

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, 1968, and includes the 14,980 population of Number 1 Township, and the remaining 6,934 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowders Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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McDevitt: KM Drug Problem Is Worsening Daily

Kings Mountain State Champs And Advances To Clearwater

Babe Ruth Entry Victor By 5-3, After 7-3 Loss

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Herald Sports Editor

Kings Mountain won the state Babe Ruth championship in Hickory Wednesday night, defeating Greenville, N. C. 5-3 after Greenville forced a second championship game by winning a 5:30 game 7-3. It was Kings Mountain's first loss of the season.

David Carroll went all the way in the championship game. He gave up six hits and struck out six.

Kings Mountain broke a 3-2 tie in the bottom of the second inning when Frank Hovis hit a two-run homer.

Kings Mountain managed only three hits off Greenville's Mike Belton but turned in two double plays and several other fine defensive plays to stay on top most of the way.

Boys 13-15 are eligible for Babe Ruth league play.

Kings Mountain now advances to the regional tournament in Clearwater, Fla., beginning August 3.

Kings Mountain copped the district championship in Monroe July 17 defeating the Charlotte Lions 9-1.

Winner of Clearwater advances to the National Finals at Manchester, N. H., August 15-25.

The line score:
FIRST GAME
Score by innings: R H E
Kings Mtn. 100 200 0-3 4 0
Greenville 104 110 x-5 3 3
Burgess and Parker: Wilkerson and Connelly

SECOND GAME
Score by innings: R H E
Greenville 210 000 0-3 5 4
Kings Mtn. 320 000 x-5 3 3
Belton & Cherry; Carroll and Parker.

Schools Try Again For Grading Bids

Kings Mountain district schools will try again today to open bids for grading of three construction sites.

Only two bids were received Monday, but three are required by state law. The schools have rescheduled opening bids for Thursday at 3 p.m. in hopes of getting three bids.

The grading is for expansion of East and West elementary schools and for construction of a new junior high school adjacent to Kings Mountain high school on Phifer road.

Board Licenses White, Hall

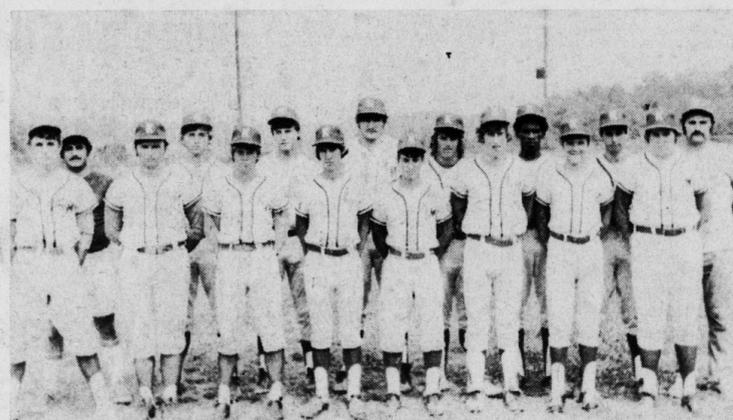
Redevelopment Commission Director Gene White and Assistant Director, John Hall have been granted real estate broker's licenses by the real estate licensing board in Raleigh.

The license is granted after successful completion of an eleven week course at Gaston College, followed by passing the state exam administered by the Education Testing Service of Princeton, New Jersey.

The Gaston College course and state test consists of a working knowledge of real estate laws and regulations, math, real estate transactions and preparation of various instruments and closing statements.

White said that the reason for completing this course is to obtain a better working knowledge of the Kings Mountain real estate market.

White has had four years of real estate experience prior to joining the Redevelopment Commission.



STATE BABE RUTH CHAMPIONS — The Kings Mountain Babe Ruth All-Stars, shown above, won the state championship Wednesday night in Hickory, defeating Greenville in a second game 5-3 and now advance to regional competition in Clearwater, Fla. Front row, from left to right, are Jimmy Parker, Mike Sisk, Mark Thornburg, Gary Procter, Frank Hovis, Steve Southwell, Kenny Ballies, and Kevin Ford. Back row, from left, Coach Tommy Pruett, Monte Falls, Joel Burgess, Andy Bridges, Jeff Carroll, Chris Johnson, Jeff Reynolds, and Coach Tony Leigh. Not pictured Jackie Wray.



