



Attending Baccalaureate

The Kings Mountain High School graduating class of 1972 attends Baccalaureate Sermon in the school gymnasium Sunday evening. Dr. Paul K. Ausley delivered the message. See text on this page. (Mirror Photo by Lem Lynch)

## 262 To Get Diplomas

# KMHS To Graduate Largest Class Ever

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Diplomas will be presented to 262 Seniors in Kings Mountain High School graduation exercises at 8 p.m. Friday.

This will be the largest class to graduate from the high school, according to a spokesman for the school. Last year 250 Seniors received diplomas. There was no breakdown of the numbers available, but there are more boys than girls in the 1972 graduating class.

Diplomas will be awarded by Principal J. C. Atkinson, assisted by Chief Marshal Lynn Blanton.

Invocation will be given by David Bolin Vice President of the class of 1972, with

the official welcome given by Vice President Danny Rhodes. Diane Cornwell, class treasurer, will make the presentation of the class gift, to be accepted by

Mr. Tommy Bridges, member of the Kings Mountain Board of Education. Secretary, Kathryn Owens will deliver the benediction.

## Baccalaureate Message Is To Become 'Dreamers'

"Dreamers and visionaries have always enjoyed a place of prominence in the work of God," Dr. Paul K. Ausley told the 1972 graduating class of Kings Mountain High School in his Baccalaureate sermon Sunday night.

Dr. Ausley, pastor of Kings Mountain's First Presbyterian Church, drew a comparison of God as employer, and his workers as members of the firm. He proposed for the graduates a figurative "help wanted" ad. "Help wanted - young people of all ages, shapes and sizes - to have and promote the vision of a new world - lifetime employment - no salary - understanding, resourceful employer."

his workers are rarely on the side of the status-quo."

"Another problem with dreamers is that they have frequently been young people, and nobody likes a smart kid," he accused many older folks of cultivating cynicism. "Many young dreamers today have a vision of a new world coming, and we're always glad to welcome young people and have their applications, even if it means rocking the boat. We must not forget our dreams and become discouraged."

Dr. Ausley encouraged the graduates to keep in touch with the "founder," to call upon him frequently, and challenged the young people not to squander their talents, energy, and time on things that can destroy the mind and body.

The Baccalaureate was held in the KMHS gymnasium at 8 p.m. The invocation was given by Rev. Paul C. Millwood of First Baptist Church of Grover, and Rev. D.C. Wilson of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Kings Mountain read the scripture.

Dr. Ausley was introduced by Dr. Charles E. Edwards of Boyce Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Kings Mountain. The benediction was given by Rev. D.A. Costner of St. Peter's Baptist Church, Grover.

Special music was presented by the KMHS Senior Choir.

## KMHS Wins Sportsmanship Trophy

It was announced Tuesday by Principal J. C. Atkinson that Kings Mountain High has won the Athletic Conference Sportsmanship trophy for this year.

The sportsmanship trophy is presented annually to one school in the conference which exemplifies the best sportsmanship during athletic events, including all conference sporting events.

Atkinson reported that Kings Mountain has been runner-up for the trophy several times, but this is the first time to win.

The trophy will be presented by the principal, on behalf of the conference, to the student body during a special assembly.

Such a job, Dr. Ausley continued, would have plenty of positions available and no one would be turned away.

"The job is that of a dreamer, and there haven't been too many applicants. The work is sometimes dangerous - people sometimes hate us. The general public sometimes considers dreamers to be nothing but a silly fool, to be snickered at and sneered at.

"Our founder has always been pleased with men and women with high ideals," the speaker continued, "dreamers and visionaries have always enjoyed a place of prominence.

Ausley reminded the students that what most people consider reality is really out of touch with "the founder's intention, and

## Jurisdiction Of School District Undecided

School Superintendent Donald Jones told the Mirror Tuesday that still no word has been received from the State Attorney General's office regarding the legal jurisdiction of the City School District.

