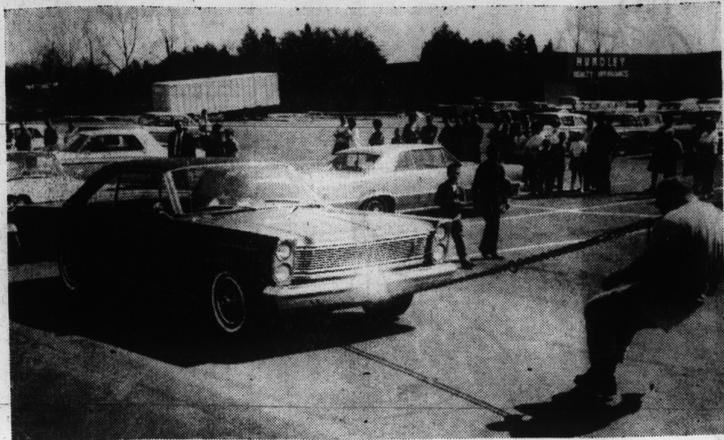


# Celebration To Open With Formal Ceremonies Monday



Celebration Feature: Strongman Pulls Cars With Teeth

The week-long 186th anniversary celebration of the Battle of Kings Mountain will begin officially Monday morning with formal opening ceremonies in front of City Hall, beginning at 10 o'clock.

Rev. Howard Jordan, president of Kings Mountain Ministerial association, and a reserve officer in the army chaplain's corps, will pray the invocation.

The audience will sing "The Star Spangled Banner" and Mayor John Henry Moss will make a brief address outlining the purpose and plans for the 186th anniversary celebration.

The benediction will be read by the Lord's Prayer.

To be at the ceremonies are a marine color guard, representatives of the VFW, American Legion, American Revolution, Mountain civic clubs and trade associations, members of the city commission, Senator Jack H. White, Cleveland County Com-



Celebration Feature: Sing Out Dixie '66 Drummers

**Population**

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 8,256

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 1955.

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# Secretary Of Navy Nitze Is Celebration Speaker

## Horvath, Mohair Suit Defendants

### Federal Jury Indictment Charges Fraud

George A. Horvath, of New York, and Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company were among a dozen persons and three corporations indicted Thursday by a New York federal grand jury on charges of setting up a stock fraud which cost investors \$15 million dollars.

George A. Horvath, is secretary-treasurer of the Mohair firm which operates two textile plants here and others in the area.

Al Maino, general manager of the Mohair division in this area, said he had learned little detail, other than news reports, on the litigation, except that the defendants are to file an answer to the litigation on Monday.

He quoted Ernest Horvath, brother of George Horvath and president of Mohair as saying that his brother had told him Securities and Exchange commission regulations had been followed scrupulously, that money had been lost by investors "including the Horvaths".

The indictment named George A. Horvath, president and director of Mount Clemens Corp., as one of 12 individuals accused of cheating stock purchasers around the nation by violating federal securities laws.

They were accused of exaggerating the value of common stock of Buckeye Corp., which became Mount Clemens Corp. earlier this year.

Horvath has residences in Manhattan and Oyster Bay, L.I., according to the U. S. attorney.

Among those accused of manipulation from 1959 through 1961, when the Buckeye stock was listed on the American Stock Exchange, were:

Sidney Stein, 40, of Manhattan and Miami Beach, Fla., described as a "business consultant and finder" associated with Horvath.

Leo Davis, 46, of North Miami Beach, a partner of Stein.

Firms named were: Security Underwriting Consultants Inc., headed by Horvath Manhattan.

Massachusetts Mohair Plush Co. Inc. and Landrock Realty Corp., both Manhattan.

Horvath also was described as president of Landrock and president of Security Underwriting Consultants.



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## Three Entrants In Beauty Show

Three more entrants in the Miss Kings Mountain beauty show (Continued On Page Six)

## Sing Out '66 Youth Group Much Traveled

A 90-minute concert by the 120-voice Sing Out Dixie organization of youthful musicians will be a feature highlight of the 186th anniversary celebration of the Battle of Kings Mountain.

The Charlotte-based group, which attracts youthful voices from a wide area, will present an all-patriotic program at Central Auditorium at 8:30 p.m. Friday, October 7th, eve of the celebration parade and grand finale.

