

City Wins Honorable Mention In National Clean-Up Contest

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Kings Mountain, North Carolina, has earned a certification of Honorable Mention for its successful clean up, civic improvement, and beautification activities. This citation was earned in competition with other communities of less than 25,000 population in the 1967 National Clean Up Contest.

A member of the city's delegation will receive the framed Certificate in person at an Awards Ceremony which is the highlight of the National Cleanest Town Conference in Washington, D. C., on February 20. This presentation will be witnessed by civic improvement and beautification

leaders from all over the country. In addition, the Contest judges have chosen the city's scrapbook entry to be placed on display during the entire length of the February 18-20 Conference at the Statler Hilton Hotel. This will enable delegates from other communities to see first hand the public record of what the city has accomplished.

The Certificate of Honorable Mention was earned because of the many activities in the wide spread civic improvement program, which included a special clean up campaign from mid-March to mid-June, and many property

improvements and plantings. Heavy equipment was made available at no charge for 30 days to knock down old buildings and hoist and haul away debris and junk.

"The excellent results achieved by the people of this city indicate that a great many citizens here have an active interest in their community and are aware of the value and importance of civic improvement," said R. H. Hackendahl, Director of the National Clean Up Bureau.

Director Hackendahl has invited the Mayor and other civic leaders to attend the National Cleanest Town Conference and to witness the national honor presented to their community and its residents as a result of their 1967 clean up and beautification efforts.

Awards in this, the oldest and largest competition of its kind, are based on the degree of achievement and scope of citizen participation in such areas as community wide beautification, property improvements, and youth activities.

A panel of nine judges was responsible for naming the winning cities in three population classifications — Under 25,000; Between 25,000 and 250,000; and Over 250,000.

Chairman of the panel was Mrs. E. D. Pearce, President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Other distinguished judges were Richard L. Breaux, U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Dorothy Gazzolo, National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials; Clifton W. Henry, U.S. Conference of Mayors; Harold T. Horn, International City Managers' Association; Mrs. Diana MacArthur, National Youth Conference on Natural Beauty and Conservation; Robert E. McCabe, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Archibald C. Rogers, American Institute of Architects; and Conrad L. Wirth, National Recreation and Park Association.

The National Cleanest Town Conference, also sponsored by the National Clean Up Bureau, each year brings together citizens and civic leaders who are interested in turning their ideas for civic improvement and beautification into practical results.

This year, all participating cities are to prepare copies of the outline of their activities for distribution at the Conference. These will be available to all Conference delegates starting Sunday afternoon, February 18, when the scrapbooks go on display.

On Monday morning, February 19, the 30 trophy-winning cities will outline their successful programs. Then, at a special luncheon, William F. McCurdy, President of The Sears-Roebuck Foundation, will discuss the need for corporate participation in community affairs.

"A Strategy for Action" is the program for Monday afternoon. Led by civic improvement experts, delegates will participate in discussions and reach conclusions at three workshops. Major topics are: Defining the Goals of a Community; Resources Available for Community Improvement; and How to Move a Community to Action. In the evening, where delegates can meet the Contest judges and other distinguished guests.

The Awards Ceremony starts at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 20, in the Presidential Ballroom of the Statler Hilton, and is followed by an awards luncheon which closes the Conference. Both these events will receive national publicity through on-the-spot coverage by newspapers, wire services, and television.

Population

Greater Kings Mountain	21,914
City Limits	8,256

The Greater Kings Mountain figure is derived from the special United States Bureau of the Census report of January 1966, and includes the 14,990 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,124 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Mountain Township in Gaston County.



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Construction Will Start May 1 On Water System



WINS CHAMPIONSHIP—Boyd Howell, Kings Mountain mail carrier, was presented the first annual Kings Mountain Post Office golf championship trophy at an employee party Saturday night. Howell, right above, accepts the trophy from Postmaster Charles Alexander. (Paul Lemmons' Photo).

Boyd Howell KM Postman, Golf Champ

Boyd Howell was presented the first annual Kings Mountain Post Office golf championship trophy at an employee party at Helen's Restaurant Jan. 27.