The controversy is over students living in the eastern section of the city which is across the Gaston County line. For years these students have come under the jurisdiction of Gaston County, but according to a long overlooked law recorded in 1905, and brought to the attention of the Board of Education by the Superintendent recently, the Kings Mountain School District incorporates any territory which is included in the Kings Mountain city limits.

At the request of the board, Attorney Jack White was instructed to write the Attorney General for a ruling to clear the issue once and for all. The Board of Education is still awaiting the ruling.

Jones said he is receiving many calls from people, and many more are now concerned because of a new housing development going up in the area. He called it one of the main concerns of the school system at present. According to the 1905 law, the school district should have expanded automatically to take in any new territory annexed by the city. Jones said that apparently it was just something that had slipped by

over a period of years, and expects the Attorney General's ruling at anytime.

## King Secures Mini Bikes For Junior Police

The Junior Police/Junior Deputy Program has just been presented twenty-four (24) Hondas. These Hondas were donated free by American Honda through the National Youth Project and the local Honda Corral.

David Beam of Honda Corral assembled and adjusted all units and is cooperating by helping us teach the boys maintenance.

Tommy King of the Kings Mountain Police Department is coordinating the Mini-Bike Program for this area and all Junior Departments will be eligible to ride as the adult leaders are trained and the boys are instructed in safe riding.

Riding of mini bikes will be limited to 25% of the total Junior Police/Junior Deputy Program.

The bikes will never be ridden on streets-only on approved safe lots and fields and only with the boys wearing the proper safety equipment. One of the main goals of the mini bike program will be to teach riding safety and where to ride and where not to ride.

In addition to the free bikes we are receiving free gas and oil from Mauney-Williams Oil Company, Inc. and L & R Oil Co., Inc. and other considerations by many local merchants and industry.

Any boy between the ages of 10 and 15 years of age may apply for membership in a Junior Police or Junior Deputy Department by contacting their local police department or Sheriff's Department.

Any adult who would like to become one of the leaders is invited to contact any Chief or Sheriff in this area.

Ben Clary is in the process of constructing a trailer to transport the mini bikes on.

This program is operated by the Police Departments and Sheriff's Department in Cleveland County and other counties and is one of the programs funded and coordinated by Region Criminal Justice Planning Agency.

American Honda is donating over 100 Hondas to our program Region-Wide. Joe Waters Honda, Forest City, will service and deliver the Hondas for Rutherford, Polk, and McDowell Counties.

## New Police Officers Hired

Three full time and one part time police officers were hired last week, in an effort to increase the Kings Mountain force by 7 new men.

Chief of Police Tom McDevitt was given the go-ahead to add the new men, part of an effort to enable the officers to ride two per car.

The new officers are Warren G. Brooks, Donald D. Ivey, and Bobby L. Meadows. Approved as a part-time officer, Jimmy Dickey, Jr. during the summer months.

## KM Residents Are Summer Volunteers In Park

Superintendent Ben F. Moomaw announced today the summer hours of operation for the Kings Mountain National Military Park Museum. The park will be open Monday-Friday from 8:30 - 6 p.m., daily, and on Sundays and holidays from 9 - 6 p.m. The new hours are effective from May 28th thru September 4th.

Three new seasonal rangers have been hired for this summer to assist in the various programs offered to visitors. These include slide programs and living history demonstration. These seasonal rangers are Jim Worsham of Anniston, Alabama, who completed his Masters in history this Spring; Kenneth Kulp, a Junior High teacher in Gastonia; and Hilda Fowler, 1st grade teacher in the Kings Mountain Early

Childhood Development Center.

Living history projects involve demonstrations of flintlock weapons used in battle. Also this summer the park is using Volunteers In The Park (VIP's) for the 18th Century camping scene that will be constructed on the battleground. This will consist of cooking, making lead bullets, and telling about the life of the 18th Century Revolutionary War soldiers. The VIP will be dressed in Revolutionary War period clothes.

