

# Population

Greater Kings Mountain 21,914  
City Limits 8465

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 Township in Gaston County.

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**HEART FUND DRIVE UNDERWAY** — Sunday is Heart Sunday and volunteer Heart Fund workers will be canvassing the community for funds to help combat diseases of the heart. Jaycees will man a roadblock at the overhead bridge on U. S. 74 Sunday afternoon. In the photograph: Cynthia Alexander, left, daughter of Postmaster and Mrs. Charles Alexander, Zelena Moore and Karen Howell (both covered up with balloons) conduct Balloon Days for the Heart Fund on city streets. The Balloon Day promotion was headed up by the Home Economics department of Kings Mountain high school. Mrs. John H. Gamble, chairman. (Photo by Isaac Alexander)

## Nursing Home Contractor Wants Area "Subs"

### District System Is Recommended

### 18-Year-Olds Vote Favored By Democrats

The Cleveland County Democratic executive committee has recommended by unanimous vote that the county resume its former system of electing county commissioners from districts. Under the recommendation, the several districts would control the residence of the candidates, but all voters would vote for a representative from all the districts, both in primaries and in the general election. Chairman Cameron Ware outlined the plan and said he felt the fact of representation from all areas of the county would improve the political and governmental climate of the whole county. Charles T. Carpenter, Jr., chairman of the West Kings Mountain precinct, moved adoption of the resolution. The executive committee also endorsed unanimously proposals already introduced in the current General Assembly to convey the right to vote to 18-year-old North Carolinians for state, county, and municipal offices. The Supreme Court has ruled that a federal statute conveying the right to vote to 18-year-olds for federal offices is unconstitutional. In another action, the committee elected Mrs. Pat Poston of Shelby, a vice-chairman, succeeding the late Mrs. Warren Gamble. Chairman Ware estimated 30 members of the committee were present at Friday night's meeting and that 75 percent of the county's 28 precincts were represented.

### Smith Says Contractor Bid Accepted

Homes of Care, Inc. has accepted bid of general contractor for building a nursing home here, who in turn would like to receive bids from Kings Mountain area sub-contractors.

Joe R. Smith, president of Kings Mountain Nursing and Convalescent Home, Inc., said Wednesday, "We are going forward."

Unlike bidding in this state on public facilities, where several contracts, other than the general one required by law, a private facility may award the full contract to the general contractor, as Homes of Care, Inc., has chosen to do.

"They want local bids and invite them," Mr. Smith said. Included are bids on electrical installations, plumbing, mechanical, roofing, tile work, etc.

Firms wishing to bid on the work, Mr. Smith said, should ask for plans and specifications by writing or telephoning C. W. Newton, Homes of Care, Inc., 1117 Daniel Building, Greenville, S. C. 29602, telephone 803-232-2203.

Plans call for an 85-11 facility to be constructed on a nine-acre tract on Sipes street, near Kings Mountain hospital.

### Francis Candidate For Re-Election



### Outside-City School Board Incumbent Files

Phillip A. (Tippy) Francis, vice-president of Minette Mills at Grover, filed for re-election Tuesday to his outside city district seat on the Kings Mountain board of education.

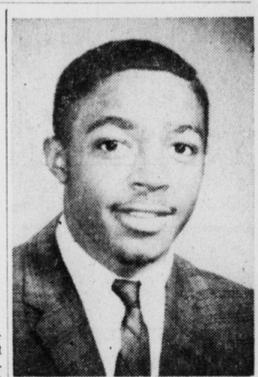
Francis has served on the board since December 1968 when he was elected to fill the unexpired outside city district seat then filled by the late Holmes Harry, who had resigned due to illness.

Filing by Mr. Francis was the lone political activity of the week.

Mr. Francis is the third candidate to file for the board of education. Joe A. Neisler, Jr. and Tommy P. Bridges have filed for the in-city seat from which Mrs. Lena W. McGill will retire in May.

