

The Way We Were

22 Years Ago In Kings Mountain
• Taking A Stroll Down Memory Lane •

Section B

Thursday, February 4, 1993

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 21,914
City Limits 8465

City of Kings Mountain figure is derived from the special United States Bureau of the Census report of January 1980, and includes the 14,990 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,924 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Township in Gaston County.

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Eighty-Six Year

PRICE TEN CENTS

Traffic Control System Engineering Report Received



SENIOR CLASS PLAY CAST — Pictured are seven members of the cast of "Our Town", Kings Mountain high school senior class play, to be staged April 8th. From left to right, Jack White, Nathan Sanders, Gene Alexander, Lynn Finger, Debbie Brown, Tom Harper and Kathy Wilson. (Photo by Isaac Alexander)

82 Pupils Are Named Top Citizens

Eighty-two student Good Citizens have been named by the Citizenship Committee of the Association of Classroom Teachers, Kings Mountain Unit.

These students were chosen on the basis of good grades, good conduct and respect for their schools, fellow students and teachers.

The Good Citizens from the elementary schools and Central Junior high school were chosen by their classmates and teachers. Kings Mountain high school's citizen of the month was chosen by a committee from the Student Participation Organization on the basis of conduct and scholarship.

A spokesman for the ACT said at the close of the school year a Good Citizen of the Year from each school will be honored with an award. The Citizen of the Year will be chosen from those honored each month.

The list of Good Citizens include:

BETHWARE
Valerie Laney, Karen Lynn Dixon, Todd Blalock, Beverly Bell, Tommy Pitts, Robin Crawford, Wanda Moss, Christy Bowen, Donald Bell, Lynn Drumm, Steve Ware and Mary Burris.

CENTRAL
Carl Roseboro and Debbie Simmons.

EAST
Laura Bumgarner, Jodie Ramsey, Richie Harrison Land, Leanne Sanders, Cheryl Leach, Teresa Dover, Karen Blackwell, Elizabeth Litchurch, Wendy Stringfellow, Randy Ford, Eugene Jackson, Cindy Falls, Clark Ruby and Sharon McDaniel.

GROVER
Sandra Cash, Donna Lynn Setzer, Priscilla Hambrick, Debbie Turner, Tommy Whitworth, Pamela Bolton, Donna Myers, David Bolton, Cindy Wells, Sherrie Maddox, Scott Ellis, Kim Tessenier, and Dale Hunt.

HIGH SCHOOL
Jack White and Ann Hunter Plunk.

NORTH
Debbie Wood, Vonda Foster, Jamie Hamrick, Rosalind Gardner, Lee Blanton, Dana Horne, Terrie Weasy, Eric Spier, Mickey McGarry, Roxann Tate, Elizabeth Herndon, Barry Linberger, Sherry Short, Mary Hultender, Jeff Robinson, Roxanne Soism, Chip Childers, Sandra Gladden, Willie Mae Perkins, Jim Baily, Pamela Galloway and Paul Ingram.

WEST
Lee Neisler, Bobby Smith III, Robert Earl Robinson, Todd Randall, Robert Lutz, Eric Sanders, Mike Spars, John Cobb, Jimmy Chapman, Nancy White, Alan Cloninger, Steven Lancaster, Gina Stroupe, Allen Waterson, Mary Ann Grigg.

Erskine Alumni To Meet Tuesday

Dr. Chapman Lauderdale, vice-president for development for Erskine College, will speak here Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at Boyce Memorial A.R.P. church at the spring meeting of the Kings Mountain alumni chapter.

A covered dish dinner will precede Dr. Lauderdale's address. Norman McGill is president of the Kings Mountain chapter.

Jaycees Report Six Have Entered Kings Mountain Beauty Event

Six Kings Mountain beauties are candidates for the title of "Miss Kings Mountain 1972" to be crowned in the Jaycee pageant April 24th at 8 p.m. in Central school auditorium.

Other young women interested in entering the competition are invited to contact Fred Dixon or Lyn Cheshire, co-chairmen of the pageant.

Miss Kings Mountain 1971 — Linda Falls — will crown the winner of the event following preliminary competition in evening gown, swimsuit and talent categories.

Contestants to date include: Debbie Timms, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Timms and recently named "Miss Limestone" at Limestone college where she is a freshman. Miss



STUDENTS ASSIST CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN—This month is Clean-Up, Paint-Up and Fix-Up Month and Kings Mountain high school students are taking part in the city-wide project headed by Donald D. Jones, schools superintendent. From left to right, Sheila Adams cleans a classroom wall as Rachel Huskey and Linda Bell empty litter. (Photo by Isaac Alexander)

Laney Reports CBD Project Making Headway

Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission reports encouraging developments as the Downtown Renewal Program proceeds, Director Joe Laney reports.

He itemized:
—Contractors responded to bids for building clearance.
—Fresh interest in new downtown construction is being exhibited.
—Land negotiation is proceeding well.

