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Greater Kings Mountain 21,914
City Limits 8,465

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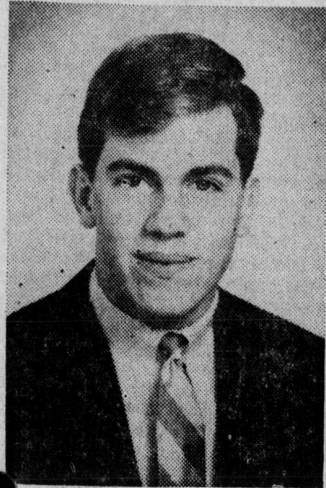
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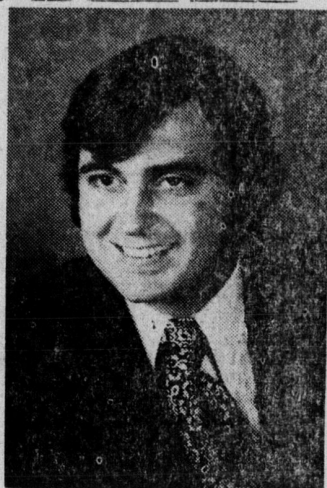
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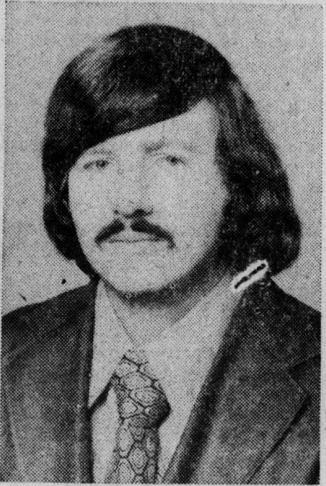
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PAT CHESHIRE



NELSON CONNOR



LARRY EVERETT HARDIN



LARRY WOOD

College Diplomas Awarded Four

Cheshire, Connor Hardin, Wood Are Graduates

A number of Kings Mountain area students are receiving degrees in college commencement exercises.

They include:

Grady Patterson (Pat) Cheshire, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Cheshire Jr. of Kings Mountain received the A. B. degree in elementary education from Erskine college Sunday during outdoor commencement exercises beginning at 2:30 p. m.

U. S. Senator Ernest F. Hollings spoke at the exercises ending Erskine's 133rd academic year. Erskine President Joseph Wightman conferred approximately 160 degrees upon seniors at Erskine college and Erskine Theological seminary.

Cheshire, a 1968 graduate of Kings Mountain high school, transferred to Erskine from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He recently was honored at Erskine college "Student of the Month" for May. While at Erskine he was president of the Euphemian Literary society, oldest organization at the college, and active in dramatics.

Larry Everett Hardin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hardin of Spartanburg, S. C., formerly of Kings Mountain, will graduate May 31 from East Tennessee University with a degree in journalism.

Huffstetler of the Bethlehem community and the late Mr. Huffstetler.

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**Auxiliary Plans
Poppy Day Saturday**

Poppy Day is Saturday and women of American Legion Post 155 auxiliary will conduct a street sale in the downtown area for benefit of disabled veterans and veterans projects.

Mrs. Lillian Mitchem is chairman.

Said Mrs. Mitchem: "Memorial Day is a very special time, dedicated to remembrance of those who died in America's defense and the auxiliary does that by the wearing of the red Memorial Poppy. Let's place a poppy over every heart on Poppy Day and help our own veterans and their families by our action. This is an annual project of the auxiliary conducted on the Memorial Day weekend and the poppies are the work of disabled veterans in hospitals across our state as part of their therapy and rehabilitation."

Girls State Delegates Named

Janet Bridges, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bridges, and Lynn Blanton, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Blanton, will represent Otis D. Green Post 155 American Legion Auxiliary at Tar Heel Girl State June 18-24.

The two young women are rising seniors at Kings Mountain high school and will attend the week's course in citizenship and government at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Both were selected for qualities of citizenship, scholarship, and leadership.

Co-chairmen of the Girls state selection committee for the auxiliary were Mrs. Ken Cloninger and Mrs. Jackie D. Borrett.

68-Unit PHA Program Reservation Approved

Party Convention Features Rauch

New Chairman Of Democrats To Be Elected

The biennial county Democratic convention will be convened Saturday afternoon at the county courthouse at 2 o'clock and State Senator Marshall Rauch, of the Cleveland-Gaston-Lincoln-Rutherford district will deliver the keynote address.

Principal business of the convention will be election of officers, including a new chairman, and a 55-member county executive committee. Chairman Cameron Ware, of Kings Mountain, chairman for the past four years, has announced he will not be a candidate for re-election.

