

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 14,800 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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Eighty-Fourth Year

## Weeks Holiday Starts Saturday At Many Plants

### Legion Auxiliary Cops State Awards

#### Kings Mountain Unit Is Winner Of Eight Honors

Miss D. Green Unit 155 Auxiliary of Kings Mountain copied eight major awards and three coveted silver cups at the annual state convention of the American Legion and Auxiliary in Charlotte during the weekend.

Over 1,200 Legionnaires and Auxiliary members attended the convention Thursday through Sunday at White House Inn.

Kings Mountain was the top winner among the 220 units in the state, receiving top awards in membership, the Department Silver Cup, and the Department Membership Trophy and the coveted Bessie Hemmerson Trust Trophy, a silver cup for work in Americanism.

In addition, Kings Mountain won a Commemorative Trophy, first place on its history, a Civil Defense certificate and the state leadership award.

Mrs. Stewart, vice president of the unit, received a "Green Thumb" plaque as a double go-getter, having signed up 20 new members during the year.

Miss Elizabeth Stewart, Kings Mountain unit president the past two years, was installed as District 23 president succeeding Mrs. Robert G. McKelvey of Rutherfordton. Miss Stewart was also elected an alternate delegate to the national convention in Honolulu, Hawaii in August.

People attending the convention were Miss Stewart, Mrs. Ruff, Mrs. Orangel Jolly, state field service chairman, Mrs. Stonewall Jackson and Mrs. Charles Hampton, unit sergeant-at-arms; Mrs. Leonard Gamble, unit chaplain, Commander Lindbergh Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hammett, John W. Gladden, Gene Tignor, District Commander Bob Davies, Carl Wilson and Jim Odum.

#### Bessemer Seeks Beauty Entrants

Wanted: Pretty girls to enter the Miss Bessemer City beauty pageant August 11th in Bessemer City.

Jaycees of neighboring Bessemer City placed this S.O.S. this week for entrants in their upcoming beauty pageant.

Young ladies who reach age 18 by June 1974 are eligible to participate and are encouraged to contact Steve Lynch, chairman, 623-2152 or 864-2866, for more information.

Contestants will perform in evening dress, swimsuit and talent competition and the winner will represent Bessemer City in next year's Miss N. C. beauty pageant.

Miss Betty Sue Cobb of Bessemer City is the reigning "Miss Bessemer City."

Claudia Turner Wells, television personality who is best known for the "Pet Milk" commercials, will serve as master of ceremonies for the pageant.

Johnny Hedgepath is president of Bessemer City Jaycees.

Kings Mountain Jaycees did not sponsor a pageant this year because of lack of contestants.

#### Funeral Rites Held On Tuesday For Mrs. Bryan Hord, 72 Teacher

Funeral services for Mrs. Jessie Lee Whitesides Hord, 72, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 4 p.m. from Kings Mountain Baptist church of which she was a member.

Mrs. Hord succumbed Sunday morning of a heart attack at 11:20 a.m. in the Kings Mountain hospital. She had been in ill health for six weeks.

A retired public school teacher, Mrs. Hord had served as a substitute teacher until her recent illness.



HONORS TO LEGION AUXILIARY — Kings Mountain Unit 155 brought home the American Legion Auxiliary's top awards from the annual state convention in Charlotte. Mrs. J. Frank Ray of Hillsborough, left, state president, and Mrs. Robert McRorie of Rutherfordton, District 23 president, congratulate Unit 155 President Elizabeth Stewart, right, who accepted the awards for the 111 members. Miss Stewart, completing her second term, will succeed Mrs. McRorie.

### New Sub-Station Will Be Cut In

#### Improvements, Station Cost Set at \$105,000

The city will activate its second electrical sub-station Sunday afternoon as it begins taking power at the newly-completed station on the west side of York road.

The new power receiving station, erected at a cost of \$45,000, and other system improvements totaling approximately \$60,000, will provide the city distribution system a capacity increase from 12,000 kilowatts to 14,500 and will provide the whole city balanced voltage.

The other improvements are installation of regulators on all of the seven circuits in the system, with six already installed, and the seventh to be installed within 15 days.

The new sub-station is located on property obtained by the city.

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#### Some York Road Power Off Sunday

The city will curtail power service on York road south of Gold street at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon to 3 o'clock.

The cut-off will enable the city electrical department to cut over a portion of its system to receive service from the new York road sub-station.

