

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 21,914
City Limits 8,465

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Dickson: Sewage Grant Is Unimpaired By Cut-Off

Leshower, Board To Discuss Roads

Conference To Highlight Monday Meeting

The city commission will confer with Walter S. Leshower, district highway commissioner, on Kings Mountain road and street needs at the Monday night 7:30 meeting.

The conference with Comm. Leshower, of Governor Jim Hollister, will highlight Monday's meeting.

Principal points in the discussion will be the recent resolutions and re-resolutions of the city commission concerning city road needs, which include:

- 1) A speed-up in the US 74 bypass project.
- 2) Widening of East Gold street and extension of it from the dead end at Sadie Mills to present US 74.
- 3) Widening of Battleground avenue from Parker to Ridge street and Dickerson street from Dickerson to Margrace road.
- 4) Construction of an underpass at West Gold and Battleground to permit closing of three grade crossings—West Gold, Mauney Mill and Hawthorne road (at Kings Mountain Cotton Oil Company).

Erskine Group Caps Phifer

M. D. Phifer, hardwareman, has been installed as president of the Erskine College Parents Association for the coming year.

Other officers are Mrs. M. D. Youngman of Gastonia, secretary-treasurer; and John McCallum of Anderson, S. C., vice president.

Mrs. Phifer is also a member of the Parents Council at the Due West, S. C. institution.

The Phifers are parents of Erskine sophomore Connie Phifer.

Officers were installed during Parents - May Day held May 5th. During the Parents Association program it was announced that parents have given \$867.50 to a fund largely for equipment and audio-visuals for the recently expanded McCain Library at Erskine.

SERMON TOPIC

Rev. James Wilder will use the sermon topic, "Honor Begins at Home" at Sunday morning worship hour at 11 at Kings Mountain Baptist church.



MOTHER'S DAY SPEAKER—Mrs. Catherine Oates Buie will be guest speaker at a Mother's Day program Sunday at Mount Olive Baptist church.

Catherine Buie To Speak Here

Mrs. Catherine Oates Buie of Greensboro will be keynote speaker for the 1973 Mother's Day program sponsored annually by the Adult Missionary Society of the Mount Olive Baptist church on May 13.

A native of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Buie is a graduate of Compact high school of Kings Mountain, and holds degrees from Winston-Salem State University and North Carolina A&T State university. She is a fourth grade teacher at Brightwood elementary school in Greensboro.

Mrs. Buie is active in the N. C. Association of Educators, the Providence Baptist church in Greensboro, and holds leadership positions in the Sigma Shadows, Zeta Sorority, Benbow Park Improvement association, and the Piedmont Triad Sickle Cell Anemia foundation. The invitation for her return to Mount Olivet was extended mainly because of her leadership in the development of the Mount Olive Memorial Burial Park.

The Mother's Day speaker believes that the overwhelming majority of mothers have done a commendable job of rearing their children. She encourages mothers to gain the confidence and maintain the right to make decisions concerning when, where and how their children's needs are to be met.

Mrs. Buie is the wife of the Rev. Sampson Buie Jr., director

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Mayor Portraits To Be Unveiled Sunday, May 20th

Portraits of Kings Mountain mayors and a scroll listing city commissioners for the city's more than 99 years will be unveiled at special ceremonies at the city council room May 20 at 3 o'clock.

Principal address will be delivered by U. S. Representative James T. Broyhill.

Mayor John Henry Moss described the May 20 ceremonies as a prelude to both the city's observance of its 100th birthday in 1974 as well as the 194th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain in 1974 and also the city's first formal notation of the nation's bicentennial anniversary in 1976.

"It is fitting, too," the Mayor added, "that the date of the portrait unveiling coincides with the 198th anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence."

Mrs. F. R. Summers served as a committee-of-one in acquiring the mayoral pictures.

Bridges Killed In Cycle Crash

Funeral services for John Raymond Bridges Jr., 24, of route 1, were conducted Wednesday at 3 p. m. from Long Creek Presbyterian church, interment following in Cherryville's City Memorial cemetery.

