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# Six Area Students Receive Diplomas

Six Kings Mountain high school graduates were among the 329 graduates of King's College in Charlotte who were awarded diplomas at the college's 65th annual commencement program on November 20. General Business Secretarial diplomas were presented to Miss Mary Alleen Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Wright, Jr., Hawthorne Road; and Miss Kay Mauney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Mauney, 809 East King Street. The others were Miss Zelma Scruggs, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. H. S. Scruggs, 518 Second Street, who received a diploma for completing the Advanced Secretarial Course. Paul Smith, son of Mrs. Paul Smith, 109 Myers Street, received a diploma.

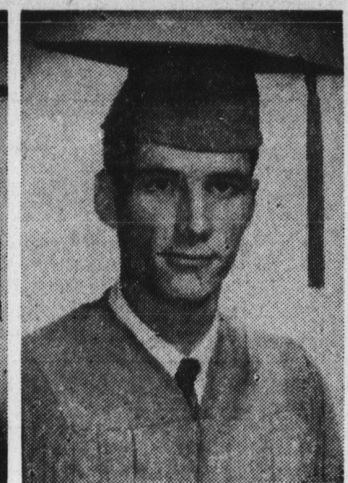
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KAY MAUNEY



BECKY STOWE FISHER



PAUL SMITH

**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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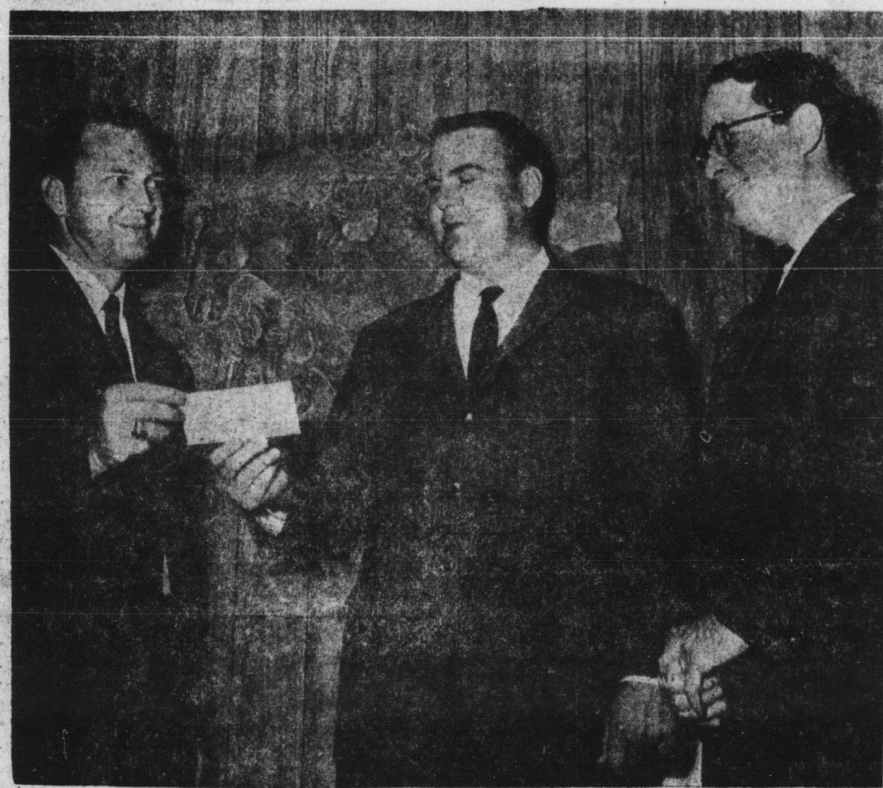
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Seventy-Sixth Year

PRICE TEN CENT

# Kings Mountain Gardner-Webb Gifts Top \$100,000



TOPS \$100,000 — Richard E. (Dick) Maxey, executive officer of the new First Citizens Bank and Trust Co. in Kings Mountain, hands Charles M. Mauney a check for \$5,000. Mauney, center, was area chairman of the Gardner-Webb College campaign in Kings Mountain - Grover and Patterson Springs which netted over \$100,000 with the First Citizens Bank gift. Dr. Eugene Poston, president of the college, looks on.

## First-Citizens Gift Of \$5,000 Boosts Goal

Kings Mountain area campaigners for Gardner-Webb College took a belated curtain-call this week as their already surprising total surpassed the \$100,000 mark.

