

## Population

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| 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, 1966, and includes the 14,990 population of Number 1 Township, in Gaston County, plus 6,124 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowders Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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## Warehouse Inventory Underway In Mill Fire Monday



103 YEARS OF SAFE DRIVING — Trooper Charles H. Cook of the N. C. Highway Patrol is shown presenting to J. J. Robinette, cable repair foreman for Southern Bell, a certificate of 26 years of safe driving. Other Bell employees who also received safe driving awards are left to right: G. H. Higgins, supervising service foreman 25 years; R. R. Sloan, Jr., district plant manager, 26 years; and T. C. Parks, PBX installer-repairman 26 years.

### Bell Honors Safe Drivers With Awards

Safe driving certificates have recently been presented to 80 employees of Southern Bell's plant department, who install and maintain telephones in the Gastonia-Kings Mountain areas. R. R. Sloan, district plant manager for Bell, said the awards represent a combined total of 893 years of accident free driving.

Patrolman Charles H. Cook, of the N. C. Highway Patrol, made the presentations at a special awards ceremony last Friday and commended each recipient for doing an outstanding job of defensive driving.

Southern Bell operates a fleet of over 2,000 vehicles in North Carolina and last year they were driven over 27.5 million miles.

Mr. Sloan concluded, "Safety is a main concern of Southern Bell and we're proud of the outstanding record of our employees."

### Bloodmobile Returns Monday

The Red Cross bloodmobile will return to Kings Mountain for a one-day visit Monday.

Donors will be processed from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Kings Mountain Community Center or Cleveland Avenue.

A spokesman for the blood bank said that blood is badly needed and he invited area citizens to again "give generously to help others."

Goal of the collection is 150 units of blood.

### Mrs. Mary Klepper Gifts Chairman

Mrs. Mary Klepper is memorial gifts chairman of the Kings Mountain Heart Fund and citizens wishing to contribute gifts in memory of a loved one are asked to mail their contributions to her.

Mrs. Klepper resides on Crest Hill Road.

### FBLA Drive Nets \$379.75

The Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) at Kings Mountain High School collected \$379.75 last weekend on their fund drive for the March of Dimes.

Mrs. Grady Howard, spokesman for the group, said "we'd like to thank the public for their generous response."

Mrs. Howard said any others wishing to make a donation may send it to her in care of Kings Mountain High School.

**SERMON TOPIC**  
"Compassion" will be the sermon topic of Dr. Paul Ausley at Sunday morning worship hour at 11 at First Presbyterian church.

## McDaniel Charge Is Not-Prossed

### Legion Manager Is Fined \$500 On Two Counts

A charge against City Clerk Joe H. McDaniel, Jr., in connection with the Jan. 16 raid by the State Alcoholic Beverage Control and State Bureau of Investigation agents at the American Legion Building here was not pressed with leave Tuesday in 27th Judicial District Court.

Solicitor Berlin Carpenter explained that Mr. McDaniel, who uses an office at the Legion building in connection with his duties as adjutant and finance officer of the post, was not present at the time of the raid and that a charge of possession of punch boards was not pressed with the manager of the club, Walter D. (Red) Morrison, subsequently admitting possession of the boards.

Morrison was fined \$250 and given a choice of judgment or continued on charges of possession of punch boards. The boards were turned over to the county sheriff.

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### Record Year 1972 For KMS & L; Many Citizens Are "Saving More"



**STUDENT OFFICER** — Carolyn Mitchem, freshman student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mitchem of Kings Mountain, has been elected academic lieutenant governor of Ehringhaus Residence for the school term 1973-74. Miss Mitchem is now serving as third floor co-chairwoman of the residence for young women students.

### School Board Will Hear Progress Report

The Kings Mountain Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday night at 7:30 at the School Administration Building.

Supt. Don Jones said today that school architect Eugene Warren of Charlotte probably will be present to give a progress report on school building plans.

Jones said he and Central School Principal Fred Withers met with Warren Tuesday to review some possible plans.

Meanwhile, Jones reported the school system recently purchased the Cansler property on West King Street for the price of \$8,500.

The 90 by 351 feet lot adjacent to West School had been up for public sale for several months.

Jones said the house will be torn down and the land used as an addition to the West playground.

"It will allow us to square up the playground behind the school," Jones said, "and will also give us some additional room up front."

### UF Awards Banquet Set

Annual meeting and awards banquet of the Kings Mountain United Fund will be held Thursday, February 23, at 7 p.m. at Royal Villa.

Awards will be presented to various industries in the city who will be honored for outstanding participation in the 1973 campaign.

United Fund President Marvin Teer said a large crowd is expected to attend.

### S & L Elects Dr. McGill

Dr. John C. McGill, Kings Mountain medical doctor, was re-elected president of the Kings Mountain Savings & Loan Association at the annual shareholders' meeting Tuesday.

All other officers were re-elected.

J. Roan Davis, retired Kings Mountain lawyer, was re-elected President-Emeritus.

C. Glenn White was re-elected vice-president; Joseph R. Smith was re-elected executive vice-president and Mrs. Ruby H. Baker was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Shareholders also elected directors, including C. A. Allison, Dr. R. N. Baker, Mrs. Ruby H. Baker, Glee E. Bridges, J. Roan Davis, W. S. Fulton, Jr., Boyce H. Gault, George E. Lewis, Joseph R. Smith and C. Glenn White.

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### Heart Fund Gifts \$433

A total of \$433 was collected Wednesday at the Heart Fund Benefit at the Country Club where 64 women played bridge on Valentine's Day for the 1973 Heart Fund.

Mr. Smith said that 1972 was the greatest growth year that Kings Mountain Savings and Loan had experienced since its founding in 1907.

He also reported that 1972 saw the Savings and Loan business nationally enjoy its greatest year.

