

## Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 8,256

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# Petition Seeks Kings Mountain Liquor Referendum

## Buffalo Lake Land Proffered



BOY SCOUT WEEK CEREMONIES HELD — Official ceremonies opening Boy Scout Week activities in Kings Mountain were held Tuesday morning on the steps of City Hall. A group of Boy Scouts from Troop 404, Grace Methodist church and Troop 96 of East Gold Street Wesleyan Methodist church is pictured at left above. Standing on the platform, from left, are B. S. Peeler, Jr., Lions club president Hal Plonk, Scoutmaster Ken Pruitt, Rev. Clyde Goodson, Dick McNeilly, district scout executive, Mayor John H. Moss, Scoutmaster Gene Tignor, Scoutmaster Eddie Bazzell and Rev. T. Dixon Adams, all of whom participated in the opening exercises. A full week of activities is underway, culminating on Boy Scout Sunday. "Good Turn Day" is Saturday. (Photo for the Herald by Paul Lemmons).

## Patterson Owns Several Tracts In Buffalo Area

By MARTIN HARMON  
U. L. Patterson, well-known Cleveland County businessman, lent hearty endorsement to the Kings Mountain water project this week when he declared he would donate to the city whatever portion needed of the several tracts of land he owns on the projected lake site.

Mr. Patterson, a wholesale florist with nationwide operations, said Tuesday he owned three tracts which might be affected by the Buffalo Creek project.

Wednesday morning, inspecting at City Hall the engineer's preliminary map (published in the January 26 issue of the Herald), Mr. Patterson said a fourth tract in the area might be affected, too.

"What I said goes for all of it," he declared. "Anything I can do for the cause," he continued, "just let me know."

Mr. Patterson's proffer followed by a day action of the Cleveland County board of commissioners in approving and endorsing the Kings Mountain water project and Buffalo Creek watershed project, for which a preliminary study by a Soil Conservation department team began Monday morning.

Mayor John Henry Moss addressed the county commission, outlined work on the project to date, support already indicated by effected groups and individuals, and asked county board support.

He told the commission he may return later in the interest of a cooperative effort to develop the proposed lake for controlled recreation.

County board action was unanimous. Commissioner Coieam Goforth abstaining on grounds the proposed lake may involve his own lands.



YOUNG MAN OF YEAR CITED — Charles Blanton, Jr., left is shown presenting to Shuford (Scoop) Peeler the 1966 Young Man of the Year award, distinguished service award of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Looking on are Mrs. Peeler and Pat Spangler, for right, Mr. Spangler made the address at the 13th annual award presentation. Mr. Peeler was cited for community service. Blanton was chairman of the DSA committee and is a former recipient of the honor. (Photo for the Herald by Paul Lemmons).

## Off-Premises Beer And Wine Sales Sought

By MARTIN HARMON  
A petition to call an election on the questions of 1) legal sale of whiskey in the City of Kings Mountain and 2) to legalize the sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption is being circulated.

Definitive information concerning the petition effort has been as yet unobtainable, but a citizen conversant with the effort, indicated:

- 1) Some 40 to 50 copies of the petition are being circulated and signatures are being appended rapidly.
- 2) The proper elections board authority will be asked to authenticate, as registered voters, the names of the signers.
- 3) The authenticated petition will be filed with the Kings Mountain members of the General Assembly, Senator Jack White and Representative W. K. Mauney, Jr., with request that legislation be obtained for calling the election.
- 4) The numerous citizens circulating the petition feel the citizens should be given the opportunity to decide the wet-dry issue.

Under the City of Kings Mountain charter, the city elections board is the city board of commissioners. Presumably, it will be the commission's chore to authenticate signers of the petition.

City Clerk Joe H. McDaniel, Jr., said recently there are approximately 3400 registered voters on the city registration books, minus those who have died or moved residence elsewhere since the new registration of 1963.

Nominally, requests for referenda are mandatory when requested by 15 percent of the registered voters.

Should the election be ordered and legal liquor approved, the Kings Mountain system would be managed by a Kings Mountain Alcoholic Control Board, described as a "child" of the North Carolina ABC Board.

