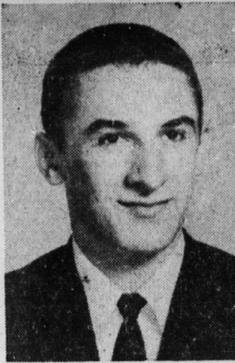


1970  
and  
recog-  
assant  
n, and  
Amer-  
ucting  
Wel-  
14-20,  
recog-  
omote  
across  
June  
TOP  
a anc  
to our  
name  
uth.



FAITHEL TONEY SMITH



LESLIE JOY



LIBBY ALEXANDER PUTNAM



DALE BYARS



ANN PATTERSON GOFORTH



MARY JO HORD

# Six Win Diplomas

A large number of Kings Mountain area students are receiving degrees from colleges and universities.

Among them:

Elizabeth Alexander Putnam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Alexander and recent bride of Roger Putnam, received her Bachelor of Music degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and will teach public school music in Durham City Schools in the fall. At UNC-G, she was a member of the University Chorale, the University Madrigal Singers, Mu Phi Epsilon profes-

May Jo Hord, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. D. F. Hord, was graduated from Wake Forest University June 8th. She was among more than 600 who received degrees. Miss Hord majored in English and received the B.A. degree. She

Continued On Page Six

Population	
Greater Kings Mountain	21,914
City Limits (1966 Census)	8,256
City Limits (Estimate 1968)	9,300

Greater Kings Mountain figure is derived from the special United States Bureau of the Census report of January 1968, and includes the 14,990 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,924 from Number 5 Township in Cleveland County and Crowder Township in Gaston County.

# Kings Mountain Herald

Kings Mountain's Reliable Newspaper

18 Pages Today

VOL. 85 No. 24

Established 1889

Kings Mountain, N. C., Thursday, June 11, 1970

Eighty-Fifth Year

PRICE TEN CENTS

## Cleveland County Census Up 5301



AWARD FOR HEROISM—S/Sgt. Roddie W. Byers, received the Airman's Award for Heroism from Lt. Colonel William H. Adams in Vietnam.

### Preliminary Figure Shows 8.08% Increase

Preliminary report on the 1970 census for Cleveland County indicates the county showed a population increase of 5301 over 1960 to 71,319.

Percentage gain would be 8.08 percent over the 65,018 official result.

Figures have not been released on cities under 10,000 population.

Preliminary figures for population in a 12-county area were announced by Harry Carpenter, of Hickory, district manager.

Catawba County's preliminary figure was largest among the 12 counties at 86,768, with Cleveland second, and Burke third at 57,398.

(Ed. Note: The Kings Mountain Herald census-guessing contest will be decided on basis of the official result.)

The Census Bureau will commence in the fall of 1970 to publish official population figures for all areas in the United States—States, counties, cities, towns, and villages.

The District Manager expressed his own and the Census Bureau's thanks to the residents of the area, to officials, the newspapers and the broadcasting stations for their cooperation in the taking of Census '70 here.

### Heroism Award To Roddie Byers

WITH U. S. COMBAT AIR FORCES, Vietnam—Rapid action by a Kings Mountain, N. C. sergeant recently prevented a possible major disaster at Bien Hoa A. Vietnam, and earned him the highest U. S. Air Force noncombat award for heroism.

Staff Sergeant Roddie W. Byers received the Airman's Medal for voluntarily risking his life to extinguish a fire on the flightline.

When a refueling truck connected to an outbound commercial airliner caught fire, the 23-year-old aircraft mechanic braved the threat of an explosion to extinguish the flames.

Sergeant Byers provides essential support at Bien Hoa, 19 miles northeast of Saigon, for transport aircraft operated by the Military Airlift Command in the global airlift of U. S. armed forces.

