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### Population

Greater Kings Mountain 21,914  
City Limits 8465

The 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 Towns 1, 2, and the remaining 6,124 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Township in Gaston County.

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PRICE TEN CENTS

## Traffic Control System Engineering Report Received



SENIOR CLASS PLAY CAST — Pictured are seven members of the cast of "Our Town", Kings Mountain high school senior class play, to be staged April 8th. From left to right, Jack White, Nathan Sanders, Gene Alexander, Lynn Finger, Debbie Brown Tom Harper and Kathy Wilson. (Photo by Isaac Alexander)

### 82 Pupils Are Named Top Citizens

Eighty-two student Good Citizens have been tapped by the Citizenship committee of the Association of Classroom Teachers, Kings Mountain Unit.

These students were chosen on the basis of good grades, good conduct and respect for their schools, fellow students and teachers.

The Good Citizens from the elementary schools and Central Junior high school were chosen by their classmates and teachers. Kings Mountain high school's citizen of the month was chosen by a committee from the Student Participation Organization on the basis of conduct and scholarship.

A spokesman for the ACT said at the close of the school year a Good Citizen of the Year from each school will be honored with an award. The Citizen of the Year will be chosen from those honored each month.

The list of Good Citizens include:

**BETHWARE**  
Valerie Laney, Karen Lynn Dixon, Todd Blalock, Beverly Bell, Tommy Fitts, Robin Crawford, Wanda Moss, Christy Bowen, Donald Bell, Lynn Drumm, Steve Ware and Mary Burris.

**CENTRAL**  
Carl Roseboro and Debbie Simmons

**EAST**  
Laura Bumgardner, Jodie Ramsey, Richie Harrison Land, Leanne Sanders, Cheryl Leach, Teresa Dover, Karen Blackwell, Elizabeth Upchurch, Wendy Stringfellow, Randy Hord, Eugene Jackson, Cindy Falls, Clark Ruby and Sharon McDaniel.

**GROVER**  
Sandra Cash, Donna Lynn Setzer, Priscilla Hambright, Debbie Turner, Tommy Whitworth, Pamela Bolton, Donna Myers, David Bolton, Cindy Wells, Sherie Maddox, Scott Ellis, Kim Tesseneer, and Dale Hunt.

**HIGH SCHOOL**  
Jack White and Ann Hunter Plonk.

**NORTH**  
Debbie Wood, Vonda Foster, Jamie Hamrick, Rosalind Gardner, Lee Blanton, Dana Horne, Terrie Wessy, Eric Spicer, Mickey Gregory, Mary Ramsey, Sheila McCurry, Roxann Tate, Elizabeth Herndon, Barry Lineberger, Sheri Short, Mary Hullender, Jeff Robinson, Roxanne Seism, Chip Childers, Sandra Gladden, Willie Mae Robbins, Jim Balty, Pamela Galloway and Paul Ingram.

**WEST**  
Lee Neisler, Bobby Smith III, Robert Earl Robinson, Todd Randall, Robert Lutz, Eric Sanders, Mike Spears, John Cobb, Jimmy Chapman, Nancy White, Alan Cloninger, Steven Lancaster, Gina Stroupe, Allen Waterson, Mary Ann Grigg.

Schools and Colleges in which students can qualify for the dean's list are the College of Arts and Sciences, the General College, the School of Business Administration, the School of Education, the School of Journalism, and in Health Affairs, Dental Hygiene, Physical Therapy, Nursing and Pharmacy.

General College — John Anderson Ballew, Howard Wayne Swofford and James Barry Ware.  
Arts and Sciences — Frederick Eli Fing-r, III.

**Erskine Alumni To Meet Tuesday**  
Dr. Chapman Lauderdale, vice-president for development for Erskine College, will speak here Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at Boyce Memorial ARP church at the spring meeting of the Kings Mountain alumni chapter.

