Population

Greater Kings Mountain	10,320
City Limits	8,256

This figure for Greater Kings Mountain is derived from the 1955 Kings Mountain city directory census. The city limits figure is from the United States census of 1965.

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Brooks First Area Viet Nam Fatality

Local News Bulletins

FROM HOSPITAL

Ben H. Bridges, secretary-treasurer of Kings Mountain Savings & Loan Association, was discharged from Charlotte Memorial Hospital Sunday. He continues to recuperate at his home.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts during the past two weeks totaled $448.95, including $298.30 from on-street meters; $101.25 in fines; and $49.40 from off-street meters, the city clerk's office reported.

Candidates To Be Guests Of CAGO

Candidates for 43rd district tatives and for 29th State Senator will be invited to attend next Wednesday night's meeting at Kings Mountain Country Club of the Cleveland Organization of Governmental officials.

Invitation was issued yesterday via the CAGO executive committee.

The candidates for the House are W. K. Mauney, Jr., Rep. Robert Falls, and William D. Harrill, Democrats, and Col. Harry P. Bedell, (ret.), James E. Dooley and A. Hobart Green, Republicans. Senate candidates are Senator Jack H. White and Marshall Rauch, Democrats, and Kelly Dixon, Republican.

After considerable discussion, the executive group tabled for further study suggestion by Dr. Hubrt Plaster, Shelby mayor, that the CAGO organization be invited to join the cities of Shelby in supporting legislative efforts to abrogate the 1965 territorial rights bill for power companies. Malcolm Brown, Shelby schools superintendent, said he questioned whether the school agncies should be a part of the fight, agreed "in principle" to Chairman John Henry Moss' contention that "CAGO is no better than its ability to form a solid fron on whatever aims it has or may have".

At the suggestion of Supt. Brown, the group voted appoint-

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Kings Mountain Infantryman, 18 Died July 3rd

By MARTIN HARMON

Pvt. Christopher Eugene Brooks, 18, Company B, 35th Infantry Regiment, 25th Division, is Kings Mountain's first fatal casualty in the war in Viet Nam.

His mother, Mrs. Gerald Lee of Route 1, York road, has been notified by the army that her son died of gunshot wounds on Sunday.

Pvt. Brooks was a 1965 graduate of Kings Mountain high school and entered the army shortly thereafter.

Other details had not been learned and funeral arrangements awaiit further information from the army. Harris Funeral Home will be in charge of arrangements and Major Crittenden, of Davidson, has been named survivor's assistance officer.

In addition to his mother, Pvt. Brooks is survived by his father, Walter Lee Brooks, of Dallas; a sister, Miss Betty Sue Brooks, at home; and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phillips, of Kings Mountain. Also surviving are three step-brothers, Carroll Lee, United States Navy, Max Lee and Emmett Lee, both of Kings Mountain.

Foote Sets Wage Increases

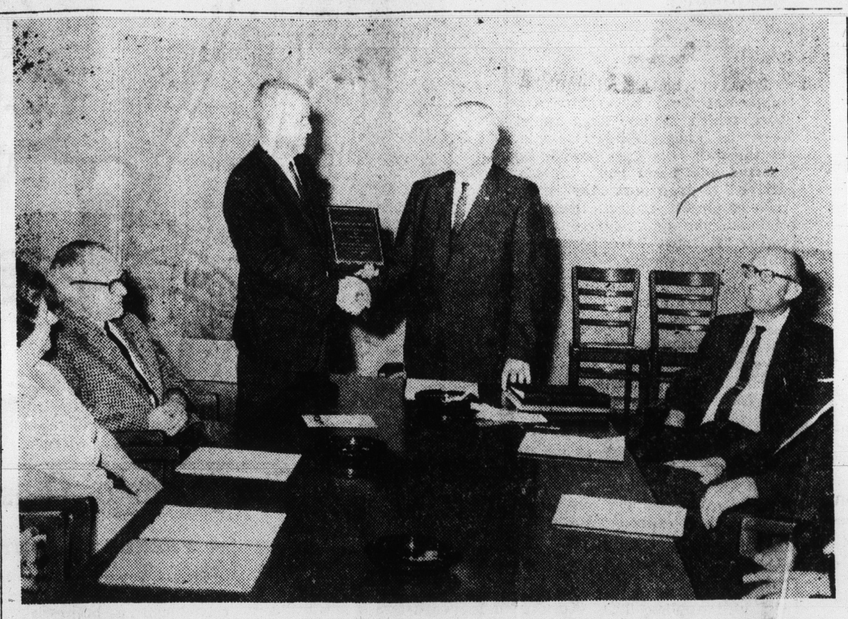
E. R. Goter, Manager of Foote Mineral Company, Kings Mountain Operations, announced a seven cent s per hour across-the-board pay increase and improvements in fringe benefits. All changs are effective July 1, 1966.