The Redevelopment Commission received favorable response to advertisement for bids to clear 13 downtown buildings. Three buildings are slated for immediate release to the contractor; the former First Baptist Church training building on Piedmont Avenue, the former Dr. Anthony Building on West Mountain street, and the former Virgil Harmon residence on South City street. The remaining buildings are scheduled to be released to the contractor in groups of two or three over an estimated period of a year as acquired.

Redevelopment Commission Director Joe Laney stated that the commission is particularly pleased with recent inquiries concerning construction of new downtown stores. Mr. Laney said: "One department store vice president previously stated that he felt Kings Mountain could support a larger store but unless the downtown is improved they will have to look elsewhere. Recent questions definitely reinforce this position — a position the Redevelopment Commission has long maintained — that is, if we improve the downtown the business sector will support our effort with private investment in new construction which will revitalize the downtown. This private investment is no small matter—the Redevelopment Commission estimates that \$1,500,000.00 in new construction will be generated based upon inquiries such as the following:

"Ten local businessmen have discussed plans for major expansion involving new construction downtown.
Two local businessmen have (Continued on Page Six)

Easter Cantata Sunday At 4

An Easter Cantata, The Crucifixion by John Stainer, will be presented at The First Congregational Christian church at Lincoln Academy, Sunday, at 4 p.m.

The cantata will be performed by the combined choirs of Pleasant Ridge A.M.E. Zion church of Gastonia and the First Congregational Church under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Wilson.

On that same evening at 7:00 p.m., the cantata will be performed at The Pleasant Ridge A.M.E. Zion Church in Gastonia. The public is invited.

Safety Gates Recommended At Crossings

By MARTIN HARMON

Engineering drawings of a Raleigh engineering firm for a traffic control program have been received by the city.

The drawings were done for the State Highway commission.

Mayor John Henry Moss said the drawings will be given to the city safety and highway committees with request the committees report recommendations, at the city commission's April 13 meeting.

It is a total state program, J. O. Litchford, director of the highway commission's traffic control division, said Wednesday. He estimated the project will require approximately a year to complete.

Kimley-Horn and Associates, of Raleigh, is the project engineer, retained by the highway commission.

Robert J. Kimley, president of the engineering firm, said the federal government edicted an upgrading and modernizing of signal control on federal project roads several years ago. He added that the original deadline passed with none of the states meeting the requirements. The deadline has been extended. North Carolina in an effort to catch up is employing a dual policy. Highway commission engineers are doing some of the planning and retaining private engineering firms, too, of which his is one of several.

One feature of the engineering firm's recommendations are for installation of safety gates at the Mountain and Gold street railway crossings.

Otherwise, the engineers recommend new traffic signals and crosswalks, including pedestrian "walk" and "don't walk" signals at heavily trafficked intersections.

In addition to the safety gates at the Gold and Mountain rail crossings, the engineers recommend specific improvements at ten intersections:

- 1) Linwood at Cleveland — improved walkway southwest corner, new crosswalks will approach.
- 2) US 74 at York road — improved sidewalks all approaches, new signal lights including pedestrian signals.
- 3) East Gold at York road — new signal system.
- 4) North Piedmont at Linwood — remove traffic signal trim bushes southeast corner.
- 5) Battleground road — East Parker — replace existing signals, install new crosswalks at three approaches.

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S & L League Taps Tate

Thomas Tate, executive vice-president of Home Savings & Loan Association, has been elected president of the Tri-County Savings & Loan League.

The league is composed of members representing Lincoln, Gaston and Cleveland Counties.

Mr. Tate was elected at the February meeting. Twenty-five members representing 12 savings and loan associations attended.

Easter Sunrise Service Set

The community-wide Easter Sunrise Service will be held on April 1st at 6 a.m. in Memorial Park of Mountain Rest cemetery.

Plans for the observance were announced by Rev. Robert Wilson, chairman of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association's arrangements committee.

The Rev. Carl V. Sparks will deliver the sermon, Rev. Edwin Chroscoe will preside, Rev. N. C. Bush will lead the responsive call to worship, Rev. J. N. Norris will pray the invocation, Rev. A. Glenn Boland will read the scripture, Dr. Charles Edwards will pray the morning prayer and Rev. L. D. Scruggs will pronounce the benediction.

The Kings Mountain High School Chorus will sing two anthems: "An Easter Alleluia" by Peterson and "Early In The Morning" by McCormick.

Special music will be presented by a high school brass ensemble under the direction of Larry Milledge, Mrs. J. N. McClure and Donald Deal.

Rescue Squad Taps Robinson

Dr. Sam Robinson, Kings Mountain surgeon, has been elected chairman of a newly-named board of directors for the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad.

Other members of the board are Wilson Griffin, Otis Falls Jr., Corbett Nicholson and Bennett Masters.

Dr. Francis J. Sincos, Kings Mountain medical doctor, is medical advisor to the board and Rev. Frank Shirley, pastor of Temple Baptist church, is chaplain.

Captain of the Rescue Squad is Delbert Dixon.



