

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

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At-Large Voting Eliminated For Commission

Jaycees, Lions Favor Bond Issue

Engineer, Aide And Moss Speak At Lions Club

Members of two more Kings Mountain civic organizations have endorsed the city bond election for improving and expanding the sewage treatment system.

Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce, on February 15, and Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night, lent their endorsement to the proposal to be decided by the voters on March 15.

Mayor John Henry Moss, W. K. Dickson, the city's consulting engineer, and W. E. Johnson, of the Dickson staff, outlined plans for the project at Tuesday night's Lions club meeting.

After the Mayor had summarized details of the project, Mr. Dickson said growing water needs dictate that upstream citizens must protect their neighbors downstream. He noted Blackburg's source is Buffalo Creek. He also suggested the city would prefer to avoid federal pressure to enforce this protection, noting that the policy may be helpful to Kings Mountain, which has a stake out Buffalo Creek as a future source of potable water.

Engineer Johnson noted that the city is abreast of its requirements to qualify for a federal grant of up to 30 percent if construction cost of the new plant, estimated at \$360,000. He outlined the point system used by the state stream sanitation committee in recommending projects for federal grants and pointed out that authorization of money for the project, in the province of the voters, weighs heaviest in point count.

The plans call for doubling capacity of the McGill Creek plant to one million gallons daily, and for erection of a two million per day capacity plant on Pilot Creek, near its convergence with Muddy Fork.

The project anticipates installation of about seven miles of pipe, five miles of the total 24-inch in diameter and designed to accommodate flow of some nine million gallons daily.

Petitioners Ask Inclusion In City

Public hearing will be held March 8 by the city commission on a petition by several East Kings Mountain residents for incorporation of their property into the city limits.

The total tract includes four lots, estimated to total about two acres. A small portion is in Cleveland County, the remainder in Gaston.

The lots are owned by J. W. Thomasson, Gerald Thomasson, and Robert Ford.

Registration Virtual Blank

Opening day for registration for the March 15 special bond election was a boring one for the registrars.

Four of five related they had logged in not one new voter. Mrs. Ruth Bowers, Ward 3 at East school, and Mrs. Vera Cole Cash, Ward 4 at Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company club-room, had no activity whatsoever.

R. D. Goforth, Ward 2 at the American Legion building, put two names on his registration book via transfer from another ward.

Clarence L. Black, Ward 1 at City Hall courtroom, transferred one voter to Ward 5. Mrs. Paul Patterson, Ward 5 at the National Guard Armory, could not be contacted late Wednesday afternoon for her report.

Mrs. Bowers commented, "I was disappointed." She noted that several Ward 3 citizens who visited the polls to vote in last May's regular city election were found to be unregistered. She added the hope these citizens would register before the books are closed again on March 5.

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ON COLLEGE BOARD — Beth Houser, Kings Mountain senior at Lenoir Rhyne college, has been tapped for membership on the Board of Governors at the Hickory institution.

Beth Houser On L-R Board

Beth Houser, Kings Mountain senior at Lenoir Rhyne college in Hickory, has been elected to the Board of Governors at Lenoir Rhyne—a committee composed of five faculty members, the president of the student body and two students elected by the student cabinet.

A primary education major Miss Houser is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Houser of Kings Mountain.

Miss Houser is president of Fritz Conrad Dorm where she presides over 150 girls and over the House Council. She served as treasurer of her dormitory last year.

An active member of her sorority—Delta Zeta—as well as a member of the Association of Childhood Education, Miss Houser has served as a Campus Guide for two years and also as a member of the social committee of the College Center, W.A.A. and the President's Commission.

She expects to begin teaching this fall.

Cole To Observe 92nd Birthday

Joe Cole, of 305 Waco Road will observe his 92nd birthday Monday, February 28.

The venerable retired textile employee, familiarly known to many friends as "Uncle Joe", is well, able to be up and about his residence, and has a good appetite.

His daughter who resides with him, Mrs. Vera C. Cash, said no special festivities are planned.

Mrs. E. B. Canan, South Dakotan, Observes Her Eightieth Birthday

Mrs. Clara Elizabeth Thompson Canan, who has called Kings Mountain home the past seven years, celebrated her 80th birthday Friday.

A native of South Dakota who moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota, at age three, grew up there and lived all her married life in Crookston, she came to Kings Mountain to live with her daughter, Mrs. E. R. Goter and family, following the death of her husband, E. B. Canan.