A \$5,000 gift from First Citizens Bank and Trust Co. pushed the organization to the figure which is quadruple their \$25,000 goal and by far the most impressive campaign, percentage-wise, of any the college has conducted this year.

Active solicitation in the Kings Mountain area ceased in late October with \$92,546 pledged or given but "quiet" work by campaign leaders continued resulting in this week's announcement of success by Charles Mauney, area chairman.

Richard E. (Dick) Maxey, executive officer of the new First Citizens Bank and Trust Co. which will open in Kings Mountain, made official presentation of the pledge. Maxey is presently assistant vice-president of the First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co. of Hickory. He and his family will move to Kings Mountain Dec. 20. His wife is the former Jane Julian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Julian of Fayetteville, N. C.

Maxey is a graduate of Lenoir Rhyne College and is presently a senior at the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University and is vice-president of his class.

Gardner-Webb is in a \$1,250,000 campaign for development and expansion of its physical facilities. Over \$1 million has been raised in the Cleveland-Rutherford Counties area and in 1966 the campaign will move into Gaston County and into Cherokee County, S. C.

The Kings Mountain area under the guidance of Mauney, Bob Maier, canvass chairman; John O. Plonk, special gifts chairman; J. C. Bridges, Fain Hambricht and Jonas Bridges, division leaders and many others had its total boosted by a \$50,000 gift from the W. K. and D. C. Mauney families. From the point of that gift the organization attempted to match it dollar-for-dollar.

First Citizens Bank and Trust Co. aids many colleges out of its Holding Foundation. The bank was started in 1898 in Smithfield and has grown to a point that it is located in 47 cities. Lewis R. Holding is president, Robert P. Holding is chairman of the board, Frank Holding is vice-president and George Brodrick of Charlotte is regional vice-president.

## Negro Woman Bound Over

Kings Mountain Recorder's Court Judge George Thomasson Monday found probable cause in a murder charge against Margaret Hopper of 411 Morris Street.

Miss Hopper is charged in the November 13 death of Negro J. Hue McClain. A preliminary hearing was held at 2 p.m. session of Recorder's Court Monday. Witnesses appearing against Miss Hopper included Sheriff J. H. Allen, Kings Mountain policeman Jackie Barrett and Dr. Joseph Lee.

Dr. Lee testified that he examined McClain and termed his death as coming from shock and excessive loss of blood. Time of death was around 3:40 a.m. No. Continued On Page 6



EMPTY STOCKING PROJECT UNDERWAY — Kings Mountain Ministerial Association launched its annual Christmas-season Empty Stocking appeal Saturday and first-day gifts totaled \$107. Rev. C. R. Goodson, project chairman reported. The booth is located in the downtown business district and will be manned by area ministers through Christmas Eve. Gifts will aid the area needy and make Christmas merrier for the indigent. Rev. Mr. Goodson, left pastor of East Gold Street Wesleyan Methodist church, and Rev. H. G. Clayton, pastor of First Nazarene church, are pictured above. Operating the booths this weekend will be Rev. C. C. Bundy on Thursday, Rev. Grier on Friday, and Rev. Darrell Coble, Rev. George Julian and Rev. R. L. Garvin on Saturday. (Photo for the Herald by Paul Lemmons)

# Stadium Bids To Be Opened By Architects Here Dec. 14

## Grading, Seating General Contract Bids Invited

Three sets of bids—for grading and drainage, concrete seating and general construction of the proposed John Gamble Football Stadium will be opened December 14th at 2 p.m.

Architect-engineers are inviting bids in the several categories to be "in" by that date. James E. Herndon, a member of the board of education said Wednesday.

The bids will be opened by the members of the board of education and the stadium committee in the offices of School Supt. B. N. Barnes.

Stadium officials expressed the hope that contracts will be let at the Tuesday, Dec. 14th, meeting. Three sets of bids will be opened, including: 1) grading and drainage; 2) concrete stadium seats; 3) general contract, including electrical, plumbing, lighting, pressbox and concessions.

In mid-November architect-engineers were authorized to complete revision of plans designed to pare construction costs and to invite bids as quickly as possible. When bids were invited last spring, only one or "turnkey" bid was asked. Result was that the total cost would have approximated \$145,000, some \$65,000 over the \$80,000 contributions sought for constructing a 4,000 seat stadium. Meantime, contributions and pledges have topped \$83,000.