#### Mrs. Whetstine's Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Mrs. Thelma Whetstine, 50, wife of Billy Whetstine, were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 4 p.m. from Temple Baptist church of which she was a member.

Rev. Frank Shirley officiated at the final rites, and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Whetstine died at 9:45 p.m. Monday in the Kings Mountain hospital after illness of several months.

Surviving are her husband, Billy T. Whetstine; one son, Billy T. Whetstine, Jr. of Grover; one daughter, Mrs. Sandy Ponder of Shelby; and two brothers, Palmer Henson of Belmont and Bobby Henson of Mount Holly.

Active pallbearers were Don Roper, Hershel Spangler, David Whetstine, Roscoe Lingerfelt, Jack Bridges and Paul Ivey.

DISCHARGED  
J. V. (Dan) Stewart has been discharged from the Kings Mountain hospital and continue to recuperate from pneumonia at his home on West Gold street.

#### Ford Graveyard Proves Problem For Businessmen

Jim Lybrand and Corbett Nicholson have a cemetery problem.

Mr. Lybrand purchased a tract of land fronting on Slater Street from Lester Roark, of Shelby, then sold half of the property to Mr. Nicholson. Bah intended to erect business buildings there.

On the tract, however, is the old Ford family cemetery and Major Wayne Ford went to Superior Court seeking an injunction against Mr. Lybrand and Mr. Nicholson to prevent their building.

The injunction hearing was conducted by Judge W. G. McLean, who, in effect, denied the petition, but granted plaintiff 30 days in which to reinstate the petition with description of the property Plaintiff Ford sought to protect, an omission in plaintiff's original petition.

Mr. Lybrand said the amendment was filed but still without a property description of the bounds of the graveyard.

Mr. Lybrand said the property he purchased had been cleared for title for 72 years — 12 years more than the 60 years title insurance carriers require.

Terry Drum, of Gastonia, is attorney for plaintiff, while Jack White and George Thomasson are attorneys for defendants.

#### Plonk Recapping Hit By Thieves

A break-in at Plonk Recapping's warehouse last Wednesday night netted thieves \$1,100 worth of tires, according to city police.

Police said someone entered the warehouse by breaking out a glass in the east side. The incident was reported at 10:45 a.m. Thursday.

Thirty-five tires were stolen. Other incidents during the past week kept police busy.

Last Tuesday night, someone entered Elmer Lumber Co. and stole \$30 in change from a drink machine and did \$100 damage to the property. Entrance was gained by breaking out a window pane but the majority of the damage was to the window of the front door. Also stolen were two crowbars.

Pt. Donald Ivey investigated. Jeffrey Robinson of 906 Sherwood Lane reported to police that someone attacked him around 9:45 p.m. Tuesday as he walked near a lake at Kings Mountain Country Club. Police have some suspects but no charges have been filed.

Eight track tapes caught the eye of a thief or thieves who entered Robert's Grocery Saturday night. Entrance was made by breaking out a glass in the front door and stolen were five tapes valued at \$12.50.

#### Mrs. Jack Stroupe "Dog-Sitting" Kings Mountain Bassett Hound

A Shelby woman's love for dogs led her to adopt a stray Bassett hound in Kings Mountain Friday and she's been "dog-sitting" ever since.

Efforts by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stroupe to locate the Bassett's owner have been futile, Lora Stroupe said Tuesday as she placed a lost and found ad in the newspaper.

Mrs. Stroupe said she and her husband were driving on busy U. S. 74 west Friday night when they observed the dog by the side of the road.

"We noticed him right away because we have a similar pet," said Mrs. Stroupe. She said they continued on toward home (Shelby) but she persuaded her husband to turn around and pick up the dog.

"I was afraid with the dog quarantined on here that the pretty animal would be destroyed," she added.

Mrs. Stroupe said she put the dog in their car and after failing to locate its owner in the Linwood area decided to take



TOP WINNER — William S. Patterson of Kings Mountain won the top prize among 24 law students in a will and trust drafting contest sponsored by N. C. National Bank.

#### Patterson Best Drafter Of Will

William S. Patterson of Durham, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Patterson of Kings Mountain, won first place in the North Carolina National Bank's Will & Trust Drafting Contest conducted at the University of North Carolina recently.

The state winner received a \$300 cash prize.

Patterson, a recent graduate of Wake Forest University School of Law, will take his bar exams in July and will be employed by the Internal Revenue Service in Washington, D. C. He is a veteran of military service.

