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Population
Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008
This figure for Greater Kings Mountain is derived from the 1965 Kings Mountain city directory census. The city limits figure is from the United States census of 1960.

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PRESENTATION — David M. Neill, left above, is pictured presenting a portrait of his late father to Paul M. Neilsen, Sr., chairman of the board of First Union National Bank. The portrait of the fourth president of First National Bank, B. S. Neilsen, Sr., will be hung in the directors' conference room at the bank. Mr. Neill subsequently became senior vice-president and chairman of the board of directors when First National merged with First Union National of North Carolina. (Photo by Paul Lemmons).

Local News Bulletins

IMPROVING
Hugh Smith, Duke Power Sub Station employee who suffered burns in an accident recently, is improving, members of his family said yesterday. Mr. Smith is a patient in Kings Mountain hospital.

YULE LIGHTS
New "Seasons Greetings" at the East and West entrances to the city on U. S. 74 were being installed by the city electrical crew this week as part of the community's Christmas decoration.

GIFTS TO VIET NAM
Mrs. Annie Ruth Hunter, whose serviceman husband is heading up an appeal for clothing and toys for Viet Nam orphans, said yesterday that response to the appeal has been good.

METER RECEIPTS
Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$220.60, including \$140.10 from on-street meters, \$59.50 from fines and \$21 from off-street meters, City Clerk Joe McDaniel reported.

PERMIT ISSUED
Lander Short was issued a building permit Friday to alter a one-story building on Walker street at estimated cost of \$1200. City Clerk Joe H. McDaniel reported.

LUTHERAN SERVICE
Rev. Charles Easley's sermon topic Sunday at St. Matthew's Lutheran church will be "Day of Preparation". The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed.

INVITATION TO BID
The City of Kings Mountain will receive bids until 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 14, 1965 for the following equipment:
1 Mechanical Ditch Digger
Specifications may be obtained at the office of the City Clerk. The Mayor and Board of Commissioners retains the right to accept or reject any and all bids. 11-25-12-2

Mrs. Peeler's Mother Passes

Final rites for Mrs. Mabel Flowe, 74, of Greensboro, mother of Mrs. Drace Peeler of Kings Mountain, will be held Friday at 2 p.m. from Forbis-Dick Memorial Chapel in Greensboro, interment following in Chestnut Hill cemetery in Salisbury.
Dr. Joseph Garrison and Rev. Samuel Stox will officiate at the funeral rites.
Mrs. Flowe, widow of John F. Flowe, died Tuesday night in Wesley Long hospital following two months illness.
A native of Rowan County, she was a member of the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant and the Order of Eastern Star.
Besides her daughter here, Mrs. Flowe is survived by a daughter, Mrs. F. H. Tunstall of Greensboro; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Superior Stone Wins Safety Honor

Local Quarry One Of Three To Win Bar

Seventeen Superior Stone Company quarries have received special recognition from the National Crushed Stone Association for operating in 1964 without a disabling work injury.
In addition, three Superior Stone quarries received the NCSA "Gold Bar" awards for operating at least five consecutive years without a disabling injury. They were among only seven quarries and mines from throughout the country to receive the "Gold Bar."
"Gold Bar" awards were presented to Superior Stone Company's Belgrade Quarry at Maysville, Kings Mountain Quarry at Kings Mountain and Reidsville Quarry at Reidsville.

According to NCSA, some 235 quarries and mines competed in the safety competition. Of the total, 128 were cited for perfect safety records in 1964. The annual contest is based on safety information furnished by the U. S. Bureau of Mines.

In addition to Superior Stone's "Gold Bar" winners, the following quarries were recognized for their injury-free safety records: New Bern Quarry, New Bern; Jamestown Quarry, Jamestown; Neverson Quarry, Bailey; Hickory Quarry, Hickory; Knightville Quarry, Knightdale; Garner Quarry, Garner; Statesville Quarry, Statesville; Pineville Quarry, Pineville; Kings Mountain Quarry No. 2, Kings Mountain; Danville Quarry, Danville, Va.; Gordonsville Quarry, Gordonsville, Va.; Lexington Quarry, Lexington, and Fountain Quarry, Fountain.

Superior Stone Company is a constructive materials division of Martin Marietta Corp., and supplies crushed stone throughout the southeast from quarries in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and Georgia. The company's main offices are located at Raleigh in the Superior Building.

Superior Stone's safety director is Garland Midvette of Raleigh, who is assisted by W. H. Hinshaw and Jim Cheshire, both of Greensboro.

