

# Five Students Win Diplomas

Five area students received degrees in recent college commencement exercises.

Edwin Lindsay Marston, Jr., 28, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Moss of Kings Mountain and husband of the former George Anne Moss of Kings Mountain, was graduated from the University of North Carolina School of Law with a Juris Doctor degree. He will be employed with the commercial law firm of Elliot Leighton, San Diego, California.

Son of Mrs. Katherine Marston of Briarcliff Manor, New York and E. L. Marston, Sr. of Englewood, N. J., he was graduated from Duke University in 1963

with a B.A. in political science. He was employed with the American Mutual Insurance Company in White Plains, N. Y. from 1963-66. A member of Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity, he was American Bar Association Law Student Division representative for UNC for two years and was delegate to two regional and two national conventions. He was national membership chairman of ABA-LSA and member of the Di-X Phi Senate Debating and Literary Society.

Two local students were among the 275 who were graduated Saturday night at the 69th annual commencement of King's college in Charlotte.

Glenda Ann Wolfe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Wolfe, was awarded an Associate in Science degree cum laude after her successful completion of study in the two-year Business Administration course with major in accounting.

Ray Henderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Henderson, 106 North Sims Street, also received an Associate degree in Business Administration course with major in management.

Dr. John E. Smyie, president of Queens College, delivered the commencement address, "Where Does Your Education Lead?" The graduating class was continued on Page Six



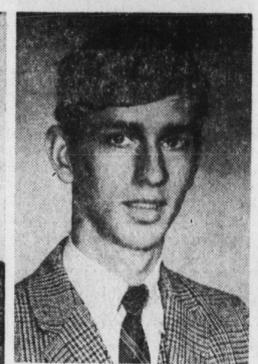
GLENDAN ANN WOLFE



E. L. MARSTON, JR.



MICHAEL S. SMITH



RAY HENDERSON



FREDDIE L. GILL

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

Greater Kings Mountain figure is derived from the special United States Bureau of the Census report of January 1966, and includes the 14,900 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,124 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Township in Gaston County.

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# County Commission Refuses City Bid For Compromise

## Mayor Speaker To Southeast Planning Group

Problems attendant to planning, time, and funds for urban renewal and housing development can be solved by concurrent planning, Mayor John Henry Moss told 1300 persons at the Southeastern Regional Council Conference of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment officials in Memphis, Tenn., Monday.

"The two processes of project planning and community planning can proceed concurrently with regards to funding," the Mayor said.

He also recommended the use of bloc grants.

"The idea of bloc grants is not new, but is often passed over lightly," Mayor Moss continued.

Specifically, so-called grants are appropriations of specific numbers of dollars, with the city to have discretion in how to use the funds, rather than under the present method of planning, obtaining grants, and carrying out particular projects.

The model cities program, he said, is a step in this direction.

He recommended annual review on the part of the federal government agencies involved.

Mayor Moss prefaced his recommendations by outlining the various community projects Kings Mountain has underway, many with federal grants a part of the cost.

He said the job could be done under the present method and "as Kings Mountain is doing it," but he added the fluid method of bloc grants would get the total job done more quickly and more cheaply.

## Benjamin A. Smith Succumbs At 90

### Retired Grocer Smith Former Commissioner

Bennett Alexander Smith, 90, retired Kings Mountain merchant and former alderman, died Tuesday night at 10:20 p.m. in the Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. Smith had been in ill health for several years.

He was a native of Cleveland County, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Smith. He was a member of Grace Methodist church.

He was married to the former Bessie Gantt of Kings Mountain. Funeral arrangements are incomplete pending the arrival of a son stationed in the U. S. Navy in San Francisco, California.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Bonnie King of Highland Springs, Va.; and four sons, B. A. Smith, Jr. and James E. Smith, both of Charlotte; Roy E. Smith of Baltimore, Md. and Bobby Smith of the U. S. Navy in San Francisco, California. Also surviving are five grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Harris Funeral Home.



NEW PASTOR — Rev. Harry D. Vance will assume new pastorate duties at East Side Baptist church July 6th.

## Sheriff's Raids Get Liquor, Beer, Slot Machines

Managers of three private clubs and resident of a house trailer on Grover road face charges of violation of prohibition laws in the July 11th session of district court in Shelby.

Charges were placed by officers of the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department following Saturday night raids which netted 102 cases of beer, 14 full cases of liquor, 34 half pints of liquor and seven slot machines.