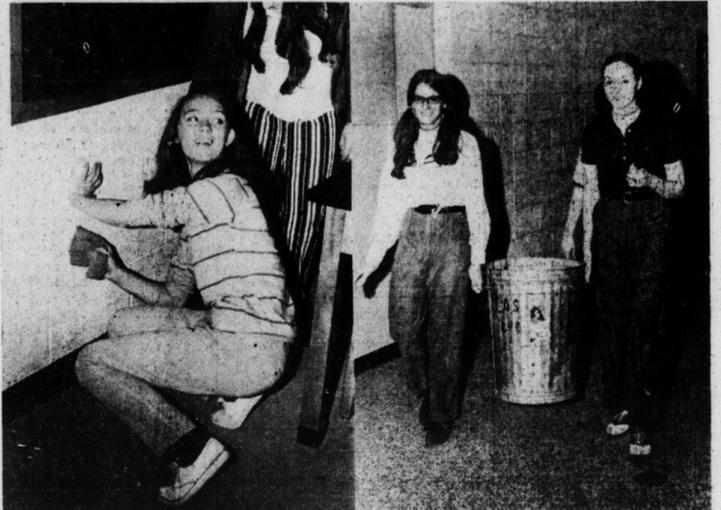
A covered dish dinner will precede Dr. Lauderdale's address. Norman McGill is president of the Kings Mountain chapter.

**Jaycees Report Six Have Entered Kings Mountain Beauty Event**  
Six Kings Mountain beauties are candidates for the title of "Miss Kings Mountain 1972" to be crowned in the Jaycee pageant April 24th at 8 p.m. in Central school auditorium.

Other young women interested in entering the competition are invited to contact Fred Dixon or Lynn Cheshire, co-chairmen of the pageant.

Miss Kings Mountain 1971 — Linda Falls — will crown the winner of the event following preliminary competition in evening gown, swimsuit and talent categories.

Contestants to date include: Debbie Timms, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Timms and recently named "Miss Limestone" at Limestone college where she is a freshman. Miss



STUDENTS ASSIST CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN—This month is Clean-Up, Paint-Up and Fix-Up Month and Kings Mountain high school students are taking part in the city-wide project headed by Donald D. Jones, schools superintendent. From left to right, Sheila Adams cleans a classroom wall as Rachel Huskey and Linda Belk empty litter. (Photo by Isaac Alexander)

### Laney Reports CBD Project Making Headway

Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission reports encouraging developments as the Downtown Renewal Program proceeds, Director Joe Laney reports.

He itemized:

—Contractors responded to bids for building clearance

—Fresh interest in new downtown construction is being exhibited.

—Land negotiation is proceeding well.

The Redevelopment Commission received favorable response to advertisement for bids to clear 13 downtown buildings. Three buildings are slated for immediate release to the contractor; the former First Baptist Church training building on Piedmont Avenue, the former Dr. Anthony Building on West Mountain street, and the former Virgie Harmon residence on South City street. The remaining buildings are scheduled to be released to the contractor in groups of two or three over an estimated period of a year as acquired.

Redevelopment Commission Director Joe Laney stated that the commission is particularly pleased with recent inquiries concerning construction of new downtown stores. Mr. Laney said: "One department store vice president previously stated that he felt Kings Mountain could support a larger store but unless the downtown is improved they will have to look elsewhere. Recent questions definitely reinforce this position — a position the Redevelopment Commission has long maintained — that is, if we improve the downtown the business sector will support our effort with private investment in new construction which will revitalize the downtown. This private investment is no small matter—the Redevelopment Commission estimates that \$1,500,000 in new construction will be generated based upon inquiries such as the following:

—Ten local businessmen have discussed plans for major expansion involving new construction downtown.

Two local businessmen have

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**Easter Cantata Sunday At 4**  
An Easter Cantata, The Crucifixion by John Stainer, will be presented at The First Congregational Christian church at Lincoln Academy, Sunday, at 4 p.m.

The cantata will be performed by the combined choirs of Pleasant Ridge A.M.E. Zion church of Gastonia and the First Congregational Church under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Wilson.

On that same evening at 7:00 p.m., the cantata will be performed at The Pleasant Ridge A.M.E. Zion Church in Gastonia. The public is invited.