A native of Blacksburg, S. C., Francis was graduated from the Blacksburg schools and attended the University of South Carolina. He is also sales manager of Cleveland Products, a division of Minette Mills of Grover. Mrs. Francis is the former Jean Harry, daughter of Mayor C. F. Harry, Jr. and Mrs. Harry. They are parents of a son, Phillip, age 18, and a daughter, Debbie, age 17. They are members of Shiloh Presbyterian church where Francis is a member of the board of deacons and president of the Men of the Church.

In his filing statement Mr. Francis said: "I think the next few years ahead will be very interesting for education. There are a lot of new ideas coming up and more than any other reason this is why I decided to throw my hat in the ring. It will not be a time without problems but it will be very interesting to say the least."



**CITED** — Larry L. Orr of Kings Mountain has been presented the Bronze Star for meritorious service in Vietnam during the period of October 1969 to September 1970. He is now a Charlotte accountant.

### Bronze Star To Larry Orr

Larry L. Orr, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Orr of Kings Mountain, is recipient of the Bronze Star while serving in Vietnam as a First Lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps of the United States Army.

The Kings Mountain man is now employed in the Accounting Department of Humble Oil Company in Charlotte. A graduate of Compact high school and A & T University, he is married to the former Jane Pressley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Plato Pressley of Kings Mountain. They live in Charlotte.

The Bronze Star Medal Citation, by direction of the President, reads:

"The Bronze Star Medal is presented to First Lieutenant Larry L. Orr, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army, who distinguished himself by outstandingly meritorious service in connection with military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. During the period October 1969 to September 1970 he consistently manifested exemplary professionalism and initiative in obtaining outstanding results. His rapid assessment and solution of numerous problems inherent in a combat environment greatly enhanced the allied effectiveness against a determined and aggressive enemy. Despite many adversities, he invariably performed his duties in a resolute and efficient manner. Energetically applying his sound judgment and extensive knowledge, he has contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of the United States mission in the Republic of Vietnam. His loyalty, diligence and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army."

## Bob Harrington To Speak Here



### Bourbon Street Chaplain Here Thursday Night

Rev. Bob Harrington, the "Chaplain of Bourbon Street", will speak at 7:30 tonight (Thursday) at Kings Mountain Community Center.

Harrington's appearance here is sponsored by the Kings Mountain Rotary Club.

The nationally known evangelist will be at Gardner-Webb college on Friday night at 8:30 p.m. and again at Gardner-Webb college Saturday morning at 11 a.m. He will also speak at Owens Auditorium in Charlotte at 7:30 p.m. Saturday night.

The Baptist Laymen's Witnessing Foundation is sponsoring Harrington's appearance in North Carolina.

Mr. Harrington has appeared on nationally televised shows, including the Art Linkletter show, and is a popular speaker.

Speaking for the Rotary club, Charles Alexander said, "we hope to fill 5,000 seats Kings Mountain Civic Center for this event, which is free, and open to all."

Mr. Alexander described Mr. Harrington as a dynamic speaker. Harrington gained nationwide recognition for his ministry in the night spots of New Orleans Bourbon Street in Louisiana.

He said Harrington's appearance here is co-sponsored by the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association.

### Judy Rayfield In WCU Choir

Judy Rayfield, Kings Mountain freshman at Western Carolina University at Cullowhee, has been selected for membership in the Pop Group Singers, a 30-voice choir.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rayfield, Miss Rayfield will join the singers on tours, on concerts and in performances at the Miss Catamount Pageant.

The group will sing in the play, "Carnival", which is being presented by the WC Little Theatre Saturday night in Cullowhee. Miss Rayfield is a voice major studying under the direction of Dr. Temple Smith. She is a graduate of Kings Mountain high school.

### Mrs. Ida Joy Receives Plaque

Mrs. Ida F. Joy, manager of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association Credit Bureau the past 13 years, was honored by Continental Trailways at the bus company's district luncheon meeting last Wednesday in Charlotte.

