

**Population**  
 Greater Kings Mountain 21,914  
 City Limits (1966 Census) 8,256  
 City Limits (Estimate 1968) 9300

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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VOL. 81 No. 5 Established 1889 Kings Mountain, N. C., Thursday, January 30, 1969 Seventy-Ninth Year PRICE TEN CENTS

## Schools To Ask Supplement Tax Election For April



**OPERATION PROJECT PEACEFUL** — Members of Senior Girl Scout Troop 200 are participating in Operation Project Peaceful to aid war orphans in Saigon. The local troop learned of the project from a newsletter from the Chaplain of the 34th General Support Group in Vietnam which the Scouts aided at Christmas with Christmas packages. The newsletter was included with thank you cards and letters from the men of HQ and HQ Company 34. From left to right in the photo, Senior Scouts Susan Goforth, Susan Fite, Ann Baird and Suzanne Amos gather boxes to be placed in local grocery stores for needed food items. (Photo by Isaac Alexander).

## Project Peaceful For Saigon Youth

### Girl Scouts Have Project For Orphans

Operation Project Peaceful to help war orphans in Saigon is underway by Senior Girl Scout Troop 200.

Kings Mountain area citizens are invited to help the Girl Scouts assemble the needed food items and they are encouraging food-shoppers to buy a can and leave a can in properly marked boxes in local grocery stores.

Susan Goforth, project chairman, said project deadline is February 10th. She suggested these needed items: soap, dried or dehydrated foods such as rice, instant potatoes, dried prunes, raisins, apricots, macaroni, spaghetti, powdered milk and other dried foods.

Miss Goforth said the troop learned of the need via a newsletter from the 34th General Support Group of American servicemen stationed there. The Girl Scouts sent Christmas gifts to servicemen in Vietnam and learned of the orphanage project which the 34th Unit is sponsoring. A chaplain from Kings Mountain, Lt. Col. Bob Cox, helped distribute the Girl Scout packages to the servicemen and the 34th General Support Group Chaplain R. H. Hawn wrote the local girls a thank you letter and sent a newsletter from the 34th Unit which also thanked the Kings Mountain Baptist church for their gifts at Christmas.

Chaplain Cox said the 34th Unit has been helping the Hoa Binh Orphanage in Saigon by drilling a well, rebuilding a chapel and cleaning and clearing after bombs destroyed part of it last May. They have, with the help of U. S. groups, provided clothing, food and toys for these orphans.

Miss Goforth said several local men are stationed with men of headquarters Company 34th Group.

She said the men of Headquarters Co. 34 restored the orphanage chapel at cost of \$1336, funds supplied by the soldiers and U. S. citizens. She said the new chapel was dedicated on Christmas Eve. Miss Goforth said that one of the U. S. servicemen from Milton, West Virginia, collected 1800 pounds of clothing, toys and food while on leave. The chaplain's office served as a clearing point over four tons of items for orphans and for wounded men.



**WINS PROMOTION** — Dean Blackwell, Kings Mountain native, has been promoted to manager of the Clover branch bank of Southern Bank and Trust Company.

### Bank Promotes Dean Blackwell

Dean Blackwell, Kings Mountain native, has been promoted to manager of the Clover branch of Southern Bank and Trust Company.

Mr. Blackwell, assistant vice-president, had been serving as assistant bank manager in Clover. He joined Southern Bank and Trust Company in November 1965 and one month later was transferred to Clover. Prior to joining Southern, he had six years experience with Peoples National Bank in Greenville.

He attended Furman University and the University of Alabama and has completed the South Carolina Bankers' School at the University of South Carolina and banking courses with the American Institute of Banking and Dun & Bradstreet.

## Water Project Bids Accepted

### Low Bids Are Approved By Commission

The city board of commissioners Tuesday night, as anticipated, accepted low bids on the Buffalo Creek water project totaling \$2,488,757.70.

Contracts were ordered subject to concurrence of the Department of Housing and Urban Development which made a \$450,000 grant for the water project.

Mayor John Henry Moss said the federal agency when all property required is in hand or on legal option that property either is in hand or obtainable.

Low bidders were: Section I (dam, four-million gallon treatment plant, pump station, flood control to protect Dover Mill, etc.) Gillespie Construction Company, Anderson, S. C., \$1,545,012.

Section II (water lines) Ray D. Lowder Construction Company, Albemarle, \$661,298.20.

Section III (million gallon steel storage tank at treatment plant) Richmond Engineering Company, Richmond, Va., \$51,487.