He is married to the former Rhonda Hefner of Fayetteville.

Twenty-four law students from North Carolina competed in the will and trust drafting contest.

#### David Henderson Wins Eagle Honor

David Henderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rance Henderson of Morganton, former residents, received his Eagle Scout award at Sunday ceremonies at Grace Episcopal church parish house.

He is grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Henderson and Mrs. I. W. Ledford of Kings Mountain.

Henderson entered scouting as a Webelo in Wheaton, Ill. and has been a member of Troop 180 since November 1970. He has served as patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader and since last fall has been serving as senior patrol leader. He was elected to Order of the Arrow and "tapped out" at the 1973 camporee.

He is a sophomore student at Freedom high school.

Mr. Henderson is superintendent of N. C. School for the Deaf in Morganton.

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#### Lone KM Area Celebration At Oak Grove

Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor this area's only July Fourth celebration Wednesday, beginning at 10 a.m.

The city of Kings Mountain is not sponsoring any festivities this year due to lack of funds, said city recreation director Roy Pearson. Pearson said the city park will be open as usual but no special activities will be planned.

Oak Grove has scheduled various activities, including a pie baking contest, horse shoe pitching contest, a greasy pole climb, bottle throwing game, King and Queen contest, bingo and an auction.

The dunking machine will also be in operation and a dishwasher will be given away at 6 p.m. The King and Queen contest will be at noon, bingo from 2 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. and the auction at 6:30.

A spokesman for the department said several children's rides are being planned. In addition, hamburgers, hot dogs and hamburger steak plates will be served.

The new officers are Billy G. ovation with his comments during Target date for opening of the raid Wednesday.

Most businesses in town will shut down on Wednesday. City government offices, the postoffice, and financial institutions will close. The Kings Mountain Herald will operate on regular schedule.

#### State To Seek Mountain Park

The Gastonia Gazette said Tuesday North Carolina wants to buy Crowders Mountain and Kings Mountain pinnacles, lands between and around them to create a state park.

The Gazette quoted Alan Eakes, chief of planning for state parks, as saying the state wants to buy 110 tracts totaling 5,000 acres.

Mr. Eakes said letters to owners would go out not later than July 9 to property owners concerning purchase of the 5,000 acres — and would have already been mailed had not the property control division wanted the maps of the 110 tracts to include as well the names of the owners.

The Trakas family in Gastonia are reported as principal owners of the Crowder's Mountain peak. The Kings Mountain pinnacle is a tract of 165 acres owned by the J. O. Plonk Estate, the Mike Plonk Estate and the W. L. Plonk Estate. The J. O. Plonk Estate owns an estimated 2,000 acres surrounding the Kings Mountain pinnacle.

Mayor John Henry Moss initiated the State Parks division idea of developing the area into a state park which would link with the South Carolina State Park.

Real steam was put into the movement when Gastonia area ecologists heard that the Crowder's peak was going to be sold or leased for a mining operation, presumably for kyanite.

Some years ago a mining group sought permission to check the Kings Mountain area for kyanite and pyrites (iron ore).

#### Rites Conducted For Mrs. Mayes

Funeral rites for Clyde Eugene Mayes, 36, of Route 2 will be conducted Friday at 11 o'clock from Oak Grove Baptist church of which he was a member.

Mr. Mayes was found dead at 6:45 Wednesday morning from an apparent heart attack.

He had been employed since 1965 with Goforth Dairy Farms.

Rev. James Holder will officiate at the final rites and interment will follow in the church cemetery.

He was a native of Cleveland County, and the son of Frealo and Laura Ellis Mayes.

Also surviving are six brothers, Roy Mayes, William Mayes, Kenneth Mayes, Morris Mayes and Wayne Mayes all of Kings Mountain, and Lawrence Mayes of Shelby; one sister, Mrs. Judy Philbeck of Shelby.



HONORED — Mrs. Joseph Timberlake, Jr., formerly of Kings Mountain, has received the Emily Smith Medallion alumnae award from Mary Baldwin college.

#### Alumnae Tap Mrs. Timberlake

Mrs. Joseph W. Timberlake, Jr. of Greenville, the former Betty Lee Neisler of Kings Mountain, has received the Emily Smith Medallion awarded annually to alumnae for "distinguished service to church, community and college" by Mary Baldwin college of Staunton, Va.

