

### Population

Greater Kings Mountain 21,914  
City Limits 8,465

Greater Kings Mountain figure is derived from the special United States Bureau of the Census report of January 1968, and includes the 14,890 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 5,124 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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## Plans Are Announced For KM Shopping Center

### McDevitt Nabs Escaper On Visit To Courthouse

#### Schambler Was Spotted Holding Baby

A routine trip to the Gaston County courthouse Wednesday morning netted Kings Mountain Chief of Police Tom McDevitt an escaped felon and a big thank you from the Shelby prison unit.

McDevitt said he went to Gastonia to pick up some temporary custody papers so he could go to South Carolina and bring 25-year-old Elford Guy Coker to Cleveland County to stand trial in recent rape case.

As McDevitt entered the courthouse, he said he saw Robert Schambler, who reportedly escaped from the Shelby prison camp several weeks ago. McDevitt said Schambler was holding a baby and standing in the hall near several law enforcement officials.

"I recognized him," said McDevitt, "and immediately asked him for identification. He contended that I was crazy and had no right to detain him."

McDevitt said the man showed him a Florida driver's license which had been issued to a Ronald Harlowe of Jacksonville, Fla. He said that the man also had a ticket for speeding in New York at the time the ticket was issued he was driving a 1972 Chevrolet which displayed a tag for a 1966 Chevrolet which was stolen near the Margrace Mill about two months ago.

McDevitt stated that Schambler had been working with a road gang on Highway 216 near the Margrace community about three months ago and escaped. McDevitt said the same day a car was stolen near the Margrace

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### Car Stalls; Hit By Train

A 1972 Ford owned by James Arthur Wilkie, 29, of Bessemer City was demolished Saturday night when it was hit by a train at the Baker - Phenix Street crossing.

Wilkie told city police that the car, which had only 2,000 miles on it, stalled as he crossed the tracks. Wilkie left the car as the train approached.

Wilkie said he had been having trouble with the car stalling and had just recently had it worked on. Damage to the car, which was a total loss, was estimated at \$3,200.

Police investigated two other wrecks during the week, both resulting in personal injury.

Genevieve Barrett, 26, and Robert Barrett Sr., both of Gastonia, were treated for injuries at Kings Mountain Hospital following a 6 p.m. wreck Saturday at the intersection of West King and Sims Streets.

According to investigating officer Robert Dodge, a 1972 Ford driven by Henry Lias Upchurch, 31, of Pittsboro, N. C., stopped on King to make a left turn.

Dodge said a 1971 Ford, driven by Genevieve Barrett, was following the Upchurch car and stopped also. The Barrett car was struck in the rear by a 1972 Ford, driven by Danny Webster Bridges Jr., 26, of Charlotte. Dodge estimated damages as \$700 to the Bridges car, \$100 to the Barrett car and \$25 to the Upchurch car.

Sgt. M. M. Hunter reported that a 1969 Chevelle, driven by Willie Joe Freeman, 21, of Bessemer City ran down a 15-foot embankment and overturned around 11 p.m. Tuesday.

Freeman told Hunter he was traveling east on West Ridge Street when he unexpectedly came upon a dead end road with a 90 degree turn to the right. He said he tried to make the turn (onto Railroad Avenue) but could not and ran down the embankment.

Hunter estimated damages to the car as \$2,000. Freeman was treated for injuries at Kings Mountain Hospital.



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### Board Taps Ken Jenkins

Ken Jenkins, superintendent of Mountain Rest cemetery, was appointed Monday night by the city commission as superintendent of the newly-created Department of Urban Beautification.

Action of the city commission came after recommendation by Mayor John Moss.

Earlier Mayor Moss told the board "it is more and more apparent that we need to set up a department to assume the responsibility of leadership it needs for citizen participation in beautification. Kings Mountain is growing and added burden has been placed on the sanitation department in the past, along with other departments who have served."

Jenkins will continue as superintendent of Mountain Rest cemetery in addition to his new duties. Mayor Moss said the new department will be operational in two weeks and it will work closely with his office. He said the city will be hiring additional personnel and that equipment will be made available to the department.

### AUDITIONS

Auditions for new singers for the Oratorio Singers of Charlotte will be held on Wednesday, September 6th, from 7 until 10 p.m. at Myers Park Methodist church in Charlotte. Tenors and basses are especially needed. Those interested who cannot attend auditions may call 375-7512 for another appointment.



STUDENTS KICK OFF MAGAZINE SALE — Juniors at Kings Mountain high school begin Friday the annual Junior magazine sale to raise funds for the Junior-Senior Prom. Booths will be set up at football games to sell subscriptions beginning at the first home game. Pictured, from left, Priscilla Adams, Butch Blolock, Pamela Boheler, John Flonk, Gail Hightower, Debra Bolin, and Junior Class President Steve Hicks. (Photo by L. G. Alexander)

### Police Charge Canipe, 35 With Break-In

A 35-year-old Bessemer City man, James T. Canipe, is in Kings Mountain jail today, charged with the Tuesday morning breaking, entering and larceny at Rippy's Jewelry at 211 North Piedmont Avenue.