Long active in the Order of the Eastern Star and the Lutheran church, Mrs. Canan believes her age, a silver-haired grandmother of five, she has cultivated a love of music, plays the organ at meetings of Kings Mountain Chapter 123, OES, and is active in the local Senior Citizens club. She's taught a few voice lessons since coming to Kings Mountain. For nine years she was a voice teacher at Wesley College in Grand Falls, North Dakota. She and her husband, reared three sons and a daughter. One son, Richard T. Canan died in 1956.

Present for the birthday celebration besides the honoree, the hostess, and Mrs. Goter were Mrs. Claude Rhyne, Mrs. Arno Haas, Mrs. Clarence Plonk, Jr., Mrs. Tommy Yarbrough, Mrs. Jimmy Dickey, Mrs. Howard Broadwater, and Mrs. Jacob Cooper.

Kennedy Youth Jailed Tuesday For Robbery

William Kennedy, Jr., 17, 103 North Carpenter street, is being held in jail in lieu of \$5000 bond, on charge of breaking, entering and larceny, to which city police say he has admitted.

Specifically, Kennedy is charged with entering McCurdy Cleaners, early in the morning of February 18th, breaking open the cash register, and removing \$211.49 in coins and currency. He is also charged with stealing a hammer, screw driver and pair of scissors. He had entered the McCurdy firm, owned by Charles L. Wilson, by breaking a back door glass.

Officer Lem Beattie said Kennedy confessed on arrest Tuesday.

Hearing is scheduled for Monday's session of recorder's court. Officer Earl Strupe said the McCurdy robbery is the most recent of a series of in-town break-ins reported.

On the night of the 16th, Harold's Gulf Service was robbed of a quantity of pennies and merchandise.

On the night of the 13th, Pauline Store was entered, after the thief or thieves sawed through bars of a back window. The store safe was drilled and \$120 in coins and bills reported missing.

On the night of the 11th, a thief or thieves relieved Tignor & Russell Garage of a drill and some tools.

In wake of the break-ins, Chief Paul Sanders and Mayor John Henry Moss announced that an additional patrol car is being employed.

Meningitis Cases Not Serious Kind

Two Kings Mountain grade school pupils are ill with spinal meningitis, which Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, county health officer, has labeled "not the serious kind."

Physicians say there are several strains of spinal meningitis. Both youngsters are fifth graders. Wendell Dawkins, West school, and Alfred Ashe, Davidson school. Dawkins mother, Mrs. Ida Dawkins is a cafeteria employee at West school.

Teachers and principals of both schools say attending physicians have reported both boys recuperating. Both homes are in quarantine.

World Prayer Day Friday

Kings Mountain citizens will join with those around the globe Friday in the annual observance of World Day of Prayer.

The local service, under sponsorship of the Kings Mountain United Council of Churchwomen, will be held from 11 a.m. until 12 noon at Central Methodist church, according to announcement by Mrs. Robert Haden, Council president. Virtually all city churches will participate.

Rev. Howard Jordan, Central Methodist pastor, will lead the service, which will include the reading of scripture by Mrs. Bob Maner and the presentation of a meditation by Mrs. Haden.

Ushers for the service will be Mrs. Thomas L. Richie, Mrs. Wayne M. Forsyth, Mrs. C. T. Carpenter, Jr. and Mrs. D. L. Bennett.

"We invite the community to pause during the day for this hour of service," Mrs. Haden said. She urged all Kings Mountain area citizens to join in the special service.

Barring Stoppages, School Ends June 3

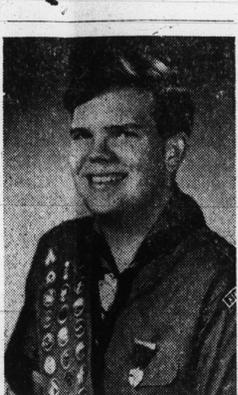
As of Monday night, Kings Mountain school district's present term is scheduled to be extended four days through June 3 for January's snow holiday make-up.

The other two snow-enforced holidays are pared from the Easter weekend holiday schedule, though Good Friday and Easter Monday remain in the holiday schedule.

A light snow fell Wednesday afternoon.

"What the board of education will decide if more snow forces school cancellation, I do not know," Superintendent B. N. Barnes commented.

City Population Up 249 At 8257



WINS AWARD — Kenny Plonk has been presented the God and Country Scouting award by Resurrection Lutheran church of which he is a member.

Scout-Church Award To Plonk

Kenny Plonk, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Plonk, Jr., was presented the Pro Deo et Patria Award, the God and Country Scouting award, at recent church services on Boy Scout Sunday at Resurrection Lutheran church.