Yule Shopping Season Begins

The Christmas shopping season is officially underway in Kings Mountain, with the majority of merchants having suspended the Wednesday afternoon half-holidays until after Christmas.
The business district Christmas lights will be lighted on Thanksgiving night for the first time and retailers reported increased weekend sales as early gift-list buyers began their work.
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United Fund Gifts At One-Third Mark

Choral Groups To Sing Tuesday

80-Voice Choir To Present Handel's Messiah

The 50-voice Cleveland County Choral Society and the Chorus of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte will sing Handel's "Messiah", Tuesday night at 8 p.m., at Kings Mountain Baptist church.

Harvey L. Woodruff will direct the presentation which will be the initial program of Christmas music in this area.

The combined choirs sang at Fallston Baptist church Sunday afternoon which was their first of three performances in Cleveland County. They will complete their program at Shelby Presbyterian church December 5th at 3 p.m.

Featured as soloists will be Delores Poovey, soprano; Robert Carter, tenor; Polly Willis, mezzo-soprano; and Robert Decker, baritone.

The Christmas portion of "The Messiah", also includes "Lift Up Your Head O Ye Gates" and "The Hallelujah Chorus."

Mr. Woodruff, who has directed the Cleveland County Choral Society since its founding in October 1962 under sponsorship of Shelby's Cecilia Music club, is director of music at UNC-C. He has directed choir clinics and workshops throughout the Southeast and maintains a private studio in Charlotte. He is a charter member and national officer of the National Association of "Teachers of Singing" and holds active membership in the American Choral Directors Association, the Music Educators National Conference, the Music Teachers National Association and Rotary International.

Accompanist is Mrs. Robert Carter, wife of the minister of music and education at Shelby's Central Methodist church, an accomplished organist and pianist. She is a music graduate of Morris Harvey college, Charleston, West Va.

In each of the three programs in the county the organist will be Jo Ellen Carter, organist of St. Central Methodist church where the Cleveland County Choral Society holds its weekly rehearsals. (Shelby) Accompanist for the last presentation, in Charlotte, will be June Kelly, regular accompanist for the UNC-C Chorus.

Three of the soloists are members of the Cleveland County Choral Society. All of them are actively associated with programs of church music in their communities. The mezzo-soprano, Polly Willis, is a member of the choir of First Baptist church in Charlotte.

Most of the city's business firms will be closed tightly for the holiday but a few such as service stations and restaurants will be open. Kings Mountain Drug Company will be open for prescription service from 2 until 5 p.m.

Hunting season officially opens in Cleveland and other adjoining counties and many hunters are expected to take to the woods in quest of game.

The annual Carolinas Carrousel Thanksgiving Day parade will be held in Charlotte beginning at 3 p.m. and among the 31 princesses in the mammoth festivities will be Kings Mountain Carrousel Princess Sandra Wright who represents Kings Mountain high school.

For football fans the Davidson Wildcats tangle the Bisons of Bucknell University in a Carrousel Bowl game Thursday night at Memorial Stadium. Other fans will depend on radio or television for their action. No local gridiron action is planned.

All schools will observe the usual long weekend, resuming classes on Monday.

Christmas Checks Are Mailed Here

Over \$2 million in Christmas Club checks have been paid out to customers of First Union National Bank according to an announcement today. This is an increase of \$325,000 over 1964.
R. S. Lennon, Vice President in charge in Kings Mountain stated that local customers' checks were mailed November 12 in order to be received on Monday, November 15.
First Union has 92 offices in 43 North Carolina communities.

\$7,000 In Hand For 8-In-One '66 Campaign

Cash received and pledges on the current year's Kings Mountain United Fund campaign totaled slightly more than one-third the budget or quota of \$20,656, co-chairmen Grady Howard and Elmore Alexander reported Wednesday.

Mr. Alexander emphasized that the approximately \$7,000 total represents cash and pledges "in hand" with a large number of reports of solicitors yet to be received.

"We feel the campaign is off to a good start, considering the reports received at Monday night's meeting of UF volunteers," Mr. Alexander commented, adding that the United Fund drive, is in fact, eight drives in one.

He invited individuals not contacted by volunteers to make their contribution by forwarding gifts in care of Mrs. Helen Blanton, fund treasurer, First Union National Bank.

"Eight worthwhile organizations benefit from the 1966 United Fund," Mr. Alexander pointed out, adding, "if for some reason the budget is not met, each of the eight budgeted requests would mean curtailing in work the organizations are able to perform in our community."

Funds derived from the United Fund campaign benefit these participating organizations: Kings Mountain Rescue Squad, American Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Kings Mountain high school band, Jacob S. Manney Memorial Library, Compact high school band, and Kings Mountain high school Choral Group.

"One gift via the United Fund suffices for many," Mr. Alexander added.