Other officers to be named at the county level include a first vice chairman, who must be of the sex opposite to the chairman; a second vice chairman, who must be of a minority race if the minority constitutes at least 20 per cent of the registered Democratic voters in the county and if neither the chairman nor first vice chairman is a member of the minority race; a third vice chairman, who must be 30 years old or under if neither of the first three officers are 30 and under; a secretary; and a treasurer.

The county convention also will elect four members to serve on the State Democratic executive committee. It also must name 43 delegates to the 10th congressional district convention, which will be held at 1 p. m. Saturday, June 16, in Hickory, and 43 delegates to the state Democratic convention, which is slated for 11 a. m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, in Raleigh's Dorton arena.

The county convention is to name two members to the congressional district executive committee, two members to a state senatorial district executive committee, and two members to a judicial district executive committee.

**Dixon 4-H's
Set Bake Sale**

Dixon Community 4-H club will sponsor a bake sale Saturday morning on downtown streets beginning at 9 a. m. Donors of homemade cakes and goodies are asked to deliver them to Dixon Presbyterian church by 8:30 a. m. Proceeds from the bake sale will help send a delegate to the 4-H Citizenship Week program in Washington, D. C.

Co-chairmen of the project are Mrs. Pete Caveny and Mrs. Carveth Wells.

\$1,000 Bond Not Cashed In '54 Complicates City Bookkeeping

When recipients of checks don't cash them quickly, the payor's books get complicated.

So it was with the city, when the owner of a \$1,000 Kings Mountain recreation bond, issued in 1954 and maturing during fiscal 1970-71 failed to gain redemption of the bond "in a timely manner" by June 30, 1971.

It meant the city commission was required to amend the ordinance whereby it will issue bonds under the so-called two-thirds law to provide the city's share of a sewage project which will divert 500,000 gallons of effluent daily from the over-loaded McGill Creek treatment plant to the Pilot Creek plant.

Maximum issuance is \$112,000 and the amendment adopted Monday night so provides.

While the money to provide redemption was in escrow with a New York bank, the paying agent, and unreturnable to the city, the fact of non-redemption (the bond was redeemed subsequent to June 30, 1971) meant that the city had amortized only \$189,000 during the fiscal year ending last June, rather than the scheduled \$170,000.

The city had intended issuing only \$110,000, Mayor John Henry (Continued on Page Eight)



HONORED — Senator J. Ollie Harris has been awarded the Jefferson Award from the North Carolina Funeral Directors Association of which he is a past president.

Jefferson Award To Harris

Senator J. Ollie Harris, Kings Mountain, received the coveted Jefferson Award from the North Carolina Funeral Directors Association at the recent convention in Greensboro.

The handsome engraved plaque is awarded annually to one past president of the association for outstanding service to the organization.

Senator Harris was president of the state association in 1959-60.

Owner and operator of Harris Funeral Home here, Senator Harris announced several months ago he would not seek re-election to a second term in the state legislature.

He was presented the award at a luncheon at Holiday Inn Four Seasons in Greensboro.

Trio To Study License Tax

On authorization by the board of commissioners, Mayor John Henry Moss Monday night appointed a three-member committee to make a study for recommendations for up-dating the privilege license ordinance.

The three are Commissioners W. S. Bidix, Norman King and City Clerk Joe McDaniell, Jr.

The privilege license tax has returned the city this far this fiscal year \$877.31, slightly over the budget estimate of \$6750.



WINS SCHOLARSHIP — Jackie Metcalf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Metcalf, is recipient of a \$500 scholarship from Mrs. Kenneth Metcalf. Miss Metcalf, who graduates Friday from Kings Mountain high school, is among 16 Cleveland County seniors who are recipients of the Dover awards. Miss Metcalf, who will enter UNC-G in the fall, also holds a Roxie King scholarship to UNC-G.

Jordan, Broyhill Announced On Wednesday

By MARTIN HARMON

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has approved a program reservation for 68 units of low-rent public housing and \$27,200 planning loan, the Mayor and public housing officials were informed Wednesday morning.

Announcement was made by United States Senator E. Everett Jordan and United States Representative James T. Broyhill.

The approval specified 20 units designed for the elderly and 48 conventional units, and represents partial approval of the application for 100 units filed by Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority last year.

The 68 units will cost an estimated \$1,250,000 and will bring to approximately \$4,600,000 the investment in low-rent housing in Kings Mountain.

Mayor John Henry Moss commented, "We are highly pleased at partial approval of this application and hopeful that the program approval will be amended to provide for the total of 100 units."