## Lions Are Holding Fruit Cake Sale

The Kings Mountain Lions club is continuing its annual fruit cake sale for benefit of the blind.

The civic club is again offering the popular Claxton three-pound cake for \$3. Both light and dark cakes are available.

Proceeds from the sale are used by the Lions to aid the blind and also those with sight deficiencies.

Gene Timms and Howard Bryant are co-chairmen of the annual cake sale.

Other member of the committee are Edwin Moore, Warren Burgess and George Diacon.

## Rita Bell Attends Lions Bowl Events

Miss Rita Bell, Kings Mountain Homecoming queen, participated in a talent show and beauty contest preceding the Lions Bowl football game at Forest City Friday night.

In the talent division Miss Bell played a piano solo, "Alla Burlesque" by Kuhlau, and on Saturday, along with other homecoming queens from the area, she rode in the pre-game parade.

The teams were made up of senior stars from the Southwestern 3-A and Northwestern conferences. The North team won the game 28-6.

## Postmaster Says "Mail Early"

Kings Mountain Postmaster Charles Alexander is offering suggestions to patrons to guide them in planning their Christmas mailings.

Inviting citizens to "mail early", the postmaster lists the following information on mailing deadlines, local and out-of-town areas, including:

- MIDDLE AND FAR EAST Gift Parcels — December 5.
- Greeting Cards—December 18.
- Air Parcel Post—December 15.
- OVERSEAS (Including Armed Forces) Air Mail or Air Parcel Post no later than — December 10.
- LOCAL and NEARBY AREAS Gift Parcels — December 14.
- Greeting Cards—December 15.

Postage Rates For Greeting Cards U.S. CANADA MEXICO 1st Class — 5c 3rd Class — 4c AIR MAIL — 8c All other Countries Sealed — 11c Unsealed — 5c (Air Mail — Consult your local post office).

- GREETING CARDS 1. Address your cards completely, clearly and correctly.
- 2. Separate Cards, using LOCAL and OUT-OF-TOWN labels.
- 3. Use First Class Mail... It may be sealed—contain written message; will receive priority service; will be forwarded to new address if known, or returned to sender.
- 4. Always use ZIP Code as part of your return address.

## Methodist Choir To Sing Cantata Here On Sunday

The 26-voice Senior Choir of Central Methodist church will sing "Christmas Oratorio" by Camille Stant-Saens at the 11 o'clock morning worship service Sunday.

Mrs. J. N. McClure, organist-choir director, will direct the presentation. Vocal soloists will include Mrs. Delbert Dixon, soprano; Mrs. Bill Allen, mezzo-soprano; Miss Teresa Dixon and Miss Becky Dixon, altos; Jacob Dixon, tenor; and B. S. Peeler, Jr., baritone.

The music of "Christmas Oratorio" is written in the style "pastorale" and is built about the birth of Christ, with a mention of the prophecies and a grim hint of the coming tragedy which the birth and prophecies foreshadowed.

The text used was done into English from the Latin by Nathan Haskell Dole, an American poet and translator of many famous works.

Choir members are: Sopranos — Mrs. Bill Allen, Mrs. Delbert Dixon, Miss Mary Alice McDaniel, Mrs. W. A. Tinsley, Mrs. Bennett Masters, Miss Bessie Baumgardner, Mrs. John Warlick, Mrs. Charles Blanton, Miss Cindy Ware, Miss Myra Mauney, Altos — Mrs. Baxter Payerse, Miss Teresa Dixon, Miss Libby Alexander, Miss Kay McSwain, Miss Becky Dixon, Miss Myra Ware, Miss Debbie Timms, Tenors — W. A. Russell, Jacob Dixon, Arthur Walker, John Warlick, Basses — B. S. Peeler, Jr., Carleton Harris, Delbert Dixon, Bill Allen, Richard Etheridge.

## 80-Voice Choir Performs Well

By ANNE JAMES HARMON

The 80-voice combination of the Cleveland County Choral Society and the Chorus of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte performed excerpts from Handel's "Messiah" with musicianship and meaning at the Kings Mountain Baptist church Tuesday evening.

