

# Population

Greater Kings Mountain 21,914  
City Limits 8,465

The Greater Kings Mountain figure is derived from the Special United States Bureau of the Census report of January, 1962, and includes the 14,890 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,124 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowders Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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## City Building Permits At Record \$3,521,850 In 72

## Schools Speeding Building Plans In Wake Of Bond Vote

### Committees Appointed For Projects

In special breakfast meeting Wednesday morning, the Kings Mountain district board of education moved to speed its upcoming building program by appointment of five committees with specific responsibilities.

Two of the committees—budget and architect selection—went to work Wednesday night.

Chairman George H. Mauney named the committees as follows: Budget—himself chairman, Tommy Bridges and J. E. Herndon, Jr.

Architect selection—P. A. Francis, chairman, Alec Owens and himself.

Junior high school planning committee—Mr. Owens, chairman, Mr. Francis, Mr. Herndon, and Fred Withers, principal of Central school.

High school auditorium committee—Mr. Herndon, chairman, Mr. Mauney, Mr. Bridges, and Jake Atkinson, high school principal, Mr. Owens and Mr. Francis.

Board members indicated they hope to launch construction in July.

Superintendent Don Jones estimated the new junior high school will cost between \$1.5 to \$1.1 million, based on recent cost figures on like construction.

He also said that, with normal capital outlay local funds plus bond sales the budget committee will have approximately \$2.8 million to allocate during the fiscal year starting July 1.

Supt. Jones said he anticipated the bonds will be sold in early April.

He reported eight architectural firms have asked consideration for the work, six applications formal and two by personal contact.

### Firemen Answer Belk Store Fire

Kings Mountain firemen answered their first call of the year shortly after 12 noon Wednesday when they extinguished a minor fire in the basement of Belk's Department Store.

A spokesman for the department store said an electrical shortage in a water pump caused the fire.

No damage was reported.

### Mrs. McDaniel's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Virgie Payne McDaniel, 84, of 1277 Starr Drive, Atlanta, Ga., formerly of Kings Mountain, were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 4 p.m. from Bethlehem Baptist church.

Rev. Russell Fitts officiated at the final rites, and interment was in Bethlehem cemetery.

Mrs. McDaniel died Sunday after several weeks' illness. She was a native of Gaston County, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lee Payne, and widow of Woodford Abernethy McDaniel.

Surviving are one brother, L. A. Payne of Silver Spring, Md.; two sisters, Mrs. Joe Lewis and Mrs. Marshall Teeter, both of Richmond, Va., and several nieces and nephews in this area.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of funeral arrangements.

### Larceny Charge Lodged Here

Kings Mountain Police have charged Kenneth Ray Huntsinger of Gastonia with a larceny which allegedly occurred Sunday at Pine Manor Apartments.

According to the police, an adding machine and typewriter, valued at \$400, were stolen around 12:15 a.m.

Huntsinger is reportedly employed by Pine Manor as a security guard.

## Jerry E. Parker Area's First Baby



CAPTAIN — Delbert Dixon has been re-elected Captain of the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad for the coming year. Other new officers are First Lt. Bob Hope; Second Lt. Earl Hollifield; Sgt. Gene Champion; Secretary Keith Bowen and Treasurer Charles Peterson.

### Youngster Born At 8:56 A.M. New Year's Day

Jerry Evans Parker, six pounds, four ounce baby boy, is winner of the Kings Mountain Herald's First Baby Derby of 1973.

Young Parker, first boy on a family of three girls, weighed in at 8:56 a. m. New Year's Day at Kings Mountain hospital.

He is the fourth child of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Evans Parker of route three. Mr. Parker is a building contractor. Mrs. Parker is the former Joan Alexander of Kings Mountain.

Dr. Charles Adams was the attending physician.

Jerry Evans Parker boasts a headful of black hair, has blue eyes.

He has three sisters; Deborah, age 14; Sherry, age 10; and Lisa, age seven.

Proud grandparents are Mrs. L. B. Alexander of Kings Mountain and Mr. and Mrs. Odell Parker of Shelby.

Kings Mountain merchants who are showering the new arrival with gifts are Kings Mountain Drug Company; Kings Mountain Savings & Loan Association; Willie's Jewelry; Kings Mountain Herald; Dellinger's Jewel Shop; McGinnis Department Store; Lynch Furniture company and Griffin's Drug.

