

# Population

Greater Kings Mountain 31,914  
City Limits 8,465

Greater Kings Mountain figure is derived from the special United States Bureau of the Census report of January 1966, and includes the 14,980 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,184 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Cowart Township in Gaston County.

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PRICE TEN CENTS

## Dixon Road Bridge Closed To Traffic

## Cline "Excepts" Property Award

### Clerk To Hear Arguments Early Next Week

John D. Cline has filed exceptions to the report of the three-member commission which awarded him \$72,800 for property the city of Kings Mountain is seeking for the Buffalo Creek water project, according to clerk of superior court Ruth Dedmon. Mrs. Dedmon said that the law states no appeal may be filed until after a hearing of confirmation on the commissioner's report has been held. The clerk of superior court holds this hearing, which Mrs. Dedmon said would probably be the first of next week. The commissioner's report is either confirmed, or determined too high or too low. Then appeals may be filed and the matter is transferred to the civil issue docket and placed on the calendar for the next term of superior court. No commissioners have been appointed yet in Kings Mountain's condemnation action against Ambrose Cline, Mrs. Dedmon said.



**PRESIDENT — Dr. D. F. Hord of Kings Mountain was elected president of the First District Dental Society of North Carolina at the annual meeting in Blowing Rock during the weekend.**

### Dentists Tap Dr. D. F. Hord

Dr. D. F. Hord, Kings Mountain dentist, was elected president of the First District Dental Society at the annual meeting at the Green Park hotel in Blowing Rock this past weekend. The district is comprised of the 25 western counties of North Carolina.

The clinician for the meeting was Dr. Rubin Groom of Jacksonville, Florida, who addressed the dentists on "Practical Administration."

### Cansler Resale Friday At Noon

Resale of the property of the late Mrs. George Cansler will be conducted at noon Friday at the courthouse door in Shelby.

The property includes two tracts, one on West Mountain street, the other on West King street. Initial bids on both were raised.

Bidding on Tract I, fronting on West Mountain 90 feet and 350.5 feet deep, will start at \$2150. C. M. Sheffield raised the first high bid (\$2000) of Kings Mountain district board of education.

Bidding on Tract II, seven lots fronting 196 feet on West King, will start at \$1100. Initial high bid (\$1000) of Robert G. Cox was raised by Billy Joe Sipes.

J. A. West is commissioner. Action to settle the estate was brought by Mrs. Diana Cansler Wohlford and Miss Karen Cansler, petitioners, versus Mr. and Mrs. Luther Cansler and Anthony Cansler, respondents.

### Mrs. Grant's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Bessie Grant, 57, of 407 Chestnut street, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock from Faith Baptist church of which she was a member.

Rev. Robert Hicklin and Rev. Flay Payne officiated at the final rites, and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Grant succumbed Saturday night in the Kings Mountain hospital.

A native of Rutherford county, she was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dixon. She was widow of Jack Grant.

Surviving are two sons, Miles J. Grant of Kings Mountain and Jimmy Grant of Kempton, Indiana; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Lou Wright of Blacksburg, S. C.; a brother, Ed Dixon of Shelby; a sister, Mrs. Bertha Cook of Shelby; and four grandchildren.

### Registration To End Monday

Monday is the last day you can register for the November 7 general elections.

The Cleveland County Board of Elections will be open this Saturday from 9 a. m. until 12 noon to accommodate those who can not register during the week. The election office is open week days from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m.

### KMHS Observes Golden Grid Year '22 Team To Lead 4 p.m. Parade

Kings Mountain high school will celebrate its Golden Anniversary of football at Homecoming festivities Friday night in John Gamble Memorial Football Stadium.

Twelve grid players from the 1922 KMHS Mountaineers will lead a homecoming parade at 4 p. m. and will also be presented at half-time of the game between the Mountaineers and R-S Central.

Dedication of the handsome new fieldhouse will open the 7:30 p. m. festivities with members of the board of education formally accepting the facility.

Miss Debbie Page, high school senior student and daughter of Mrs. Sue Page of Kings Mountain and Vester Page of Cherryville, will be crowned 1972 Homecoming Queen. Members of the Homecoming Court, all seniors, are Denise Blalock, Linda Weaver, Freida Sexton and Teresa McDowell.

**HOMECOMING QUEEN — Debbie Page, high school senior, will reign as Queen of the 1972 Homecoming festivities Friday at Kings Mountain high school.**

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### 17-Ton Turbine Slung Off Truck Hits Abutment

Estimates of damage may hit the \$1 million mark following a wreck on I-85 at the Dixon school intersection Monday morning.

