

# 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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## Three Enter City Races; Filing Deadline Monday

### Rites Thursday For Ex-Chief S. R. Davidson

Funeral rites for Samuel Ralph (Pop) Davidson, 74, who served as chief of Police two years during the Garland Still Administration, will be held Thursday afternoon at 4 p.m. from Temple Baptist church of which he was a member.

Rev. Frank Shirley will officiate at the final rites, and interment will be in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Davidson died Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock in the Kings Mountain hospital of a heart and kidney ailment. He had been hospitalized five days.

He was son of the late James Meek and Eudocia Turner Davidson. He served as Police Chief in 1951-52 after having served on the force two years. He went from Kings Mountain to Dallas as Chief of Police and later joined Wix Corporation as a guard. He was a veteran of both World War I and World War II.

Surviving are his wife, one son, Tony Ray Davidson; two half-brothers, Ed F. Turner of York, S. C. and James G. Turner of Rock Hill, S. C.; and one sister, Mrs. F. C. Thomas of Chester, S. C.

### Graduation Date Set

High school graduation is Wednesday, June 2 at John Gamble Memorial Stadium.

The board of education set the date for school finals Monday night and approved a recommendation of the Ministerial Association that the local list of participating churches at the baccalaureate service be expanded to include a larger number of churches from the entire school district. Plans call for a Negro minister, an additional Methodist and Baptist and an outstanding outsider. The expansion will increase the five-year rotation plan (from Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, etc.) to 10 years.

Last school day for students will be June 2 and June 4 for teachers.

### Gifted School Taps Two

Chris Holmes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Holmes, and Doug Sincox, son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Sincox, have been invited to attend the program for gifted children at Western Carolina University at Cullowhee this summer.

Holmes is a sixth grader at North school and Sincox is a sixth grader at East school.



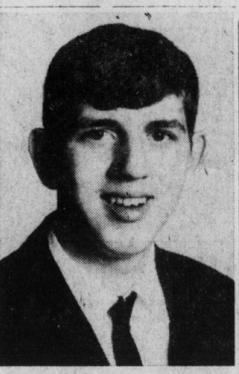
TOP SPELLER — Doug Sincox, fifth grader at East school, is the district school's top speller.

### Doug Sincox Top Speller

Douglas Sincox, son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Sincox, is top speller in the Kings Mountain district school system.

Young Sincox, a sixth grader at East school, outspelled other winners from the various elementary schools and earned the right to represent the city in the Charlotte Observer Regional Spelling Bee Friday in Charlotte.

## Board Decrees Advance Tuition



HONORED — David Carl Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Smith, is recipient of a Certificate of Merit in Firestone's 1971 scholarship program.

### Smith Wins Merit Award

David Carl Smith is among the 184 high school seniors across the nation to receive a Certificate of Merit and a \$100 U. S. Savings Bond in the 1971 Scholarship Awards Program of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company.

Smith, 18, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Smith of RFD 1, Kings Mountain. He is a senior at Clover, S. C. high school. His father is employed at the Gastonia plant of Firestone Textiles Company.

The Merit Awards are in recognition of the applicants' outstanding high school records.

In this year's Firestone Scholarship Awards Program, 41 high school seniors from 21 states and Brazil won full scholarships for study toward a degree in approved colleges and universities of their choice.

The 1971 Scholarship winners in the Carolinas: Donna Marie Atwood of Kannapolis and Kathy Lou Brannon of Spartanburg; Miss Atwood's father, Rex Atwood, works for a Firestone tire-retread plant.

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### Clyde Short Is Improving

William Clyde Short, resident of Short road, who suffered a broken neck in an automobile wreck Sunday night, was reported resting and improving at Kings Mountain hospital Wednesday night.

Mr. Short is father of Mrs. David Mauney.

The accident occurred near Monroe as Mr. and Mrs. Short were returning home. Mrs. Short, thrown from the auto, was badly bruised but was not hospitalized. Mr. Short was driving the vehicle.

## Commission Aim: Day Care Center In Operation Here By Late June

By MARTIN HARMON  
The city day care commission hopes to open the Kings Mountain Day Care center in late June, Chairman Charles Mauney said Wednesday.

He was conferring Wednesday with Mrs. Jacqueline Vogel, of Charlotte, community services consultant with the state Department of Social Services who is advising the Kings Mountain commission concerning details to provide day care for 100 children—and perhaps more.

Mrs. Vogel was highly commendatory of the facilities for day care at the community center, said that teachers without experience would be trained at neighboring community colleges.

Chairman Mauney said three persons will be employed initially, a director, a head teacher, and a food services technician.

Teachers will supervise from eight to eighteen children, depending on age. For example, the

### Delinquents Too Numerous, Board Declares

The board of education has "by necessity" adopted a new policy requiring out of district students pay tuition 10 days prior to the first day of school.

The action is necessary because some students who live in the outside district area are delinquent in paying tuition fees. Tuition for this year is due May 15th. Credits are withheld until payment is made.

