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Greater Kings Mountain 21,914
City Limits 8,465

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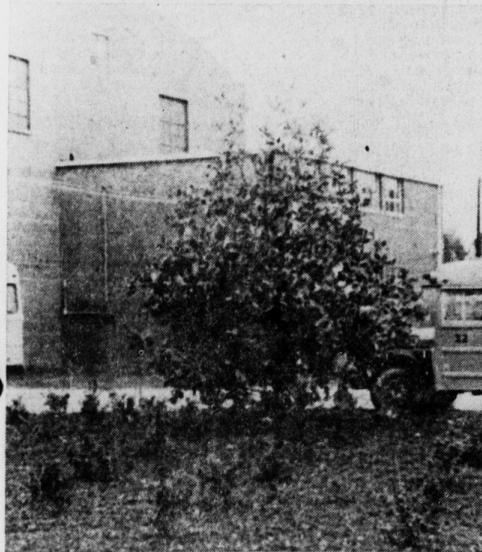
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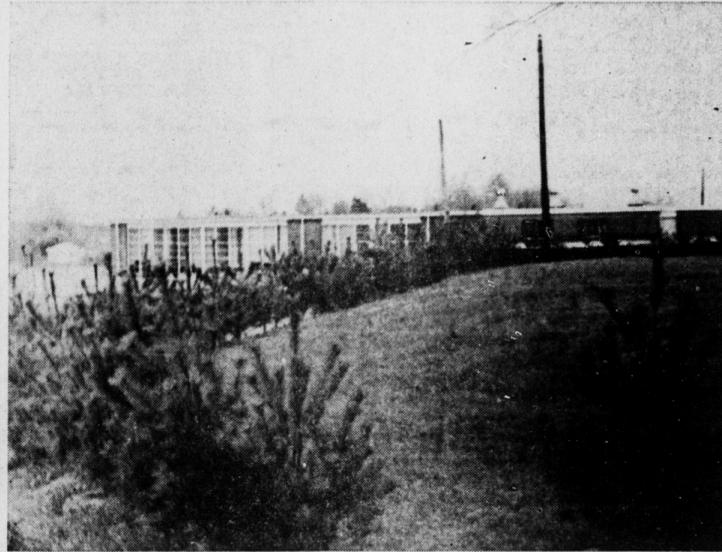
Kings Mountain, N. C., Thursday, April 12, 1973

Eighty-Fourth Year

PRICE TEN CENTS



BETHWARE BEAUTIFICATION — Photos above show part of a beautification project at Bethware Elementary School. Photo at left shows a mini-park in the bus parking lot in the rear of the school where holly bushes surround a magnolia tree. Photo on right shows white pine trees set out at the two ends



of the school building. Principal E. J. Evans said the school set out approximately 160 trees and 100 holly bushes as a part of the Keep North Carolina Beautiful project. (Photos by Gary Stewart)

Dixon Firm Announces Plans For Relocation

Auto Firm Will Rebuild On York Road

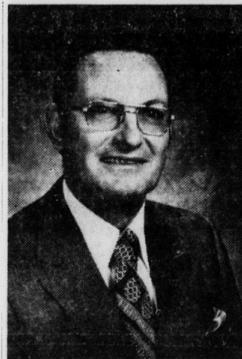
Dixon Chevrolet has begun preliminary plans to build a new company on York Road, according to Charles Dixon, president of the local firm.

Dixon said all plans are currently in the hands of the firm's architect but he said building should begin in about 120 days.

"Right now," he said, "there's not too much to tell, I don't know the exact square footage of the new building, because the plans are with our architect, but the new company will be quite a bit bigger than our present one."

Dixon said he has a meeting scheduled with the architect early next week, at which time he will secure a copy of the building plans. The current building housing Dixon Chevrolet will be demolished as part of Kings Mountain's downtown redevelopment project.

Dixon said the new building will be located beside Frederickson Motor Lines.



SPEAKER — Rev. Jack Cooke of Cherryville will fill the pulpit at Sunday morning worship hour at Boyce Memorial ARP church.