J. D. Henderson, bridge foreman for Cleveland and Gaston counties with the N. C. Highway Commission, said damage to the bridge will be at least \$100,000 if it collapses.

The bridge was struck about 1 a. m. Monday by a 34,000 pound turbine engine, which was slung off the back of a flatbed truck. The driver of the truck said he swerved to avoid hitting a car which had passed him and cut back into the right lane too quickly.

Henderson said the truck demolished a guard rail and the engine struck the abutment of the bridge. A second truck hit debris from the wreck and was also damaged.

The guard rail had only recently been installed and was part of a safety experiment by the highway commission to put guard rails around all bridges on I-85 to prevent vehicles from hitting the abutments. Henderson said the rail prevented the truck from hitting the bridge and probably saved the driver's life.

The bridge has since been closed to traffic on Dixon School road and only one lane of traffic has been allowed to drive under the bridge on the southbound lane of I-85. Henderson said the bridge might be re-opened today but repairs had not begun Wednesday.

### City Gas System Getting Physical

Kings Mountain's natural gas lines are getting a physical check-up.

The lines, all 70 miles of them, are being checked for leaks. The gas "doctor" is Heath Consultants, Inc., home-based at Stoughton, Mass. Lemuel G. Beaver, of Charlotte, area coordinator for Heath is in charge of the work, which is reported about half through.

Thus far 22 small leaks, in the oldest lines of the system, have been found. As found, they are plugged.

Methods of detection are three: vegetative flame, ionization and use of a "scinting" machine.

Mayor John Henry Moss says the work is being done in compliance with federal and state safety laws.

### Spitzer To Lead Methodist Service

Mitchell Spitzer, lay minister of Charlotte, will fill the pulpit at the Sunday morning worship hour Sunday at Grace United Methodist church.

Other members of a lay witness group who led special services at the church last spring will also be guests of the congregation.

Picnic lunch will be spread at the noon hour in the church fellowship hall.

### GOSPEL SING

A Gospel Sing will be held Sunday afternoon beginning at 2 p. m. at Mountain View Baptist church in the Crowders Mountain community. The interested community is invited.

### Park Program Sunday 3:30

Superintendent Ben F. Moomaw announced today that the annual celebration commemorating the American frontiersmen's victory over the British will be held on Sunday at 3:30. This is an annual event sponsored with the Daughters of the American Revolution chapters from the surrounding area. In was 192 years ago that this victory was won. This year the park will put on a living history program. At the U. S. Monument where the event is to be held will be park interpreters dressed in 18th century costumes who will describe 18th century activities and how they relate to the people who fought in the battle. The camp scene that will be set up is on the site where the British were encamped prior to the battle. The park museum will also be open and there is no admission charge.

## Baker Brothers To Build Clinic



**Dr. Robert N. Baker and Dr. Thomas P. Baker have purchased a building permit to construct a dental office building at 107 East Mountain street.**

Jack Johnson of Raleigh is listed as architect for building and Roger Bowen of Kings Mountain as contractor.

Purchase price is estimated at \$41,010.

Building permit was issued to Carl DeVane for construction of an eight-room residence, estimated to cost 40,083 on Wales street, with J. W. Howell, of Grover, listed as contractor.

Kings Mountain Realty, Inc. bought permits to construct six-room residences at 602 Princeton Drive and 804 Lee street. Each are estimated to cost \$12,940.

Other permits issued: To Padgett Realty, Inc., repairs to Padgett Clinic, 103 West King street, cost estimate \$700.

To Ralph Harrison, construction of a utility building at 509 Ellenwood Drive.

To Yates Ross, 813 Second street, residence repairs at cost estimate of \$255.

Permit for placing of a trailer in the Billie Farris Trailer Park in the zoning perimeter. Owner of the trailer is Ernest Pittman.

### UF Campaign Has Good Start

Kings Mountain's United Fund campaign is off to a fast start with approximately \$10,000 in contributions already in.

Chairman Bill Bates said Wednesday that most of the money already raised has come from the industrial division. "But," he added, "we're doing real well in the commercial division, with over \$1,000 already in, and also in the schools division, with over one-half of the goal of \$2,000 already reached."

Bates noted that the commercial division will be the key to the local drive. "We have over 200 small businesses in town," he said, "so, you can see, we still have a lot of contacts to make. It takes a while to contact all of them."