Under the skillful direction of Harvey L. Woodruff, of Charlotte, both soloists and choir caught the pulse of each rhythm and sang the intricate Baroque phrases with delightful lightness. The words were clearly articulated and the blending of voices was beautiful.

But the chief characteristic of the performance was the alive currency with which each Biblical statement was presented.

Tenor Robert Carter's "Comfort Ye, my people" could have been the voice of the prophet, and the lovely tones of mezzo-soprano Polly Willis were just right for "He Shall Feed His Flock."

"For unto us a Child is Born" portrayed the excitement of the women and pride of the men's voices, and among the most resonant sounds in the oratorio was the phrase "Wonderful, Counselor."

"And the government shall be upon his shoulders" portrayed a martial air and caught the mood of the mantle of such a responsibility.

Robert Decker, minister of music at Elizabeth Baptist church, Shelby, has a beautiful bass voice and his solos demonstrated great range.

Delores Poovey of Mt. Holly, gave the angels announcement to the shepherds. Former Kings Mountain citizen. Continued On Page 6

## Mrs. Plonk's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Grace Berry Plonk, 76, were held Monday at 3 p.m. from First Presbyterian church of which she was a member.

Dr. Paul K. Ausley officiated at the final rites, and interment was made in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Wife of R. Grier Plonk, Sr., Mrs. Plonk succumbed Saturday at 9:30 p.m. in the Kings Mountain hospital following illness of three weeks.

She was a native of Gaston county, a member of the Thursday Afternoon Book club and long active in affairs of her church. In addition to her husband, Mrs. Plonk is survived by two sons, Harold Plonk of Kings Mountain and R. G. Plonk, Jr. of Shelby; two daughters, Mrs. J. D. Mercer of Wurzburg, Germany, and Mrs. A. A. Lackey, Jr. of Fallston; one brother, Fred Harris of Tampa, Fla. and one sister, Mrs. Estelle Meador of Union, S. C. Also surviving are three grandchildren.

Mrs. Plonk had been long active in Circle 5 of First Presbyterian church of which she was a former secretary. Born in Gaston County, she moved to Florida at an early age and was educated in the schools there.

She suffered a light stroke three weeks ago, was hospitalized and suffered a second stroke prior to her death.

Active pallbearers were her nephews, Robert Harris of Columbia, S. C., Caswell Taylor of Gastonia and John Douglas Meador of Union, S. C., also Hal Plonk, Eddie Campbell, Eugene Goforth and Malcolm Patterson.

**BENEFIT**  
Cleveland County Rescue Squad will sponsor a hotdog and hamburger supper Dec. 14th from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. for benefit of the Squad's building fund. Open house will be held the same day at 312 Parker street. For delivery, call 739-2077.

# Injuries Fatal To Rickie Wilson

## Rites Friday For 15-Year-Old Tenth Grader

Richard (Rickle) Wayne Wilson, 15-year-old Kings Mountain high school sophomore, died Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. as the result of head injuries sustained in an automobile accident early Saturday in Hickory.

Funeral rites will be held Friday at 3:30 p.m. from Second Baptist church. The body will remain at Harris Funeral Home until 30 minutes before the rites. His pastor, Rev. George Julian, and Rev. W. A. Redmond will officiate, and interment will be made in Mountain Rest cemetery.

## Former Red Cross Secretary, 67, Succumbs; Rites Held Sunday

Funeral rites for Mrs. Ruth Davis Gamble, 67, executive secretary of the Kings Mountain Red Cross Chapter for 32 years, were held Sunday at 3 p.m. from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home.

Wife of J. N. (Pete) Gamble, Mrs. Gamble succumbed Saturday morning at 4:30 in the Kings Mountain hospital following several months illness.

She was a native of Gaston County, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Davis. A former Marshall schoolteacher, she came to Kings Mountain as executive secretary of the Red Cross chapter 32 years ago. The local chapter joined the Cleveland County chapter after Mrs. Gamble became ill and unable to manage the Kings Mountain office here.

## Branch Bank Names Maxey

Richard E. Maxey, Assistant Vice President of First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company, has been named resident manager of the bank's Kings Mountain Office, slated to open in early January.

The announcement was made by Lewis R. Holding, president of the statewide banking system.

Maxey has been with First-Citizens since 1957. He comes to Kings Mountain from the Hickory Office where he has served in operations, personnel, administrative.

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