The Kings Mountain woman, who is resigning her post March 1st, was presented a service plaque from Continental Trailways. Mrs. Joy has also served as manager of the Bus Terminal and Western Union, also operated by the Merchants Association for a number of years.

Representatives of the company from Washington, D. C. and Dallas, Texas attended the luncheon at North Tryon Holiday Inn.

### Cafeteria Workers Get Pay Raise

Cafeteria employees received wage boosts via action of the Kings Mountain board of education Monday night.

The board raised the salary schedule for cafeteria employees from \$13 to \$14 per day for managers and from \$1.45 to \$1.60 per hour for workers. Federal minimum wages were raised as of Feb. 1.

The increase will be retroactive to January 15.

### Field House Is Approved

The city board of education voted Monday night to employ the firm of Van Wageningen and Cotran Architects to prepare plans for an athletic field house for the high school.

The board also passed a resolution expressing appreciation on the high school football team's first place in Sportsmanship Grades for the 1970 fall season in the Southwestern Conference.

### Cox Said "Sure" Mayor Candidate, Supporters Aim For Full Slate

By MARTIN HARMON  
Veteran political observers of the Kings Mountain municipal scene say the current pre-election season is the most sparse for both activity and rumored candidacies they can remember in more than two decades.

The word was going around this week, however, that Lt. Col. Robert G. Cox (NSA-R), manager of the Chamber of Commerce and its conjunctive Jobs 70 program is a "sure" candidate to challenge three-term Mayor John Moss.

The further word is that the Cox supporters are aiming at fielding an across-the-board slate for the six city commissioner-ships.

Thus far, with the May 11 election less than three months distant, the candidate list for city hall offices is blank. Mayor John Henry Moss is regarded as a "sure" candidate for a fourth term, as are almost all the members of the city commis-

### Mauney Supports S. Mountain Park

Rep. W. K. Mauney, Jr. of Kings Mountain today strongly endorsed development of a state park in the South Mountains region of Cleveland and Rutherford Counties and pledged to work on behalf of the effort.

"I am pleased the North Carolina Board of Conservation and Development has seen fit to put this area at the top of its priority list," Rep. Mauney said. "Such a park will benefit the citizens of this important urbanizing region."

The State C and D Board sanctioned the proposed site on the recommendation of the Parks Committee headed by Tom Hampton of Durham. The committee had visited the site at the urging of the Western Piedmont Council of Governments.

The Council of Governments sent to the C and D Board copies of a resolution approved by its executive committee urging development of a state park in the South Mountains.

Mauney is a member of the Conservation and Development Committee in the N. C. House of Representatives. The veteran Cleveland County Democrat serves on other key committees in the House, including that for Appropriations.

Establishment of a state park in the South Mountains area adjacent to the Unifour Complex will become a reality with the endorsement of the N. C. Board of Conservation and Development last weekend, it was predicted here today.

Mayor Robert Wakefield of Granite Falls, Chairman of the Recreation Commission for the Western Piedmont Council of Governments, said broad bipartisan support for the park will be sought in the General Assembly.

The state board endorsed the plans for a park during its quarterly meeting this past weekend in Linville. A recommendation was made by the State Parks Committee headed by Thomas Hampton of Durham.

Accompanying the request from the State Parks Committee was a resolution from the executive committee of the Western Piedmont Council of Governments.

The resolution cited the benefits of such a park to the residents of the Unifour Complex and the entire state. It carried the C. Lambeth of Morganton, Wake-signatures of Chairman Donald Field, Dr. Glenn Deal of Alexander County, and T. Cass Ballenger of Hickory.

During a recent meeting of the Unifour Recreation Commission and the State Parks Committee, plans for the state park and another regional park for the Unifour Complex were discussed.

The State Parks Committee agreed to participate in plans for the regional park which would serve as a "pilot project" for the state. The regional park would include family entertainment and educational facilities.

### Reb Wiesener Wins Contest

Reb Wiesener, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl V. Wiesener, is Kings Mountain and Cleveland County winner of the annual American Legion Oratorical Contest.

