



GEORGE H. MAUNEY, JR.    KENNETH PLONK    MARGARET LENORA MERCER    JO BRIDGES McREE    JOYCE DIXON    ANN OWENS    BARBARA ANNE PLONK    LARRY BURTON

**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 1968, and includes the 14,900 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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**GROUND-BREAKING AT SPECTRUM** — Formal ground-breaking ceremonies for the new plant of Spectrum Textured Fibres, Inc., were conducted at the site Wednesday morning. Turning the first shovel of dirt is Jerry Kacher, executive vice-president. Looking on, from left, are City Commissioner W. Seimore Biddix, County Commission Chairman B. E. (Pop) Simmons, Josh Hinnant, co-chairman of the mayor's industry committee, Bishop Smith, Spectrum president, Mayor John Henry Moss, City Commissioner Jonas Bridges, and Jim Petty, director of Cleveland Technical Institute. Eight million dollar first-phase construction will provide a building of 165,000 square feet and other facilities. An estimated 225 persons will be initially employed. Second phase construction will begin in 1972 and will bring plant employment to 375. (Herald photo by Lem Lynch)

## Water And Sewer Resolutions Passed

### Seventh CBD Parcel Acquired

#### Commission Buys Plonk Estate Lot

Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission has acquired a seventh parcel for its Central Business District renewal project.

The commission purchased from the W. L. Plonk Estate the 113 x 150 foot lot now rented by Dixon Chevrolet Company. Purchase price was \$12,700.

Joe Laney, commission director, noted that the deed of conveyance contained 39 signatories.

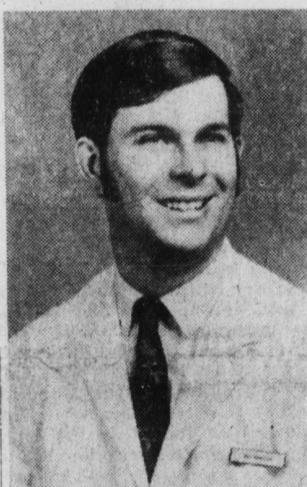
The CBD renewal plan calls for utilization of the lot for construction of apartments for the elderly.

Other parcels previously acquired include: severance parcels from the Padgett Realty Corporation and M. L. Harmon Estate, the Yarbrough property on Railroad Avenue occupied by City Ice & Coal Company, the Virgie Harmon property on City street, the George Lublanski property (former office of Dr. J. E. Anthony) on West Mountain, and from First Baptist church the former Herald building property on S. Piedmont Avenue.

Negotiations are continuing for other "first phase" parcels, Mr. Laney said.

The commission announced several months ago a three-phase program of property acquisitions, estimated to require three years.

After acquisition and after old buildings are razed, properties marked for redevelopment will be auctioned, with bidders contracting to redevelop the properties according to the CBD redevelopment plan.



**DR. WILLIAM L. RAMSEUR**  
**Ramseur M. D., Award Winner**

William L. Ramseur of Kings Mountain, a member of the graduating class of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Friday received special recognition for achievement.

He was presented the C. B. Deane Memorial Award at the medical school's annual student awards ceremony.

Ramseur, son of Mrs. W. L. Ramseur of Kings Mountain, and the late Dr. Ramseur, is one of 58 members of the Bowman Gray senior class who received the Doctor of Medicine degree Monday in commencement exercises on the Wake Forest campus.

The C. B. Deane Memorial Award, which includes a \$30 prize, was presented for the first time this year. It will be awarded annually to a graduating Bowman Gray student who has demonstrated the most outstanding performance and sows the greatest potential in clinical oncology, clinical cancer care.

The recipient of the award is selected by the Oncology Division of the medical school's Department of Medicine.

Ramseur, who holds the B. S. degree from North Carolina State University, is married to the former Candace Welster of Charlotte.

He has served for the past year as vice president of the Bowman Gray Student Medical Society, a chapter of the Student American Medical Association.

Ramseur will begin internship training July 1 at Baltimore (Md.) City Hospitals.

### License Schedule Same; Dickey Mayor Pro Tem

By MARTIN HARMON

The city commission Tuesday night adopted recommendations of its sewer and water committees, enacted the 1971-72 privilege license ordinance without change, and elected Ward 6 Commissioner Jim Dickey mayor pro tempore.