John L. McGill, chairman of Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority, Inc., commented, "This is good news, indeed. Since the first tenants began occupying the low-rent housing units in July 1970, the occupancy rate has been virtually 100 percent with a continuing waiting list. Additional units are badly needed."

The 68-unit program is under the initial public housing plan enacted by Congress in 1937 and the same under which the initial 150 units were constructed at a cost of \$2,500,000. Another 50 units costing a private developer approximately \$835,000 are leased by the housing authority and were opened last June.

Architect for the initial 150 units was Tomberlin & Associates of Atlanta, Ga., and letter of intent to retain the same firm for the newly-approved program was given when application was filed.

6-Man Jury Clears McDevitt

By CARY STEWART

A six-man jury unanimously agreed Monday that there was no probable cause to press charges against Kings Mountain Police Chief Tom McDevitt in the May 5 death of Mrs. Senora Hughes Williams.

Mrs. Williams died of injuries sustained when she was hit by a police car driven by McDevitt, who was in pursuit of a speeding vehicle.

Three eye witnesses, including two city policemen, testified in McDevitt's behalf. The Williams' family attorney, Don Ramsey of Gastonia, did not present any witnesses.

Chief McDevitt testified that he was traveling east on King Street (Highway 71) approximately 10:30 p. m. on May 5 and was stopped in a line of traffic for a red light at the intersection of Watters and King streets.

McDevitt said a 1966 gray Ford, with a South Carolina license plate, was traveling west on King at a high rate of speed.

McDevitt said the car passed a line of traffic which was stopped on the west side of the stop (Continued on Page Eight)

Blooded Needed For 4-Year-Old

Lewis F. Messick, Jr., four-year-old grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James Messick of Third street, will undergo open heart surgery in Charlotte July 1.

Blood donors are being sought for the child and persons who want to donate are invited to donate in the child's name at a Gaston county bloodmobile visit.

Mr. Messick said a bloodmobile visit is planned today (Thursday) from 10:30 until 4 p. m. at South Marietta Baptist church in Gastonia and another visit is set June 7th at the Mount Holly American Legion building.

Miss Helen Jenkins of the Gastonia Red Cross said that donations should be made at either a bloodmobile or the Red Cross Blood Center in Charlotte, but not at Charlotte Memorial hospital where the child is under treatment.

The youngster is son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Messick of Gastonia. (Continued on Page Eight)

KMHS Graduates Its Largest Class



COMMENDED — Lt. James C. Blanton is recipient of the U.S. Navy Commendation Medal for service in Vietnam.

Lt. Blanton Is Commended

Lt. James C. Blanton, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Blanton of Kings Mountain, received the Navy Commendation Medal in ceremonies conducted recently by the Secretary of the Navy.

Blanton, his wife, Ann Gildea Blanton and their son, are living in Hawaii where Blanton is conducting research work with marine mammals with the Naval Research and Development Center.

The citation reads:

"For meritorious service while serving with friendly forces engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam from January to July 1971. While serving with Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training and Evaluation Unit One, Team Eight Two, as assistant officer in charge and later as officer in charge, Lieutenant Blanton continually provided expert assistance and advice to the Vietnamese. Acting as senior advisor for the Vietnamese policies and procedures, he was directly responsible for introducing a weekly situation report and a valid personnel evaluation system which resulted in maintaining only the (Continued on Page Eight)

268 Seniors To Get Diplomas Friday At 8

Graduation exercises for 268 Kings Mountain High School seniors will be held Friday at 8 p. m. at John Gamble Stadium.

KMHS Principal H. C. Atkinson, assisted by Superintendent Don Jones and Chief Marshal Lynn Blanton, will present the diplomas.

Members of the senior class of 1972 will participate in the program. The processional and recessional will be played by the KMHS freshman band.

David Bolin, vice-president of class of '72, will give the invocation and Ed Robbs, class president, will give the welcome.

The KMHS senior choir will present special music, singing "The Road Not Taken" and "You'll Never Walk Alone."

Danny Rhodes, vice-president of the senior class, will present the class of '72 and after the presentation of diplomas, Diane Cornwell, class treasurer, will present the class gift. It will be accepted by Tommy Bridges, a member of the Kings Mountain Board of Education.

Kathryn Owens, secretary of the class, will give the benediction.

Junior marshals will include Lynn Blanton, chief; Laura Plunk, Thomas Shirley, Janet Hun, Vickie Huskey, Janet Bridges, Robert Maner, Dianne Bolin, Ernest Peterson, Vickie Boheler, Frankie Stokes and Sam Brodnax.

Senior sponsors include Mrs. Helen Ausley, Allen Dixon, Mrs. Betty Gamble, Charles Knight, Mrs. Carolyn McWhirter, Mrs. Brenda Neal, Gary Osborn, Mrs. Suber.