Bates said he has yet to receive a report from the correspondence or advanced gifts divisions. "The correspondence usually takes a while," he said, "because it involves local businesses that are based out of town. It will take about 10 days before we know a lot about the advanced gifts."

Kings Mountain is seeking \$33,450 more than \$1,000 less than last year's goal of \$3,450. Bates is confident the goal will be reached.

"But," he pointed out, "this is the same way we started out last year. Everything was smooth at the beginning but they all at once it dropped off. Right now, everything looks good and I hope it stays that way."

"I've been real amazed with

### Building Permit Activity Brisk During Week

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### Bryan Rayfield's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Bryan Keith Rayfield, 11-months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Rayfield of Charlotte, former residents, were conducted Friday afternoon at 2 p. m. from Harmony Baptist church with the Rev. Lawrence Funderburk of Charlotte and the Rev. Richard Plyler of Kings Mountain officiating.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

The child, ill since birth with a heart condition, died a week after undergoing open heart surgery.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are one brother, Jeffrey Dewayne Rayfield of the home; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Burton of Kings Mountain; and his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rayfield of Kings Mountain.

### Jury Acquits Teat Of Murder

A Superior Court jury Saturday acquitted John R. Teat, 21, of Kings Mountain of first degree murder charges but found him guilty of armed robbery in the robbery slaying of a 60-year-old Bessemer City man.

Judge Willie K. McLean, immediately sentenced Teat to prison for "not to exceed" 25 years. Teat gave notice of appeal to the North Carolina Court of Appeals. He remains in Gaston County jail in lieu of \$15,000 appeal bond.

The jury of seven men and five women, deadlocked for more than six hours Friday, was out for less than an hour Saturday morning in finding Teat guilty of armed robbery.

Teat, who pleaded innocent to the charges, contended that he was innocent of killing Lauder McCullough and blamed the crime on a companion, 19-year-old Melvin D. Berry.

Berry, who is also charged with first degree murder and armed robbery but is yet to be tried, testified that Teat killed McCullough.

### Thieves Left Checks In Mail Box But Kept Bridges \$708.91 In Cash

Kings Mountain police are searching for a thief or thieves who stole \$1,408.91 in cash and checks Saturday at Bridges Hardware.

According to store manager Glee Edwin Bridges, the money was taken from the firm's safe during store hours Saturday.

Mr. Bridges reported the incident Monday at 9:15 a. m., and gave this account: An employee, Mrs. Wanda Bridges made out a bank deposit Saturday and put the money and checks in a bank bag and put the bag into the safe. However, the safe door was left open. Monday, when Mrs. Bridges went to get the money, she found the bank bag was missing.

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Police said \$693.50 is still missing. Over \$432 worth of tools was stolen last Thursday from a car at Bridges Auto Parts on York Road.

An employee, Barry Bumgardner, told police that he left the store after work and found his car had been stolen. He said he began looking for the car and found it abandoned near Patterson Oil Co.

Police contended that the thieves pushed the car from the Bridges Auto Parts parking lot and broke into it near Patterson Oil.



**RESERVE OFFICERS HONORED — The reserve police force of Kings Mountain was honored at an Appreciation Dinner Thursday at the Royal Villa. Pictured above are (left to right) officers Chris Roseboro, Thomas Ballard, Pete Johnson, Willie Williams, City Commissioner J. J. Dickey, O'Brien Brooks, Mayor John Moss, Don Roper, George Hilton, Phillip Witherspoon and George Broome. (Photo by I. G. Alexander.)**

### 49th Cleveland Fair To Open—Nine-Day Run

The 1972 Cleveland County Fair will get under way at 12 noon Friday, and continue through midnight Saturday, October 14, at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds. General admission is \$1.00 for adults, 50 cents for children 12 and under, and parking is 50 cents. An information bureau is maintained in the main office building at the fairgrounds, where information will be given cheerfully and reliably. Fair visitors are invited to use this service.

The formal opening ceremony will be held at 5 p. m. Friday afternoon, October 6. Worth Carpenter of Monroe, who is president of the North Carolina Association of Agricultural Fairs, will be guest speaker. Other special out-of-town guests taking part in opening ceremonies will be Miss North Carolina, Constance Anne Dorn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard W. Dorn of Kingston; and Miss Rhonda Ledford, a junior at Columbia College, S. C., and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Ledford of Cherryville.