The award recognizes a Scout for faithfulness in religious duties and is the highest award the church can present. Plonk's pastor, Rev. David L. Castor, made the presentation.

Requirements for the award must be satisfactorily completed within a period of three years by a Boy Scout who must have served one year as an Explorer. The five requirements include: knowledge of the Christian faith as taught in Luther's catechism; Christian life and practice; Christian worship; and Christian service, 150 hours of service in three church-related service hour activities as detailed in the Scout Handbook and completion of a special project assigned by the pastor.

Plonk, a rising senior at Kings Mountain high school, was recently elected president of the Student Participation Organization. He is a schoolbus driver, has lettered in football and is a member of the Monogram club. He became a Cub Scout at age eight, has earned 22 merit badges and has served as Den Chief of Pack 294. At age 14 he was selected to go to Philmont Scout Ranch as a member of the expedition. He is a member of Lutheran Troop 294.

He is grandson of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Plonk, Sr. and Mr. Mrs. T. A. Pollock of Kings Mountain.

It Was Snowing Wednesday

Same old story Wednesday afternoon for 1966. It was snowing again and still falling.

Forecasters were predicting either snow and ice in the Piedmont and hazardous driving warnings were being posted. It was 1966's fourth snow, plus an ice glazing.

Mauney Hosiery Socks Contract For 2.3 Million Pairs Announced

Mauney Hosiery Mills, Inc. has been awarded a defense contract for 2,300,000 pairs of men's cotton nylon black army socks for a total of \$740,066.81.

Announcement was made by Defense Supply Agency, Defense Personnel Support Center, Philadelphia, Pa. contract, Philadelphia, Pa. contract, Philadelphia, Pa. contract.

"These are firm, fixed-price contracts awarded by competition after formal advertising to the lowest responsible bidder who conformed with all bid requirements," said John V. Haggard, public affairs officer. Mr.

Haggard noted that of the 53 firms solicited, six submitted bids, and these awards were made in accordance with regulations governing awards made to small businesses.

W. K. Mauney, Jr., president of the Kings Mountain firm, said the award made to Mauney Hosiery Mills is one of the largest if not the largest award ever made for the stretch-type socks.

Mr. Mauney said deliveries against the contract will be completed in October, 1966.

Preliminary Report Shows Gain In County

Preliminary report of the Bureau of the Census on Cleveland County's current population shows Kings Mountain has gained 249 since 1960 to 8257, a gain of 8.76 persons over three percent.

Kings Mountain's 1960 total was 8008. Cleveland County logged an increase of 5.17 percent, at 69,464 up 3416 over 1960's 66,048. Boiling Springs made largest percentage gain of all incorporated cities and towns, growing to 1771.

Grover gained one to 536. Waco gained four to 260. Shelby lost well over 600, dropping to 17,037. Lawndale showed 641 persons, Lattimore 253.

Robert M. Davis, supervisor of the special census, said official figures will be published several months hence but are not expected to vary greatly from the preliminary totals.

The final official report will show the number of persons by sex, race (white, Negro, and "other") and 5-year age groups for the county as a whole, and for all incorporated places of 10,000 or more. For smaller communities and townships, total population figures will be shown.

Much of the planning by State and county officials, school and health officers, business men, local organizations, and market analysts depends on reliable and reasonably recent facts about the population.

Up-to-date statistics are invaluable for those who have the responsibility of planning for public services such as fire and police protection, water supply, streets and roads, and for evaluating the needs of housing, offices, and business sites.

The special census was taken under provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which calls upon the Director of the Census to determine for certain areas whether less than 50 percent of the population of voting age voted in the 1964 presidential election. Whether Cleveland was above or below the 50 percent line will be announced at about the time the final report of the special census is issued.

YDC To Name New Officers

Cleveland County Young Democrats will elect new officers for 1966-67 at a dinner meeting Thursday (tonight) at 7 p.m. at Governor's Inn in Shelby.

President Willard Boyles said that interested citizens should contact Governor's Inn (482-3821) for reservations or telephone him if they plan to attend. Tickets are \$2. Mr. Boyles said.

To be elected are a president, vice-president, secretary, and publicity director.

Other officers besides the Kings Mountain man are Jim Lybrand of Kings Mountain, vice-president; Mrs. Beth Lattimore of Lawndale, secretary; and Fred Flowers of Shelby, publicity director.

The medical staff is conducting the clinics and is advising citizens 65 years of age and older to seriously consider joining the voluntary federal government plan for extended medical care benefits.

Cost of additional medical insurance is \$3 per month. Deadline for making applications is March 31 and the program becomes operative July 1. Eligible persons who fail to apply for the voluntary insurance will not be able to obtain this insurance before July 1, 1968.