Section IV (improvements to SR 204) Neal Hawkins Construction Company, Kings Mountain and Gastonia, \$153,832.50.

Section V (plumbing) Ben T. Goforth, Kings Mountain, \$2,748.

Section VI (electrical) Bryant Electric Company, Gastonia, \$79,411.20.

In other actions, the commission:

1) Adopted assessment roll on improvements to Fairview street, Phillips drive, James street, Bennett drive, Clay street, Cherokee street and Grace street.

2) Approved re-zoning request of Charles and Mary Canipe from residential to neighborhood business designation of their lot at 605 Alexander street.

3) Referred to the zoning board request of Ralph and Roger Connor of lot at intersection of Battleground avenue and Wells street from residential to general business designation.

4) Referred to the zoning board request of Lester D. Roark, optionee, of lot on south side of Slater street from residential to general business designation.

### Local Firm Reelects Officers

Officers and directors were re-elected at the annual meeting of Kings Mountain Business Development, Inc. last Friday.

They are J. Wilson Crawford, president; Fred W. Plonk, vice-president; Thomas A. Tate, secretary-treasurer. The officers, Glee E. Bridges, John Warlick and Bob Maner constitute the board of directors.

Report for the year ending December 31 showed the firm's net assets at \$33,678. Stock outstanding has a par value of \$22,810.

Principal activity during the year was a collateral pledge of \$16,000 on a loan to Carpet Industries, Inc.

### Bloodbank Asks Donors For Vickie

The Red Cross bloodmobile will return to Kings Mountain for a one-day visit on February 10th.

The bloodbank is an emergency visit for at least one heart patient in the area.

Young Vickie Williams, six, undergoes open heart surgery on February 11th. Twenty pints of whole blood is required for the operation and donors are needed to give blood for Vickie at the bloodmobile.

A "blue baby" at birth, Vickie weighs only 30 pounds. She is light, cheerful, likes to attend Sunday School at Bethlehem Baptist church. Suffering from three heart defects, she tires easily. She is the daughter of Mrs. Minnie Williams of the Bethlehem community and the late M. W. Williams.

## Home S & L Assets Top Ten Million

Home Savings & Loan association assets topped the \$10 million dollar mark at \$10,616,887 during 1968. Percentage of increase was 11.37 percent or \$1,084,137.

Other highlights of the report of Thomas A. Tate, executive vice-president at Tuesday's annual shareholder meeting were:

Savings increased \$9,438, or 11.5 percent to \$9,542,023.

Loans increased \$1,531,251, or 11.1 percent to \$14,248,891.

Earnings for the year totaled \$461,078 distributed as follows: federal insurance reserve \$35,214, dividends \$403,904, added to undivided profits \$21,870.

The association made 307 loans during the year, 51 for new construction, 83 for purchases and 113 for refinancing.

The shareholders re-elected directors, including R. S. Plonk, of Bessemer City, A. H. Patterson, I. G. Patterson, Jack H. White, J. H. Thomson, Thomas A. Tate, E. D. Ratterree, Charles D. Blanton and Dr. Paul E. Hendricks.

Officers and employees are J. H. Thomson, president; A. H. Patterson and E. D. Ratterree vice-presidents; Thomas A. Tate executive vice-president and secretary; Mrs. Emily A. Herndon, secretary; Jacob A. Dixon, Bessemer City branch manager, Mrs. Nancy S. Seism, assistant secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Frances O. Herndon, Mrs. Rebecca Broome, Mrs. Doris Howze and Mrs. Bonnie Bridges, tellers.

The association legal staff includes George B. Thomason, Davis & White, Garland, Alala, Bradley & Gray.

**Franks Wins Scholarship**

Richard Franks, Kings Mountain senior student at the University of Chattanooga, has received the current Bill Barker Memorial Scholarship at the university.

The award goes to a man student who is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and who ranks high in grades, service and leadership. The scholarship is given in memory of Bill Barker, a student who died during a heart operation. His fraternity brothers established the scholarship in 1958 in his memory.

Franks, a native of Kings Mountain, is also a member of Phi Eta Sigma national honorary scholastic fraternity, the Circle K service organization and the campus Engineer's club. Two years ago he received the Paul Curtis, Jr. Engineering award as the freshman engineering major achieving the highest scholastic average. He has also served in his fraternity as vice-president, pledge trainer and secretary. He lives in Chattanooga with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Reese B. Thomas, at 3618 32nd Street.