Charlotte Shuford and Mrs. Emily Chalmers. The senior class motto is "Through Love Anything Is Possible", the colors are red and white, the flower is the white carnation and the class song is "You'll Never Walk Alone."

Mrs. Myrtle H. McClure, director of the KMHS choir, and Donald Deal, director of the KMHS bands, will direct the special music.

Transco Fetes Area Employees

Employees of Compressor Station 145 of Grover of Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation were cited for 863 days without a lost-time accident at ceremonies Wednesday evening.

A handsome plaque emblematic of the honor was presented to C. M. Springer, plant manager, and gifts were announced for each employee contributing to the record at a steak supper at Kelly's Steak House in Blacksburg, S. C.

The safety dinner was attended by representatives of the company from Texas and the Carolinas.

GOP To Elect New Chairman

Cleveland County Republicans will elect a new chairman and other officers at the county convention Friday night at 7:30 p. m. at the clubhouse in Shelby.

DeWayne Robinson, county chairman, has announced he won't seek re-election.

Business of the meeting will feature the election of Party officers.

Speaker for the meeting has not been announced.

Grafton Withers Triple Winner; 57 KMHS Students Win 72 Awards

Grafton Withers was the top award-winner in the annual Kings Mountain High School Awards Day ceremonies Thursday.

Withers won the American Legion's Outstanding Senior Award, the Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award and an All-Southwestern Conference baseball award.

A total of 57 awards were presented for scholastic and athletic achievement.

Other award winners included: Dottie Carroll, Crisco Award; Hettie Cox, FHA Award; Betsy Queen, Biology Award; Beverly Plunk, Chemistry Award; Karen Hinton, Billy Shuford Award; Debbie Francis and Karen Sparks, TEPs Award; Rhonda Bell, Creative Writing Award; Vicki Lewis, Poetry Award.

Also, Adrian Beam, Outstanding Senior Draftsman Award; Tim Echols, Kiwanis Club Citizenship Award; Jason Pouchak, Mathematics Award; Tim Echols, Association Award.



SPEAKER — Rev. T. A. Lineberger will fill the pulpit at Sunday morning Homecoming Day services at Macedonia Baptist church.



PRESIDENT — Joe Ann Walker McDaniel has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre for the coming year.

Mrs. McDaniel Is Elected

Joe Ann Walker McDaniel has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre for the coming year. She succeeds Gene Austin.

Other new officers named at a general membership meeting Thursday night at Park Grace School are Roy Holmes, vice-president; Mrs. Kay Wiesener, secretary; and Stan Gaines, treasurer.

The new board of directors include Steve Baily, Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, Mrs. Bob Cox, Mike Muscat, Mrs. Ray Holmes and Mrs. Brenda Nea.

Directors of upcoming plays to be presented during the year will include: Mrs. Ray Holmes who will direct the Fall production; Joe Ann McDaniel who will direct the Winter production; and Steve Baily who will direct the Spring production. Mrs. Brenda Nea was named alternate director.

Nursing Home Seeks Certificate

Kings Mountain Convalescent & Nursing Home, Inc. is applying to the State Board of Health for a certificate of necessity to construct a 60-bed facility.

Joe R. Smith, president, said the certificate was ruled necessary by the state attorney-general and guessed its issuance would require about 90 days.

The Kings Mountain firm has cut its ties with Homes of Care, Inc., of Greenville, S. C., which had planned to merge the two firms and build the facility. Homes of Care is involved in projects elsewhere, Mr. Smith said.

The 60-bed nursing and convalescent center is planned for 20 beds for ambulatory patients and 40 beds for patients requiring extra care. It is T-type construction and designed for easy and economical expansion.

President Smith said the facility will be able to accommodate all types of patients, Medicaid, intermediate those requiring skilled care, Medicare, VA and private.

Infant's Rites Are Conducted

Graveside services for Patricia Dawn Buchanan, infant daughter of Robert D. and Jackie Ledford Buchanan of Route 3, were held Monday afternoon at 3 p. m. from Bessemer City Memorial cemetery with Rev. Allen Morrison officiating.

Surviving other than the parents are a sister, Tonia Ann Buchanan of the home; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Fortner of Gastonia; and the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Buchanan of Bessemer City.

Lions Broom Sale Is Now Underway

Kings Mountain Lions club members are conducting the annual broom sale for benefit of the blind.

Chairman Richard Greene says the Lions have on sale brooms for both home and industrial use. All proceeds benefit area blind citizens.

Other members of the civic committee promoting the sale are Ray Holmes and Bill Bates.