His three-minute speech was entitled, "I Speak To The World For America."

On Wednesday Wiesener won the district contest and will compete Tuesday with four other district winners in Division 23 contest in Hendersonville. The Division winner advances to state competition. Winner of the national contest receives a \$10,000 scholarship.

The contest is open to all high school seniors in Cleveland County. Each contestant is asked to write an eight to ten minute speech on Americanism. The contestants must be familiar enough with the Articles of the Constitution to be able to give a three-minute talk about either of them the judges elect to choose. Judge in the local contest was Mrs. Ben T. Goforth.

A senior student at Kings Mountain high school, Wiesener is the local winner in the Frank B. Glass Post 9811 Veterans of Foreign Wars Oratorical Contest. He is among three finalists in the 16-club district. The district winner advances to state competition.

### New Office Hours At Bus Station

Office hours at the Merchants Association, Western Union and the Bus Terminal will change, effective March 1st, Merchants Association President Bill Grisson announced Wednesday.

The offices will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. until 12 noon.

Employees of the Association are Mrs. Donald Roark, manager of the Credit Bureau; Mrs. Turner Jones, Jr. and Mrs. Eddie Ross.

### Brenda Hoyle Young Career Woman Of '71; Joy Welch Is Alternate

The Shelby Business and Professional Woman's club Tuesday night named a Kings Mountain teacher, Miss Brenda Kathryn Hoyle, as "Young Career Woman of 1971."

Miss Hoyle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert A. Hoyle of Shelby, teaches college preparatory mathematics at Kings Mountain high school where she is in charge of computer terminal and sponsor of Mu Alpha Theta honorary national math club which she organized.

First alternate was Miss Mary Bartles, fifth grade teacher at James Love school in Shelby; and second alternate selected was Miss Joy Welch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Welch of Kings Mountain and owner and opera-

tor of Stylon Hair Fashions and Wigery.

Each of the three finalists made a short speech on what her career means to her, and it was from these speeches that the contestants were judged.

Judges were Mrs. Robert Burns, Mrs. Cecil Gilliatt and Mrs. Roy Dedmon.

Miss Hoyle received a B.S. in mathematics from Appalachian State University in 1969. At ASU, she was active in various activities, was honor student teacher, a dean's list student, an undergraduate mathematics assistant and was recipient of the Shelby Junior Woman's club scholarship, the ASU Academic scholarship and the Prospective Teacher's scholarship. She is now working on her master's degree.

### Backhoe Bids Are Very Close

Low bidders among four on a backhoe machine included Queen City Equipment Company, of Charlotte, and Hardin-Dixon Tractor Company, Inc., of Shelby, according to bids received by the city Monday night.

It was the second bidding on the machine, occasioned by complaint of the representative of Western Carolina Equipment Company that low-bidding Queen City's John Deere machine did not meet specifications at the first bidding.

Queen City re-posted its initial bid on the lease-purchase request, \$305 plus per month for a rental fee of \$725 per month for three to nine months with the full rental payments to apply to purchase price.

Hardin-Dixon cut the base price on its Ford machine by \$1430 to \$9140 plus sales tax. The lease rental figuring was more complicated. Nine months interest was assessed at \$713.60, with first and second monthly payments of \$387.89 per month payable on date of contract. If purchase were to be made within three months, the rentals would be fully refundable, if more than three and less than nine months the interest would be pro-rated.

Allison International, Inc., of Charlotte, bid \$9399.36 plus sales tax on its International backhoe. (Continued On Page Eight)

### Jerry Laughter Is New Pastor

Jerry Laughter, senior at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary has accepted a call to the pastorate of Casar Baptist church, Casar. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Laughter of Kings Mountain, and is married to the former Frances Williams. The Laughters have two children, Kenya 4, and Renee 8.

### BAPTIST TOPIC

Rev. James M. Wilder will give the sermon topic, "Can Man Survive?" at Sunday morning worship services at 11 o'clock at Kings Mountain Baptist church.