SPEAKER — Mrs. Doris B. Pierce of High Point, state president of the Ladies Auxiliary of Foreign Wars Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. at the Post home on Grover road.

State President To Speak Here

Frank B. Glass Post 9811 and Auxiliary will host the 14th district Ladies Auxiliary Veterans of Foreign Wars Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. at the Post home on Grover road.

Principal speaker for the meeting will be Mrs. Doris B. Pierce, of High Point, state president. Women of the local unit will serve a buffet supper following the program and business meeting at which the district president will preside.

Mrs. Robert Ruff is president of Post 9811 auxiliary. Ladies from VFW units in Kings Mountain, Shelby, Lincolnton, Newton, Conover, Hickory and Statesville will attend.

Mrs. Pierce has served as department senior vice president this past year and as department membership chairman for the past two years. She has also served as department junior vice president, department conductor, and department guard. She has chaired many department offices on the state level in previous years.

She has been selected as auxiliary member of the year twice in her own auxiliary and was selected as auxiliary member of the year this year in the 10th district and as auxiliary member of the year for the state of North Carolina, also for this past year.

She is serving in her auxiliary as treasurer, an office she has held for many years. She is a past 10th district president.

Other speakers for the joint meeting will be Senior Vice Commander Roy Quinn and District

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Burger Barn To Re-Open With Barbecue

Dick McGinnis and Clyde Whetstone announced yesterday they have leased The Burger Barn on York road and will operate it as Barbecue Barn beginning about September 1.

The new business will be managed by Johnny Conner, announced the partners.

Barbecue Barn will feature pit-cooked Hickory barbecue in sandwiches, trays and/or plates and will specialize in barbecue beef and barbecued baked beans. In addition, carry-out service with limited seating on the inside of Barbecue Barn will be given.

Mr. McGinnis said the business will be operated seven days a week.



TAPPED — Rance Henderson, Kings Mountain native, has been named director of North Carolina's three schools for the deaf.

Henderson Is State Director

Rance Henderson, Kings Mountain native and superintendent of the Western North Carolina School for the Deaf at Morganton, has been named director of the state's three schools for the deaf.

Henderson is son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Henderson of Kings Mountain. He is married to the former Betty Ledford of Kings Mountain.

David Flaherty, secretary of human resources, said Henderson would continue in his capacity as superintendent of the Morganton school.

Henderson said at a news conference this division will open 18 centers this fall of deaf children five years old or younger. Operating as an outreach program for the three schools, the centers will stress a total communication approach involving sign language, finger spelling and speech.

The centers will be funded by a \$522,000 appropriation from the 1973 General Assembly.

Eddie Mason, 17, Loses Right Arm In Cardroom Injury Monday Night

Eddie Mason, 17-year-old son of Mrs. Ellen Mason of 5170 Midpines, remains in "good" condition at Kings Mountain hospital following a freak accident Monday night at Mauney Mills.

According to George H. Mauney, Jr. young Mason apparently reached under the guards of a card machine and became caught. The machine pulled his right

arm further into the machine and severed it between the shoulder and elbow.

The Kings Mountain Rescue Squad was called to the scene and freed Mason from the machine.

The accident occurred about 8:30 p.m. Mason has been employed at Mauney Mills five months.

Chief of Police Declares LSD Worse of All

"We have a drug problem and the problem is worsening day by day."

Chief of Police Tom McDevitt, chief here since 1968, speaking to the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night, continued, "We had a pill in 1968 for which the kids were paying \$1.50. Then came marijuana, then hard drugs."

Chief McDevitt labeled LSD as the worse.

A person can get one good dose of LSD, he said, and go "out" again up to five years later. He described effects of the drug as "varying", with some "happy" others "mean" after using the clear, odorless liquid.

Other items in his address:

1) "Hard drug addicts don't get cured". He said the federal rehabilitation establishment for addicts at Lexington, Ky., had never claimed more than one percent of its patients cured and "they don't claim that now."

2) Seven young men and women in Kings Mountain today have hepatitis, a communicable disease, "from using dirty needles for drug injections."

3) Other really hard drugs, besides LSD, are paregoric and heroin.

4) He disavours legalizing any drugs for "too many are legal now."

He declared a principal problem of law enforcement today, drugs and otherwise, is the law respecting obtaining of search warrants. "We must have an affidavit," he said, adding he spent two hours recently seeking a warrant, adding, "I don't have it yet."