The six-month-old organization has received wide acclaim for its performances. The all-volunteer group of high school and college students has performed at the National Boy Scout Jamboree, the North Carolina State Optimist convention, in Gastonia for the Jaycees and most recently on Sunday night at Charlotte's Festival in the Park. The Sing Out Dixie group appeared at Mecklenburg County's Labor Day picnic which attracted 10,000 people.

Tom Hasty of Charlotte, manager of the Sing Out Dixie organization, said the young musicians will go to Fort Bragg next month to entertain the troops there. Mr. Hasty is a nephew of Miss Annie B. Roberts and Eugene Roberts, both of Kings Mountain.

Sing Out Dixie was organized by Hasty, Ken Beane, John Burdett and Ed Quien, all Charlotteans.

Members of the Sing Out Dixie group rehearse once a week, according to Mr. Hasty. Lone requirement for membership is a belief in a patriotic America, says Hasty. "All the young folks like to sing, they're not professionals," said Hasty. Many of them, between the ages of 15-25, do volunteer work at Charlotte area hospitals and rehabilitation centers.

## Funeral Is Held For C. S. Plonk

### Farmer, Trader Succumbs At Age of 83

Funeral rites for Clarence Sloan Plonk, Sr., 83, prominent semi-retired farmer and businessman, were held Monday at 11 a.m. from St. Matthew's Lutheran church of which he was a member.

Mr. Plonk succumbed Saturday at 10:45 p.m. in the Kings Mountain hospital where he had been seriously ill for several weeks following a gall bladder operation, followed by pneumonia and other complications.

He was a native of Cleveland County, son of the late William Lafayette and Regina Ware Plonk.

In addition to his various farming and other business interests, Mr. Plonk was for many years a leading mule dealer throughout the area.

He attended Lenoir college (now Lenoir Rhyne), prior to his marriage on April 10, 1905, to the former Ellen Patterson.

The pastors employed the Lutheran church order for burial of the dead. Scripture selections were from Romans and St. John. The choir led the audience in singing the hymns "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" and "I Know that My Redeemer Lives."

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ellen Patterson Plonk; three daughters, Mrs. J. H. Patterson, of Kings Mountain, Mrs. S. Carlisle Isley of Burlington and Mrs. Demetria Politis of Ann Arbor, Michigan; and seven centers.

## Four Arrested For Robbery Wave; Six Thefts Are Tabbed "Solved"

By MARTIN HARMON  
City and county officers have arrested four Kings Mountain men and put the "solved" tag on a half-dozen of the wave of recent robberies in the Kings Mountain area.

Arrested and charged with breaking and entering and larceny are:

Able Thomas Erby, 27, also charged with carrying a concealed weapon and with receiving stolen goods, free under \$2150 bond.

Johnny Jones, 19, also charged with carrying a concealed weapon, detained in jail, \$2250 bond not made.

George Short, 19, free under \$1200 bond.

## Golden Knights Will Perform Again This Year

By MARTIN HARMON

Secretary of the Navy Paul Henry Nitze will make the featured address of the 186th anniversary celebration of the Battle of Kings Mountain, Mayor John Henry Moss, ex officio chairman, announced this week.

The address is scheduled for 3 p.m., Saturday, October 8, from the reviewing stand on Railroad avenue and immediately following the celebration Grand Parade.

Secretary Nitze is scheduled to arrive at Douglas Airport, Charlotte, at 10:30 a.m., where he will be welcomed on behalf of the City of Charlotte by Mayor Stan Brookshire and other Charlotte citizens.

Mayor Moss also announced that the Golden Knights, official U. S. Army parachute team, will return for this year's celebration and perform their sky-diving expertise Thursday, Friday and Saturday of celebration week.

He also announced he has been informed a special guest will be Rear Admiral E. H. Batchelder, USN, commanding officer of the Charleston Naval Shipyards, who will represent the sixth naval district.

Secretary Nitze is a 1928 graduate, cum laude, of Harvard and a native of Amhurst, Mass. He was associated with Dillon Read & Company, investment brokers, as vice-president and president, until 1940 and has since been continually associated with various federal government administrative agencies, among them the Office of Inter-American Affairs, the Board of Economic Warfare, the Foreign Economic Administration, Office of International Trade policy, and the Department of State. In January 1961, he became assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs, and was sworn as navy secretary on November 27, 1963.

President Harry S. Truman awarded him the medal of merit for his service as vice-chairman of the U. S. Strategic Bombing Survey.