Jack Smith, manager of the Kings Mountain VFW Post on Grover road, was charged with violation of prohibition laws for purpose of sale.

Walter Huffstickler, manager of the American Legion Post 155, was charged with violation of prohibition laws for purpose of sale and possession of slot machines.

J. A. Trammell, manager of the Executive Club off York road, was charged with violation of prohibition laws for purpose of sale and possession of slot machines.

Floyd Sanders, resident of a house-trailer on Grover road, was charged with violation of prohibition laws for purpose of sale.

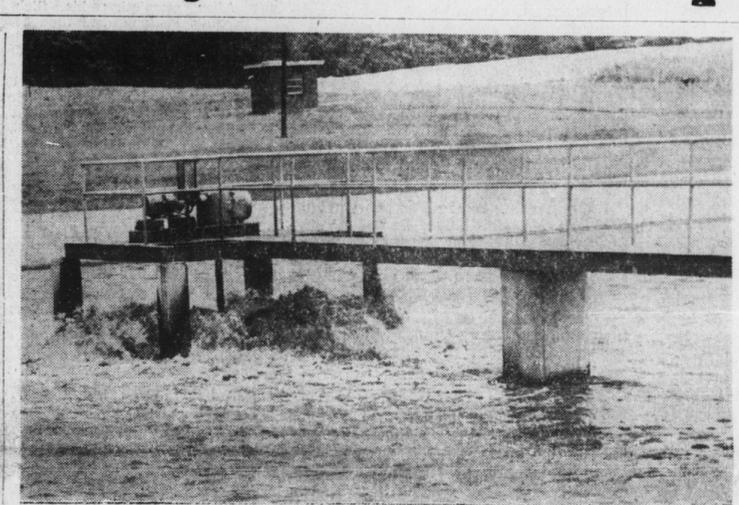
According to sheriff's officers the American Legion Post reportedly yielded 76 cases of beer, 14 cases of liquor and five slot machines. The VFW raid netted seven cases of beer. Eight cases of beer and two slot machines reportedly were found at the Executive's club.

Officers of the county sheriff's department conducted the raid on the trailer which netted several cases of beer and 34 half pints of liquor.

Subsequently, Sheriff Haywood Allen said Don Conner, son of Ralph Conner, owner of Conner's Shell Service, appeared before a magistrate in Shelby and swore warrants charging the three social clubs with possession of alcoholic beverages for purpose of sale.

The raids on the three clubs followed at 11:55 p.m. Saturday night.

Sheriff Allen said the trailer residence was raided previously last week after numerous calls had been made to his department.



DISPOSAL PLANT DEDICATED — Kings Mountain's new waste treatment plant at Potts Creek was dedicated in ceremonies Sunday afternoon. The sewer system expansion project is one of several major projects completed or soon to be completed in the city.

## City Proffered Swap: Recreation For Zoning

A last-ditch effort by the City of Kings Mountain to harmonize differences with the county commission on the Kings Mountain Lake Authority failed Wednesday afternoon when the county commission declined a proffered swap — legislative direction to provide public recreation in the lake area, with Kings Mountain to win lake area zoning authority. The city also agreed to accept a facsimile of the so-called Davis map in zoning the lake area.

The two commissions, minus legal representatives, legislators, or the press, met for 90 minutes before the county commission in a formal vote, declined the city proffer.

The only differences in the current substitute for Senate Bill 364, the lake authority bill, are on the directive for public recreation development and the provision that the county will retain zoning authority to January 1, 1970. This bill has been passed by the House and awaits action by the Senate's local government committee, of which Senator White is chairman.

Subsequently, the Kings Mountain commission adopted a resolution embodying the proffer and so informed Representatives W. K. Mauney, Jr., Robert Z. Falls, Robert Jones, and Senator Jack White by telegram.

Barring an unexpected relaxation by the three House members, there will be no Kings Mountain Lake Authority bill this waning General Assembly session.

Wednesday's meeting followed what City Commissioners T. J. Ellison, Norman King and W. S. Bliddy termed a "waste of time" journey to Raleigh Monday for a conference with Rep. Mauney, which the commissioners understood was at the instance of Mr. Mauney. Also present were County Commissioners B. E. (Pop) Simmons and Robert Hubbard, Attorney Charles Horn, County Manager Max Hamrick, and Coleman Goforth and Buford D. Cline, both defendants in condemnation actions taken by the city in an effort to secure portions of their property required for the lake area.

