ninth grade students get to know themselves, their abilities and their interests and to relate themselves to the opportunities awaiting in the world. For the first time they will have a chance to study and explore the many vocations which are available in a changing world where new vocations are born every day and

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Downtown Revitalization Plans Approved; Questionnaire Mailed

The mayoral committee on downtown development Thursday night approved a plan calling for 1) a modern shopping center in the business district, 2) pedestrian malls, 3) 1000-car parking facilities, 4) store re-fronting and 5) beautification of the railroad area.

No price tag or time limit was set for the project but the committee discussed formation of a non-profit corporation which would handle the business of the committee, Chairman John Plonk said.

Sub-committees are already at work on lists of items which take priority. Promotion chairman Charles E. Dixon mailed letters to all business citizens Wednesday which included a survey form the merchants are asked to fill out. The two-page survey, "Merchant's Opinion in the Kings Mountain Business District," is to be returned to the committee Friday. Included are questions about any plans for ex-

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Specialists List Community Needs; Opinions Are Voiced

Fluoridation, Play Center Recommended

A crowd estimated at 115 citizens, discussed community needs and heard suggestions for improvements from a panel of specialists in six fields at Tuesday night's initial Town Meeting at City Hall.

Audience reaction was sparked by Suggestion No. 1 from Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, the county health officer, that the municipal water supply be fluoridated. A referendum here several years ago killed a proposal for city water fluoridation.

Mrs. Moffatt Ware, Sr. quickly said she was "against" his opinion that fluoridation is not detrimental to a human being. Dr. Mitchell noted that dentists advocate fluoridation for better teeth for children and his examinations of children's teeth during 27 years of practice here and in the county further echoed this fact.

Mrs. E. W. Griffin, Sr. said, "I'd like to make a motion that we fluoridate our water supply at once." The crowd applauded loudly.

Dr. Mitchell also suggested that a sanitation survey of Kings Mountain and environment be made in the near future, a study which, he said would improve the health of its citizens. He suggested a civic club could lead the project. He offered the assistance of his department which includes four sanitarians.

Judge Joe Mull, the county recorder's court judge, was addressed many questions from the audience after he was asked by panel moderator Mrs. Bill Russell, "What can we do to help the teenagers of our community?"

The Judge said, "I'm in a business I beg people not to patronize. Over 500 young people from ages 18-20 have been tried in my court already this year and the figure grows every day. They are there because they've broken the law. You as parents can start obeying the law yourselves and teach your child or neighbor to respect the law. A parent should not teach fear of a policeman. Take him to the police station at an early age and let him learn to respect law enforcement officers."

"We need to change our own opinions because our young people, (I do not like to use the word teenager,) look to us for guidance."

"I'm a teenager, and I'd like to see Kings Mountain youth have a choice of places to go on Saturday nights. I'd like to see our community have a recreation ground for dancing, games, socializing run by Christian people where we won't have any youth

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KMHS Social Events Temporarily Halted

Out-of-school hours social events at Kings Mountain high school have been suspended temporarily by action of the board of education.

Chairman George H. Mauney said the building has not yet been accepted, as some contractors have minor corrections yet uncompleted.

Already one has claimed students or other occupants caused some minor damage.

It was therefore the reasoning of the board, Chairman Mauney said, that use of the building will be limited to the regular five-day schedule from 8:30 a.m.

Glenn Payseur Dies At 57

Glenn Payseur, 57, Kings Mountain native and son of the late Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Payseur, died Wednesday afternoon at 3:45 p.m. in the Kings Mountain hospital following illness of five months.

Funeral will be conducted at Central Methodist church at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, with interment at Mountain Rest cemetery. Rev. Howard Jordan will conduct the rites.

Mr. Payseur was a member of Central Methodist church and a former employee of Foote Mineral Company.

He is survived by his brother, Baxter Payseur; his sister-in-law, Mrs. Payseur; and his nephew, Jimmy Payseur.

John Floyd Dies In Florida

John Floyd, former Kings Mountain citizen, died at 8 o'clock Wednesday night in a Bay Pines, Fla., hospital.

His sister, Mrs. P. D. Herndon, and niece, Mrs. Howard Ware, were en route to Florida to visit Mr. Floyd. Stopping overnight with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Kimmel at Saluda, S. C., they received the death message there.

Mr. Floyd was a time study specialist for Neisler Mills, Inc., and subsequently for Long Shoals Mills. He was a onetime auto dealer here. He had been in ill health for the past several years.

Mr. Floyd was a veteran of both World Wars I and II. Funeral arrangements are incomplete, but the final rites will be here and burial will be in Mountain Rest cemetery.

PERMIT ISSUED

J. E. Herndon Company was issued a building permit this week to rebuild its City street warehouse. Estimated cost is \$3000.

Crowds Throng Cleveland Fairgrounds

Tuesday, the gates swung open on the 42nd annual Cleveland County Fair. And, as usual, the midway, the exhibit halls and the grandstand activity at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds will dominate interest in these parts until the lights flicker out late Saturday night.

Three more days remain, and fairgoers are breaking all previous records both in attendance and in entering exhibits.

Kings Mountain School Day will be Friday when students will be admitted on passes. Special emphasis is placed on educational exhibits at the fair.

The Deggeller Shows, a midway on wheels, brings sideshow attractions and over 50 rides to the sprawling fairgrounds this year. The midwestern outfit prides itself in its clean approach to the county fair appearance.

The Barbara Allen Show will be seen every night and Friday afternoon in front of the grandstand. Miss Allen, talented and versatile country and western personality, was selected by Billboard Magazine as one of the nation's most promising singers

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BANK PRESIDENT RECEIVES BADGE — Kings Mountain Mayor John Henry Moss, left above, presents a Mountaineer Day badge to Charlotte banker Carl G. McGraw, Kings Mountain native president of First Union National Bank of North Carolina, of-honor here Tuesday at a luncheon given by the Kings Mountain bank board of directors at the National Guard (Photo by Bill Jackson).