It was anticipated the petition-signing effort would be completed within a few days.

## Peeler Young Man Of 1966; Spangler Praises Area Assets

### C & D Official Is Speaker At DSA Banquet

By MARTIN HARMON  
"Kings Mountain has everything going for her," R. Pat Spangler, Shelby - Kings Mountain businessman and vice-chairman of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, declared Tuesday night as he made the feature address at the annual distinguished service award banquet of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce.

After listing the physical assets, Mr. Spangler added, "But we know the most important asset is people. The members of this club are dedicated to serving others. Any good we do is merely paying the rent on the space we occupy. It has also been said that the best place to grow a corn crop is between two rows of corn with a hoe in your hand. Let's pick up the hoe."

Mr. Spangler listed as prime Kings Mountain assets its low taxes, recreational, hospital and educational facilities, availability at low cost of natural gas and electric power, its juxtaposition to two major highways and a major railroad, and a progressive city government.

In his preface, Mr. Spangler outlined the eight major services of the Department of Conservation and Development as commerce and industry, commercial

### World Prayer Day To Be Observed

World Day of Prayer will be observed on Friday, and at least two Kings Mountain churches are planning special observances.

Boyce Memorial ARP church sanctuary will be open for prayer and quiet music will be played from 11:30 until 12:30 a. m. and from 5 until 6 p. m., according to announcement by Mrs. Don Crawford, chairman of the Spiritual Life committee.

At St. Matthew's Lutheran church the sanctuary will be open for meditation from 11:45 a. m. according to announcement by Rev. Charles Easley, pastor.

### Footo Chemist Is Winner Of DSA Honor

Shuford K. (Scoop) Peeler, Jr. is Kings Mountain's Young Man of the Year for 1966.

The Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce awarded the 13th annual distinguished service honor to Jaycee Peeler at the club's Bosses' Night banquet Tuesday.

He was honored for unselfish service to his club and community and presented the handsome plaque emblematic of the award by a former DSA winner, Charles Blanton, Jr., chairman of the DSA committee.

Nominees were submitted from the public to a committee of citizens over 35. Chairman Blanton, in presenting the award, said that Peeler was nominated by two dozen citizens for his countless hours of work in rebuilding toys for the Toys for Tots Christmas project of the civic club and for the successful Mountaineer Days barbecue promotion which he chaired the past two years.

Other survivors include seven sons, Roland and Rob Conner of Bessemer City, Clarence Conner of Belmont, James, Leroy, Fred and Coy Conner, all of Gastonia; three daughters, Mrs. Joe Conner of Gastonia, Mrs. Ben Cox of Charlotte and Mrs. Neal Atkins of Johnson City, Tenn.; and one sister, Mrs. Lillie Turner of Danville, Va.

## Davis & White Expands Its Firm; Three Gastonia Lawyers Partners

A new law firm Davis, White, Short, Harris and Powell, has been formed by five attorneys in Kings Mountain and Gastonia.

Francis K. Wray. Other members of the five-man firm is Senator Jack H. White, a member of the North Carolina Senate representing the 29th District of Cleveland and Gaston counties. Office assistants in the Kings Mountain office are Mrs. Clyde Whetstone and Mrs. Gerald Thomason. Mr. Davis, onetime Cleveland County attorney, city attorney for 47 years, and a member of the North Carolina General Assembly in 1923, formed the law partnership of Davis & White in 1952. He has been a practicing attorney since 1915, when he became a law partner of Former Governor O. Max Gardner. A graduate of Stockton, Abe Garmise and



## George Mauney Wins Scouts Award

### Kings Mountain Man Awarded Silver Beaver

George H. Mauney, Kings Mountain industrialist, was presented Scouting's highest honor—the Silver Beaver award—at Lenoir Rhyne college Tuesday night.

The award was presented by Piedmont Council, Boy Scouts of America, at the annual meeting.

Kings Mountain citizens attending the awards presentation were Mr. and Mrs. Mauney, Mr. and Mrs. W. Donald Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Pruitt, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Yarbro. Mr. Crawford is a former recipient of the Silver Beaver. Other Kings Mountain recipients are W. K. Mauney, Sr., father of George H. Mauney; Aubrey Mounsey; and the late Henry McKelvie.