Mrs. Timberlake, daughter of Mrs. John Caveny of Kings Mountain and Joe A. Neisler, Sr. of Lake Waccamaw, a graduate of 1945 and recipient of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan award for a distinguished student career, has been a leader in national alumnae activities as well as chapter work in New York, Richmond, Charlotte and Staunton. For six years, 1965-61, she also was a college trustee.

In Charlotte she was director of the local Red Cross Chapter and was chairman of women volunteers for all the Red Cross services in that city and Mecklenburg county.

Mrs. Timberlake and her husband, formerly a vice president of Mary Baldwin college, were sponsors of the classes of 1965 and 1971 and were popular for their hospitality to students.

Timberlake is now in property management for the M. K. Blount Enterprises of Greenville. Their daughter, Robyn, was graduated from Mary Baldwin this year.

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#### School Plans Final Review On July 9

The Kings Mountain school system received bond money totaling \$2,508,000 Tuesday and the board of education has scheduled a meeting with its architect on July 9 to review final plans for school improvements.

Supt. Don Jones said the schools hope to let grading contracts in July but it will probably be August before any other contracts are awarded.

Installation of lights at the Kings Mountain High School tennis courts was completed last week and the courts are now available for public use at any hour.

Schools Supt. Don Jones said all persons are invited to use the facility but asked that the last persons to leave at night to turn out the lights.

Facilities at North and Central schools are being used this summer by the city recreation department for its day camp programs. Jones said the city has some tennis activities scheduled for the new courts.

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#### Nursing Home Projects Operating August 15; Daily Rates Indicated

Target date for opening of the nursing and convalescent center on Sipe street is August 15, David Little, formerly vice president of MGR, Inc., Spartanburg, S. C., said Wednesday.

The 60-bed facility will have both private and semi-private rooms, a large dining room with expansive kitchen, and a large recreation room.

Indicated, though not yet firm,

#### 23 Firms Take Week; Vacation Pay For Many

Kings Mountain readied for the Independence Day holiday — for many a week.

To begin a week's holiday this week a majority of Kings Mountain area textile employees. For many the week's holiday starts on Saturday, with trips to vacation spas planned. Many firms have announced they are making vacation payments.

One exception is Burlington Mills, which will operate the full week but will take vacation week the week of July 29th. This plant will pay bonuses to employees based on length of service.

Another exception is Kinder Manufacturing which will close Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for plant vacations. This firm will also make vacation payments.

To begin week's holidays this weekend are Mauney Hosery Hosery Mills, Mauney Mills, Carolina Throwing Company, Neisler, Inc., BVD Textiles, K Mills, Carlton Knits, Kings Mill, Park Yarn Mills, Sadie Cotton Mills, Spectrum, Oxford Industries, Ideal Hosery, Gay Hosery, Cleveland Hosery, L & L Hosery, Lyntex Hosery, Can-Do Hosie, Har-Ray Industries of Grover, Minette Mills of Grover and Grover Industries of Grover.

Firms announcing they are making vacation payments to employees based on length of service are: Mauney Hosery Mills, Carolina Throwing, Neisler, Inc., EVD Textiles, K Mills, Carlton Knits, Kinder Manufacturing, Kings Mill, Sadie Mills, Spectrum and Oxford Industries.

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#### Citizens Irate Again; Board To Push Skidmore

Henry street and Ellenwood drive residents, who had visited the city commission before, returned Monday night again in irate humor.

The first visit concerned the city's slowness in honoring street improvements petitions. Monday's included several items of complaint including cost of the work and charge that the contractor, Skidmore Construction Company, of Belmont, hadn't cleaned up after the construction was done.

Tom Dellinger said he knew a contractor who would have done the job for much less and Mayor John Henry Moss said the city would appreciate Mr. Dellinger's referring the city to him. The Mayor noted that the city awarded contract on "lowest bid we had."

The commission tabled action on adopting the assessment scroll and unanimously adopted Comm. Tommy Ellis's motion to "get Skidmore on the ball."

In a continuance of a public hearing on petition for street improvements on Hillside drive, the commission found no answer to "calls for" and "calls against," then approved the petition. Dr. John C. McGill had objected to the improvements, but Mayor Moss told the commission Dr. McGill had since waived his objections.

In other actions the board: —Approved a budget amending ordinance for fiscal year 1972-73 and approved an interim budget ordinance.

—Authorized the mayor to appoint a three-member board of elections.

—Appointed J. H. McDaniel Jr., as tax collector.

—Awarded to the Millpower Company with an apparent low bid.

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