The 1965 Compact High School

Continued On Page Six

### Optimists Assume Sponsorship Of State Babe Ruth Tournament

The incomplete Community Facilities building and several other factors have caused city recreation officials to withdraw their bid for the State Babe Ruth tournament.

This left Roy Pearson, who had arranged for the 1970 finals to be held here over a year ago, with quite a problem.

The Optimist Club voted unanimously at a called meeting Monday night to assume the sponsorship of this event, which is usually held the last week of July. According to Gene Austin, Optimist president-elect, it was the feeling of the club that if our city refused the tournament after having been selected, the prestige of our town as well as our Babe Ruth program would suffer tremendously.

Mr. Austin stated that this project, too much for the Optimist Club alone, will require the support of the entire community. Approximately 10 teams, including the Kings Mountain team, which mends.

The incomplete Community Facilities building and several other factors have caused city recreation officials to withdraw their bid for the State Babe Ruth tournament.

This left Roy Pearson, who had arranged for the 1970 finals to be held here over a year ago, with quite a problem.

The Optimist Club voted unanimously at a called meeting Monday night, to assume the sponsorship of this event, which is usually held the last week of July. According to Gene Austin, Optimist president-elect, it was the feeling of the club that if our city refused the tournament after having been selected, the prestige of our town as well as our Babe Ruth program would suffer tremendously.

Mr. Austin stated that this project, too much for the Optimist Club alone, will require the support of the entire community. Approximately 10 teams, including the Kings Mountain team, which mends.

Continued On Page Six



GRADUATION SCENE—Kings Mountain high school graduated 242 seniors in commencement exercises last Wednesday night in John Gamble Memorial Stadium. The Class of 1970 presented a cash gift to the school to provide benches for the courtyard area of the plant. Photographer Isaac Alexander took this picture as the seniors formed a procession led by marshals Judy Childers (far right) and Carolyn Howard and followed by Coleman Anderson, Susan Anderson, Ann Baird, Philip Baker and John Zollew.

## Tyner Purchases Southwell Motor

### Wade Tyner, Jr. Third Generation Ford Dealer

Wade Tyner, Jr., who follows in both his father's and grandfather's footsteps as a Ford dealer, was awarded the Ford Motor Company franchise in Kings Mountain Thursday and assumed management operations at Southwell Ford.

The name of the company has been changed to Wade Ford, Inc. Joint announcement was made by Mr. Tyner, the new owner, and Bob Southwell, former owner, who came here as a Ford dealer 10 years ago from Rome, Ga. Mr. Southwell did not announce his future plans.

Mr. Tyner and his family, who now live on Peach street in Shelby, anticipate building a home near the site of the Kings Mountain Reservoir on Buffalo Lake. Mrs. Tyner is the former Elinor Hopper of Shelby and is women's editor of the Shelby Daily Star. They are parents of a son, David, age 16, and a daughter, Kyle, age 13.

Wade Tyner, Jr. got his start as a car salesman from his father at Tyner Ford in Shelby and his father learned from his dad, Roy Tyner, who died in 1939.

Mr. Tyner comes to Kings Mountain from Lincoln-Mercury at Shelby where he was general manager of that dealership for 13½ years. A native of Robeson County, he moved to Shelby in 1945, attended school there and graduated from Oak Ridge Military Institute. His college career after one year was interrupted by Uncle Sam and he was in the service during the Korean Conflict.

He is a charter member and past president of the Shelby Civitan club and holds a nine-year perfect attendance record. He is also president of his Sunday School class at First Baptist church in Shelby and has served on the board of the Salvation Army in Shelby.

All present employees of Southwell Motor Company have re-



NEW OWNER—Wade Tyner, Jr., third generation member in a family of Ford automobile dealers, assumed management of Wade Ford, Inc., formerly Southwell Ford, Thursday.

### Amoco Honors Herbert Tindall For Courtesy

A Kings Mountain businessman has received a certificate of commendation from American Oil Company for what company officials describe as his "outstanding courtesy and helpfulness to motorists."

