



SIGN TELLS STORY — Bethlehem firemen Paul Williams, left, and David Smith hold a sign that tells the story of the department's annual fund drive which begins this weekend. The department is seeking \$11,000 for the purchase of new equipment. (Gary Stewart photo).

Bethlehem Begins Fund For Firemen

Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department will begin its annual equipment fund drive this weekend.

A barbecue chicken supper and open house is scheduled for Saturday, beginning at 5 p. m. and firemen will begin house-to-house solicitation of funds on Sunday.

Recommended donations are \$25 for homes, \$25 for small businesses and \$100 for industry. The department is seeking \$11,000 for the purchase of two new trucks, a tanker for transporting water to back up the main pumper, and a combination road and field truck.

"Both trucks have been designed by members of our department and are suited specifically for our needs," said a department spokesman. "With the addition of these new vehicles, we will have only one truck more than two years old, and to our knowledge,

there is no other department in the county with this many new vehicles."

The department plans to keep only one truck, a brush truck which is used only in woods and field fires where the newer trucks aren't used.

The department has sponsored numerous fund raising projects during the past year and recently held a barbecue pork supper at which over 400 plates were sold and a hot dog sale at which over 1200 hot dogs were sold.

The suppers, as the one upcoming Saturday, are sponsored by the ladies auxiliary. In addition, the fire department annually takes part in the Bethlehem Community Fair, operating the concession stand and dunking machine on an alternating basis with Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Department.

The Bethlehem department was one of the first community fire **CONTINUED ON PAGE 6**



NEW EQUIPMENT — The fire trucks shown above were recently purchased by Bethlehem Fire Dept. and the department currently owes \$11,000 on them. A fund drive will begin this weekend, starting with a barbecue and open house Saturday. (Stewart photo).

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, 1966, and includes the 14,990 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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PRICE TEN CENTS

Spring Building Permits \$1,033,871

First Quarter Permits Up: April Is High

The city of Kings Mountain is currently in the midst of a building boom.

A check of building permits for the first four months of the year revealed that construction of businesses and homes at a cost of \$1,033,871 is already underway.

That's almost \$200,000 more than at the same time period last year. Building permits for the month of April totaled \$469,851 as compared to \$166,708 last April.

Included in the building permits already issued is a shopping center on Highway 74 west at a construction cost of \$376,100 and a new building for City Heating at a cost of \$21,500. It also includes \$17,420 in repairs to businesses as compared to \$2,000 in March of this year.

The April building permits totaled over \$200,000 more than in any other month of 1973. January permits were \$197,485, February \$202,809 and March 163,726.

Total building in 1972 was \$3,521,850.50. Included in that figure were 10 businesses and a nursing home. The biggest building months of '72 were October, with \$885,030.50; September, with \$514,451 and November, with \$476,444.

Baptists Set Ground-Breaking

A busy day is planned for First Baptist church, Kings Mountain, on Sunday, May 6. High Attendance Day in Sunday school will lead off the activities of the day.

At the 11 o'clock worship hour, the first service of the spring revival will be held. Rev. Paul Riggs, pastor, will speak.

After the morning worship, a service of ground-breaking for the construction of the fellowship and activities building is scheduled.

Everyone planning to attend is invited to bring food and stay for a "dinner on the grounds."

Paul Pouchak Wins License

Paul D. Pouchak, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Pouchak of Kings Mountain, is now a licensed radio telephone operator.

He was licensed March 5th by the United States of America Federal Communications Commission and received a first class general radio telephone certificate.

The license was issued at Chicago, Illinois. Pouchak, 20, is a second year student at United Electronics in Louisville, Ky.

Cash Property Bought For CBD

Clean-Up Drive Is Continuing

Kings Mountain's city-wide spring clean-up campaign will continue for two more weeks.

Chairman Norman King expressed appreciation to citizens for their "great response to the clean-up effort" and reminded a gain of clean-up bargains offered by the city.

Derelict auto removed: no cost. Derelict building removed: no cost.

Rat poison: no charge. Call 739-6731 before Saturday, says Comm. King.

Ford To Lead Revival Series

Rev. Bill Ford, pastor of Union Baptist church of Shelby, will be evangelist for revival services beginning Sunday at Oak View Baptist church.

Services will be held each evening through Friday at 7:30 p. m.

Rev. David Kime, pastor, issued invitation to the community to worship in the services. Special singing will be a feature of the services.

Preliminary Plans Drawn For Walkway

The Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission has acquired the C. E. Cash property on Cherokee street, another of the properties it will raze, John Hall, assistant director of the commission said yesterday.

