

**Population**  
 Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
 City Limits 8,008  
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## KM Battle Anniversary Celebration Begins Sunday

### Hearing Thursday On US 74 By-Pass

**Hearing Today At 11 o'clock At Armory**

Second public hearing on the proposed relocation of U.S. 74 through Kings Mountain will be held Thursday (Friday) at 11 a. m. at the Kings Mountain National Guard Armory.

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

Division Highway Commissioner W. B. Garrison of Gastonia and Assistant Chief Highway Engineer R. W. McGowan of Raleigh will conduct the hearing.

Detailed aerial map of the proposed route was posted at City Hall courtroom last Wednesday afternoon. The map shows the proposed new route in yellow and the structures in red.

Citizens favoring and/or opposing the route will be heard at Thursday's hearing. The proceedings will be recorded and a transcript of the hearing made.

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 H. Moss and Senator Jack White specifically requested that a detailed map of the proposed new route be posted 10 days in advance of the hearing.

The relocation will mean a dual-lane highway which will stretch from a point four miles west of the city limits to I-85 at the Kings Mountain cutoff. The route is for a limited access highway with four interchanges and nine bridges. Interchanges would be at Highway 74 west, Waco road, Highway 216 and Cleveland avenue. The route includes an underpass under the tracks of Southern Railway.

Since the first hearing, some citizens of the Piedmont area who appear to be directly in the path of the proposed road now favor it.

Engineer McGowan told the Herald he hopes that both opponents and proponents of the re-routing will attend Thursday's meeting. He also pointed out that the re-location project has been on the commission agenda for many years and that the Kings Mountain project is a key one in the over-all plan of making U.S. 74 a limited access four-lane thoroughfare from Wilmington to I-26 near Asheville.



**FIRST REPORT** — Kings Mountain area workers in Gardner-Webb College's campaign for \$1,125,000 reported \$9,375 in their first report meeting Tuesday night at the Masonic Building, Bob Maner is shown calling for reports. At his left are, Dr. Eugene Poston and John O. Plonk. At the right are Thomas McGraw, vice-president of the college (standing) and Charles Mauney.

### Stadium Group To Receive New Estimates

Architects for the proposed Gamble Football Stadium will have estimates ready next week to give members of the Kings Mountain stadium fund using committee on:

- 1) cost of coordinated grading of the three practice fields;
- 2) pre-formed concrete seats
- 3) different type of foundation and construction technique which will "save money".

James E. Herndon, Jr., member of the board of education, said yesterday that Bill Fripp, architect with the Charlotte firm of Charles M. Greer and Associates, had written him he will be on vacation until Monday but that the estimates are to be made available to school officials and members of the stadium committee during the week.

He said he anticipated a meeting to be called.

Mr. Herndon cited as erroneous an article appearing in Tuesday's Shelby Daily Star entitled, "Kings Mountain Stadium No Closer To Realization."

The former schoolboard chairman said he had conferred with architects many times over the past six months concerning the stadium project, had been told that better prices from grading contractors would be obtainable in November, December and January.

"We believe we can get a better price now, from these new drawings and estimates", Herndon said. By using the excess dirt from the three fields, Herndon said that grading would be eliminated on the west side of branch from the practice field.

"If we can get a favorable price, we will be able to negotiate contracts", Mr. Herndon stated.

Members of the stadium steering committee are Carl F. Mauney and Charles A. Neisler, co-chairmen, and Charles F. Harry, treasurer.



**HONORED** — Insurance man Ben F. Beam was honored for long service and presented a Marshal of Legion award at a banquet given by Western & Southern Life Insurance Company Saturday.

### Beam Honored For Long Service

Ben F. Beam, Kings Mountain insurance man, was recognized for 35 years of service with the Western and Southern Life Insurance Company Saturday evening, at Holiday Inn, Gastonia.

R. Ledwell, president of the Legion Officers, welcomed the guests to the 43rd Legion Anniversary, after which E. C. Lewis gave the invocation.

C. E. Minnish Superintendent of Agencies presented Mr. Beam with the Marshal of Legion award and made a gift to him of a mahogany Seth-Thomas chime clock.

A. V. Ware, Dist. Mgr. C. S. Blackwell, Robert Henderson, Associate Sales Managers, close associates remembered the new Marshal of Legion with a gold wrist watch. Mr. Beam began work for the Imperial Life Insurance Company on Nov. 17, 1930. Imperial Life merged with the Western & Southern Life Insurance Co. in October, 1957.

Mr. Beam was accompanied to the banquet in his honor by his wife Mrs. Sara Mae Beam. After the presentation of the Marshal of Legion Award, the Gastonia Wesleyan Youth Chorus rendered several choral selections under the direction of D. Childress. Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Minnish and Dr. and Mrs. Charles Lowery.