Simply, the Kings Mountain group reported, Rep. Mauney had nothing new to offer. Comm. King remarked, "He wanted to sell us what we had already declined."

The commissioners said the conference at times waxed tart. Comm. Ellison said Rep. Mauney said the citizens of Kings Mountain "would never permit" the loss of the \$125,538 federal grant for development of a 491-acre

## Mrs. R. D. Goforth's Condition Serious

The condition of Mrs. R. D. Goforth, well-known Kings Mountain citizen, remains serious. Miss Frances Goforth, her daughter, said Wednesday.

Mrs. Goforth was hospitalized after suffering a brain hemorrhage at her home June 17.

Her daughter said she suffered no paralysis nor has she been in a coma.

## Firemen Plan Fourth Events

Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Department is planning an all-day July Fourth celebration.

Events will take place at the new home of the department, currently under construction on the Kings Mountain-Oak Grove road.

There will be barbecue served all day, a greased pig chase, a greased pole climb, country music and other types of entertainment plus an auction sale later in the afternoon. Everything going up for sale will be sold.

"We invite everyone out to join us on this day of celebration," said W. E. Kuykendall, chief, and Wayne Self, assistant chief, of volunteer firemen.

## Vance Assuming Pastorate Duties

Rev. Harry D. Vance has moved into the Eastside Baptist parsonage. He begins his duties as pastor July 6th.

He came to Eastside from Meat Camp Baptist church in the Three Forks Association of Boone.

He had been pastor at Meat Camp since April 15, 1965. He has pastored churches in North Carolina, Florida; also two years Mission work in Washington, D. C.

He is a graduate of Gardner-Webb college and attended Baptist Bible Institute, Fruitland, N. C.

He is married to Helen Cable Vance. They have two children, Mrs. Thad Woods, Sylva, N. C. and one son, Otis David Vance, a senior at Berea College, Berea, Kentucky.

They are expected to be at home at 411 York Rd. after Monday or Tuesday of next week.

Their son is in the Baptist Hospital in Lexington, Ky. where he underwent surgery last Friday.

## Moss To Toast Baseball's Kuhn

Mayor John Henry Moss will attend a banquet given by the Greenwood Braves of the Western Carolinas League Thursday when the Greenwood club honors as its most distinguished guest Bowie Kuhn, commissioner of baseball.

Mayor Moss, president of the Western Carolinas League, will offer a toast to Commissioner Kuhn and the 100th anniversary of baseball.

The event is to be filmed by one of the broadcasting networks as a part of its program "A Day in the Minors."

## Stores Will Close On Fourth Holiday

Virtually all Kings Mountain merchants will observe the July 4th holiday.

Three firms have announced they will remain open. They are Kings Mountain Drug, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.; Roses Five & Ten Stores and Eagle's Five & Ten Stores.

All financial firms will be closed, as will the post office, City Hall and Kings Mountain Herald. Service stations will remain open.

## GOSPEL SING

A Gospel Sing featuring quartets and groups of gospel singers will be held Sunday night at 7:30 p.m. at Mary's Grove Baptist United Methodist church.

## Here Is Text Of Resolution County Refused To Accept, City Adopted Alone

Text of the resolution, which the county commission refused to make a joint one, and which the Kings Mountain city commission adopted and addressed to the General Assembly delegation, follows:

"We urge you to support the Committee Substitute for SB 364, as passed by the House and awaiting action by the Senate local government committee, with the exception that the Mauney zoning provision be deleted and a substitute section to include provision that Kings Mountain be accorded zoning authority, but to retain the Mauney provision directing the city to develop portions of the lake area for public recreation."

## Eastern Captain Retires Dilling

### Kings Mountain Native Pilot Since 1935

A large crowd was on hand at Atlanta Airport Saturday afternoon when the inbound flight from Pensacola, Fla., touched down and taxied to the terminal to disembark passengers.

The passengers wanted to know what was going on.

The answer: Captain Robert Frpno (Buck) Dilling, Kings Mountain native, had touched down on an Eastern plane for the last time.

Next day June 22 he would observe his sixtieth birthday, mandatory retirement date for Eastern pilots.

Eastern management had decided that Captain Dilling should not be required to work on his final birthday of 38 with the company.

Son of the late Walter S. and Emelyn Simonton Dilling, the retired pilot attended Oak Ridge and Riverside Military schools, spent a brief period with his father's textile firm (now owned by Burlington Industries), but found yarn manufacture not to his liking. He wanted to fly and his father concurred. "If you're going to be a ditch-digger," his father said.



