

# Population

Greater Kings Mountain 21,914  
City Limits 8,465

Greater Kings Mountain area is derived from the Special United States Bureau of the Census report of January 1966. Last includes the 14,881 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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PRICE TEN CENTS

## KM Schools Call For \$2.5 Million Bond Election

## McDevitt Proud Of New Communications System

## 1972-73 Budget Work Is Underway

### Local News Bulletins

**MOSS SPEAKER**  
Mrs. Bill Moss will be guest speaker at Allen's Memorial Baptist church in Grover, Sunday June 25 at the evening worship service at 7:30.

**METHODIST TOPIC**  
"What Is A Religious Person?" will be the sermon topic of Rev. N. C. Bush at Sunday morning worship hour at Grace United Methodist church.

**COMMUNION**  
The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed at the Sunday morning worship hour Sunday at 9:30 at Dixon Presbyterian church.

**REVIVAL SERVICES**  
Revival services begin June 22 at Piedmont Baptist church and will end June 24. The evangelist will be Rev. Bud Collier. Services will begin at 7:00 each evening.

**PRESBYTERIAN**  
Dr. Paul Ausley will be the sermon topic, "Half Done", at Sunday morning worship service Sunday at First Presbyterian church. He will preach on the text from Habakkuk 12.

**KIWANIS**  
"Farmer for the World", a film from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, will feature the program of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club Thursday night at 6:45 at the Woman's club.

**REVIVAL**  
Revival services will begin at Allen Memorial Baptist church in Grover, June 26 and ending July 1. Services will be held each evening at 7:30 with Rev. James Talbert of Greensboro as visiting evangelist. The public is welcomed.

**BUILDING PERMIT**  
William Roper, Jr., of 203 Fairview street, obtained a city building permit Monday to build an addition to his residence at estimated cost of \$1200.

**CONTINUES ILL**  
Judge Joe Mull of Shelby remains a patient in Duke hospital at Durham following eye surgery.

### Be Alert For Check Forger

Police are alerting businessmen to be on the lookout for a young man who is passing worthless checks in this area.

Det. Captain Bill Roper said two worthless checks, each in the amount of \$75.48, have been cashed.

The forged checks are drawn on Hucks Construction Company, 508 Candy Stick Lane, Charlotte, N. C. under signature of Jonathan L. Hucks. A printing company in the Gaston county area is allegedly responsible for printing the yellow company-type check and warrants have been served by police.

Operators of Bay Service Station and McElwee Grocery both cashed checks June 6th and June 7th for a young white male approximately five-seven to five-nine inches tall and in his early 20's. They described him as having short light brown hair.

### Meeting Set Next Tuesday Or Wednesday

Mayor John Moss said Wednesday that next Monday's monthly meeting of the city council will be postponed until either Tuesday or Wednesday night so that he can present to the commissioners the city's budget for the fiscal year 1972-73.

Mayor Moss said he is awaiting the final tax evaluation from the county before preparing the budget.

"We're in the process of working with the various department heads," said Moss, "but we have no knowledge of what our tax evaluations will be until we get it from the county."

Mayor Moss said the budget must be completed by July 1. The fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30.

Mayor Moss said he had no idea what the budget's final figures will be. Last year's budget was around the \$3 million mark.

### Jaycees Seek Beauty Entries

Wanted: young women between the ages of 18 and 26 to enter the "Miss Kings Mountain" beauty pageant.

Plans are shaping for the annual "Miss Kings Mountain" pageant and Kings Mountain Jaycees are encouraging entries.

Joe King at 739-2242 and Scott Jennings at 739-3429 are the pageant co-chairmen and interested young women who want to become contestants are asked to call either of them for applications.

Plans for the upcoming pageant will be made at Monday night's board of directors meeting of the organization at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion building.

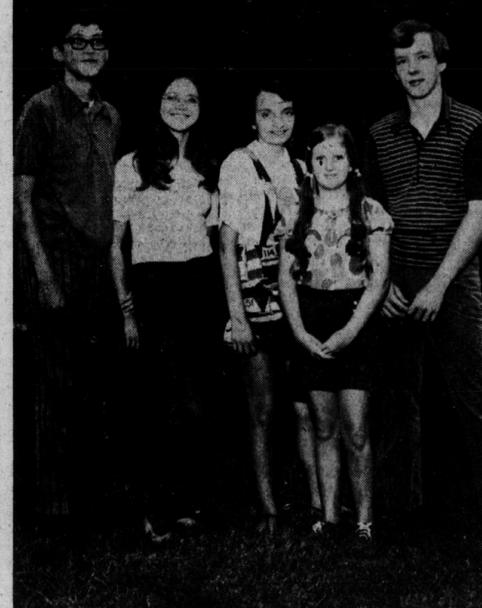
Kenny Moss was appointed visitation chairman at Tuesday night's regular Jaycee meeting and Randy Bell and Jack King were inducted as new members.