The commission re-appointed all department heads as set forth in the city charter, including Clerk and Treasurer Joe H. McDaniel, Jr., Grady Yelton, superintendent of public works, Earl Tuscovill, electrical superintendent, and Tom McDevitt, chief of police.

Adoption of the sewer committee's recommendations brought a commendation from Joe Kakassy, of K Mills, president of Area Industries who told the commission, "I thank the board for your decisions. We are glad of your conclusions."

The adopted recommendations, presented by Commissioner Dickey, chairman, were: 1) elimination of the sewage pump station at the Country Club with effluent to enter the sewage system by natural flow, provided right-of-way can be obtained; 2) installation of a pump station at the end of Floyd street to alleviate over-flow; 3) instruction of the city attorney to inform industries of sewage ordinance compliance requirements; 4) that utility and building permits be issued by the building inspector; 5) that the city attorney and engineer be instructed to study possible needed amendments to the sewage ordinance.

Mayor John Henry Moss, chairman. (Continued On Page Six)



MISS ANNIE E. ROBERTS



MRS. ELIZABETH M. GAMBLE

## Teachers Honored As They Retired

Service plaques were presented to two retired teachers by the Kings Mountain Unit of the North Carolina Association of Educators last week.

Honored were Mrs. Elizabeth McGill Gamble, retiring from West school after 42 years in the teaching profession, and to Miss Annie B. Roberts, retiring at North School after 43 years in the teaching profession.

Mrs. Gamble, widow of John E. Gamble, has taught 38 years in elementary schools in Kings Mountain. Miss Roberts has taught here 26 years in the elementary schools.

Don Parker presented life memberships in the NCAE to both teachers and praised them for their good service to the youth of the community.

Facilities at both North and West schools honored them at luncheons during the week and presented them with plaques.

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### Eight More KM Students Win Degrees

Eight area students were graduated from college and universities in recent exercises. They include: Lenoir Rhyne college conferred degrees in commencement last weekend.

Kings Mountain area students receiving degrees were: Joyce Dean Dixon, bachelor's degree with major in sociology; George Hoffman Mauney, Jr., bachelor's degree with major in business administration; Jo Bridges McRee, who graduated magna cum laude with bachelor's degree in history and social studies; Margaret Lenora Mercer, formerly of Kings Mountain, bachelor's degree in sociology; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Samuel James Kenneth Plonk, son of Plonk, Phi Beta Kappa graduate with A. B. in psychology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. A member of the Army Reserves, he expects to return to UNC for work on his master's degree. Mrs. Plonk is the former Sandi Ledbetter of Kings Mountain.

Barbara Anne Plonk, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George W. Plonk, received her B. A. degree in English from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in commencement exercises May 30th.

Ann Owens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex D. Owens, received her B. S. in home economics from Appalachian State University at Boone.

At ASU, Miss Owens was a member of the home economics club, the North Carolina Stu-

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## Owens Is Charged In Wife's Death

Funeral rites for Mrs. Thelma Diane Owens, 26, were held Wednesday at 4 p. m. from Bethlehem Baptist church, interment following in the church cemetery.

Rev. Russell Fitts and Rev. Archie Chapman officiated at the final rites.

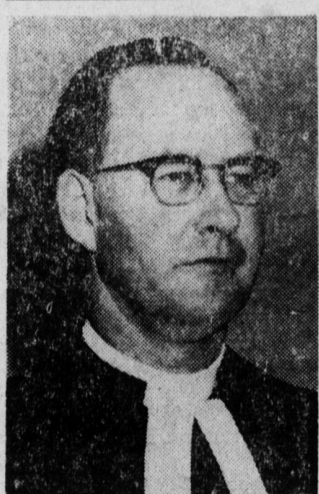
Mrs. Owens' husband, Larry Wayne Owens, 29, of route 1, Shelby, is being held in Cleveland County jail without bond on a charge of murder in connection with her shooting death Monday night.

An employee of Oxford Industries here, Mrs. Owens was the daughter of Mrs. and Nellie R. Bell of Kings Mountain. Survivors other than her husband and parents are two daughters, Stephanie and Tina, of the home; two brothers, Randy and Chris Bell of Kings Mountain; and two sisters, Miss Connie Bell and Mrs. John Seism of Shelby.