Rev. Allen E. Morrison, pastor of the church, was assisted by Rev. Frank C. Taylor and Rev. Albert Leath in officiating at the final rites.

Mr. Bridges was dead on arrival at Gaston Memorial hospital following a motorcycle wreck near Bessemer City at 11:20 p. m. Sunday. He died of injuries when the motorcycle he was riding south on Rural Paved Road 1401 one and one-half miles south of Bessemer City crashed into a fence post and barbed wire, according to State Highway Trooper H. T. Hollowell, who investigated.

Gaston Coroner Bill McLean ruled the death accidental. He was an employee of Jim's Barber Shop and a native of Gaston county.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Janet Louise Moss Bridges; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Raymond Bridges, Sr. of Kings Mountain; one son, John Bridges, III; one daughter Jacqueline Bridges; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Margaret E. Bridges of Kings Mountain; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Mina Tate of Bessemer City; one brother, Dwight Andrew Bridges, of Kings Mountain; and one sister, Mrs. Dennis Weaver of Kings Mountain.

Rites Conducted For J. P. Tignor



RITE HELD—Funeral rites for John Patton Tignor were conducted Sunday afternoon.

Celebrations 2-in-1 Affair

Kings Mountain will celebrate formally its 100th anniversary and the Battle of Kings Mountain's 194th anniversary, Mayor John Henry Moss said this week.

A five-day celebration is planned for October 3-7, culminating on Monday, October 7.

While the city was chartered as an incorporated town in February 1874, Mayor Moss commented, the Battle anniversary was chosen due to likelihood of better weather to permit outdoor functions.

"It might rain cats and dogs in early October," Mayor Moss said, "but certainly we should be safe from snow as we would not be in February."

Mrs. F. E. Summers was appointed honorary chairman of the celebration several months ago.

Stam To Fill ARP Pulpit

Dr. Harry Stam, professor at North Western College, Minn., associated with the African Inland Mission serving three tours of duty will speak on Sunday evening at Boyce Memorial ARP church. The service is at 8 p. m.

Dr. C. E. Edwards will preach at the morning service and invites the community to hear Dr. Stam on Sunday evening.

Cashes Raze Own Building

A building scheduled for razing in the Kings Mountain Redevelopment commission's central business district redevelopment project has been razed—though the commission merely holds an option on the property.

The building is the veritable brick structure on Cherokee street owned by Charlie and David Cash, who do business under the trade name of Cash Brothers, demolition experts.

The Cash Brothers demolished their own building.

The commission holds an option on the property at \$3750.

The commission, of course, expects to execute the option.

Otherwise, Director Gene White said, the commission will offer at auction for commercial development in the near future the 41 x 160 lot at Mountain and Battleground, the 50 x 108 lot on Battleground between City News and McGinnis Department Store, and the 100 x 200 former Varrio property bounded by Railroad avenue and City street.

Age of the Cash Brothers building has not been established. Several residences recall it once housed Van Dyke's Restaurant and later Dr. J. J. G. Hord's radius rod shop—the radius rod being a vulnerable part the Henry Ford's famed Model T. A blacksmith shop was under a shed at the rear of the building.

Heart Attack Fatal To Barber, Former Chief

Funeral rites for John Patton (Pat) Tignor, 67, former chief of the Kings Mountain Fire Department and a barber for many years, were conducted Sunday afternoon from Central United Methodist church of which he was a member.

His pastor, Rev. Paschal Vaughn, was assisted by two former pastors, Rev. Herbert Garmon and Rev. Howard Jordan, in officiating at the final rites. Interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Ronnie Tignor, Romie Tignor, Mike Tignor, Denver Tignor Jr., Paul Tignor, Don Tignor and Leslie Tignor, all nephews.

Honorary pallbearers were his former partner, Alfred Crawford and retired and active firemen.

Mr. Tignor died Saturday morning at 1:30 in the Kings Mountain hospital following a day's illness. He had suffered from a heart ailment for some time and was semi-retired.