RETIRED — Captain Robert F. (Buck) Dilling made his final flight Saturday as an Eastern Airlines pilot, retiring after 33 years with EAL. 34 of them as a pilot.

## Carter: Sewage Disposal Matter Of Golden Rule

"We don't believe streams are a one-way street for sewage discharge. We ascribe to the golden rule as written by St. Matthew."

The speaker was Warren L. Carter, of Charlottesville, Va., director of the Mid-Atlantic Region, Department of Water Pollution Control, at Sunday's dedicatory ceremonies of the new sewage treatment plant on Potts Creek.

Mr. Carter said the Kings Mountain plant, built with the aid of a \$366,000 federal government grant, is designed to reduce impurities by 99 percent, if the plant is properly operated and maintained.

He advised citizens to discourage "dumping" of waste materials by commerce and industry and to require pre-treatment where industrial waste is being processed.

He declared, "This is your plant for you spent \$7 for every \$3 provided in the grant."

D. L. Colburn, of Raleigh, director of the state Department of Water and Air Resources, told the audience of 200, "Proper waste disposal and treatment as you have here is an instrument for growth. There have been more than 1700 projects of this type in North Carolina since 1951 involving and invested of \$300 million. That's what we're doing to assure quality water."

## Wood Charged With Robbery

James Wood, 28-year-old Chestnut Ridge citizen, was arrested Wednesday morning and charged with breaking, entering and larceny of 31 cartons of cigarettes and \$30 in cash from Pauline Store.

The local firm has been robbed three times in the past four weeks, reported Det. Sgt. William Roper, who made the investigation.

Mr. Roper said the most recent robbery took place at 3:45 a.m. yesterday morning. He said a crowbar was used to pry the padlock from the front door of the store. Missing from the establishment were 30 cartons of cigarettes and \$30 in change from the cash drawer.

Sgt. Roper said he obtained a search warrant and found the missing articles in the home of Mr. Wood on route three.

Wood was jailed in Gaston County Jail in lieu of \$1050 bond.

## Mayor Predicts Same 85c Tax Rate And Pay Raise For All Employees

Kings Mountain's tax rate, unchanged the past five years, remains 85 cents per \$100 valuation despite major bond issues approved by the voters.

This was the statement of Mayor John Henry Moss at Tuesday night's city commission meeting as he reported that the city commission is at work on the budget for the upcoming year.

He said the tax rate will remain the same for the coming fiscal year and that the revenue from ad valorem taxes would show a 17 percent increase, to an estimated total of \$252,940.

The mayor noted that one contributing factor in the increase will be the taxes gleaned from the newly-annexed area southwest of the city which brought in several industries, a large number of residences and considerable acreage.

The valuation of property in this area for tax purposes, according to the mayor's report, is \$2.1 million.

Mayor Moss said the revenue estimates in the budget would reflect anticipated increases in water, electrical and natural gas consumption.

He said salary increases for all city employees are being planned.

The mayor termed his report a preview of the city budget for the fiscal year 1969-70.

## Kings Mountain Medical Dental Corps Unanimous For Fluoridation

All Kings Mountain doctors and dentists this week endorsed fluoridation of the water supply.

The endorsement was signed by Dr. T. G. Durham, Dr. Paul E. Hendricks, Dr. Joseph Lee, Dr. John C. McGill, Dr. Charles Adams, Dr. F. J. Sincex, Dr. P. G. Padgett, Dr. George W. Plonk, Dr. Sam L. Robinson, Dr. D. F. Ford, Dr. O. P. Lewis, Dr. Thomas P. Baker, and Dr. Robert N. Baker.

Their statement read: "We the undersigned physicians and dentists of Kings Mountain endorse the fluoridation of the City of Kings Mountain's water supply as a practical means of promoting and protecting dental health in our community."

Kings Mountain Jaycees, with Past President Gerald Thomason as chairman, are spearheading and reviving the fluoridation project in the city.

In 1957 Kings Mountain citizens voted about 2-1 in favor of fluoridation.

## New Pharmacy To Open Friday

Mountaineer Pharmacy, at the corner of West Mountain and Waterson streets, will be open for limited sundries sales and prescription service Friday.

The firm, a partnership between Carl Weisener and Dennis Beatty, awaits arrival of further inventory, Mr. Weisener said.