Sheriff's Deputy Glenn Jenkins said he found the body of Mrs. Owens lying on the floor of her mobile home on the Oak Grove road about three miles west of Shelby. He said she was lying about two feet from the front door with two small caliber bullet wounds in the left side.

Jenkins and the Shelby Rescue Squad was called to the trailer about 7:10 p. m. Monday after a neighbor reported hearing shots fired in the mobile home. Cleveland County Coroner M.

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**SPEAKER — Dr. Ben F. Ormand**  
 of Florence, S. C., Kings Mountain native, will fill the pulpit at Sunday morning worship services at 11 o'clock at First Presbyterian church.

### Ormand To Fill Church Pulpit

Dr. Ben F. Ormand, Kings Mountain native and executive secretary of Pee Dee Presbytery in South Carolina since 1969, will fill the pulpit at Sunday morning worship services at 11 o'clock at First Presbyterian church.

Dr. Ormand will speak in the absence of the pastor, Dr. Paul Ausley, on vacation.

Dr. Ormand will use the sermon topic, "Feed My Sheep." A graduate of Kings Mountain high school, Davidson college and Union Seminary, Dr. Ormand has held pastorates in Lost City and Wardsville, West Va., Crozet, Va., Chadbourne, N. C., Marion, S. C. and Brevard. Before moving to Florence, S. C. in January 1969 he served as pastor of First Presbyterian church of Laurens for five years.

Rev. Mr. Ormand holds a continuous record in scouting. An Eagle Scout and former Cub

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### Rites Conducted For F. E. Moss

Funeral rites for Forrest E. Moss, 67, were held Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock from Temple Baptist church of which he was a member.

Mr. Moss died Wednesday night in the Kings Mountain hospital of a heart attack. He had been in ill health for several years.

A retired textile employee, he was the son of Mrs. Callie White Moss of Blacksburg, S. C. and the late Charlie Franklin Moss.

Rev. Frank Shirley, Rev. E. O. Gore and Rev. Franklin Moore officiated at the final rites, and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Besides his mother, Mr. Moss is survived by his wife, Mrs. Laura Jolley Moss; four sons, Earl Moss of Albemarle, Solon, Kenneth and Larry Moss, all of Kings Mountain; four daughters, Mrs. Clyde Whetstone, Mrs. James Gibson, and Mrs. John Hughes, all of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Jerry Ledford of Raleigh; one brother, Eugene Moss of Blacksburg, S. C.; and seven grandchildren.

Active pallbearers were nephews of Mr. Moss: Mickey Moss, Bill Boheler, Roy Boheler, Bobby Boheler, Joe Boheler, and Charles Boheler.

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## \$161,350 First Citizens Building Underway; Other Permits Issued

Construction of the new First Citizens Bank & Trust Company building on South Battleground Avenue is underway.

Building permit purchased by Laxton Construction Company, of Charlotte, general contractor, was for \$161,350.

A 52 1/2 foot square, two-story building is to be centered on the lot which fronts 100 feet on both Battleground and Cherokee streets.

Sub-contractors are listed as Hoke Electric Company,

electrical, Ben T. Goforth Plumbing, Inc., plumbing, and Taylor Johnson, heating and cooling.

Building Inspector W. W. Laughter also issued permits for construction of three residences to Bridges Construction Company of building of a six-room residence at 302 Scotland Drive, both estimated to cost \$18,000; and to Luke W. Hoyle for construction of a six-room residence, estimated to cost \$15,590, at 313 Fulton street.

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## Youth Groups Program Underway; Interviews Will Be Conducted

Cleveland County's Neighborhood Youth Corps program is now under way for the summer.

The federally funded program will be open to young people in Kings Mountain who meet three basic requirements:

Those eligible must be 14-21 years of age. They must be attending school in junior or senior high. There must also be a financial need in the family which is determined by federal income guidelines.

Students eligible will receive

public, non-profit agencies. Interviews will be held Thursday (today) from 3 until 5 p. m. at Central Junior high school gymnasium for those who do not have transportation to the Neighborhood Youth Corps office in Shelby.

For those with transportation, interviews will be held from 8 a. m. until 5 p. m. Thursday, Friday, and Monday at the Neighborhood Youth Corps office, 402 S. Lafayette street, in Shelby.

NYC County Co-ordinator is Barr Gibson of Kings Mountain.

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