12 Others Plan To Move Says White

Redevelopment Comm. Director Gene White predicts that 12 downtown businesses will be relocated within the next 18 months.

Mr. White prefaced his progress report to the city commission with this statement Monday night.

He said that already 35 to 40 percent of the land for the eight-block central business district renewal project has been acquired and projected that by year end 50 percent will be acquired.

"We haven't gotten into high gear yet on the \$25 million Candler Street urban renewal project, but we're working," said Mr. White, touching briefly on the major project which received final approval in December.

Among items he discussed in downtown revitalization:

Cooke To Fill ARP Pulpit

Rev. Jack H. Cooke, chaplain of Carolina Freight Carriers Corporation of Cherryville since June 1960, will fill the pulpit at Sunday morning worship hour at 11 a. m. at Boyce Memorial ARP church.

Rev. Mr. Cooke will speak in the absence of Dr. Charles Edwards, pastor, who is leading a series of services at Due West, S. C. ARP church April 15-19.

Mr. Cooke is a graduate of Maiden High School, Brevard Junior College, Lenoir-Rhyne College and Duke Divinity School. He has served pastorates in Harmony, Statesville, Charlotte, Cherryville and Asheville. He is married and has two sons.

Scholarship To Janet Sneed

Miss Janet Marie Sneed, high school senior, of 517 Cleveland Avenue, is winner of the District IV Sallie Southall Cotton Scholarship given by the N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch, president of the local Women's Club which sponsored Miss Sneed in the competition, made the announcement.

Mrs. Elcie Blice of Forest City, District IV president, will make the presentation to Miss Sneed at a meeting of the Kings Mountain club April 30th at 7:45 p. m. at the Kings Mountain Woman's Club.

Mrs. Lynch said she was pleased to make the scholarship announcement, noting that it is the first time in the local club's history that a local girl has been the recipient of the district scholarship.

Ladies Auxiliary Benefit Saturday

Ladies Auxiliary of Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a hotdog sale on Saturday beginning at 11 a. m. and continuing until 7 p. m. at the Bethlehem Fire Department.

Desserts and drinks will also be available.

"Come by and eat with us or take it out," said Mrs. Chester Cash and Mrs. Gene Carpenter, publicity co-chairmen.

Oak Grove Fund Reaches \$999

First night solicitation effort by Oak Grove Volunteer Firemen resulted in contributions to its "hump" fund for equipment of \$999.00, a spokesman said yesterday.

The 100 volunteers leading the campaign for \$15,000 for a quick-dump water truck and a brush fire truck report the drive 1-15 complete.

Chief Wayne Self said the drive was launched Thursday night and volunteers are already calling on families in the 800-family area to seek pledges and cash for the campaign.

Mr. Self said the annual membership drive has been postponed until October in order to recon-struct on the immediate need for equipment. The October drive will coincide with the promotion of Fire Prevention Week.

Other drive chairmen are John O. Patterson, Rush White and Howard Hamrick.

Leaders from the Ebenezer community will be announced next week and the drive progress will be reported each week during the two-month campaign.

CHURCH SERVICES

Revival services are continuing through Sunday night at Second Baptist church with Rev. John Laas of Lumberton as visiting evangelist. Services are at 7:30 each evening.

Plant Accident Injures Davis, 17

Youth Suffers Facial Cuts, Is Improving

Mike Davis, 17-year-old Kings Mountain high school student, is recuperating in Kings Mountain hospital after an industrial accident Monday night which resulted in face and head cuts which required from 500 to 700 stitches.

Young Davis, contacted in his hospital room Wednesday, said he was sitting on a dye machine around 6:30 Monday when it was accidentally turned on and he was pulled into it.

"Thank goodness, someone thought to turn it off and it threw me out into the floor," he said. "The Kings Mountain Rescue Squad was there in no more than five minutes and brought me to the hospital."

Davis stayed in the operating room for five hours. In addition to the head and face cut, he suffered pulled muscles in his back and neck.

Young Davis' doctors aren't sure how long hospitalization will be required. "I'm supposed to have my bandages removed Thursday," young Davis noted, "and hopefully they'll know something then."