In other action, the board: 1) heard a report from Supt. Donald Jones that grading is completed at the new high school tennis courts and that asphalt should be poured within the next few days.

2) approved the sending of a thank you letter to the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club thanking them for that organization's recently established shoe fund for needy children. The local civic club, said Mr. Jones, had been real contributors to the school program.

3) approved Jones' recommendation that the tuition for summer school be increased from \$30 to \$40 due to operation increases.

4) approved the sending of a letter to the firm of Hamrick and Redding of Shelby that if the system's Title I audit for the 1939-70 school year is not completed by Sept. 1, 1971, that the board "by necessity" will have to change auditing firms.

5) delayed approval of a school calendar in view of existing legislation and State Board of Education recommendations for 10 months work year for teachers.

6) approved Jones' recommendation of a proposed \$31,350 driver education budget. The budget reflects an additional teacher over last year, Bob Cashion is the only full-time instructor.

7) authorized Jones to represent the board at a public auction May 17th at New Bern high school in Craven County and (Continued On Page Six)

### Dewey Martin's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Dewey Martin, 66, of Daytona Beach, Fla., former resident of Grover, were held Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home.

Rev. Robert Mann officiated at the final rites, and interment was in Grover cemetery.

Mr. Martin died Wednesday in Daytona Beach, Fla.

He was son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Madison Martin of Cleveland County.

Surviving are his brother, Brady M. Martin, of Grover; and two sisters, Mrs. W. C. Brown of Spartanburg, S. C. and Miss Ethel Martin of Grover.



HERE FOR PAGEANT — Miss Kings Mountain, Linda Falls, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Falls, Jr., will present special entertainment and crown Miss Kings Mountain 1971 at the Jaycee-sponsored beauty pageant Saturday night. Ty Boyd, WBT-WBTV personality, will serve as master of ceremonies for the 8 p.m. pageant in Central school auditorium.

## Eight Are Vying For Beauty Title



OFFICER OF MONTH — Police Officer of the Month is Patrolman Madison Marcellus Hunter.

### Ptl. M. M. Hunter Officer Of Month

City Policeman of the Month, voted by the Woman's club, is Patrolman Madison Marcellus Hunter.

A native of Kings Mountain, Hunter, 25, is a 1964 graduate of Compact high school and joined the police force in October, 1968.

He is combining a job with books, as he is enrolled at Gaston college where he is a sophomore. He has completed police school in traffic control, criminal investigation, narcotics, explosives disposal and chemical tests for alcohol.

A veteran of four years Army duty with the Army Security Agency, Hunter was stationed 12 months in Vietnam with the Eighth Radio Research Unit.

He is a member of Bynum Chapel A.M.E. Zion church and the American Legion.

Mrs. Hunter is the former Ann Perkins. They are parents of two children, Ma, 6, age six, and Antonius, age two.

### Political Card Poses Mystery

A political card appeared at City Hall on the bulletin board Wednesday and created a bit of mystery.

One S. R. Pearson sought support for Ward 4 Commissioner in the election of May 18.

He had not filed his candidacy and it occasioned a remark from City Clerk Joe McDaniel that either the candidate or the printer had erred. The Kings Mountain election is on May 11.

There was no S. R. Pearson listed in the telephone directory.



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The first place winner receives a \$200 scholarship, and a trophy. Handsome trophies also go to the runners-up and to the winner of the coveted "Miss Congeniality" title.

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## Scoggins Challenges Cline; Bob Smith, Jake Sipe Filed

### Wards 4 & 5 Registration Activity Busy

The Ward IV polling place at the First Wesleyan church fellowship hall (formerly Kings Mountain Manufacturing company clubroom) was the busiest registration place Saturday as names of 43 new voters were logged by registrar Brooks Tate.

A total of 117 names were added to the pollbooks Saturday which brings to 163 the number added on two registration days.

Saturday is the third of four Saturdays to register to vote in the May 11th city and board of education elections. Registrars will be at the polling places again on Saturday, April 24, and Saturday, May 1. Saturday, May 8th, will be Challenge Day.

Second busiest place Saturday was at the Armory where George B. Hord, Ward 5 registrar, registered 35 new citizens and made three transfers.

Third busiest place was at the high school where Mrs. Guy Trout, Ward 6 registrar, added names of 46 new citizens and made three transfers.

In Grover, where school patrons will help elect a member of the board of education, representing the outside district, Mrs. James C. Scruggs registered 18. There was no registration activity reported at Bethware and Park Grace. Mrs. A. E. Conner is registrar at Bethware school and Mrs. L. L. Adams is registrar at Park Grace school.

Mrs. Ruth Bowers, in Ward III, reported addition of nine names to the pollbooks and four transfers and C. L. Black registered two in Ward II.

At the seven in-city precincts voters will elect a mayor, six ward commissioners and a member of the board of education representing inside-city district patrons.

Bethware and Grover precinct (Continued On Page Six)

### Plonk, Beams Re-sale Bid High

Wray A. Plonk, Claude C. Beam and David C. Beam were high bidders for the Martin Philfer property at last Thursday's resale.