Herbert R. Tindall, who operates the American Oil station at I-85 and Dixon School Rd., received the award last Thursday from W. E. Patterson and Loren Tompkins, representative for the company in this area.

Certificates of commendation go only to dealers whose service is so outstanding as to merit unsolicited letters of appreciation from customers they have helped.

Company officials said that such a letter was received recently from Marietta, Georgia motorists, Mesdames Marion Moody, Leslie Karstenson, Jan Brislow, and Pat Bradley, citing Tindall for his courtesy and service.

As recipient of the commendation certificate, Tindall becomes eligible for the regional vice president's plaque which American awards annually to dealers whose acts of courtesy for an entire year are judged most outstanding.

Continued On Page Six

### Shirley Hudson Is Recuperating, Had Successful Cornea Transplant

By LINDA BISER BEHRENS  
Shirley Hudson's vision is no longer blurred in one eye and she can see clearly following a cornea transplant operation four weeks ago. In fact, she could see better out of that eye shortly after the bandages were removed than the insertion of the new cornea, from a 39-year old male accident victim donor. She believes the operation which required 30 stitches of 8 mm. proportion was done with the aid of a microscope. The stitches pull uncomfortably occasionally, she said. Glare is also painful and she wears sunglasses after first wearing a patch which was removed during her week long hospital stay.

Neither was she awake for the insertion of the new cornea, from a 39-year old male accident victim donor. She believes the operation which required 30 stitches of 8 mm. proportion was done with the aid of a microscope. The stitches pull uncomfortably occasionally, she said. Glare is also painful and she wears sunglasses after first wearing a patch which was removed during her week long hospital stay.

Mrs. Hudson first learned that she had the rare condition in 1956 and believes it is inherited since she has a first cousin who also has it. A Chesterfield, S. C. woman who had lost vision in her similarly affected eye recently, the other cornea and she and Mrs. Hudson are slated for ap-

The surgeon preferred no anes-

Continued On Page Six

### Half-Cent Rate Cut in County Schools Levy

A net decrease of a half-cent will be reflected in county school tax rate for 1970-71, according to Don Jones, superintendent of Kings Mountain district schools.

The capital outlay figure is down 2.5 cents the current expense figure up two cents.

Kings Mountain district shares the total levy at 23.83 percent, the funds being divided between the three school districts on basis of percentage of school population.

Supt. Jones said the capital outlay levy will return Kings Mountain an estimated \$116,826, while the capital expense levy will return an estimated \$241,469.

In addition there will be two district levies, one for debt service estimated to return \$72,500 and the 20-cent special current expense levy expected to return \$106,723.

### Falls on Tour Of Middle East

Butler Falls, local surveyor, currently on a trip to the Middle East, reports June 3 from Israel that eight local guards accompanied visitors to Hebron that day.

In a letter to his sister, Miss Janet Falls, local teacher, Mr. Falls records seeing the Aswan Dam and writing 4000 years old on the wall of a tomb in Luxor.

His sister says he was an engineering major at Duke University and interested in history. Mr. Falls left April 20 for a four-month tour. He has already toured Egypt and Greece and plans to go from Israel to West-land, France, Scotland, Ireland and Spain.

### J. D. Fulton's Rites Conducted

Jason Dexter Fulton, 79, died Sunday morning and funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m.

Reverend Charles Edwards of Boyce Memorial A.M.E. church officiated. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mr. Fulton, a former member of the Charlotte Police Department, was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John D. Fulton, and a native of Cleveland County. He lived at 106 North Deal Street.

Mr. Fulton died Sunday at 11:30 a.m. at Kings Mountain hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Ollie Mae Witherspoon; one son, John Fulton of Omaha, Neb.; two daughters, Mrs. Giles Cornwell of Euclid, Ohio and Mrs. James Houser of Graham, N. C.; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Burialbearers were W. S. Fulton, Jr., Robert Fulton, Paul Fulton, Owen Fulton, Ira Dixon of York, S. C. and John Clemmer of Gastonia.