Howell won the handicap golf tournament sponsored by the post office in November. The 36-hole playoff was held at Gastonia National Golf Club. Bill McDaniel finished second and Fred Tate third.

Postmaster Charles Alexander presented the award. Rev. Dixon Adams, pastor of Grace Methodist church, entertained the dinner guests with magic tricks.

Alexander said qualifying for the second annual tournament is getting underway now. The tournament will probably begin in February and run throughout the biggest part of the summer.



TAPPED — Leslie Joy, top, and Steve Marlowe, Kings Mountain students at Western Carolina University, were recently inducted into membership by Pi Kappa Phi fraternity on the Cullowhee campus.

Model City Request Filed

Kings Mountain formal application for designation as a model city was filed by Mayor John H. Moss Tuesday.

After initial application and designation, there are two major phases of the program: 1) initial planning, requiring from six to 12 months; 2) during the subsequent five years, implementation of the model city plan, which will be flexible guides that will be annually revised as a result of continuing planning and evaluation.

At least 13 state and local public agencies are involved in the

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Whitener Announces Grant For Community Center Project

The city has received a grant of \$302,650 under the Neighborhood Facilities program to assist in the financing of a \$425,000 community center, Representative Basil L. Whitener announced Saturday.

The Housing and Urban Development Grant, recommended by the Atlanta, Ga. regional office, will cover about two-thirds of the estimated total development costs.

Bob Hummel, of HUD, Washington, D. C., wired Mayor John H. Moss of the grant approval. Action was taken by the city

Cansler Street Public Hearing Tuesday At 2:30

Public hearing on projected improvements to Cansler street will be conducted by the State Highway Commission Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. at the National Guard Armory.

Widening and curbing of the street from West Gold to Walker is projected. The street would be widened to 44 feet, curb to curb. Division Engineer W. W. Wyke indicated when the project was first requested by the city commission that majority of right-of-way needs would be sought on the east side of the street.

Appraisal Team Makes Report

A court-appointed appraisal team determining right-of-way values for the city's sewage project set a value of \$3 per rod on property of two owners and \$1 per rod on five others.

The decision was unanimous on the \$3 appraisals, split 2 to 1 on the \$1 appraisals, City Attorney Jack White said, with Lee Yarbro dissenting. W. A. Williams and Bob Maner in the majority.

Attorney White said the decisions also included provision that the city defray costs of damages to crops incurred during line-laying.

Both the city and property owners have the right to appeal the appraisal report to Superior Court.

The \$3 per rod appraisals were for rights-of-way on properties of Minnie Lovelace and Arthur Phifer.

The \$1 per rod appraisals were for rights-of-way on properties of Terrie M. McSwain, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew E. Camp, Mr. and Mrs. Froylo Mayes, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Vollbracht, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl M. Logan.

Mrs. Smith's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Tiitha Ann Jackson Smith, 79, were held Tuesday afternoon at 4 p. m. from Bethlehem Baptist church of which she was a member.

The Rev. James F. Graham officiated at the final rites, and interment was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Jackson died Monday morning at 1 a.m. at her home, 303 Margrace Road, of a heart attack. She had been in apparent good health.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Ephraim and Elizabeth Jackson. She and her husband, Baxter Richard Smith, had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

She is survived by her husband; six sons, Henry L. Smith of Leesville, S. C., Harvey (Bud) Smith of Ellenboro, Robert Smith of College Park, Ga., Roy Smith, Mack Smith and George Smith, all of Kings Mountain; three daughters, Mrs. Clyde Dettmar of Gastonia, Mrs. Randolph Carter of College Park, Ga. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell of Merritt Island, Fla. Also surviving are 31 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Grace Methodist church children's choir will hold rehearsal Saturday afternoon at 2 in the fellowship hall of the church.

Pfc. Harold Welch Vietnam Casualty

KM Native Died Monday In Vietnam

Army Pfc. Harold H. Welch, 21-year-old Kings Mountain native, was killed in action Monday in Vietnam, his family has been notified.