Hope Rites To Be Friday

Funeral rites for George Junior Hope, 68, will be held Friday at 4 p.m. from Piedmont Baptist church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Hope succumbed suddenly of a heart attack Tuesday at 1:35 p.m. He died about 20 minutes after arrival at Kings Mountain hospital.

A native of Cherokee County, Mr. Hope was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Lee Hope. A former employee of Bonnie Mills, he was a veteran of World War I.

Rev. C. C. Parker and Rev. Buddy Williams will officiate at the final rites.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Maggie Humphries Hope; six sons, Robert Hope, Jack Hope, Don Hope, Jerry Hope, Steve Hope, all of Kings Mountain, and George Hope, Jr. of Charlotte; and four daughters, Mrs. Ray Kimbrell, Mrs. Joe Heydon, Mrs. Everette Grigg, all of Kings Mountain, and Miss Zella Ann Hope of Charlotte.

Also surviving are four sisters, Mrs. Carrie Lockridge of Stanley, Mrs. Callaway Henderson of San Diego, California; Mrs. Grady Bridges and Mrs. Eulala Doss, all of Kings Mountain; and two brothers, Calvin Hope of Polkville and Clayton Hope of Kings Mountain; and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Carlisle's Preliminary Hearing On Auto Theft Charge Is Monday

Carlisle was arrested by police on West Mountain street when the 1954 model Chevrolet he was operating left the road and struck a fire hydrant. Carlisle reportedly told investigating officers the accelerator of the car "stuck".
Officers subsequently charged Carlisle with auto theft, reckless driving and no operator's license. The fire hydrant, city property, was broken and the right front bumper, fender and hood of the Chevrolet was damaged, police said.
Carlisle is employed by Park Yarn Mills.

Hearing Monday On Murder Charge



Negro Woman Charged Here With Slaying

Preliminary hearing for Mrs. Margaret McClain, 30, charged with murder in the death of her husband, will be heard in city recorder's court Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. before Judge George Thomason.

Mrs. McClain has been lodged in Cleveland County Jail since the Nov. 13th slaying of J. H. McClain.

Coroner J. Ollie Harris said that the Negro man died from shock and loss of blood. He said that McClain had been stabbed once in the right leg.

According to city police and the coroner's report, the couple had been arguing. Mrs. McClain reportedly said her husband tried to cut her, but she hit him, he fell and cut himself in the leg.

City police say the knife which apparently did the damage was found outside the home in the yard. Police Officer Jackie Barrett said the stabbed man did not leave the house after the cutting occurred. Mrs. McClain alleges she returned home from Gastonia around 3:15 a.m. and the argument ensued. She alleges she made the call for help within five minutes after the stabbing.

Board Approves Zoning Request

The city board of commissioners approved a rezoning request by Craftsman Yarn, Inc. and accepted low bids for two pieces of equipment at Tuesday's regular meeting.

Warren E. Reynolds, Kings Mountain realtor, voiced lone opposition to the petition by Craftsman for rezoning to industrial use designation of two lots on Linwood road, fronting 75 feet and averaging 201 feet in depth, and lying adjacent to present Craftsman property.

Mr. Reynolds said he represented Donald Oliver, owner of adjacent property.

Robert Lowe, of Craftsman, told the board his firm has no immediate plans for improving the property but has purchased it for possible future development.

The rezoning request had the endorsement of the zoning board. Southwell Motor Company was low bidder on a car for the police department and Western Carolina Equipment Co. was low bidder for a diesel-powered tandem drive motor grader. The Ford dealer's bid was \$2,395 and other bid was from Victory Chevrolet Co. at \$2425.01. Western Carolina's bid was \$16,663.63 and bid placed by Carolina Tractor & Equipment Co. was \$23,000.00.

The commission also: 1) transferred taxi franchise from the estate of James Sanders to Clyde Sanders; and 2) advertised for a ditcher for the Natural Gas Department.

Downtown Group Is Incorporated

The mayoral committee on downtown development Thursday night approved articles of incorporation as a non-profit organization and planned to proceed immediately with its formation.
The group will be incorporated as the Downtown Development Corporation of Kings Mountain and will work toward furthering the committee's efforts in general renovation of the downtown business area.
Other action of the group included preparing a questionnaire to be given property owners and merchants in the downtown area to determine personal wishes concerning proposed beautification of the downtown area and discussion of recommendations for Southern Railway on beautifications of the track area through the city.
Spokesman for Southern Railroad
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IN WHO'S WHO — Mrs. Jean Harlowe DeHart, top above, senior at Western Carolina college, Mrs. Sandy Campbell and Sandy Campbell, seniors at the University of Tennessee, were recently named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. All are of Kings Mountain.

METHODIST SERMON
The Rev. Howard R. Jordan of Central Methodist Church will speak Sunday on the subject "The Voice of Advent."