The lot, 50 feet by 40 feet, is between Sudie's Beauty Shop and Foster Shoe Shop, and was purchased from C. E. Cash for \$3,750. Meantime, Mr. Hall said the Commission has received preliminary drawings by Crawford & Murphy Architects for the projected pedestrian walkway to be located between Roses & Phifer Hardware in downtown Kings Mountain.

The area (where formerly stood McGinnis Annex, McCurdy Cleaners and former Grayson's) will be developed on a similar pattern to the Senior Citizens Park on West Mountain with public benches, shrubs, and trees creating an attractive setting for a walkway connecting the shopping area. Mr. Hall said Roses Store may decide to plan an entrance and show window similar to Grayson's (overlooking the mini park) plus steps and a ramp to accommodate. **(Continued On Page Six)**

KMHS Finals For 250 Seniors Begin May 27

Kings Mountain high school has begun preparation for baccalaureate and graduation exercises.

Miss Helen Logan, high school guidance counselor who is in charge of the programs, announced today that baccalaureate will be held on May 27 at 8 p. m. in the high school gym and that graduation exercises will be at 8 p. m. June 1 in John Gamble Stadium.

Rev. Wayne Kitsler, pastor of First Wesleyan Methodist Church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon and other area ministers will also take part in the program.

Senior class officers will lead the graduation exercises.

This year's senior class totals 250, slightly less than last year's class of 261 which was the largest in KMHS history.

Mrs. Miller's Sister Passes

Funeral rites for Mrs. Mary L. Ferguson, of Gastonia, sister of Mrs. R. D. Miller of Kings Mountain, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 4 p. m. from Carothers Funeral Home Chapel, interment following in Gaston Memorial Park.

Mrs. Ferguson, widow of Ross A. Ferguson, died Friday in Augusta, Ga.

Also surviving are her son, Alvin Lee Ferguson, of Augusta, Ga. and five grandchildren.

Senior Citizens To Be Honored

Luncheon Friday Will Launch Local Events

A Friday luncheon at North Elementary School will kickoff Senior Citizens Month in Kings Mountain.

The luncheon at 1 p. m. is expected to draw more than 115 senior citizens and is being sponsored by the recreation department, the Kings Mountain District Schools and the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association.

Mayor John Moss, in conjunction with earlier proclamations by Governor Jim Holshouser and proclaimed the month of May as Senior Citizens Month.

The Mayor's proclamation reads:

"WHEREAS, the City of Kings Mountain is indebted to all of its citizens over 65 years of age who have made significant contributions to the development of progress of our city through their skills and leadership; and

"WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the city to create opportunities and design worthwhile and beneficial programs which encourage continued active involvement and participation for this rapidly increasing segment of citizens to use their capabilities and experienced knowledge in all areas of community affairs; and

"WHEREAS, to recognize that these older adults are a valuable resource and can continue to make current contributions to society which benefit our city;

"THEREFORE, I proclaim the month of May 1973 SENIOR CITIZENS MONTH in Kings Mountain and commend this observance to all citizens." **(Continued On Page Six)**

Burglars Make Lingerie Haul

Kings Mountain police are investigating a Friday breaking, entering and larceny in the trucking department of BVD Textiles.

Jim White, an employee of the firm, reported that someone entered the building around 6 a. m. by climbing over a wall and stole an unknown quantity of Gilead night gowns, BVD shirts and BVD underwear.

20th Year For Sabettie

Louis G. Sabettie, Kings Mountain insurance man, marks his 20th anniversary with Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. May 5th. He first began with the firm as an agent.

During the course of his employment he has made substantial gains and is presently in position of special representative sales manager.

Sabettie, who is married to the former Virginia McGinnis of Kings Mountain, is the father of two sons, Louis Jr., a student at Western Carolina University and Tony, age 13. He is an active member of Resurrection Lutheran church where he is superintendent of the Sunday school. He is former president of Kings Mountain Kiwanis club, former president of Life Underwriters Association and has been active in Boy Scouting for many years.

SERMON TOPIC

Rev. N. C. Bush will use the sermon topic "Recovery of Family Life," a Grace United Methodist church Sunday at the 11 o'clock service.

Stonewall Jackson Challenges Dixon For Legion Commander Post

Legionnaires of Post 155 will elect new officers for 1973-74 in balloting Monday from 1 until 7 p. m. at the American Legion building.

Five offices are contested, and 10 seek membership on the executive committee of which five will be elected.

Commander Lindbergh Dixon, completing his first term, is being challenged by Stonewall Jackson.

John Conner and Sewell Laughridge are vying for historian.