Continued On Page Six

## Recreation Fund Drive Underway



GRADUATE—William Kemp Mauney, III was graduated Saturday from Asheville School.

### Equipment Needs Range From Dolls To Bleachers

A \$48,200 campaign to equip the neighborhood facilities building was launched Tuesday.

Mayor John Henry Moss announced that the Kings Mountain Woman's club had provided \$500 to aid in purchase of kitchen equipment, and other donations had come from Girl Scout Troop 96, \$48.98, from Girl Scout Troop 4, \$5, and from B. F. Maner Agency \$25.

Members of the 25-member community center program committee attended a kickoff breakfast Tuesday morning.

Lists of equipment needs were distributed.

Largest item is main floor bleachers at a cost of \$10,800. Balcony bleachers will cost \$8800. A four-sided scoreboard will cost \$2500.

Day care area needs include outdoor play equipment. Interior equipment requirements include lockers, room dividers, dolls and doll clothes.

Other equipment is needed for the kitchen area, for arts and crafts, for preventive maintenance, and building maintenance.

### Kemp Mauney Is Graduated

William Kemp Mauney, III, son of N. C. Representative W. K. Mauney, Jr. and Mrs. Mauney of Kings Mountain, was graduated Saturday from Asheville School in Asheville.

He was presented the Spanish award for being the outstanding Spanish scholar in his class.

Among those attending the graduation exercises were his parents; his sisters, Sarah Frances and Martha Jane Mauney; his sister, Mrs. Rowland G. Turner, Jr. and her husband; Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Jackson and David Faunce of Philadelphia, Pa.

### Harris, Howard Re-appointed

Ollie Harris and Grady Howard have been re-appointed to the board of Jacob S. Mauney Memorial library for three-year terms.

Other members are Mrs. George Houser, Haywood E. Lynch and Martin Harmon.

Other actions by the board of commissioners at Tuesday night's meeting included:

- 1) Adoption of an interim appropriation ordinance.
- 2) Adoption of a resolution proclaiming June as recreation month. Mayor John Henry Moss said he hoped all citizens would take part in some phase of the city recreation program.
- 3) Approved a petition to construct curb and gutter on Wilson street.

### Captain Meek Ormand, 101, Attends His Democratic Precinct Meeting

West King Mountain's Democratic precinct probably had the oldest member in attendance at Saturday's meeting of any precinct in the state.

Captain Bate Meek Ormand, a young 101, attended the Democratic gathering and saw his grandson, Charles T. Carpenter, Jr., a former Herald sports editor, elected chairman.

### Pete Peterson Man Of Month

Second Lieutenant Charles "Pete" Peterson is Cleveland County Rescue Squad man of the month for June.

A member of the squad for nine years, Peterson has been an ambulance attendants and prefers transporting imminently expectant mothers to the hospital.

Peterson is a truck driver for the city of Kings Mountain. He and his wife, Margie, live with his mother, Mrs. Robert Peterson, on Waco Road. He is a member of Temple Baptist church.

### Low Rent Housing Offices Opened

The Public Housing Authority is now to be known as Low Rent Housing, the offices are now open on E. Ridge St., says Tom Harper, the director. Located between Carpenter and Dilling St., the buildings will be staffed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each weekday.

"All individuals who have applied for housing in the past should check in at the office at the earliest possible time," Mr. Harper says. Applications are still being received, he notes.

### Captain Meek Ormand, 101, Attends His Democratic Precinct Meeting

West King Mountain's Democratic precinct probably had the oldest member in attendance at Saturday's meeting of any precinct in the state.

Captain Bate Meek Ormand, a young 101, attended the Democratic gathering and saw his grandson, Charles T. Carpenter, Jr., a former Herald sports editor, elected chairman.

Continued On Page Six