The prizes awaiting the Parker family are detailed in a two-page advertisement in today's Herald.

### Ambrose Cline Appeals Award

Ambrose Cline has filed notice of appeal of the three-member commission award for property the city of Kings Mountain is seeking for the Buffalo Creek water project.

The case has been transferred to the next civil term of Superior Court beginning Feb. 12, according to Mrs. Ruth Dedmon, Superior Court clerk.

The city of Kings Mountain deposited last week a check for \$97,000 to Mr. and Mrs. Cline with the clerk of Superior Court. The amount represents the commission's award for the property and confirmed by Mrs. Dedmon. (Continued On Page Eight)

### City Taxpayers Rush Tax Office

The city business office was a busy place from Thursday through Tuesday, as citizens paid 1972 tax accounts totaling \$102,562 and thereby avoided penalty on their tax bills.

The city thus collected before penalty day Wednesday 83 percent of the \$368,222 budget estimate from ad valorem taxes and 78 percent of the \$394,364 total ad valorem levy for the current fiscal year.

### Gay Hosiery Mill Will Construct \$300,000 Addition, Add 20 People

Gay Hosiery Mill has announced a \$300,000 addition to its plant on East Gold street that will add 15 to 20 employees.

George Ruppe of Gay Hosiery requested at last Thursday's city board meeting that a tract of land behind the plant be rezoned from residential to heavy industry. The request was granted.

Ruppe said the addition would be "a new plant directly related to our present operation."

The addition will consist of one building of about 4,800 square feet. The property is 100 feet wide by 250 feet long.

The addition, Ruppe said, would allow the plant to increase by 3,000 dozen pairs of hosiery per week.

No completion date has been set but Ruppe said work would begin right away.

### Coroner's Jury: McCarter Youth's Was Accidental

By GARY STEWART  
A six-man coroner's jury Tuesday night ruled that Charles (Chip) McCarter, 18, died an accidental death.

Young McCarter was shot on the night of Nov. 11 at a cabin at Lake Montonia and later died in a Charlotte hospital.

Dr. Hobart Wood, a Mecklenburg County medical examiner, had earlier ruled that McCarter committed suicide.

Eight witnesses testified at the two-hour inquest, which was called by Cleveland County Coroner M. D. (Bub) Walker. The inquest was held at City Hall in Kings Mountain.

Attorney Jim Funderburk questioned Wayne Lowery, Clark Mauney, Tommy Baker, Jr., Edwin Campbell, Cathy Leonard, Ronnie Hawkins and Pless Mullins, all of whom were reportedly at the cabin when the shooting occurred. Several other young people who were at the cabin did not appear to testify.

Also testifying was Sheriff's Deputy Dale Costner, who investigated the incident.

Testimony revealed that some young people were having a party and McCarter pointed a pistol to his head. The witnesses said McCarter "was always joking around," thus, they paid no attention to him.

McCarter reportedly told one person that he was going to commit suicide and one witness testified that McCarter cocked the gun "once, maybe twice" and pulled the trigger, but nothing happened.

The pistol used in the incident belonged to Robert Benfield, one of the persons present at the party. However, Benfield was not present at the hearing.

Clark Mauney testified that Benfield had come to Kings Mountain for a visit and had brought two pistols and a rifle to take target practice. Mauney said he, Benfield and Phillip Ridge had been target practicing earlier in the day.

Members of the jury were William Boyles, foreman, Henry Lewis, James Yarbro, O. T. Hayes, Jr., Fain Hambright, and Yates Mitchem.

### Phillips Zoning Request Tabled

The city board of commissioners Thursday night approved five rezoning requests but tabled a request from Phillips Development Corporation to build 100 units of apartments just west of the city limits.

George Lusk of Phillips requested that two parcels of property be rezoned for apartment buildings.

He requested a nine-acre tract be rezoned from R-20 to R-6 where multi-family dwellings are planned and requested a 24.898-acre adjoining site be rezoned from R-20 to R-40 to permit single-family units to be built.

The zoning board had recommended the 24.898-acre site but recommended that the nine-acre tract request be denied. Commissioners agreed to table the request and give the corporation time to appear before the city's zoning and planning boards to further explain its building plans.