Chief Tom McDevitt said Canipe, of 2808 East Virginia Avenue, Bessemer City, is being held in lieu of \$2,000 bond.

McDevitt said someone entered the jewelry store early Tuesday morning and took \$106.75 worth of silverware and jewelry. Someone who lives near the store called police at 2 a.m. after hearing a noise there.

McDevitt said some of the merchandise has been recovered from a house in Bessemer City and indicated that other arrests may be made soon in connection with two earlier break-ins at Rippy's Jewelry.

Police reported several other instances of crime during the past week.

McDevitt said \$81 in cash was taken from the safe at the Burger House on East King Street sometime during the night of August 23. The larceny was reported on the morning of August 24.

According to McDevitt, a workman at the Burger House put the money in the safe, locked it and checked it three times after closing the night of the 23rd. McDevitt said when he returned the next morning, he opened the safe by the combination and found it was empty.

McDevitt reported that investigation CONTINUED ON PAGE 6

### Outside-District School Pupils Won't Be Charged \$60 Tuition

The state attorney general's office Friday ruled that the Linwood section of Kings Mountain is a part of the city school district and students living there would no longer have to pay a \$60 a year tuition.

The question of whether or not that section, which lies inside Gaston county, was a part of the school district arose at the April meeting of the school board when Chairman George Mauney read a portion of a book let which stated that all territories embodying the corporate limits of a city shall be considered the Kings Mountain graded school district.

At the time, school officials wrote for a ruling from the N. C. Institute of Government, which published the booklet. The Institute of Government ruled that the section was, indeed, a part of the

school district but it took the attorney general's office almost five months to make the same ruling. Supt. Jones said that Gaston County would have to refund some monies to the Kings Mountain Board of Education "and any money we recover we'll give it back to the people who paid it."

Jones said approximately 30 students from that area now attend schools in Kings Mountain. He said an effort will be made to find out how many others from that area are attending Gaston County schools and how many would like to attend KM schools.

Jones predicted that the ruling will help the growth of Kings Mountain. He said the growth of the Linwood section slowed when the tuition requirement was brought about five years ago.

### Opening Smooth As 4,128 Report To School

Last week's opening of school was "smooth," according to Supt. Don Jones.

Jones reported that 4,128 students showed up for opening day of school and that total was increased by 25 yesterday.

"We had a real good opening," Jones noted. "We didn't have to transfer anybody but did have to add a teacher at Bethware and Grover." He noted that the enrollment was more than expected at both these schools.

Jones noted that students will have two holidays during the month of September. Schools will be closed Monday for Labor Day and September 26 for the district NCAE meeting at Ashbrook high school in Gastonia.

### School Bid Is Raised By Sheffield

C. M. Sheffield has raised bid by the Kings Mountain City Schools for the Mrs. George Cansler Estate property fronting on West Mountain and West King streets.

The Sheffield bid is \$2,150. As of yesterday, the bid by second-bidder Billie Joe Sipe (\$1,100) for Tract II, seven lots on West King, total fronting 196 feet, had not been raised.

Resale auction is required after readvertising of properties. Sipes raised the initial bid of Bob Cox.

The property is being sold under order of the Superior Court to settle the Cansler Estate in an action brought by Diana Cansler Wofford and Miss Karen Cansler, against Mr. and Mrs. Luther Cansler and Anthony Cansler, respondents.

### 60-Bed Home To Be Built Near Hospital

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### Coker To Return Friday For Trial

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### Council Approves Certificate For Projected Nursing Home

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### Brown On Duty At Camp Lejeune

Pfc. James A. Brown, son of Mr. James N. Brown of Route 3, Kings Mountain, has reported for duty at the Marine Corps base, Camp Lejeune.

### David Smith's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Manual David Smith, 61, of 199 Myers street, were conducted Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. from Kings Mountain Church of God, of which he was a member, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Smith, retired textile worker, died in a two-car head-on collision Thursday afternoon on Lake Montonia road near Kings Mountain at 3:30 p. m. He was dead on arrival at Kings Mountain hospital where occupants of the second car, Myron George, 17, and Robin Dickey, 16, were treated for injuries.

A native of Lincoln county, Mr. Smith was son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Philow Smith.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Eunice McFalls Smith; five sons, Vernon E. Smith, Charles Smith, Donald Smith, Paul Smith, all of Kings Mountain, and Michael Smith of the U. S. Army at Fort Bragg; two daughters, Mrs. Ray Sarvis of Pompano Beach, Fla. and Mrs. Bill Ware of Kings Mountain; two half-brothers, James Bridges of Kings Mountain and Jake Bridges of the Crowders Mountain community; one sister, Mrs. Arnold Whitesides of Lincoln; 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Rev. S. W. Avery officiated at the final rites, assisted by Rev. George Leigh and Rev. Robert Hicklin.