Charles Hampton and Clinton Jolly seek the post of second vice commander.

There is a three-way contest for sergeant-at-arms between

Jackie Dean Barrett, Randall Elgin and Gene Wright, while Lloyd Greene, Gene Tignor and Robert Wright seek the post of assistant sergeant-at-arms.

Offices uncontested are those of First Vice Commander, Bruce McDaniel; Adjutant and Finance Officer Joe H. McDaniel Jr.; Chaplain John W. Gladden; Service Officer Gene Steffy; and Judge Advocate Jerry Trammell.

In the running for a seat on the executive committee are Rhea Barber, C. E. (Whitey) Bowen, C. E. (Pete) Bridges, Jake Bridges, Wayne Burton, Bob Davies, Gene Gibson, W. D. (Red) Morrison, Jay W. Powell, Carl Wiesener, Carl Wilson and Audley Tignor.



STUDENT OFFICER — Kathryn Owens has been elected president of the Student Christian Union of Wingate College.

Miss Owens Is Elected

Kathryn (Kat) Owens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex D. Owens of Rt. 1, York Road has won election to the office of president, Christian Student Union, at Wingate College, Wingate.

A graduate of Kings Mountain high school and a former employee of Belk's in Kings Mountain, "Kat" hopes to follow in her mother's footsteps and become a school teacher. To this end she plans to attend Appalachian State University for a degree in elementary education after completing her two years of basic higher education at Wingate.

Wingate's Christian Student Union is an influential organization. Membership is open to Christian students of all denominations. C. S. U. activities include wholesome activities of many kinds—vesper services, visits to rest homes and hospitals, discussion groups, retreats and others. "Kat" is the first woman to hold the top leadership post in the organization.

Scholarships To Janet Sneed

Janet Marie Sneed, high school senior student and daughter of Mrs. Virginia Myers of 571 Cleveland Avenue, won the \$500 runner-up scholarship award from the Dover Foundation on Wednesday night.

Miss Sneed is also recipient of the District IV Sallie Southall Cotton Scholarship which was presented at the Kings Mountain Woman's club Monday night. Miss Sneed was nominee from the Woman's club in the competition.

Three Kings Mountain students also won \$100 scholarship grants in the Dover competition. The Dover Foundation awarded scholarships totaling \$3,700 to outstanding seniors in Cleveland county high schools.

Their announcement climaxed the annual Dover Foundation Scholarship dinner held at Gardner-Webb college and featuring an address by Norman Sloan, N. C. State University's head basketball coach.

The foundation awards scholarships grants in two categories: one for students planning to attend Gardner-Webb college and one for students who will attend **CONTINUED ON PAGE 6**



EXPLAINS LAKE PROJECT — Kings Mountain Mayor John Moss, left, explains Kings Mountain lake project to Congressman Jim Broyhill during Broyhill's visit to the city Friday. Broyhill was at the mayor's office to discuss political issues with the public. (Photo by Gary Stewart).



PRESIDENT — Miss Elizabeth Stewart was elected District 23 president of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Auxiliary Taps Miss Stewart

Herald staffer Elizabeth Stewart was elected president of District 23 of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of North Carolina, at the annual meeting Sunday in Shelby.

Miss Stewart will succeed Mrs. Robert G. McRorie of Rutherfordton, completing her second term.

The new officers will be installed at the June state convention of the Legion and Auxiliary in Charlotte.

Miss Stewart is serving this year as state communications chairman and as alternate district president. She is completing her second term as president of Otis D. Green Unit 155 Auxiliary of Kings Mountain.

The local unit, which has grown from 45 members in 1971 to 111 this year, was the first unit in the state to reach its membership goal last year. This year the unit has reached its quota plus the seven per cent asked by the national organization and welcomed 45 new members.

District 23, which also includes units in Shelby, Forest City, Rutherfordton and Spindale, was first district in the nation to attain membership goal this year. Mrs. McRorie was presented an appreciation plaque from the district and Mrs. Frank Ray of Hillsborough, Department president, made the keynote address at Sunday's meeting hosted by Shelby Unit 82 at the Post building.

Blair Pethel Is Selected

Blair Pethel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Pethel of Greensboro and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Booth W. Gillespie of Kings Mountain, is among 400 North Carolina high school students chosen to attend North Carolina Governor's School this summer.

The students will reside on the campus of Salem college at Winston-Salem for the eight weeks session beginning in July.

Students are selected on the basis of leadership ability and academic performance. Pethel is a rising junior at Page high school in Greensboro. He will study choral work and sight-reading.