Commenting on the program, Lex G. Barkley, social security district manager in Gastonia, said, "Nearly two million persons are being sought in a huge missing persons hunt being conducted by the Social Security Administration. These people 65 or over

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No Rotation Agreements For Assembly

Political developments were numerous during the past week, principal among them:

1) The county commission, under permissive legislation, scrapped the district system of nominating county commissioners, returning to a system nominating to at-large or sweepstakes voting after a 15-year district system. (General election voting has always been at-large.)

2) Alex Brock, secretary of the state elections board, announced that deadline for filing rotation agreements, required 60 days prior to the April 15 filing deadline, with the results:

a) There will be no rotation agreements in state House of Representative districts (districted for the first time), and

b) There will be no new rotation agreements for Senate districts, where district lines were changed by the General Assembly in January. This means the new 29th Gaston-Cleveland two-senator district will have no agreement.

3) Charles Wray, Jr., announced he would seek nomination and election as county solicitor, a position he now holds by appointment.

Only other candidate for county office yet formally announced is Sheriff Hayward Allen, who seeks re-election to the position to which he was elected in 1961.

Rep. Robert Z. Falls seeks re-election in the new three-representative 43rd district and is the only announced candidate to date.

Senator Jack White, of Kings Mountain, and Senator L. B. Hollowell, of Gastonia, are seeking re-election in the new 29th, while Marshall Rauch, of Gastonia, are also in the senate race.

No Republican candidates have yet filed, though Edward H. Smith, of Kings Mountain, has been elected chairman of Cleveland County Republicans, succeeding Jack Dover, III, of Shelby. Smith was a candidate for the GOP congressional nomination two years ago.

The county commission change means that any citizen of Cleveland county can seek the seats of Chairman David Beam and Comm. B. E. Simmons. Previously, candidates would have been limited to Districts the two-representatives.

Other county offices to be filled in this year's primaries and election are: clerk of Superior Court, treasurer, coroner, surveyor, and all township constables and justices of the peace.

Notices of candidacy and filing fees must be in the hands of the chairman of the elections board not later than noon April 15.

Medicare Clinic Again Tuesday

Second clinic on voluntary medical care will be held from 2 until 5 p.m. Tuesday and on subsequent Tuesdays through March 29th at City Hall Courtroom.

Ten citizens visited the clinic last Tuesday, five made applications and there were numerous inquiries by persons age 65 or soon to be eligible both for the automatically applicable medical care plan and the voluntary medical insurance plan.

Kings Mountain Mayor John Henry Moss said he was gratified by the good response to the initial clinic here and Dr. Frank Sincox, chairman of the Kings Mountain hospital medical staff, concurred.

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HEART FUND BALLOON DAY SATURDAY — Kings Mountain area citizens will be asked to contribute to the Heart Fund via a Balloon Day and Tag Day promotion Saturday on downtown streets. Mrs. John H. Gamble, projects chairman has announced. Volunteers, FHA'ers from Kings Mountain high school, will be identified by the large white balloons with heart seal on them they carry. In the photograph from left, Jane Morris, FHA Balloon Day Chairman; Mrs. Charles Baird, FHA sponsor; Martha Herndon, FHA president; and Mrs. Gamble. The FHA chapter of the high school is made up of home economics students. The Kings Mountain Heart Fund is underway during the month of February.

KM Knitting Firm To Build Addition



HEADS GOP — Ed Henry Smith has been elected chairman of the Cleveland County Republican Party for a two year term.

Ed Smith Heads County GOP

Ed Henry Smith was elected chairman of the Cleveland County Republican Party at the GOP convention Saturday afternoon at Cleveland County Courthouse in Shelby.

Two other Kings Mountain men were re-elected officers to serve two-year terms. Bob Maner was named secretary for another term and Bill Babb was named treasurer. Re-elected vice-president is Mrs. John Davison.

Chairmen for 20 of 28 precincts in the county were also elected. Bob Maner is West Kings Mountain precinct chairman while Marvin McCurry is Grover precinct chairman. Bill Babb is Bethware precinct chairman. A new chairman will be appointed in East Kings Mountain where Smith has served as chairman.

John R. Dover, III, outgoing GOP Party chairman, presided. Although Smith had been called out of town and was unable to attend the meeting, Mr. Dover said Smith had "expressed a willingness to serve in any way."

HOSPITALIZED

Mrs. Vernon P. Crosby entered Charlotte Presbyterian hospital yesterday and will undergo surgery Thursday morning.

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