Funeral arrangements, which are incomplete, will be announced by Sisk Funeral Home.

Welch was a member of Company C, Second Battalion, 27th Infantry Division. Son of the late Richard P. and Eula Mae Hamby Welch, he had made his home in Shelby with a sister, Mrs. Evelyn W. Graham, 826 West Warren street.

Other survivors include a sister, Mrs. Joyce Greene of Kings Mountain and four brothers, James A. Welch of Gastonia, Richard Junior Welch, Charles Welch and Billy Ray Welch, all of Kings Mountain.



Line Installation Progress Underway

Sikes Brothers of Monroe and city crews were working this week to complete the sewer line replacement project leading from Craftsman Yarns, Inc. to the McGill treatment plant.

Inclement weather in the form of ice and snow had delayed completion of the project.

The city is replacing the present over-loaded line with 18-inch and 15-inch pipe. The line will be about 7,000 feet when completed. Some 3,000 feet have been installed.

AUTO TAG SALES GOOD

Sale of city auto tags continued good this week. Lion Edwin Moore's reporting sale of some 1500 license plates. The city tags sell for \$1. Kings Mountain Lions will continue the sale of tags today (Thursday) in City Hall courtroom. After today, the license plates will be available from Lions club members.

CANDIDATES — Cleveland Recorder's Court Judge Joe Mull, 4top, has filed notice of his candidacy for a 27th judicial judgeship and R. A. (Bob) Jones, Forest City attorney, said he would seek Seat No. 3 as a state representative from the 43rd district, subject to the Democratic primary of May 4.

Hinnant Heads 1968 Heart Drive; Carl Wilson To Head Heart Sunday

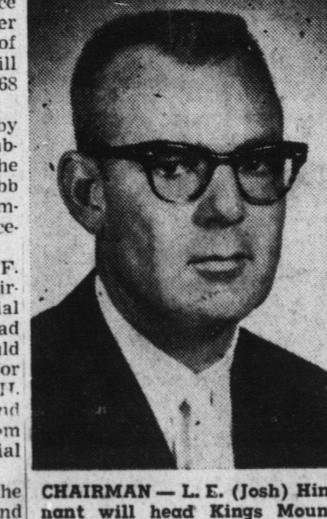
L. E. (Josh) Hinnant, vice president and executive officer of the Kings Mountain branch of the Union National Bank, will head Kings Mountain's 1968 Heart Fund campaign.

Announcement was made by Mrs. James Cobb of Shelby, public education chairman for the area heart association. Mrs. Cobb said chairman of the Shelby campaign is Linton Suttle, insurance man.

Chairman Hinnant said Mrs. F. S. Morrison would serve as chairman of special and memorial gifts; Carl Wilson would head Heart Sunday; John Pegg would be co-chairman with Hinnant for business days; Mrs. John H. Gamble would head ballroom and tag day promotions; and Tom Trout would serve as industrial chairman.

Hinnant is co-chairman of the mayor's industry committee and is active in civic, religious and

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CHAIRMAN — L. E. (Josh) Hinnant will head Kings Mountain's February Heart Fund Drive.

Timetable On Water Project Is Announced

Construction could start as early as May 1 on a new water system here, Mayor John Henry Moss said Wednesday.

"Our target date is May 1", the mayor said, noting that final plans and specifications for the Buffalo Creek project are to be completed by March 15th with contract lettings about 30 days later.

Target for bid invitations is March 1 to 15.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development last week approved a \$450,000 grant for the job. The \$450,000 will be a major contribution to the project estimated to cost \$3,338,000 to provide a dam on Buffalo Creek, a treatment plant and five miles of water lines to the city system.

The lake would approximate 2,250 acres, near the size of Lake Lure in Rutherford County.

The project will include a recreation area around the lake, but plans for that aspect are not complete.

Voters here last December by 20-1 margin authorized the city government to borrow its share of the project.

With the original capacity of five million gallons of water a day, the treatment plant can be modified to handle up to 20 million gallons.