"Total assets of the Savings and Loan business will increase an estimated \$38.7 billion during the current year," he said. "This is an 18 per cent increase over the \$20.6 billion figure of the start of the year. Savings and Loan assets should pass the \$250 billion mark early in 1973."

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VFW VOICE OF DEMOCRACY WINNER — Dennis Bolin, center in photograph, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Bolin of Kings Mountain, and local winner in the Frank B. Glass Post 9811 Voice of Democracy contest was second place winner in the recent District 14 competition. Bolin receives a certificate and award from VFW Commander Jack Smith, left, as Past Commander Ben Case looks on. (Herald Photo by I. G. Alexander)

### City's Oldest, Former Phenix Razored By Fire

BY GARY STEWART

BVD Textiles officials say they still have "no idea" of the amount of damages resulting from a fire at their warehouse Monday.

The old Phenix Mill, which has been used as a warehouse by BVD's Craftsman plant, was completely destroyed and some preliminary reports stated the damage was in excess of \$2 million.

However, Carl Sheppard, who has been taking an inventory of the warehouse since Monday, said today, "I have no idea how those newspapers got those figures. I didn't come from anyone in our plant. We're still evaluating what we had in there."

Fire was first reported at the warehouse Monday at 6:48 a.m. Firemen rushed to the scene and apparently extinguished the fire. Around 8 a.m., the flames apparently caught up again, causing an explosion in the basement and the building was suddenly engulfed in flames.

Over 100 firemen from Kings Mountain, Cleveland and Gaston counties battled the blaze, which was seen for miles.

Cleveland County Fire Marshal Delane Davis said the explosion was due to a heat build up which was due to the lack of oxygen to the fire. He said the fire appeared to have started between the flooring.

Cotton and polyester fabrics for men's slacks were stored in the warehouse. There were also some reports that warehouse manager Jimmy White had put some company money in a drawer and it too was destroyed.

Kyle Smith, personnel director, said the plant was approximately 100 years old and that it was the oldest mill in Kings Mountain. He said it finally quit burning Tuesday night.

Firemen reported that it was the biggest fire in Kings Mountain since the Slater Mill burned down several years ago. A Sheldy fireman said it was the worst fire he had ever fought in Cleveland County.

Only six warehouse employees were affected by the fire. Operation at the nearby Craftsman plant, which is just across the railroad tracks from the destroyed warehouse, went on as usual even during the fire.

### Commissioner: No News On By-Pass

### Road Matters And Priorities On Board Agenda

The new district highway commissioner for this area — Walter Stine Eisenhower of Conover — told the Herald yesterday he would be going back to Raleigh for a two day meeting next week for discussions to "set up priorities on roads and secondary roads" following orientation meeting two weeks ago of the new highway commissioners.

Visitors traveling 1-26, 15 and 301 found themselves snarled up and all facilities in the area overtaxed.

Mayor Moss said elephants from Clyde Beatty Circus, also traveling interstate, pulled many stranded motorists from the ditch and helped clear the elongated roads.

The mayor had been in the Charleston area attending a meeting and was enroute home.

He said residents of St. George described the heavy snow as the largest ever in the area.

Mayor Moss was unable to return home in time for Monday night's regular city commission meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Dickey presided at the meeting.

Mr. Eisenhower is nephew of Mrs. Gus Mauney of Kings Mountain.

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COMMENDED — Larry Abernathy of North Augusta, S. C., grandson of Mrs. John Mitchem of Kings Mountain, was recently commended for his work as a youth counselor in Oconee county. He is pictured with his wife and small daughter.

### Larry Abernathy Is Commended

Larry Abernathy of North Augusta, S. C., grandson of Mrs. John Mitchem of Kings Mountain and the late Mr. Mitchem, was recently commended via resolution from the Family Court of Oconee county in Seneca for "service beyond that required of his job as youth counselor."

Abernathy is son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Abernathy, former Kings Mountain residents now in North Augusta. He is married to the former Joann Davis of North Augusta and they are parents of a 10-months-old daughter, Dana.

The resolution was drawn up by Rev. Harold C. Warlick and authorized by members of the Community Concerns Group on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. The resolution bears the signature of 15 council members.

The resolution points out that: Abernathy headed a committee of concerned citizens which has written a federal grant to aid in funding county-wide alcohol and drug abuse programs; has been instrumental in implementing a drug education curriculum being tested in pilot programs in the junior and senior high schools; has elicited cooperation from law enforcement agencies in local education methods; handles major portions of drug and alcohol abuse problems referred by the public schools and has opened effective lines of communication with alienated youths; and since February 1971 he has far exceeded his job description and has given sacrificially of his time and experience and has devoted

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School, Cansler Buy Properties

Kings Mountain district schools have purchased Tract I of the Mrs. George Cansler property for \$850 and Luther and Anthony Cansler have purchased Tract II for \$2859. Commissioner J. A. West of Horn & West announced this week.

The school tract is located on West Mountain street and will provide a playground for West school.

The other tract is located on West King street.

The sale is the result of many weeks of public auctioning of the two properties.

The final sale was confirmed by the clerk of court's office last week.

### Aubrey Mauney Home From Short But "Fun" Trip Around The World

Aubrey Mauney, Kings Mountain industrialist, returned home Wednesday night after what he described as a quick but unusual trip around the world—the 27th for Cliff Gatas and the 34th for his partner Jim Hiltabedel.

On board the only person known to Mr. Mauney in the South was Dr. Marshall Brown, president of Presbyterian college at Clinton, S. C.

It was Mr. Mauney's second trip to Kenya and Tanzania and while in these east African countries he made several Wild-life Safaris including a safari to the Ngorongoro Crater, the greatest game preserve in the world.

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