Calendar Chairman Jim Belt announced the Jaycees would continue their community birthday calendar project another two weeks and are now soliciting names and advertising for the calendar.

President Bob Myers invited all members to participate in a membership drive by inviting all young men between the ages of 18 and 35 to join the civic club.

**METER RECEIPTS**  
Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday totaled \$18,223, including \$102 from on-street meters, \$19,43 from fines for overparking and \$6,80 from off-street meters, City Clerk McDaniel reported.

**HUD Officer Here Wednesday For Talks On Downtown Renewal**  
Floyd L. McCurdy, realty officer with the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, was conferring Wednesday with Redevelopment Commission Director Gene White and officials of the city redevelopment commission on plans for moving ahead on downtown renewal.



TO DISTRICT CONTESTS — The Dixon community young people pictured above will participate in 4-H district contests in Wadesboro today. From left to right, Kevin Bridges, Margo Green, Trudy Childers, Donna Caveny, and Danny Spearman. Not pictured is Rhonda Spearman. (Herald Photo by I. G. Alexander)

## Six Area 4-Her's Off To Contests

Young People From Dixon Club In Competition

Six Dixon Community 4-Hers will represent the county in district 4-H contests Thursday (today) at Bowman Senior high school in Wadesboro.

Winners of the district competition advance to state contests later in the summer.

Margo Green, ninth grader, and Trudy Childers, 10th grader, will present a demonstration on the American Ball-Bear System. Miss Green, the 4-H Electric project winner in the county, is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Green. Miss Childers is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Childers and has previously won prizes in sewing.

Kevin Bridges, ninth grader, will present a forestry demonstration. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Bridges.

Donna Caveny, junior high student, will give a dairy foods demonstration. She is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Caveny.

Danny Spearman, high school junior, will barbecue chicken, and his sister, Rhonda, a junior high student, will demonstrate egg cookery. They are son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Spearman.

**Mike Murphree To Philmont**  
Mike Murphree, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Murphree, departs Sunday for Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico for a 21-day stay.

Young Murphree, a freshman in high school, earned his own expedition permit.

### First Of Kind To Be In Use In Entire State

By GARY STEWART

You can't blame police chief Tom McDevitt if he is somewhat boastful when talking about the city's new \$43,000 communications system.

Kings Mountain's system, the first of its kind in North Carolina to be in full use, allows the local police to talk with any mobile or station unit in Western North Carolina and will eventually allow the local police to talk with any law enforcement officer or emergency vehicle in the state.

Chief McDevitt said that all police departments in the four county region of Cleveland, McDowell, Rutherford and Polk Counties are installing the new units he predicted that eventually every department in the state will have them.

The main console unit at the police department has four channels and will eventually have eight. The individual channels allow the police to talk to their own department or cars without outside interference.

"On our old unit," explained McDevitt, "Kings Mountain didn't have precedent over any other department. Whoever we were talking to at any particular time had precedent. But on this new unit, Kings Mountain has precedent over anybody else."

McDevitt said when another department wants to talk to Kings Mountain, it simply dials a four-digit number and the telephone dial on the KM console lights up.

There is also a local government channel which allows the police department to communicate with the gas, water and electric departments. The old police mobile units are now being used by those departments.

The new mobile units are equipped with channel guards. The officer can switch his unit to the channel guard and no units break in unless he wants them to.

A search channel allows the officer to scan other units just there again. Kings Mountain takes precedent over all others.

McDevitt pointed out that the "new radios are no better than the radios we had but there are four channels and we can do more with them. Others that different departments have are as good as you can buy but they have only one channel."

McDevitt pointed out that he can communicate with his office.

### Mrs. Ervin's Rites Thursday

Funeral rites for Mrs. Lila Wood Ervin, 77, will be conducted Thursday afternoon at 4 p.m. from First Presbyterian church of which she was a member.

Dr. Paul Ausley will officiate at the final rites and interment will be in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be H. R. Hunnicutt, Harry Page, Paul Mauney, Herman Campbell, Buck Early, Hall Goforth, P. H. Wilson, and R. H. Webb.

The body will remain at Harris Funeral Home Chapel until 30 minutes before the rites when it will lie in state at the church.