The city is now using about 2.6 million gallons a day, but this has been inadequate and last week formally requested a 15 month extension of the loan of army pipe being used to supplement its raw water supply.

S&L Shareholders Meet February 13

Annual meeting of stockholders of Kings Mountain Savings & Loan Association will be held at the office of the association at 2 p.m. February 13th.

Business of the meeting will include annual reports of officers, according to announcement by Joseph R. Smith, executive vice-president.

Jaycee Mall Poll Results Favorable

Kings Mountain Jaycees talked to 64 families last week and ninety-two percent of the citizens favor the proposal of a downtown mall.

Thirty Jaycees took a hand in the poll. Bob Powell, chairman of the Jaycees' polling committee, said that four per cent were against building the mall and the remaining four per cent didn't voice an opinion.

The mall will take in stores on Cherokee Street, between Mountain and Gold Streets.

"We didn't get to talk to as many people as we wanted to," said Powell. "But almost all of those we did talk to favored the mall."

"Those in favor were particularly impressed that the merchants were trying to do something about the downtown area on their own. Another thing most mentioned was the free parking and easy accessibility the mall would give the stores."

Powell said some people were uninformed about the mall and didn't know exactly what was being done. He said some thought it was the area fronting the railroad tracks.

"Those against the mall said they liked things the way they are and just didn't want anything changed."

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Industrial Group Re-Elects Mauney



PRESIDENT — W. K. Mauney, Jr., Kings Mountain industrialist, has been re-elected president of Industrial Association of Kings Mountain Area, Inc. for the coming year.

New Officers, Directors Are Elected

Representative W. K. Mauney, Jr., Kings Mountain industrialist, was re-elected president of Industrial Association of the Kings Mountain Area, Inc. at the annual meeting Tuesday.

Re-elected vice-president was James Harry, executive of Minette Mills of Grover. Elected secretary was James Ams, executive of Neisco Sales Neisler Mills Division. The officers are also members of the board of directors which includes Alan Goldberg, Joe Kakassy, Pat Spangler and Clinton Jolly.

Other business of the meeting included report from Joe J. Vale, executive director, that the Department of Labor had signed contract with the association for \$48,913 job training program. The year's contract, in effect, is a delayed renewal of the prior contract which expired November 1, said Mr. Vale. Mr. Vale reported that 365 persons have been enrolled in on-the-job training with 17 area firms during the 16 months ending November 1. Of the 365, 273 successfully completed training requirements in periods of six to 26 weeks, depending on the particular job classification.

Clean-Up Effort Helped By Many

Committees representing five wards of the city system and an uptown committee correlated with Clayton Kelly and Mrs. E. W. Griffin the city's 1967 clean-up campaign.

Named to the mayoral committee with the co-chairmen were Commissioners W. S. Biddix, O. O. Walker and T. J. Ellison.

Blood Bank Here Monday

The Red Cross bloodmobile will return to Kings Mountain Monday.

Donors will be processed at the National Guard Armory from 11 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Mrs. Charles F. Mauney, publicity chairman for the Cleveland County Red Cross chapter, said.

Monday's visit is the next to last for fiscal year 1967-68. Cleveland County citizens are behind in blood-giving. Mrs. Mauney reminding that blood usage was high during the year and far exceeded donations.

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Cleveland County GOP Re-Elect Chairman Smith, Other Officers

Ed Henry Smith was re-elected chairman of the Cleveland County Republican Party executive committee and two other Kings Mountain officers were re-elected at Saturday's GOP convention in Shelby.

Also re-elected were B. F. Munner, secretary, and Bill Babb, treasurer. Re-elected vice-chairman was Mrs. Walker Duvall of Shelby.

Plans for a Lincoln Day dinner to be held February 23 at Hotel Charles were made.

Congressman James Brophyll made the keynote address.



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METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday totaled \$199.70, including \$136.40 from on-street meters, \$16.30 from off-street meters and \$47 from fines, City Clerk Joe McDaniel reported.