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### Mrs. Cansler's Rites Thursday

Funeral rites for Mrs. Martha Frances Anthony Cansler, 89, will be held Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at First Presbyterian church, of which Mrs. Cansler was a member.

Mrs. Cansler, widow of George Cansler who died in 1952, succumbed at her home, 508 West Mountain street, at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning. She had been ill three days.

A Lincoln county native, she was a daughter of the late Abraham Emmaline Rudisill Anthony.

Surviving are two sons, Luther Cansler, of Kings Mountain, Anthony Cansler, of Charlotte, a brother, A. R. Anthony, of Lincolnton, a sister, Mrs. J. B. Hawk, of Kings Mountain, and three grandchildren.

Another son, Grady Cansler, was killed in Luxemburg in 1945 while serving with the United States army in World War II.

Dr. Paul Ausley will conduct the rites and burial will be in Mountain Rest cemetery.

The body will remain at Harris Funeral Home until 3:30 Thursday afternoon.

### Kiwanis Club Host To Scouts

Otis Falls, Jr., Troop 91 Scoutmaster, will be the principal speaker at the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club's annual Boy Scout banquet Thursday evening.

All Scoutmasters and their assistants will be guests of Kiwanis and Kiwanis program chairman H. D. (Snooks) McDaniel encourages each Kiwanian to invite a Boy Scout as his guest. "If you don't have a Boy Scout son, borrow one," says Mr. McDaniel.

### Eddie Bridges Mayor For Day

Kings Mountain citizens who call the mayor's office on Saturday morning may hear an unfamiliar voice reply.

The voice answering the telephone will be that of young Eddie Bridges, Mayor-for-a-Day. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby C. Bridges and a member of Boy Scout Troop 92.

### Poston To Give Scout Sermon

Dr. E. Eugene Poston, president of Gardner-Webb college at Boiling Springs, will fill the pulpit on Boy Scout Sunday this Sunday at First Presbyterian church.

At the 11 o'clock morning worship service Dr. Poston will speak on the subject, "The Son In The Family" from Ephesians 6:1-4.

Boy Scouts from the local church will sit together and be recognized during the service. An alumnus of Gardner-Webb, class of 1943, Dr. Poston earned the A. B. degree from Wake Forest in 1944. He earned the B. D. degree, '47, the Th.M. degree, '48, and the Th.D. degree (1950) from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

### County All-Dry Vote In 1949

Cleveland County voted "bone dry", expelling beer and wine, on January 8, 1949.

The voting result became effective 60 days later.

From the Kings Mountain Herald issue of Jan. 14, 1949: "Cleveland County's dry forces won an overwhelming victory last Saturday as they voted against legal sale of beer by 9,284 to 1,183.

"The vote against legal sale of wine-banned for more than a year by county board action—was ever more dry, 9,349 to 904.

"Kings Mountain's two boxes joined in parade, returning 1,300 votes against the legal sale of beer to 308 for it. The vote on the wine matter here was: against legal sale of wine, 1,305; for legal sale of wine, 242.

"A total of 1,632 persons voted at two Kings Mountain boxes. The totals were as follows:

"East Kings Mountain — For beer, 191, against beer 586; for wine, 147, against wine, 592.

"West Kings Mountain — For beer, 117, against beer, 714; for wine, 95, against wine, 713."

### Nursing Center To Be Discussed

A community-wide meeting, with all interested citizens invited, will be held at City Hall February 16, for discussion of providing the Kings Mountain area a convalescent and nursing center.

Mayor John Henry Moss, who announced the upcoming meeting, heads a city commission fact-finding and promotion committee which also includes Commissioners O. O. Walker, Ray Cline and W. S. Biddix.

### GARDEN CLUB

Town and Country Garden club members will gather Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Charles Dixon for a regular meeting.

### Harry Houston Hospital Patient

Holmes Harry Grover industrialist and member of the Kings Mountain board of education, is a patient at Methodist hospital, Houston, Texas.

He is under observation for possible effects of a heart ailment and its indicated treatment. Results of the tests were expected by members of his family late yesterday (Wednesday).