The VIPs donating their services in the program are Jason Pouchak, David Stone, and John and David Parker of Kings Mountain, and Thomas and Arthur Bell of Charlotte. There is no admission charge to the park.

## 6-Member Coroner's Inquest Clears McDevitt

A 6-member coroner's jury found no probable cause Monday for charges against Kings Mountain police chief Thomas McDevitt in connection with the death of a Kings Mountain woman on the night of May 5th.

Senora Hughes Williams was struck and killed by a police car driven by the chief on that date.

Two Kings Mountain policemen, John Belt and Bynum Cook, were witnesses to the accident and testified that they were in another police car stopped on South Cansler Street, and saw a car speed by, followed by a police car with the blue light and siren on. They reported seeing a woman step from the curb of North Cansler and start across U. S. 74 just after the first car sped by, she got in the middle of the road, hesitated, and then proceeded across and was struck by McDevitt's car.

Rev. Robert Allen of Kings Mountain also testified. He did not see the accident, but was traveling east on West King in the same direction as the chief, and reported hearing an emergency vehicle.

It was revealed in the inquest that the

car McDevitt was in pursuit of was a grey 66 Ford with a black top.

Highway Patrolman Burnette was hospitalized and couldn't attend the inquest Monday, but Sgt. Butler, who assisted in the investigation, testified. He reported skid marks from the chief's car measuring 96 ft. and 7 in. before the impact and 34 feet after the point of impact. He estimated the speed of the police car at the time of impact at 50 mph.

Bennett Masters, Assistant Coroner, read a report from Dr. Sam Robinson, medical examiner, stating that the blood-alcohol content of the deceased woman was certified to be .31. According to state law .10 blood-alcohol content is considered intoxicated. The sample was taken one hour after death by Dr. Robinson. His report also stated that death was instantaneous, caused by a fracture of the neck.

The jury deliberated for about 15 minutes before returning with the verdict of no probable cause.

## At \$1000 A Month

# Water Being Pumped From KM To Bessemer

The cities of Kings Mountain and Bessemer City strengthened their ties Thursday when a 250,000 maximum gallon daily water supply from Kings Mountain to her sister city was turned on.

The contract for the sale of water between the two cities was approved in a special meeting of the Kings Mountain Board of Commissioners last Wednesday.

Bessemer did likewise, and at 4 p.m. Thursday, the water was turned on, and will probably stay on for the duration of the two year contract.

Bessemer has had a water emergency, and they are having to pay a minimum of \$1000 a month for the Kings Mountain water, a rate of 37.4 cents per 1000 gallons. Under the terms of the contract, Kings Mountain has the power to adjust the rate by giving 3 months notification to Bessemer City.

The water is being delivered by a 12 inch diameter line, connecting at a point in the shoulder of state road 1483, between the two cities.

Following the brief turn-on ceremony, Bessemer City Mayor George Newton said, "I'm glad Kings Mountain let us have the water...we will cooperate any way we can, we're neighbors and we want to stay that way."

Mayor John Moss of Kings Mountain viewed it as a joining together of two progressive communities. Mr. Gene Froneberger, member of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners, said as far as Bessemer City is concerned, this is one of the greatest things that's happened in a long time, adding that the county has been in need of the communities coming together.

The city adopted a resolution Thursday night agreeing to comply with the N.C. Water and Air Resources Board in improvement of the Kings Mountain sewer system. It was reported that diversion from the McGill plant to the Pilot plant should be completed by December 15, 1972. This is all a part of the plan to clean up Crowders Creek.

Commissioner James Dickey made the motion that the city submit assurance of compliance to the Department of Water and Air Resources.



Turning on the water from Kings Mountain to Bessemer City are Mayor George Newton, Gaston County Commissioner Gene Froneberger, and Kings Mountain Mayor John Moss. (Mirror Photo)