His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Franks of Kings Mountain. His parents are William Franks of Belmont and Mrs. Curtis Lingerfelt of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

### City, School Elections May 13; Incumbents Expected To Re-run

By MARTIN HARMON

The second Tuesday after the first Monday in May is city election day.

City voters will choose a mayor and a commission while school district voters will choose two members of the board of education.

It is anticipated current incumbents will seek re-election.

It is possible, even should city hall officials offer and be re-elected, that there will be one new face on the city commission.

The business of enfranchising citizens of the southwest area recently annexed to the city is imminent and there is some thinking expressed among commission members that a new ward should be created in the area.

It is presumed such action would require an act of the General Assembly.

Currently Ward 5 is much larger than its nearest in size. Ward 4. Addition of the new area population to Ward 5 would add to the imbalance.

Gastonia is currently seeking passage of legislation to revise its voting district boundaries to reduce imbalances in ward population and provide for annexed areas.

Formal statements of intent have not been issued by the six (Continued On Page Eight)

**TOP AIRMAN** — A/IC James L. Medlin was recently presented the wing airman of the quarter award by Col. Paul A. Jones, commander of the 3800th Air Base Wing. Airman Medlin is son of Mrs. James H. Medlin and the late Mr. Medlin. He is married to the former Mary Wright of Kings Mountain. The wing award carries with it a cash bonus, three day passes and reserved parking privileges at the enlisted clubs.

## Mother's March Thursday Night

Kings Mountain Junior Woman's club members will conduct the annual Mother's March on 4th Street Thursday (tonight) from 7 until 9 p.m.

Members of the women's organization, and all others who would like to assist in the house-to-house canvass, will gather at the Woman's club at 7 for street assignments.

Citizens who wish to contribute to the drive are asked to leave their porch lights burning.

Miss Mary Alice McDaniel is Junior club chairman of the Mother's March.

In other March of Dimes campaign activities of the Junior club this week over \$700 was collected via a campaign for funds in the elementary schools. Mrs. Richard Greene was project chairman for the Junior club, with Mrs. Bob Myers and Mrs. Johnny Leagan assisting on the committee.

Cleveland County's goal in the campaign effort is \$7,000.

### PHA Three-Bedroom Unit

Picture is drawing of Tomberline & Associates, Atlanta architects, of one of the three-bedroom units to be built by Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority.

## PHA Will Receive Rent Applications

Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority will begin accepting rental applications Saturday.

Mrs. Kenneth R. Roberts will be at City Hall courtroom Saturday morning from 9 to noon to take applications from families with low incomes.

It is anticipated the 150-unit project will be underway in early spring and that some units will be ready for occupancy by September, according to Thomas W. Harper, executive director.

The Public Housing Authority will build units in a variety of sizes from what is labeled a "no-bedroom" unit to a five-bedroom unit on nine sites in various sections of the city.

Income limits have not been firmly set but Wadesboro's PHA limits range from \$3000 annual income for a single-person occupant to \$5000 annual income for a family of ten persons. Occupancy of the single individual could be maintained while his income grew to \$3750 per year, by the ten-person family to \$6250 per year.

Rental rates have not been established and will not be until cost of the project is obtained and contracts let.

Thirty of the 150 units are being designed especially for the elderly and will be constructed in the Dilling-Ridge street area.

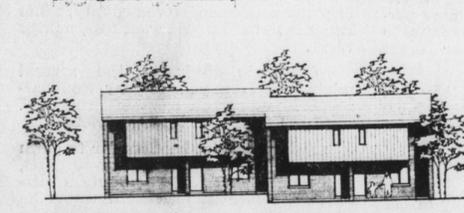
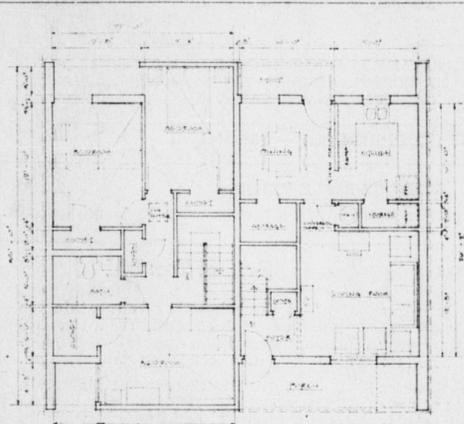
Other sites are located on Candler street, Baker street, Grace street, and the former Davidson elementary school property.

### Class Of '44 Plans Reunion

The Kings Mountain High School Class of 1944 will hold a 25th anniversary reunion in the spring. Class President J. T. McGinnis, Jr., said this week.