A native of Hancock, Tennessee, he came to Kings Mountain in 1927. He formerly owned and operated Central Barber Shop and was fire chief for many years. He was a director of Lake Montonio Club.

He was son of the late Emmett E. and Elizabeth Cody Tignor and was married to the former Mae McBee.

Besides his wife he is survived by a foster daughter, Mrs. Margaret McBee Gorman of Chamblee, Ga.; four brothers, Audley Tignor and Gene Tignor, both of Kings Mountain; Grady Tignor of Sykesville, Md.; and Denver Tignor of High Shoals; and one sister, Mrs. T. P. Anderson of Rockwood, Tennessee.

Little Theatre Meeting Tonight

New officers of Kings Mountain Little Theatre will be elected Thursday (tonight) at the general membership meeting at 8 p. m. in Park Grace school auditorium.

All members are encouraged to attend the business meeting, said Mrs. Jo Ann McDaniel, president.

Plans for the new year will be discussed.

Lone Cut-Off Of Immediate Effect Here

By MARTIN HARMON

Suspended and terminated federal subsidy and grant programs will have little effect in Kings Mountain and Cleveland County with one exception.

The community development training and fellowship programs, to be terminated June 30 is the exception.

Classes in sewing, cake baking and decoration, and floral arrangements, among others, have been offered at nominal tuition fees and with considerable acceptance.

Already approved and/or in process programs include subsidized insured housing (Phillips Development Company's Fine Manor Apartments); suspended January 5, 1973, low rent public housing (100 approved units on drawing boards); suspended 1973, sewer facilities (\$477,500 grant approved December 29, 1972) terminated January 25, 1973; urban renewal programs (central business district and Candler street area projects underway), terminated June 30, 1973.

In a bulletin recently received by Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority, it was stated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development:

"June 30, 1973, is the termination date for new approvals under the urban renewal programs. Fiscal year 1974 appropriations will be used primarily to close out projects approved in prior years."

Awards Dinner Thursday Night

Foote Mineral Company's Kings Mountain Operation will receive its 15th consecutive year safety award, the top honor awarded, at the annual safety awards program for Cleveland County plans Thursday (tonight) at the County Office Building.

State Labor Commissioner Billy Creel of Raleigh will address some 100 Cleveland County business and industrial leaders gathered to honor 57 award-winning plants.

Attending the safety awards meeting with Commissioner Creel will be Dan Kelly of Raleigh, Labor Department Safety Coordinator.

Other area plants to receive 1972 safety awards will be Spangler and Sons, Inc., second consecutive year; Dixon Chevrolet, Inc., third consecutive year; Lambert Corporation, third consecutive year; Reeves Brothers, Inc. Duplex International Division, third consecutive year; and United States Gypsum Company, sixth consecutive year.



IN WHO'S WHO—Frances McGill Kings Mountain junior student at Erskine college, has been tapped by the Women's club here for nomination on "Outstanding Women of America."

Frances McGill In Who's Who

Frances McGill, junior student at Erskine college and daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John C. McGill, has been nominated by the Women's club for inclusion in "Who's Who Among Outstanding Young Women of America."

The 1973 awards volume honors outstanding young women of America between ages 21 and 35 for their civic and professional activities.

A music and voice student, Miss McGill is a member of the Erskine Chorale and has both accompanied and done dramatic roles in the college production of "My Fair Lady," "Brigadoon" and "Cosi Ton Tutti." She was inducted this summer by Alpha Phi Omega, national dramatic society on the Erskine campus.

Miss McGill and other Erskine students toured Europe and behind the Iron Curtain in Czechoslovakia and East Berlin.

Ricky Gass, 13 Struck By Car

A 13-year-old Kings Mountain youth was slightly injured late Wednesday afternoon when the bicycle he was riding was struck by a car on Grover Road just outside the Kings Mountain city limits.

Ricky Gass, an eighth grade student at Central School, apparently rode his bike into the path of the car. The name of the driver of the car was not immediately known.

The youngster was transported by a Harris Funeral Home ambulance to Hendricks-Durham-Lee Clinic where he was treated for minor scratches about the elbows and back.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Gass Jr. of Maner Road.