Mrs. Ervin succumbed Tuesday afternoon at 1 p.m. following illness of several years. A native of Lawrenceville, Ga., she was daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Wood. For a number of years she had made her home here with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Weir, on Grover road.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Sam Weir of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Travis Clausier, Jr. of Elizabeth, N. J.; Mrs. Jack Moss of Huntsville, Ala. and Mrs. R. K. Early of Pompano Beach, Fla.; one son, John L. Ervin of Forest City; two sisters, Mrs. J. R. Finley of Thomaston, Ga. and Mrs. Lum Shaw of Atlanta, Ga.; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

## Fourth Holiday For Most Industry

### Week's Holiday Is In Store; Also Bonuses

Majority of Kings Mountain textile employees will take week of July 4th holidays via annual vacation schedules of local plants, an incomplete survey of the industry revealed yesterday.

An exception is Duplex-Shannon where the plant will close only Monday and Tuesday, July 3 and 4. Plant Manager Carl De Vane said employees would receive a week's vacation pay.

Dick Shaney, personnel manager of Mauney Textile Mill and Carolina Throwing Company, said both these firms will be closed the full week but there may be some limited operation at the throwing plant.

Neisco Mills will close the full week, reopening on July 10. Supt. Jim Dickey announced bonuses will be paid to employees based on length of service.

Oxford Industries will suspend operations on June 30th, returning to work on July 10th, a plant spokesman said.

Vacation pay is being distributed among wage employees of Burlington Industries, Inc. during the summer vacation season.

Charles A. McLendon, senior vice president of Burlington, said payments to company employees coincide with manufacturing plant vacations. These payments, together with similar amounts paid before the holiday season last December, will total almost \$10 million for the company's 1972 fiscal year.

The Phenix Plant of Burlington Industries will close for vacation from July 31, 1972 through August 5, 1972.

Burlington employees at plants in 12 states will share in the summer payments, Mr. McLendon said. Individual amounts are based on each employee's length of service.

The payments are in addition to benefits provided by Burlington's profit sharing retirement plan for hourly-paid employees. In 1971, members of the Burlington plan had more than \$9 million credited to their accounts.

**ZONING PERMIT**  
Michael E. Brown of 608 Landing street obtained a city zoning permit Monday to place a trailer in the mile perimeter area, the city clerk's office reported.

## Once Hooked On Drugs, Guerra Will Tell How He Kicked Habit

Rev. Vincent Guerra, who said he kicked the drug habit after an experience with Christ, will lead the adult Bible Study during Vacation Church School next week at Boyce Memorial ARP church.

Now Co-Director of a drug education-prevention and rehabilitation program entitled, "Turning Point, in Pompano Beach, Fla., the minister is author of the book by the same name and has since written a second book, "Hooked On God." His first publication includes a forward by Art Linkletter.

Rev. Mr. Guerra will conduct classes for adults on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings from 7 until 9 p.m. Rev. Harris Blair, pastor of Linden ARP church of Gastonia, will lead the opening class for adults on Monday evening.

Classes for children, youth and adults will be offered each evening, according to co-directors.



ESSAY WINNER — Billy Gene McCarter, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Eugene McCarter, won the DAR American History Month Essay contest among fifth graders in the school system.

### Billy McCarter Essay Winner

Billy Gene McCarter, fifth grader at West school and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Eugene McCarter, is winner of the American History Month Essay contest from the fifth grades of the school system.

The contest was sponsored by Colonel Frederick Hambrich Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and was on the subject, "How My State Acquired Its Name."

Other winners from the elementary schools were Sandra Kay Adams, eighth grade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Adams, of 440 Croaker road; Robin Spears, seventh grade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dean Spears of 301 Maner road; and Rick Hinant, sixth grade, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hinant.

### Dixon Revival Is Continuing

Rev. Allen Morrison, pastor of Long Creek and Bessemer City Presbyterian churches, is evangelist for revival services this week at Dixon Presbyterian church.

Services are continuing tonight and tomorrow evening at 7:30 p.m.

Glenn Rountree of Shiloh Presbyterian church is directing the song service.

### Rainfall Totals 3.45 Inches

Rainfall since Monday evening has totaled 3.45 inches according to the U. S. Weather Bureau station at Shelby.

L. E. Davis, operator of the Kings Mountain water treatment plant on Buffalo Creek, said the water level behind the dam there was "about two feet under the highest we've had."

Davis wouldn't venture a guess on how high the water level was but said "we've got a nice lake."

The Cleveland County Sheriff's Department had no record of any bridge wash-outs.

Water leaked into the basement of the county jail but two trusty sweeping it out a back door most of the night prevented any damages, according to a jail spokesman.

A number of minor wrecks attributed to wet pavement were reported throughout the county.

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