TAPPED — Peter Hauser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hauser, has been tapped by North Carolina Gamma Chapter of Pi Mu Epsilon Honorary Mathematics Fraternity at North Carolina State University where he is a graduate student. Hauser, a 1968 graduate of M. C. State, is pursuing a Ph.D. degree. He holds a B.S. in chemistry, Pi Mu promotes scholarship in mathematics.

New Medicaid Rules May 1

Starting in May, Medicaid recipients must receive prior approval for certain services provided under the program.

John R. Jordan Jr., Chairman of the State Board of Social Services, has directed the State Department of Social Services to begin implementing as soon as possible a plan that will require providers of health services to request prior approval before providing certain services. Effect of the plan will be to provide limitations for these services unless approval is given prior to their being rendered.

Jordan stated in Raleigh that this action was taken after months of study by the Staff of the State Department of Social Services on ways to further insure against misuses of the Medicaid program.

He stated that while he and Commissioner of Social Services Cleton M. Craig feel the abuses of the program are very few, they are continuously studying methods to make administration of the program even more efficient.

Prior approval on some services is already in effect, but in most cases the rendering of the services has been left to the discretion of the professionals in the health care field.

City Water System Fully Fluoridated

The city water system is fully fluoridated and has been for several weeks, Public Works Superintendent Grady Yelton said Wednesday.

"We are still getting a few inquiries from citizens about the date of fluoridation," Mr. Yelton noted.

Both the new Buffalo Creek plant and Deal street plant are fluoridating. The Deal street plant is being kept operational on an abbreviated schedule.

KMHS Seniors To Present Wilder Play

The Senior class of Kings Mountain high school will present Thornton Wilder's drama, "Our Town", Thursday, April 8th, at 8 p.m. in Central Junior high school auditorium.

Tickets are on sale at \$1 for adults and .85 for students.

The drama is under the direction of Cary Osborn of the high school drama department.

The chief characters are as follows: Stage manager (Jack White), Dr. Gibbs (Nathan Sanders), Howie Newsome (Rob Wiesener), Mrs. Gibbs (Lynn Finger), George Gibbs (Gene Alexander), rs. Webb (Debbie Burns), Emily Webb (Cathy Wilson), Mr. Webb (Jimmy Tate) and Simon Stinson (John Johnson).

Talent Show Profits \$2,355

Proceeds from the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club's 14th annual Schools Talent Show are earmarked for air conditioning of the Woman's club and Community Center.

Net receipts from the show totaled \$2,355.60, including \$556.60 from ticket receipts and \$1,839.00 from advertising sales in the show program.

For 13 years, the schools, which supply the talent, have received the growing largess of profits from the event. Tens of thousands, a sidewalk to the high school, and Gamble Memorial Stadium are among the prior beneficiaries.

Joe Neisler, Jr. was chairman of the recent show.



TOP SPELLER — John Gamble, sixth grader, is winner of West school's spelling contest. Son of Mrs. John H. Gamble and the late Mr. Gamble, he is a student of Mrs. Frances Little.

TO GREENSBORO

Irelou Easley, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Charles Easley and piano student of Mrs. Martin Harmon, will play in the state music contests at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro Saturday. Miss Easley will play in the Senior division.



ELECTED — Palmer E. Huffstetter, Jr., Kings Mountain native, has been elected to the board of Carolina Freight Carriers Corporation.

Huffstetter Is Elected

The stockholders of Carolina Freight Carriers Corporation have elected a Kings Mountain native to membership on the company's Board of Directors.

He was named to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of W. T. Robinson. The action was taken at the Annual Stockholders' meeting held April 5 at Club Carolina in Cherryville.

Carolina Freight Carriers Corporation has its general office in Cherryville. The huge trucking company operate 43 terminal facilities over a 19-state area of the northeast, southeast and southwest. Total revenues for 1970 exceeded \$60,000,000, making it place among the top 20 motor carriers in the nation of general commodities.

Huffstetter practiced law in Kings Mountain during 1961-62 and in Raleigh from 1962-64. He joined Carolina in 1964 as Legal Counsel and was named Secretary of the company in 1969. He is active in civic affairs having served for the past three years as chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustment in Cherryville, PTA president 1969-70, president of Cherryville Rotary Club, 1969-70.

Mrs. Huffstetter is the former Mary Ann Beam whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Beam, reside in Kings Mountain. The Huffstetters have two sons, Palmer, Jr., 9 and Ben Beam, 7.

Huffstetter is a 1955 graduate of Kings Mountain high school. He received his B.A. from Wake Forest University in 1959 and an LL.B. degree from Wake Forest Law School in 1961. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Dan S. Huffstetter, former residents live in Charlotte.

GOSPEL SING

A Gospel Sing will be held Saturday evening at 7 p.m. at Midview Baptist church. Featured on the program will be the Full Gospel Singers and the Cornwell Family. Rev. John Frazier, pastor, issued invitation to the community to attend.



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