Lusk argued that the sites are "the only parcels of land in (Continued On Page Eight)

### Cost Of Haircut Is Going Up

The cost of a hair cut is increasing, members of the Kings Mountain Barbers Association announce this week.

The barbers say it is their first increase in seven years and "due to the high cost of living."

New rates at local barber shops went into effect January 1.



REP. JACK RHYNE  
Senator-Elect



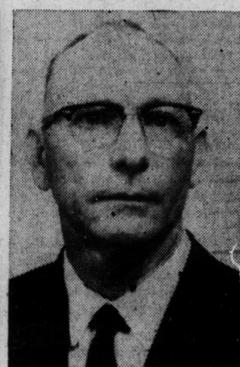
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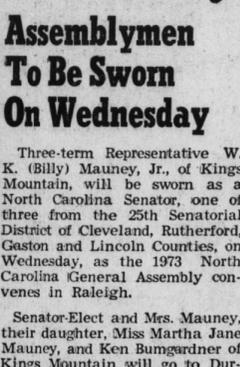


REP. BOB JONES

## Holshouser, Hunt Take Oaths Friday



JIM HOLSHOUSER  
Governor-Elect



### J. C. Clary's Brother Passes

Claude Clary, 63, died suddenly Wednesday.

Funeral rites will be held Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. from Gaffney's East Gaffney Baptist church with interment in Oakwood cemetery.

The family will receive friends at Shuford-Hatcher Funeral Home Thursday night from 7 until 9.

Mr. Clary was brother of J. C. Clary of Kings Mountain.

Also surviving are two sons, Billy Joe Clary of Charlotte and Eddie Gene Clary of Cherokee Falls, S. C.; one sister, Mrs. Ruth Clark Parker of Gaffney, S. C.; and a brother, Dewey Clary of Charlotte.

### Commission To Receive Bids

Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission will receive bids up to 1 p.m. Tuesday on \$580,000 in project notes, a re-funding for business district re-development project for which \$820,000 in notes were issued last year.

The notes are to be dated February 6 and are to mature February 1, 1974.

Meantime, Gene White commission director said, the com-

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### Assemblymen To Be Sworn On Wednesday

Three-term Representative W. K. (Billy) Mauney, Jr., of Kings Mountain, will be sworn as a North Carolina Senator, one of three from the 25th Senatorial District of Cleveland, Rutherford, Gaston and Lincoln Counties, on Wednesday, as the 1973 North Carolina General Assembly convenes in Raleigh.

Senator-Elect and Mrs. Mauney, their daughter, Miss Martha Jane Mauney, and Ken Bumgardner of Kings Mountain will go to Durham today to be house-guests of another Mauney daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Faunce. The family will attend the inaugural festivities tonight at 7:30 in William Neal Reynolds Coliseum on the campus of North Carolina State University where Martha Jane Mauney will be one of the sponsors and Bumgardner will be her marshal for the formal ball honoring Governor and Mrs. Jim Holshouser.

A Coffee Hour at the Raleigh Woman's club Thursday at 1 p.m. will honor the ball sponsors and their marshals which Mrs. Mauney and Mr. Bumgardner will attend.

The three Senators-Elect from the 25th District, each representing 100,000 persons, are Mauney, Marshall Rauch of Gastonia and Jack Rhyne of Belmont.

Representatives-Elect from the House from Gaston, Cleveland, Rutherford and Polk counties, each representing 45,000 persons, are Bob Falls of Shelby, Jack Hunt of Lattimore, and Bob Jones of Forest City.

Senator J. Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain plans to attend the oath-taking ceremonies Friday on the east lawn of the Capitol. Senator Harris, who did not seek re-election, is completing his first term in the Senate.

Republican Jim Holshouser, 38, of Boore, will receive the oath of office from Chief Justice William H. Hobbitt to mark the transition of North Carolina's government from Democratic control in an outdoor setting filled with the pomp and pageantry of tradition.

Governor Holshouser will become the first Republican chief executive since Gov. Donald Russell gave up his office in January.

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### Russell Moore Died In Fire Friday Night

A 71-year old Kings Mountain Negro man died Friday night when fire destroyed his mobile home.