### Football Contest In Second Week; You Can Win \$\$\$ From Your Entries

The Herald's second football contest is inside this week's paper. Response was good for the first contest and those games are coming up Friday. The money winners will be listed in next week's Herald.

This week's contest will include 13 games, consisting of both high school and college contests. You have almost a week to think about your selections. But, keep in mind, we must receive your entry by 5 p.m. next Wednesday. Get your entry or entries in. Who knows. Maybe you'll be the winner of the \$15 first prize.



LOCAL DRIVER IN MOVIE ROLE — Don Beam, at far right, and his son, Donnie, are cast in "The Petty Story" which is playing at the local theatre. In the photograph with Beam are his wife and Daren McGavin. center. Beam is a local race driver and plays the part of a revenueur who gives Lee Petty the chase of his life in the movie.

### Local Driver In Petty Story

Racing Film Will Feature Donald Beam

Some Kings Mountain racing fans might be in for a surprise when they see "43, The Petty Story", now showing at the Joy Theatre.

Local movie-goers will quickly recognize Don Beam, a local race driver, and his son Donnie, who teamed up with the Pettys to complete the Petty Story.

Beam, a Route 3, Kings Mountain resident, has been one of the top name drivers on local short tracks for years. In the movie, he'll play the part of a revenueur who gives Lee Petty the chase of his life and will also perform most of the stunt driving other than done by Richard Petty.

The picture begins with scenes from 1916, when racing was done on dirt roads and clacing with tree branches rather than checkered flags. The movie depicts the Petty family racing and NASCAR from 1916 until the present time.

By this weekend, the movie CONTINUED ON PAGE 6

### Winn-Dixie, Mack's Variety Will Build

Initial plans for construction of a Kings Mountain shopping center were announced Tuesday by realtor J. Wilson Crawford and Mayor John Moss.

The 50,000 square foot shopping center will initially house a Winn Dixie supermarket and a Macks Variety Store. The shopping center will be located off U. S. Highway 74 behind the National Guard Armory on property previously owned by the late Mrs. Frank Go with.

Crawford and Robert H. Neill are lessors of the land and Lat Pursor and Associates of Charlotte is leasing agent for the shopping center.

Crawford said within a year the shopping center will house about 20 tenants, including, hopefully, a banking facility.

"We will construct a banking facility subject to approval by state and federal government agencies. It's a matter of how long it will take them to approve it," Crawford said.

Crawford said the lessors are "in negotiation with several other tenants." He said they plan to construct one 7,700 square foot store. "We're off in negotiation with the tenant we hope to get for that store," he said, "but we feel well enough about it that we are going ahead and start construction."

Winn Dixie, which has been associated with Kings Mountain for many years, plans a store which will contain 19,880 square feet of floor space. J. Leon Baldwin of Winn Dixie's Greenville, S. C., office, said the store will be completed by February, 1973.

Baldwin noted: "The store will be completely air conditioned and all departments will be 100 percent self-service, offering a wide variety of all commodities including

diabetic and gourmet foods, health and beauty aids, dairy and bakery products and the finest harvest-fresh produce available. All meats carried in the meat department will be U.S. Government inspected, always guaranteeing the customer the finest that is available. This store will also have one of the largest frozen food departments in this entire area, this being one of the fastest growing commodities in the supermarket field.

"Winn Dixie is not a new name to the residents of Kings Mountain," Baldwin added, "as they have been a tenant in Kings Mountain dating back to the Dixie Home Store days."

Baldwin pointed out that Winn Dixie now operates more than 378 stores in the southeast. "They are headquartered in Jacksonville, Florida," he said, "however, this store will be serviced from the Greenville, S. C., warehouse facility, thereby insuring the freshest food products available at all times."

The Macks store will be a 15,600 square foot building and is also scheduled for completion early next year.

O. T. Sloan, Macks' president, CONTINUED ON PAGE SIX

### Mrs. Hayes' Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Mrs. Cora Lee Hayes, 94, were conducted Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Central Methodist Church, where she was a member, by the Rev. Paschal Waugh, the Rev. Russell Fitts and the Rev. Theodore Hoffman. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mrs. Hayes, 94, of Kings Mountain, died Sunday night in Wesley Nursing Center in Charlotte following an illness of several years.

She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. David W. Moss and widow of Ernest Hayes.

She was a member of Central United Methodist Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. C. T. Ledford of Kings Mountain; three sons, Ford Hayes of Charlotte; Herman Hayes of Tampa, Fla. and Paul Hayes of Kings Mountain; one sister, Mrs. Audie Weaver of Lincoln; one brother, Ralph Moss of Petersburg, Va.; 11 grandchildren; 28 great grandchildren; and five great great grandchildren.

Active pallbearers were Mike Ledford, Gene Ledford, Rev. George Thornburg, Hoyle Mabry, and Frank Hinson.