

## Population

Greater Kings Mountain 21,914  
City Limits (1966 Census) 8,256  
City Limits U. S. Estimate 1970 8,476

The Greater Kings Mountain figure is derived from the specific United States Bureau of the Census report of January 1966 and includes 14,894 persons from Number 4 Township, and the remaining 5,124 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowley Township in Gaston County.

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## Christmas Parade Slated By Merchants December 4



**EARN'S EAGLE RAN** — Mrs. Larry Hamrick, at right, pins the Eagle Scout Medal on her 14-year-old son, Larry Hamrick, Jr., as Kenneth Pruitt of Atlanta, Ga., left, former scoutmaster, and Jim Yarbo, current scoutmaster of First Baptist Church Troop 92, look on. Larry, a ninth-grader at Kings Mountain High, has participated in scouting for three and one-half years. Standing 6'1", he is a member of the 9th grade basketball team, an honor roll student, member of Demolay and is active in the MYF at Central United Methodist Church. He has also served as a Senior Patrol leader and has been active in other scout activities. His badge was presented at 11 o'clock church services Sunday. (Photo by Isaac Alexander)

## Schools, Businesses Quiet On Thanksgiving Holiday

### UF Lagging; Reports To Date Total \$26,607

Kings Mountain's record \$35,100 United Fund goal is lagging.

Off to what appeared to be an aggressive start with \$5,882 reported at the kickoff luncheon on October 22, the amount today after a month's campaign efforts finds the total at \$26,607.92.

Of the seven divisions, only one has reached its goal and gone over. The schools division, with a quota of \$2,281, has reached \$2,345.

Betty Scism, reporting for Chairman Don Jones, yesterday released amounts raised to date by the different divisions. Listing the quotas first and amounts raised second, annual solicitations are as follows: Advanced gifts, \$4,563 - \$2,647; Commercial Division, \$4,739 - \$2,996.69; Correspondence, \$1,404 - \$978; Industrial, \$19,305 - \$16,442.86; Professional, \$1,404 - \$950; Public Employees, \$1,404 - \$248.37; Schools, \$2,281 - \$2,345.

Eight local agencies share in the fund while North Carolina Community Services including such varied agencies as the Children's Home Society of North Carolina, the Traveler's Aid Association of America, and the North Carolina Mental Health Association, are budgeted at \$3,074 of the total.

Local agencies included and their budget figures include: Ministerial Helping Hand, \$3,600; Boy Scouts Piedmont Council, \$7,972; American Red Cross, \$5,500; Girl Scouts Pioneer Council, \$3,750; Kings Mountain High School Band, \$2,550; Cleveland County (Kings Mountain) Rescue Squad, \$4,584; Kings Mountain High School Choir, \$1,400; and Salvation Army, \$1,500.

Administrative costs are budgeted at \$500 and there is also budgeted a \$569.72 contingency fund.

Calm is settled over Kings Mountain today as business financial institutions and schools are closed in observance of Thanksgiving.

While families are getting together for the traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner, many are hurrying to Charlotte for the 24th annual Carrousel Parade and others are tuning in their favorite TV programs for a day of relaxation.

Breakfasts were held in at least three local churches this morning, members of the Kings Mountain Baptist Church Brotherhood serving in the fellowship hall from 7 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. and the annual breakfast at First Presbyterian church between 7:30 and 9 a.m. to be served by the men of the church.

St. Matthew's Lutheran church will have a 10 a.m. service today with the Rev. Charles Easley, minister, to use as his sermon topic, "Then Came Eliz." Also, the Rev. James Wilder will address his congregation in the sanctuary at 9 a.m. today following the earlier breakfast.

The community's traditional Thanksgiving service was held last evening at 7:30 in Central school auditorium when the Rev. James Stuart, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Gastonia delivered the sermon. The service was sponsored by the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association of which the Rev. Edwin Chrisco is president. Various ministers in the community participated in the service.

A 40-member combined choir from local churches provided special music at the service, singing Thanksgiving anthems under the direction of Mrs. J. N. McClure.

Mrs. Priscilla Ann Burris, Carrousel Princess from Kings Mountain High, will appear in the annual Carrousel Parade in Charlotte today. The 17-year-old daughter of Mrs. Helen Meeks Burris and the late Mr. Burris, she appeared at the annual Carrousel Band Showcase at the Charlotte Coliseum last night.

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### Three Cars Are Involved In Wed. Wreck

Ray Douglas Farris, 28, was admitted to the emergency room of Kings Mountain Hospital yesterday afternoon where he received five stitches for a cut on his head following an accident at 2:30 p.m. in which three cars were involved.