### 200-Unit Parade To Be Featured In Full Week

Kings Mountain area citizens will celebrate the 185th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain in week-long activities beginning Sunday.

Preparation for the annual celebration commemorating the Revolutionary War Battle victory at Kings Mountain were well underway this week.

A 200-unit parade on Saturday, October 9th, an address at 4:30 p.m. that day by Secretary of the Army Stanley R. Resor in the National Military Park Amphitheatre, and a grand ball that evening at the National Guard Armory will culminate the festivities.

Numerous visiting dignitaries and beauty queens will begin arriving next Thursday. Miss North Carolina, Penny Clark, will arrive for a press conference at 10:30 a.m. at City Hall. She will appear at a Jaycee sponsored beauty pageant at the National Guard Armory that evening and will crown "Miss Kings Mountain." On Friday she will visit downtown merchants and will appear at the KMHS - Bessemer City homecoming football game here that evening.

Ten Kings Mountain girls will vie for the title of "Miss Kings Mountain". Jaycee President Jake Dixon said that contestants are:



**SPEAKER** — Secretary of the Army Stanley R. Resor will make the principal address for the 185th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain celebration.

### Club Favors Fluoridation

Kings Mountain Woman's club Monday night endorsed fluoridation of the city water supply. Thirty-eight members endorsed the project, two members abstained. Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch, chairman of the club's community affairs committee, reported.

In presenting the fluoridation matter before the Woman's club, Mrs. Lynch said Kings Mountain dentists favored fluoridation of the water supply and 99 percent of all doctors and dentists in the country—according to the American Medical Association—favor water fluoridation.

She said, "We do not want fluoridation to again become a political issue in Kings Mountain. This is for the health and good of the community. We plan to hold a community-wide meeting on the matter shortly."

The fluoridation subject came up again here last Tuesday night in a Town Meeting sponsored by the Woman's club. Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, county health officer, cited the need for fluoridation.

### WBTV To Feature Historical Event

**Kings Mountain Battle On Scene At 6:30 p.m.**

One of history's most memorable events — and one of which every Carolinian should be proud — is the Battle of Kings Mountain.

The story of this famous Revolutionary War battle will be depicted on "Land of the Free" Sunday, Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m. on WBTV, Channel 3.

This program was written by Ed Smith of Kings Mountain with the help of Kings Mountain historians, and is illustrated with photographs and detailed close-ups of the battle at Kings Mountain National Park.

WBTV's Jim Cremins and Dick [unclear] provide the narration

with actors dressed in period costumes dramatizing the dialogue. Actors in the program include Jim Rogers, Peter Hazelton, Norman Prewatte and Fred Vinroot.

To many folks sings verses of "The Battle of Kings Mountain" illustrating the events of the conflict as they occur.

This battle, termed by Thomas Jefferson as "the turning point of the war in the South," was fought on Oct. 7, 1780, and is regarded as one of the most significant battles during the War for Independence.

The ground for which they fought had no military value, but George Washington considered its capture an important advantage over the British.

Ironically, there was not a single active member of the Continental Army on the one side, and less than a handful of native-born Britains on the other. The



**PUMPKIN GROWER** — David Caldwell, age 10, has grown his own jack-o-lantern from seeds he planted last spring.

### Caldwell Boy Pumpkin-Grower

David Caldwell, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Caldwell, has his Halloween jack-o-lanterns ready.

Young Caldwell has tended his

### County Fair Sets Attendance Record

Cleveland County's 42nd annual fair, which closed Saturday, set attendance records, according to Ell-ridge Weathers, fair manager.

The Saturday crowd estimated at 85,000 was the largest for any one day in the history of the fair, Weathers said, and the fair's total attendance, estimated at 275,000, was also a record.

### Baptist Revival Is Continuing

Revival services are in progress at Second Baptist church each evening at 7:30 p.m.

Services will continue through Sunday, Oct. 3.

Rev. C. O. Greene, Superintendent of Missions of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association, is guest preacher.

Rev. George Julian, pastor, invited the interested community to attend.

### Patriotic Theme To Feature Decor

The city will be decorated in red, white and blue starting from Friday through October 10 for next week's mammoth celebration of the Battle of Kings Mountain.

Signs were going up this week, patriotic buttons were on sale, and women were readying costumes for the celebration, termed by officials as "Kings Mountain's biggest, ever."

A familiar decoration on the downtown streets was the recently-painted "jail" which several years ago housed those men who failed to sport a beard during the Mountaineer Days celebration.

Joe Vale, promotional director of the upcoming anniversary celebration, has not announced what part the "jail" will have in this year's event which officially starts Monday.



SCENE FROM REVOLUTIONARY WAR BATTLE OF KINGS MOUNTAIN OCTOBER 7, 1780