**PRESIDENT—Thomas Tate has been elected president of the Tri-County Savings & Loan League made up of 12 savings and loan groups in three counties.**

### S & L League Taps Tate

Thomas Tate, executive vice-president of Home Savings & Loan Association, has been elected president of the Tri-County Savings & Loan League.

The League is composed of members representing Lincoln, Gaston and Cleveland Counties.

Mr. Tate was elected at the February meeting. Twenty-five members representing 12 savings and loan associations attended.

### Easter Sunrise Service Set

The community-wide Easter Sunrise Service will be held on April 11th at 6 a.m. in Memorial Park of Mountain Rest cemetery.

Plans for the observance were announced by Rev. Robert Wilson, chairman of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association's arrangements committee.

The Rev. Carl V. Sparks will deliver the sermon, Rev. Edwin Chroscoe will preside, Rev. N. C. Bush will lead the responsive call to worship, Rev. J. N. Norris will pray the invocation, Rev. A. Glenn Boland will read the scripture, Dr. Charles Edwards will pray the morning prayer and Rev. L. D. Scruggs will pronounce the benediction.

"The Kings Mountain High School Chorus will sing two anthems: "An Easter Alleluia" by Peterson and "Early In The Morning" by McCormick.

Special music will be presented by a high school brass ensemble under the direction of Larry Milledge, Mrs. J. N. McClure and Donald Deal.

**ALUMNI MEETING**  
The Charlotte Chapter of Montreat-Anderson Alumni Association will hold its Spring meeting Saturday at 1 p.m. at Bradley Motel, Douglas Airport exit on I-85. Luncheon reservations should be made with Mrs. Bill Wilson, Bessmer City, 629-3868.

### Safety Gates Recommended At Crossings

By MARTIN HARMON

Engineering drawings of a Raleigh engineering firm for a traffic control program have been received by the city.

The drawings were done for the State Highway commission.

Mayor John Henry Moss said the drawings will be given to the city safety and highway committees which request the committees report recommendations at the city commission's April 13 meeting.

It is a total state program, J. O. Litchford, director of the highway commission's traffic control division, said Wednesday. He estimated the project will require approximately a year to complete.

Kimley-Horn and Associates, of Raleigh, is the project engineer, retained by the highway commission.

Robert J. Kimley, president of the engineering firm, said the federal government edicted an upgrading and standardizing of signal control on federal project roads several years ago. He added that the original deadline passed with none of the states meeting the requirements. The deadline has been extended. North Carolina in an effort to catch up is employing a dual policy. Highway commission engineers are doing some of the planning and retaining private engineering firms, too, of which his is one of several.

Major feature of the engineering firm's recommendations are for installation of safety gates at the Mountain and Gold street railway crossings.

Otherwise, the engineers recommend new traffic signals and crosswalks, including pedestrian "walk" and "don't walk" signals at heavily trafficked intersections.

In addition to the safety gates at the Gold and Mountain rail crossings, the engineers recommend specific improvements at ten intersections:

1) Linwood at Cleveland — improved walkway southwest corner, new crosswalks all approaches.

2) US 74 at York road — improved sidewalks all approaches, new signal lights including pedestrian signals.

3) East Gold at Tork road — new signal system.

4) North Piedmont at Linwood — remove traffic signal trim bushes southeast corner.

5) Battleground road — East Parker — replace existing signals, install new crosswalks at three approaches.

6) West Mountain at Battleground — replace existing signals, install new crosswalks east and south approaches.

7) East King at Gaston — raise phone lines, replace signals, install crosswalks.

8) King at Piedmont — raise phone lines all corners, replace signals, new crosswalks all approaches.

9) West King at Candler — New crosswalks all approaches, install traffic signals.

10) West King at Waterson — raise phone lines, new crosswalks all approaches, new signals.

### Calley Support Urged by Lady

Mrs. Sesko White, of Route 3, Kings Mountain, is very upset over the verdict and sentence of Lt. William Calley in the My Lai massacre case.