He told the Lions, "It's your duty to help with this problem. If you have the opportunity, as it is all other citizens."

Principal key to an indicated problem is a marked change in a person's personality.

He urged parents who find their children with a problem, "Call us. We're not interested in jailing your children. We simply want to help your child."

The more dangerous ages, he declared, are the 16-20 age span.

President, Bill Bates arranged the program.

K M Area Christian Crusade Continues Through Sunday

Crowds Attend Philpot Series Nightly at 7:30

The area-wide Ford Philpot Kings Mountain Christian Crusade continues through Sunday night at the Community Center on Cleveland avenue.

Biggest attendance night was opening night, Sunday, as crowds estimated at 1800 heard the nationally-known evangelist, a crusade choir of hundreds and the well-known "Fishermen" singers. Attendance dropped Monday, crusade leaders said because of lack of cooling equipment in the large auditorium. On Tuesday night, window and floor fans had been installed and more folding chairs added to accommodate a crowd of people who almost filled the auditorium.

Saturday night will be Youth Night and young people will again participate, as they did on Tuesday night, in the services. Music will also be "geared" to youth and a special program, "After Glow" after the service at 9 p.m. will be for young people who will sit on the floor for a special "happening," said Sam Davis, youth director.

Following the regular service on Friday night, the crusade audience will be invited to remain for the showing of 45-minute films made by the Crusade Team on their recent evangelistic mission to Israel.

Rev. Winston Pike, choir director, invites persons who want to join the choir to meet him at the Community Center at 6:45 p.m. for rehearsal. Men of the community are also serving as ushers and other people are volunteering for duty in the nursery and as counselors.

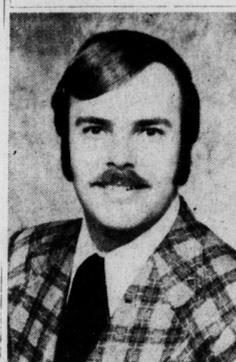
A large crowd of people made "decisions for Christ" at the Tuesday night service.

Philpot Crusades are noted for their beautiful music programs and Kings Mountain is no exception. "The Fishermen," a trio of men's voices, add to the service nightly and Rev. Winston Pike directs the local choirs in special music.

Dr. Charles Edwards, pastor of Boyce Memorial A.M. church and past president of the sponsoring Kings Mountain Ministerial Association, before the crusade audience Tuesday, commended Kings Mountain ministers and the community for "the magnificent work they had done in bringing the Philpot Crusade to Kings Mountain." Dr. Edwards said "the spirit of cooperation in this town is just wonderful and can't be beat."

Dr. Philpot, celebrating on Tuesday his 33rd wedding anniversary, uses many illustrations from his own life and experiences of "converts" in his sermons nightly. He doesn't speak from notes.

A Gospel singing will be held at Westover Baptist church, July 28 at 7:30. The groups for the program will be The Ambassadors and The Fred Williams Singers.



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A native of Kings Mountain, Reg. Alexander, has been named associate campus minister and admissions counselor at Gardner-Webb college.

Dr. E. Eugene Poston, president of the college, announced that the Southern Seminary graduate would assume the dual duties immediately.

Alexander graduated from Gardner-Webb in the spring of 1971 with a degree in psychology and earned his master of religious education at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky this past May. His degree emphasis at seminary was campus ministry.

While in seminary he was president of the North Carolina student organization. While a student at Gardner-Webb Alexander was president of the Baptist Student Union and also editor of the college newspaper, The Pilot.

Alexander is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alexander, of Kings Mountain and he is married to the former Dianna Copeland of Suffolk Virginia. He was ordained to the ministry by the First Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

While in seminary he served at two churches as youth director and during the summer of 1971 was the youth director and associate minister at First Baptist church, Kings Mountain. He also served one summer as minister of music as minister of music and education at Highland Park Second Baptist church, Louisville, Kentucky.

GOSPEL SING

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Laughter Returns To City PO Staff

W. F. (Bill) Laughter is returning to his previous post as city carrier with the Kings Mountain Post Office, Postmaster Charles Alexander said yesterday.

Mr. Laughter, for the past two months, has worked in the Glen Alpine Postoffice, serving as Postmaster there.