The trio raised the bid to \$72,350, or \$2,790 over the \$69,560 to which Hubert, Richard, William and James McGill had previously raised the bid.

The resale bid stands open for ten days.

The tract contains 131.6 acres and is adjacent to Kings Mountain High School property.

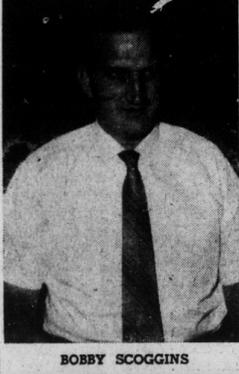
### Spectrum Pledged To Clean Air, Official Of New Industry Declares

By MARTIN HARMON  
Spectrum Textured Fibres, Inc., will not pollute the Pilot Creek sewage disposal plant by dumping, nor the atmosphere of the area with noxious odors, John Karcher, executive vice-president has told the Herald.

"We have conferred several times with officials of the North Carolina Water and Air Resources Commission, as with City of Kings Mountain officials. We will meet fully the requirements of both agencies," Mr. Karcher said.

He reminded that his company pledges itself to be community-oriented and pointed out that adequate handling of its dye effluent is a part of that pledge.

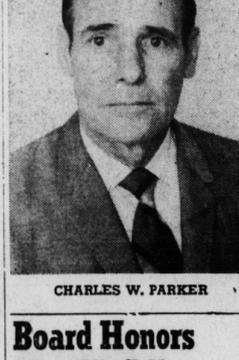
For the initial phase of construction, the company plans a million gallon capacity lagoon, which will permit controlled flow of the effluent into the Pilot Branch treatment system. He also pointed out, "Dyeing



BOBBY SCOGGINS



WILBURN HAMRICK



CHARLES W. PARKER

### Three-Man Race In 3; Five Men Seek 5 Position

Three more candidates entered the political sweepstakes this week, creating a five-man race for Ward 5 commissioner, a contest in Ward 3, and a three-man race in Ward 3.

Bobby Scoggins, owner and operator of Scoggins Gulf Station at York Road 155, filed Tuesday, opposing Ward 1 Commissioner Ray Cline, incumbent.

Jake Sipe, guard at Mauney Hoskey Mills, paid his filing fee Wednesday morning, joining Kelly Dixon, Howard Shipp, Jonas Bridges and Charles W. Parker in the race for Ward 5 Commissioner.

J. R. (Bob) Smith, hardware salesman, paid his filing fee Wednesday morning, opposing Ward 3 Commissioner T. J. (Tommy) Ellison and Wilburn Hamrick.

FILING DEADLINE MONDAY  
Filing deadline is Monday for candidates who wish to file for City Hall or board of education positions in the May 11 municipal election. To date there are 19 candidates for seven City Hall and two board of education positions.

Still unchallenged are W. Siemore Biddix, Ward 2 commissioner, and James J. Dickey, Ward 6 commissioner, and P. A. Francis, outside city candidate for election to the board of education.

The 19 candidates to date for seven City Hall positions and two seats on the board of education are: Henry Moss and Robert G. (Bob) Cox.

Ward 1 commissioner — Ray W. Cline, incumbent, and Bobby Scoggins.

Ward 2 commissioner — W. Siemore Biddix, incumbent.

Ward 3 commissioner — Incumbent T. J. Ellison, Wilburn Hamrick and J. R. (Bob) Smith.

Ward 4 commissioner — Incumbent Norman King and Ken Roberts.

Ward 5 commissioner — Kelly Dixon, Howard Shipp, Jonas Bridges, Charles W. Parker, and Jake Sipe.

Ward 6 commissioner — James J. Dickey, incumbent.

Inside City board of education — Joe A. Neiser, Jr., and Tommy Bridges.

Outside city board of education — P. A. Francis, incumbent.

J. R. (Bob) Smith, native of Hickory, and a citizen of Kings Mountain for 28 years, is sales manager for Summey Building Supply of Dallas. The family resides at 806 Woodside drive.

Mrs. Smith is the former Betty Jo Mauney, of Newton.

The Smiths are active in First Baptist church and are parents of two children: John Smith, II, age 13, and Lorri Smith, age 10. Mr. Smith is a member of American Legion Post 455. Mrs. Smith is employed by City Auto & Truck Parts. Mr. Smith is son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Ray Smith of Kings Mountain.

Bobby N. Scoggins is a native of Rutherford County who moved to Kings Mountain 10 years ago when he joined Winn Dixie (Continued On Page Six)

### A New Baby Boy, And Whatta Boy!

It's a boy for the George John Henry Wyles. And whatta boy! Mrs. Pattie Jo Wylie, 31, delivered the boy at Kings Mountain Hospital Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. Dr. Charles H. Adams was attending physician.

The lad's weight: 14 pounds, 13 ounces. It is the heaviest baby born at Kings Mountain Hospital in the hospital's 20-year history. It was a natural birth and both mother and son are reported doing well. The Wyles live at Route 1, Blacksburg, S. C. (Continued On Page Six)