Davis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis and lives on Gold street.



TO BE ORDAINED — Reginald Alexander will be ordained into the ministry at Sunday evening services at First Baptist church.

Alexander To Be Ordained

Reginald Keith Alexander, son of Postmaster and Mrs. Charles L. Alexander, will be ordained into the ministry Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m. at First Baptist church.

The ordination service will be led by Rev. Paul Riggs, pastor, assisted by Dr. Eugene Poston, president of Gardner Webb College, and Rev. Charles Freeman, campus pastor of Gardner Webb College at Boiling Springs.

Alexander will receive his Masters in Religious Education from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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McGinnis May Leave Hospital Thursday

Dick McGinnis, partner in McGinnis Furniture Company, is scheduled to be released from Kings Mountain Hospital today and will be recuperating for several days at his home on Crescent Circle.

McGinnis was hospitalized over two weeks ago with a severe heart attack and was a patient in the coronary care unit for several days.

His condition has steadily improved since he was transferred to a private room.

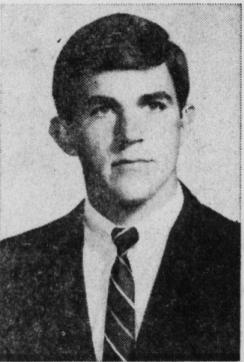
Larry Dunn Joins Timms'

Larry Dunn has joined the staff of Timms Furniture.

After an early retirement from professional baseball due to arthritis in his pitching arm, he chose retail business as an alternative to his life's ambition, he said.

He came to Kings Mountain in June 1972 as store manager of the relatively new Clark Tire store and he and his wife, Joan, both natives of Laurens, S. C., are residing in Gold Street Apartments.

Said Dunn, "I am looking forward to working with Timms Furniture and hope I can continue to meet the fine people of this wonderful little town while working in this new position."



INDUCTED — George Webb, Jr., Kings Mountain student at Bowman Gray School of Medicine, has been inducted into membership by Alpha Omega honorary medical fraternity.

Bethware Has Completed Beautification

The Bethware School PTA and the Kings Mountain District Schools board of education recently completed a \$3,500 beautification project at the school.

Supt. Don Jones said the program was undertaken last year after the State Department of Public Instruction encouraged schools to participate in a statewide "Keep North Carolina Beautiful" project.

Jones said the Bethware PTA selected a committee to study such a project and the board offered to match all funds provided by the PTA.

The project features a sidewalk along the front of the school, plus outside lighting. Jones said cost of the landscaped parking lot with a mini-park, approximately 160 white pine trees, 100 holly bushes and new grass. Jones said cost of the landscaping was approximately \$2,400 and sidewalk paving and curbing cost was approximately \$1,000.

School Board Meets Monday

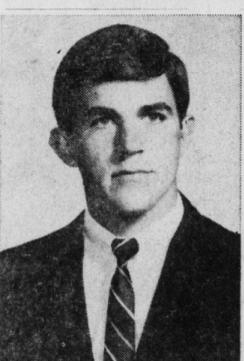
The Kings Mountain District Schools board of education will meet Monday night at 7:30 at the School Administration Building.

Supt. Don Jones said the board will meet in a special executive session at 7 p. m. to discuss personnel matters.

Jones said decisions made during the special session will be announced during the regular meeting.

Jones said school insurance, school policy concerning maternity and grievance procedures and plans for the new junior high, auditorium at the high school and improvements at East and West elementary schools will be presented during the regular meeting.

Retired Accountant Jim Smith Died Saturday; Rites On Sunday



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Rev. P. H. Waugh officiated at the final rites and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Charlie Kenney, C. T. Carpenter Jr., George Ware, Bun Goforth, Jake Dixon and C. J. Gault Jr.

Mr. Smith died Saturday morning at 9:05 a. m. in Cleveland Memorial hospital at Shelby after several years illness.

He was a native of Mecklenburg county, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Smith. He was a retired accountant at Margraze and Phenix Mills.

A veteran of World War I, he served with the Pershing Expedition in Mexico in 1916 and as a member of the Rain'ew division. He was a graduate of Fishburne Military Academy, Alexandria, Va., and North Carolina State college.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. ...