According to Patrolman Grayton Bollinger who investigated the accident, Farris was turning off York Road onto Gold street when he turned left in front of Mrs. Lois Howard, 22, of Clover, S. C. The Howard car knocked Farris' 1965 Mustang into a 1971 Continental Mark III driven by Charles Eugene Neisler, III as Neisler was waiting for a red light to change. No charges were filed Bollinger said.

Farris was released following treatment and two children in the Howard car were also examined and released at the hospital.

Patrolman Bollinger reported damages at \$350 on the Neisler car, \$350 on Mrs. Howard's 1959 Pontiac and \$950 on the Farris car.

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### Turns On Drug Ministry Following Daughter's Suicide

## Art Linkletter Hits Drugs, Rock Music

BY GRACE HAMRICK

An emotion-packed audience blinked away tears and gave Art Linkletter a standing ovation last Thursday morning in Miami, Fla.

The occasion was his address before the National Wholesale Druggist Association at its annual session at the Americana Hotel when he asked that group's cooperation in fighting drug abuse, his drug abuse ministry having spanned the year which began in October 1969 when his lovely daughter, Diane, at age 21, took her own life after suffering flashbacks from LSD.

Perhaps no other person could tell his story with such impact as Art Linkletter in his articulate style and to audiences over the country that revere him for fun-filled hours and laughs he has provided in 35 years of show business.

Adopted at age 8 by a traveling evangelist, Linkletter told that his father had hoped he too would be an evangelist. He could never have followed his father in "scaring sinners into Heaven," he said, but now finds himself occupying the pulpit in a different way to administer to the public due to a tragedy in his own life.

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His year was spent talking with everybody from professionals to kids, to heroin pushers, in clinics, in ghettos with kids who have never had a chance, in colleges and high schools, to law enforcement officials, President Nixon, truck drivers, musicians, etc.

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He continued his campaign by talking with disc jockeys, prevailing on them to police their use of the people's airwaves, and was elated that one major recording studio a week earlier had said it would curb recordings of music and lyrics that smacked of the drug society.

Starting his talks with tobacco, alcohol and then to marijuana, he has appealed to today's youth to understand the dangers of their usage and to parents he has warned of problems that are at their doorsteps today that could lead to seeing their own lovely children with needles in their arms tomorrow.

"Make the drug language simple and know what the drugs

### Duke Rate Hike Stuns City

#### 22.5 Increase Is Proposed By December 14

Mayor John Henry Moss and City Clerk Joe McDaniel, still staggering under the proposed 22.5 per cent rate increase by Duke Power Co. to wholesale customers, yesterday assured citizens they would work diligently to hold the increase at the lowest possible rate.

The mayor, McDaniel and four of the six commissioners who were present for Tuesday night's commission meeting, said yesterday through Mayor Moss they feel this is an exorbitant rate increase by Duke and they will work diligently to keep the electric power costs at the lowest possible rate for citizens of Kings Mountain.

Slated to go into effect December 14, the increase for this city would amount to \$77,266.

"We are working with the electric cities group and Duke representatives in endeavoring to develop some facts in regards to rates," the mayor said, obviously concerned for his city's customers.

McDaniel, who told Tuesday night's meeting that the city could not absorb the proposed increase and that rates would have to go up, said the amount of increase to an average monthly power bill would be in the neighborhood of \$2.50 to \$3 for most Kings Mountain families.

Commissioner Ray Cline said he was "glad we can tell the people this increase is coming from Duke and not the city."

Moss said Kings Mountain has one of two lowest electric rates in the state, Fayetteville being the other city.

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SHARON DIANE GWYNN

### Gardner-Webb Taps Miss Gwynn For Big Honor

Miss Sharon Diane Gwynn of Kings Mountain has been selected by her fellow nursing students as "Miss Student Nurse" of Gardner-Webb College.

Sharon, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gwynn of Rt. 1, Kings Mountain, is a freshman at Gardner-Webb.

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### Dr. D. F. Hord Awarded By N. C. Dental Society Awarded DSA Last Week At Raleigh Meet

Dr. D. F. Hord of Kings Mountain last week received the Distinguished Service Award presented by the North Carolina Society of Dentistry for Children.

The coveted award, presented at a meeting held at the Hilton Inn in Raleigh, is presented each year to a general practitioner. Dr. Hord's award reads: "recognizing his tireless efforts for improving the dental health of the children of his community and state and for devoted leadership in this Society."

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