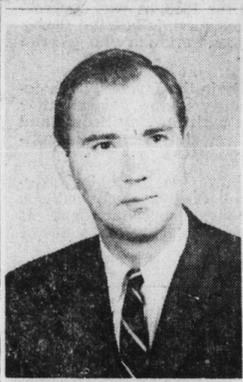
Other members of the organizing committee are Joe McDaniel, Jr., and Clavon Kelly.

Particular need at the moment are addresses of class members who live elsewhere.



Picture is drawing of Tomberline & Associates, Atlanta architects, of one of the three-bedroom units to be built by Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority.

## Mrs. Roberts At City Hall On Saturday



**CASHIER** — Lee McIntyre, Jr., manager of the Kings Mountain branch of First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company, has been promoted to cashier by the banking system.

### First-Citizens Taps McIntyre

Lee A. McIntyre, Jr., has been elected Cashier of First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company in Kings Mountain.

Announcement of the promotion was made by R. P. Holding, Jr., Chairman of the state-wide Board of Directors.

McIntyre, who is resident manager of First-Citizens' Kings Mountain Office, joined the bank's Charlotte Office in 1966.

That same year he was elected assistant cashier and named manager of the Wilkinson Boulevard Office in Charlotte.

He was later transferred to Kings Mountain as branch manager, and in December of last year was named to head the Kings Mountain Office.

Prior to joining First-Citizens, McIntyre was with the State Banking Commission as an examiner.

A native of Laurel Hill in Scotland County, McIntyre is a graduate of St. Andrews Presbyterian College. He is active in numerous civic activities including the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, the Red Cross and the Merchants Association. He is a member of the First Presbyterian church.

**NC FIRES**  
 City firemen reported answering no fire alarms in the city limits within the week period ending Wednesday.

## Districts Could Vary Amount; 50-Cent Maximum

The three school districts of Cleveland County will petition the county commission Monday to approve a countywide election on question of a supplemental tax for school operations of 50-cents per \$100 ad valorem valuation.

Kings Mountain Superintendent Donald Jones said the petition will ask that the election be held on April 1.

On basis of the petition, the tax would be levied on a district basis, with funds collected in the particular district accruing to that district.

Supt. Jones said, for example the thinking of the Kings Mountain board of education would be to levy 20 cents of the 50 permissible. The other districts might want to levy more or less.

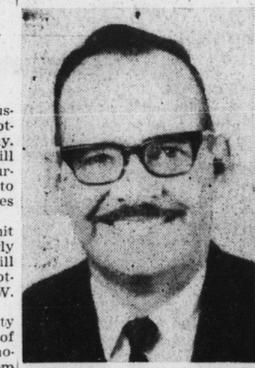
Kings Mountain levy currently is 20 cents of 20 permitted. Shelby district's levy is 38 cents of 40 permitted.

The county district has no supplemental tax.

The funds would be labeled "current expense", as are Shelby and Kings Mountain's present levies, and available for teacher pay supplements, for employing extra teachers, for instructional supplies and equipment replacement. The funds would not be available for capital outlay, for example, new buildings or building additions.

The countywide approach was recommended by Assistant Attorney-General Ralph Moody who pointed out the county district currently has no district voting set-up as do Shelby and Kings Mountain.

Supt. Jones said a 30 cent levy would return about \$156,000 on basis of 1968 tax valuations. A 50-cent levy would return \$260,000.



**HONORED** — W. S. Biddix has been honored as top salesman for 1968 by Sturdivant Life Insurance Company. Mr. Biddix is a city commissioner.

### Biddix Wins Insurance Honor

W. S. Biddix, Kings Mountain insurance man and city commissioner, has been honored by Sturdivant Life Insurance Company as top salesman for the year 1968.

Mr. Biddix led in all three sales categories, in total increase, in increase over quota and in yearly collections, the district representative said.

Mr. Biddix, currently president of the company's Key Producer's club, was featured "In The Spotlight" in a recent publication of the company.

### Davis, Bennett Take Course

Lloyd Davis and Jack Bennett of Kings Mountain are among Water Works operators from eight communities attending a course in Water Works Operation at Gaston college.

Purpose of the course is to assist water works operators in obtaining a North Carolina B certificate. Upon completion of the course, the men will be eligible to take the North Carolina State Examination in Water Works Operation.

Instructors for the course are George Ball, chairman of Gaston's Biology department, and Dr. Charles Wimmer, chairman of the Chemistry department.