Special guests to appear on the stage at the Friday evening (Oct. 6) grandstand show at 7:30 p. m. in addition to Miss North Carolina will be Miss Anita Izzl of Shelby, "Wee Majorette Princess of America for 1973"; and Miss Dana Hul of Shelby, southeast regional hula hoop champion.

Deggeller Shows will illuminate the midway at the Cleveland County Fair again this year, and workmen are busy this week setting up the gigantic rides in preparation for the Friday noon opening. Fair Manager E. L. Weathers said that due to the extension of the midway and the extended time of this year's fair, Deggeller is bringing to the Cleveland County Fair a number of major rides never seen in this vicinity before.

A highlight of the Cleveland County Fair is the grandstand show at 7:30 p. m. each night (except Sunday) featuring top notch entertainment for the whole family. The American Mustang Hill Drivers, headed by Jake Plumstead, world's champion stunt driver, will perform October 6, 7, 10, 12, 13 and 14. Appearing each evening (except Sunday) will be the Flowers Family musical act; Bill King and Jackie, comedy and juggling act;

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### Lester Etter's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Lester Etter, 64, of 501 S. Battleground Avenue, were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 4 p. m. from Kings Mountain Baptist church of which he was a member.

Rev. James Wilder officiated at the final rites, and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Etter died early Monday in a Morganton hospital after several years' illness. He was a native of Kings Mountain, veterans of World War II. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Etter.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lois Abernathy Etter; and two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Mitham and Mrs. Robert Allen, both of Kings Mountain.

### Police Reserve Is Honored For Service

Kings Mountain's 16-man reserve police force was honored Thursday night at an Appreciation Dinner at Royal Villa Motor Inn.

Mayor John Moss, City Commissioner J. J. Dickey and Chief of Police Thomas McDevitt praised the men for their dedication and service to the city.

McDevitt, who organized the reserve police force three years ago, said that the reserve policemen logged more than 3,000 hours last year without pay. McDevitt said they work a minimum of 10 hours per week.

"Of course, they work whenever they like," said McDevitt, "but they're always ready when we have to call on them." The reserves, McDevitt noted, work mostly at sporting activities and other functions but they are trained to take care of any situation which might arise.

Each member of the force received a certificate, recognizing him for his service to the town. Phillip Witherspoon was elected by the group as chief and George Hilton was named assistant chief. The force had been without a chief for several months after the resignation of Rev. Robert Mann, who moved away.

### Veterans Day Program Set

Plans for a major Veterans Day program in Kings Mountain were announced Wednesday night by a seven-member committee representing the city and veterans organizations.

B. B. Davies, American Legion Division 23 Commander, will serve as chairman and other committee members are Mayor John Henry Moss, representing the city; Commander Lindbergh Dixon of the American Legion Post 155; Commander Jack Smith and Ben Case of Frank B. Glass Post 9811 VFW; Mrs. Robert Ruff, president of the VFW Auxiliary, and Miss Elizabeth Stewart, president of the American Legion Legion Auxiliary.

The program will be held on Veterans Day, Monday, October 23, at 5 p. m. in Veterans Park of Mountain Rest cemetery.

Program speaker will be announced later, as well as full details of a patriotic program, "A Tribute To Veterans."

### OLIVER REUNION

The Oliver Family reunion will be held Sunday at 1 p. m. at Temple Baptist Church. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

### Trouble With Rats? Help Available

Citizens of Kings Mountain having trouble with rats may obtain rat poison upon request to City Hall, 739-2563.

Callers are invited to call between the hours of 8 a. m. and 5 p. m., Monday through Friday.

### Funeral Rites Conducted Tuesday For Mrs. Rhyne, School Principal

Funeral services for Mrs. Cora Long Rhyne, 86, of 400 West Mountain street, were conducted Tuesday at 4 p. m. at Resurrection Lutheran church.

Mrs. Rhyne, former principal of West Elementary school, died Sunday, Oct. 1, at Kings Mountain hospital following an illness of several years.

Rev. Glenn Boland officiated at final rites and burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery. Pallbearers included Dorus Bennett, Paul McGinnis, Hubert McGinnis, Dr. George Plonk, Hal Plonk and Fred Plonk. Mrs. Rhyne was the widow of the late Claude Rhyne and daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alex M. Long. Survivors include one son, Myron Rhyne of Graham, N. C.; one daughter, Mrs. A. T. Dellinger Jr. of Charlotte; and nine grandchildren.