She is urging citizens to write President Richard M. Nixon and their Congressmen in protest and in a plea for Lt. Calley's pardon from his sentence of life imprisonment at hard labor.

"I think it's just awful," she said. Her husband's brother, Fred White, a West Virginian, was killed on duty in Viet Nam.



**TAPPED — Peter Hauser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hauser, has been topped by North Carolina Gamma Chapter of Pi Mu Epsilon Honorary Mathematics Fraternity at North Carolina State University where he is a graduate student. Hauser, a 1968 graduate of N. C. State, is pursuing a Ph.D. degree. He holds a B.S. in chemistry. Pi Mu promotes scholarship in mathematics.**

### KMHS Seniors To Present Wilder Play

The Senior class of Kings Mountain high school will present Thornton Wilder's drama, "Our Town", Thursday, April 8th, at 8 p.m. in Central Junior high school auditorium.

Tickets are on sale at \$1 for adults and .85 for students. The drama is under the direction of Cary Osborn of the high school Drama department.

The chief characters are as follows: Stage manager (Jack White), Dr. Gibbs (Nathan Sanders), Howie Newsome (Reb Wiesener), Mrs. Gibbs (Lynn Finger), George Gibbs (Gene Alexander), rs. Webb (Debbie Burns), Emily Webb (Cathy Wilson), Mr. Webb (Jimmy Tate), and Simon Stinson (John Johnson.)



**PROMOTED — David Parker has been promoted by Kinder Manufacturing Company to sales manager of the Kings Mountain plant.**

### Kinder Promotes David Parker

David Parker, who joined Kinder Manufacturing at the American Galt plant in 1969, has been promoted to sales manager of the Kinder firm here.

Announcement was made by Gary Chaffee, general manager of the local plant which manufactures upholstered furniture, bedding, dinettes and case goods for the mobile home industry.

Mr. Parker and his wife and two daughters are residing at 405 Maner road. They are members of First Baptist church and Mr. Parker has joined the Rotary club.

Parker is a graduate of the University of Georgia.

### Logan Funeral Held Wednesday

Funeral rites for James Theodore Logan, 56, were held Wednesday afternoon at Harris Funeral Home.

Mr. Logan had been ill for several years after suffering a paralytic stroke. He succumbed at 11 o'clock Monday night at Kings Mountain Hospital.

He was a Cleveland County native, son of the late Benjamin G. and Etta Ann Wells Logan.

He was an army veteran of the World War II with service in the European Theater of Operations. He was a member of Bethlehem Baptist church.

Rev. Russell Fitts conducted the rites and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery. Members of the American Legion served as pallbearers.

### GOSPEL SING

A Gospel Sing will be held Saturday evening at 7 p.m. at Midview Baptist church. Featured on the program will be the Full Gospel Singers and the Cornwell Family. Rev. John Frazier, pastor, issued invitation to the community to attend.

### New Medicaid Rules May 1

Starting in May, Medicaid recipients must receive prior approval for certain services provided under the program.

John R. Jordan Jr., Chairman of the State Board of Social Services, has directed the State Department of Social Services to begin implementing as soon as possible a plan that will require providers of health services to request prior approval before providing certain services. Effect of the plan will be to provide limitations for these services unless approval is given prior to their being rendered.

Jordan stated in Raleigh that this action was taken after months of study by the Staff of the State Department of Social Services on ways to further insure against misuses of the Medicaid program.

He stated that while he and Commissioner of Social Services Cletton M. Craig feel the abuses of the program are very few, they are continuously studying methods to make administration of the program even more efficient.

Prior approval on some services is already in effect, but in most cases the rendering of the services has been left to the discretion of the professionals in the health care field.

### City Water System Fully Fluoridated

The city water system is fully fluoridated and has been for several weeks, Public Works Superintendent Grady Yelton said Wednesday.

"We are still getting a few inquiries from citizens about the date of fluoridation," Mr. Yelton noted.

Both the new Buffalo Creek plant and Deal street plant are fluoridating. The Deal street plant is being kept operational on an abbreviated schedule.