Rites Conducted For Mrs. McGinnis



Funeral services for Mrs. Iva Harris McGinnis, 83, were conducted Monday morning at 11 o'clock from St. Matthew's Lutheran church of which she was a member.



Girls State Delegates Named

Donna Jones, daughter of Supt. and Mrs. Don Jones, and Nancy Hord, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. D. F. Hord, have been selected to represent the American Legion Auxiliary at Tar Heel Girls State in June.

Both Miss Jones and Miss Hord are rising seniors at Kings Mountain high school and are active, not only in school activities, but in church work and community activities.

Tar Heel Girl's State is held annually for a week during June in which hundreds of young women from North Carolina learn a lot of government during a full program of citizenship activities on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Girl's State co-chairmen for Unit 155 are Mrs. Stonewall Jackson and Mrs. Charles Hampton. Other members of the committee were Mrs. Orangel Jolly and Jackie Barrett.

Kidney Ailment Was Fatal On Saturday

Mrs. McGinnis died Saturday morning of a kidney condition at 9:05 in Cleveland Memorial hospital at Shelby after six weeks illness.

She was a native of Hickory, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Howard Harris. Her husband, the late William Henkle McGinnis, who founded McGinnis Furniture Company, died in 1961. She was a member of the Kings Mountain Senior Citizens club.

Mrs. McGinnis was mother of 13 children, 12 of whom survive, including Odell McGinnis of Gastonia, Paul McGinnis, Hubert McGinnis and James B. McGinnis, all of Kings Mountain; and five daughter, Mrs. Edward Gonzalez of Bricktown, N. J., Mrs. Jack Whitstine of Alexandria, Va., Mrs. Lou Sabetti of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Herman Eagle of Kannapolis and Mrs. Carl Sawyer of Charlotte. Also surviving are 28 grand-children and 11 great-grandchildren.

Easter Holiday For Students

Kings Mountain District schools will close Friday for an eight-day Easter vacation.

Supt. Don Jones said all schools will resume classes on Tuesday, April 24.

Jones said the lengthy vacation was made possible last week when the State Board of Education ruled that schools with less than five inclement weather days would not have to make them up.

Kings Mountain lost three days due to snow and the board of education had decided to make up during the Easter break. However, Jones said, the board decided to give the students their original vacation after the state board made its ruling.

WORKSHOP

Kings Mountain Little Theatre is scheduled a director's workshop, free and open to the public, on April 16-20 at Park Grace school auditorium. George Gray of the Gastonia Little Theatre will be conducting.

City Contracts For Water Line

The city commission Monday night approved agreement with the county for 5,500 feet of 12-inch and eight-inch water line to the Gold Mine Industrial Park.

MMB Trust, owners of the property, agreed to pay \$68,000, the contract based on a 10-year taxation period and in line with the county water policy.

Alcan Aluminum Corporation is the first industry to announce relocation in the new industrial park owned by Charles F. Mauney, his brother, Herman Mauney, and his sister, Mrs. Kay Mauney Berkeley.

Ground-breaking at the site on York road was held several weeks ago.

In a minor action Monday night, the city board, after a public hearing, approved request for permanently closing an unnamed street near Eastside Baptist church on York road.

EMERGE MEETING

An emergency communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM will be held Monday night at 7:30 at Masonic Hall for work in the first degree, announces Thomas D. Tindall, secretary.

Gary Wayne Ledbetter, 23, Dies Of Injuries; Rites Held Monday



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Rev. James Sanders, assisted by Rev. Harry Vance, officiated, and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Bill Parker, David Parker, Dennis Goforth, Clark Mauney, Danny Lewis, Darrell Putnam and Dennis Smith.

Ledbetter was killed instantly Saturday afternoon at 3 p. m. of injuries he suffered when he was thrown from the 1967 Comara he was operating on N. C. 216 South. He was reportedly en route to his home in Grover when the vehicle apparently skidded on wet pavement and struck a utility pole in the front yard of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Moss, Assistant Coroner Bennett Masters said.

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