Mr. Laughter has been a Kings Mountain postman for more than eight years.

He and his family reside here on South Sims street and are active in First Baptist church.

New Walkway Phase Scheduled

The second part of the pedestrian walkway system in the downtown area redevelopment program will begin within a week, according to Gene White, director of the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission.

A 20-foot walkway permitting access from the rear of stores on Battleground avenue to the front is planned and it will be in the same style as the first walkway project, the Senior Citizens Park on Mountain street, said White.

Construction time has been estimated at three months or less. Kelly Dixon is project superintendent and Crawford Murphy of Shelby, who planned the mini-park, is also architect for the second project.

The walkway, when completed, will permit pedestrian access east and west to the downtown shopping district and a third walkway with north-south access will follow, said White.

A total of twenty families have been relocated thus far in the Candler street urban renewal project, reports White. He estimated that construction would begin in the site area in about six months.



SUCUMBES — Donald Preston Patterson, 40, died Tuesday morning of a heart attack at his home. He had been in apparent good health.

Attack Fatal To Patterson, 40

Donald Preston Patterson, 40, of Onarga, Ill., Kings Mountain native, died Tuesday morning at his home of a heart attack.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Patterson of Kings Mountain and was superintendent of Coe Military Academy in Onarga.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are his wife, Mrs. Patricia Coe Patterson; two sons, Bobby and Donnie Patterson, both of the home; one brother, Gene Patterson of Kings Mountain; and one sister, Mrs. Lee Fungert of Denver, Colo.

The Patterson family left as soon as they were notified of his death to go to Illinois.

Funeral will be at 10 o'clock Friday morning at Onarga Methodist church. Burial will be at Oriand, Ind. Knapp Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Ernest Dixon's Rites Friday

Funeral rites for William Ernest Dixon, 85, who died Wednesday morning in Cleveland Memorial hospital, will be conducted Friday afternoon at 4 p.m. from Bethlehem Baptist church of which he was a member.

His pastor, Rev. Russell Fitts, assisted by Rev. James Graham, will officiate at the final rites, and interment will be in Bethlehem cemetery.

The family will receive friends today from 7 until 9 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home where the body will lie in state until 3:30 p.m. Friday.

Mr. Dixon had been in ill health for several months and in declining health for several years. He was a retired farmer, native of Cleveland County, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Dixon. His wife, Dessie Blanche Stewart Dixon, died in 1961.

Surviving are two sons, Boyce Dixon of Belmont and Robert Dixon of Charlotte; three daughters, Mrs. George Fortenberry of Grover and Miss Oveda Dixon and Miss Mary Dixon, both of Kings Mountain; one sister, Mrs. Lola Bridgeman of Kings Mountain; 17 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

City Commission To Meet Monday

The city board of commissioners will meet Monday night at 7:30.

Two public hearings on street improvements assessments are on the agenda for Scotland Drive, between Southwood and Lee street, and Charles Street, from York road to present paving.

MOVED

Robert Ruff, hospitalized at Kings Mountain hospital the past several weeks with a lung ailment, has been moved into a private room, in No. 141. He is allowed visitors.

Stewart Home and Goforth Cabin On Historical Association Tour

The George Stewart home, Cleveland County's oldest residence built in 1781, the Kings Mountain Battleground Park, and the Preston Goforth log cabin and cemetery of the Revolutionary War era are among stops on the Cleveland County Historical Association's annual tour of historical places in the county Wednesday.

Logs for the Stewart home in the Dixon community were being cut on October 1780, date of the Revolutionary War Battle of Kings Mountain. The two-story two-room cabin was built by John Wells in 1781. The original chimney still stands. A maple tree in the yard is more than 150 years old.

The tour will begin at Shelby City Park at 1:30 p.m. Three air-

conditioned buses with a total capacity of about 120 persons have been chartered for the tour.

Other places to be visited in No. 4 Township include the Sulphur Springs Road area, Pleasant Hill church road area, William Graham marker, sites in and around Grover, the graveside of Col. Frederick Hambright at the Military Park, and the welcome station on I-85, returning to City Park in Shelby about 6 p.m.

Reservations will be made on a first call, first served basis. Those wishing to participate need not be a member of the Historical Association and should call 487-7595 or 482-3971 for reservations. A charge of \$1 per person will be made to defray association expenses.

Rest stops and refreshments are scheduled.