Russell Moore of Route 3 was pronounced dead on arrival at Kings Mountain Hospital at approximately 10:20 p.m.

Medical examiner Dr. George Plonk and Dr. Paige Hudson of Chapel Hill said cause of death was from burns and added that the body was burned nearly beyond recognition. An autopsy was conducted.

Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Department answered the call but reported that the mobile home was completely burned by the time they arrived. The home had no electricity and the fire apparently started from an old coal-burning heater.

Moore's body reportedly was found on the floor about six feet from the door. Moore lived alone.

Dr. Plonk said his investigation indicated no signs of foul play.

Funeral rites were conducted Sunday at 3:30 p.m. from the Chapel of J. W. Gill & Son funeral home by Rev. R. O. Davis and interment was in Vestibule cemetery.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Made M. Simpson of Charlotte; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

### Mode Rites Held Tuesday

Funeral rites for Harvey Mode, 83, of Burlington, former resident of Kings Mountain, were conducted Tuesday in Burlington.

Mr. Mode was a retired carpenter.

### New \$55,000 Office For Sadie Mill, VFW Post Building \$13,355 Addition

Sadie Cotton Mills has launched construction of a new \$55,000 office building.

The building will be masonry. Contractor is Howard Construction Company of Lincolnton, and architect is J. L. Beam, Jr., of Gastonia.

Another permit issued during the last week was to Frank B. Glass Post 9811 for an addition to the post building off Margrace Road. The addition is estimated to cost \$13,533 and Marion Dixon

### Total Exceeded Prior Record By Half-Million

By MARTIN HARMON

Kings Mountain had a record construction year in 1972 — by a half million dollars, and for a grand total of \$3,521,850.50, city Building Inspector Woodrow W. Laughter reported Wednesday.

The total value is represented by city building permits purchased during 1972.

Last year's total barely topped \$3,000,000.

Residential building was the big item.

October was the biggest month, with permit values slightly shy of the million mark. Slowest months were July and December.

Mr. Laughter gave this breakdown:

137 new single family dwellings \$2,318,761.50.

12 apartments \$120,000.

7 mobile homes \$43,224.

Residential additions and alterations \$72,993.

All other residential building \$37,894.

Other than buildings (driveways, fences, etc.) \$6572.

3 industrial buildings \$353,300.

10 commercial buildings \$193,050.

Rescue squad, school, church, lodges, and nursing home \$376,056.

Mayor John Henry Moss, pleased at the record total, predicted, "1973 will be an even bigger year for building in Kings Mountain."

### Scott Appoints Harris Judge

Twenty-seventh Judicial District Court Solicitor Max Harris was appointed Friday by Gov. Robert Scott as a judge in the district to replace retiring Judge Joe Mull.

Harris had been recommended to the Governor by the 27th Judicial District Bar association in a special meeting held Dec. 11.

Judge Mull's retirement due to poor health became official Monday.

The Governor traditionally accepts the recommendation of members of the judicial district bar when filling vacancies on the bench.

Harris joins Judges Lewis Bulwinkle, Ralph Phillips, Oscar Mason and Robert Kirby as district court judges in the 27th judicial district.

The appointment of Harris is one of the last official acts Gov. Scott will perform before he leaves office Friday.

A native of Cleveland county Harris is married to the former Sara Daves of Mooresboro. They have a daughter, Sandra, age 17.

Harris, a district court solicitor since the position was created in 1959, is a graduate of Wake Forest Law school and attended Gardner-Webb college and Western Carolina University. He returned to Shelby after graduating from Wake Forest in 1958 and began practicing law. He is a member of Bowling Springs Baptist church, the state, county and district bar associations and Phi Alpha Delta Law fraternity.

Harris Attend Truman Rites

Senator J. Ollie Harris returned Friday from Independence, Mo., where he attended the funeral Thursday of former President Harry S. Truman. The rites were held in the Truman Library.

Senator Harris also attended funeral rites for two other former presidents of the United States: President John F. Kennedy and President Dwight David Eisenhower.

Permit for construction of a dwelling, estimated to cost \$19,700, at 414 Somerset Drive was issued to Camp Development Corporation.

Perimeter zoning permit was issued to Hal Morris for addition of a body shop building to his garage and permit for placement of a trailer in the perimeter area on Bessemer City road was also issued.