He is 59 years of age and his wife is the former Phyllis Pratt. They have four children.

## Hospital Room Rates To Advance

Room rates at Kings Mountain hospital will advance \$2 per day across the board effective Saturday, by action of the board of directors Wednesday night.

The increase was dictated, Administrator Grady Howard said, to bring nurses salaries into line with salaries paid at neighboring hospitals and to provide for increased expenses when hospitals become subject to the federal wage and hour law February 1.

The new daily rates will be: Private room \$20; semi-private room \$17; ward \$15.

## Grover Church Calls Thornburg

Rev. George Thornburg, native of Kings Mountain, has accepted a call to become pastor of Allen Memorial Baptist church of Grover and will deliver his first sermon at Sunday morning services.

The Thornburg family will move to route 1, Grover from Smyrna, S. C. Tuesday.

## Some Sidebars On Celebration

Some sidebars on the upcoming 186th Battle Anniversary celebration

1) Decoration hunting will go up in the business section Thursday.

2) The celebration open-air calaboose will be in operation starting Thursday at the corner of Mountain and S. Battleground. Sure way to avoid jail; were a celebration emblem or a beard.

3) Bill Cook, the Strongman, age 25, who has made a good start on becoming the "world's strongest man" wishes it known he is a bachelor.

## Timms Reports More Entries For Parade

Numerous additional units of exceptional quality swelled the list of entries in the Grand Parade celebrating the 186th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain, it was announced Wednesday by Eugene Timms, parade chairman.

Additions including the all-girl Monroe, Ga., national champion Drum and Bugle Corps, the 8th Air Force band, Shaw Field, Sumter S. C., the sixth naval district band from Charleston, S. C., and the Fort Jackson, S. C. army band.

The Green Beret unit from Fort Bragg will participate in the parade.

Another entry is the Biltmore Dairies train, from Asheville. Yet another are two of lead horses appearing in Rose Bowl parade last Jan. They are owned and will be ridden by Mr. and Mrs. Allen Burton, of High Point. The riders will be mounted on silver saddles, valued at \$30,000.

Other members of the Grand Parade committee are Gerald Thomason, Kenneth Roberts, Hugh Lancaster, W. D. Morrison, Robert H. Goforth, Marion Dixon, Clinton Jolly, Odus Smith, Ted Ledford, Mrs. Ida Long, Mrs. Luther Joy, Bennett Masters, Ken Jenkins, Richard McGinnis, Rev. S. T. Cooke, Alfred Tucker and Hazel Gill.

Mayor Moss also announced appointed of the arrangements committee for the Grand Ball. They are Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Mauney, Mr. and Mrs. George Thomason, Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. Plonk, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Dick Moxey Mr. and Mrs. Charles Neisler, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Mauney, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Neisler, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Neisler, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Howard, Mr. and Mrs. John Smothers.

## 161 Students Off-To-School

Addition of ten to the area's off-to-school list brings to 161 the number of students attending colleges, universities and specialized schools this fall.

Linda Goforth, Mary Helen Goforth, Dale Byers and Jane Ledford have resumed their studies at Appalachian State Teacher's college, Boone.

Charles T. Wright has enrolled at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

Raymond Edwards and Buford Pressley are students at A&T college in Greensboro.

Richard Franks has returned for his sophomore year to the University of Chattanooga in Tennessee. He was listed on the dean's list last year.

George Clinton Trammell has enrolled at Gaston Technical School and Christine Dixon is a student at Gardner-Webb Junior College.

Paulette Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Patterson, is a freshman at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where she is studying medical technology.

## Elliott To Lead ARP Services

Rev. Robert B. Elliott, Jr., pastor of Pisgah ARP church, will be evangelist for special services October 9-13 at Boyce Memorial ARP church, Rev. Thomas Richie has announced.

Services will be held nightly at 7:30 p.m.

A native of Louisville, Ky., Mr. Elliott is a 1955 graduate of Erskine college. He was ordained to the ministry in 1958 and came to his present pastorate from Smyrna, S. C., ARP church.

"We invite the community to worship with us in these special services," said Mr. Richie.

## X-RAY UNIT HERE

The Cleveland County Mobile X-Ray Unit will be in Kings Mountain in front of Plonk Brothers on Railroad Avenue Friday from 10 until 12 noon and from 1 until 4 p.m., a spokesman for the county health department said.