\$477,500 Grant Was Approved On December 29

By MARTIN HARMON

City Engineer W. K. Dickson, of Charlotte, has no fear that the \$477,500 sewage system improvement grant of the Federal Environmental Protection Agency is in jeopardy and therefore unaffected by a federal judge's Tuesday ruling in Washington EPA must make available \$3 billion in impounded funds for state and local water pollution control problems.

The Kings Mountain grant, for which application was made in early 1972, was approved December 29, 1972, seven days before the President ordered the water and sewer facilities grant program terminated.

Cpl. Dickson said Wednesday plans are virtually complete and principal work remaining before bids for the project can be invited is obtaining of certain rights-of-way.

Major elements of the project include:

- 1) Doubling to four million gallons daily capacity of the Potts Creek treatment plant.
- 2) Installation of a half-million gallon pump station to divert the effluent of Cratspur Yarns from the McGill Creek treatment plant to the Potts Creek plant.
- 3) Sewage pipe installation including 3900 feet of 30-inch pipe, 3400 15-inch, 2600 12-inch, 500 10-inch, and 2600 feet of 8 and 6-inch.

Purpose of the project is to alleviate the overflow into the McGill plant, which, Col. Dickson declared many months ago, at its limit of a million gallons capacity and unexpandable. The EPA grant is 75 percent of estimated cost. The state is supplying an eighth, the city an eighth.

Judge Oliver Gash's ruling could effect future "clean water" grant applications, though the ruling specified only fiscal 73 and fiscal 74, for which Congress has appropriated funds. The ruling could effect future Congressional appropriations and therefore Kings Mountain, and her neighbors, Bessemer City and Gaston county.

Preliminary talks between the three have been discussed for a joint area project.

Oak Grove Fund Reaches \$2,100

Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Department has received \$2,100 of its goal of \$15,000 toward the purchase of a quick dump water truck and a brush fire truck.

Fire Chief Wayne Self said a concerted effort will be exercised during the month of May to complete the drive and the goal.

"This special effort to get needed equipment for the fire department should not be confused with the annual drive which will occur in October," said Self. The purpose of the annual drive in October will be to maintain the department, he said while the special drive during the month of April and May is to purchase needed fire fighting equipment.

The annual drive will occur in October to coincide with National Fire Prevention Week.

"Business Citizen" Interment Likely

A "business citizen" for 24 years apparently will be interred Monday night.

Mayor John Henry Moss said he would recommend to the board of commissioners that the metal posts on which the meters were mounted be removed and that the holes in the sidewalks be filled with cement.

He will recommend two-hour parking in the once-metered areas.

Meantime, he added, he will recommend that the city collaborate with Kings Mountain Redevelopment commission to provide an all-day parking area for business firm employees.

"The no meter experience indicates adequate parking area can be maintained without the meters, particularly in view of the progress being made by the development commission in the central business district project," Mayor Moss noted.

The meters were installed by the Fulton administration in 1948, when Mayor Moss was Ward 4 city commissioner.



GROUND BREAKING—Ground was broken Sunday for the beginning of the fellowship and activities building of First Baptist church. Pictured above are Rev. Paul Riggs, pastor (shovel in hand) Don Jones, chairman of deacons (left); and Larry Allen, (right) chairman of the building committee. The multi-purpose building will provide space for a kitchen and dining room, a fully-lighted stage and projection room, with a large area for recreation. It will be joined to the carport on the east side of the educational building. Construction is to begin soon. (Photo by L. G. Alexander).



DOUBLE SCHOLARSHIP WINNER—Janet Marie Sneed, second from left, high school senior student, accepts check from Mrs. Elsie Blice of Forest City, District IV Woman's club president, as winner of the district scholarship for \$284. Looking on are Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch, left, president of Kings Mountain Woman's club, which sponsored the Kings Mountain winner, and Mrs. W. T. Weir, right, past president. Miss Sneed was also runner-up for a Dover Mill Scholarship for \$500. (Herald Photo by Gary Stewart).