Additions in fringe benefits include an increase in shift differential for the third shift and improved surgical and hospitalization insurance

In making this announcement, Mr. Goter commended all employees for a job well done during the past year, making these benefits possible. He also re-emphasized the importance of safety, both as an individual and as a part of the Foote team.

SUFFERS STROKE

Ben R. Willeford, who suffered a stroke Friday, remains in serious condition at Kings Mountain hospital.



MAUNEY RECEIVES PLAQUE — George W. Mauney, at right above, is shown receiving an engraved plaque from the Kings Mountain hospital board of directors which he served as a member for ten years and president for nine. The retiring member is accepting the award from vice-president R. E. Hambright as other members look on. Seated from left, directors Mrs. George Houser and Charles A. Neisler. At right, Grady K. Howard, hospital administrator; and R. S. Lennon, secretary-treasurer. Not pictured are Hill Lowery, William Lawrence Plonk and George H. Mauney, all trustees. (Photo by Lem Lynch).

Mauney Completes Ten-Year Tenure

Hambright's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Ervin Ware Hambright, 53, former resident and onetime textile designer at Neisler Mills' Margrace Plant, were held Tuesday at 3 p.m. from Shiloh Presbyterian church in Grover.

Rev. Steve White, assisted by Rev. Steve Huntley, officiated at the final rites and interment was in the Grover cemetery.

Mr. Hambright died Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in Fort Hamilton Veterans hospital after a lengthy illness. A native of Cherokee County, S. C., he was the son of Mrs. Ida Ware Hambright of Grover and the late Jacob F. Hambright. He was a direct descendant of Colonel Frederick Hambright, Revolutionary War hero at the Battle of Kings Mountain. He was a veteran of World War II.

Besides his mother, he is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Frederick Hambright; his sister, Mrs. J. M. West of Annandale, Va.; four brothers, Jakie D. Hambright and Paul Hambright of Grover, Myers T Hambright of Kings Mountain and Fred R. Hambright of Chester, S. C.

City Employees Pay Hikes Voted

The city board of commissioners Thursday night voted an 11 percent across-the-board salary increase to all city employees.

With all members present except Comm. T. J. Ellison, the board upped the city payroll by $37,540, giving all city employees their first general pay hike since 1963.

Effective last Friday, all hourly employees receive a minimum of $1.40 per hour, a 15-cent increase.

"The pay increase brings Kings Mountain up to par with other municipalities in North Carolina", Mayor John H. Moss commented following action by the board.

Action was made following recommendation of a city employee salary schedule committee including the mayor, City Clerk Joe H. McDaniel, and Commissioners Ellison, O. O. Walker and Ray Cline.

The mayor noted that the committee reviewed and examined the proposed city budget and discussed salaries of each employee with the various department heads.

"There will be no increase in the tax rate", the mayor added.

G. H. Mauney Is Successor On Hospital Body

George H. Mauney was elected president of the Kings Mountain hospital board of trustees at the annual meeting Wednesday night.

Re-elected vice-president was Robert E. Hambright, of Grover, and re-elected secretary-treasurer was R. S. Lennon.

The board elected William Lawrence Plonk to a five-year term as a director, succeeding George W. Mauney, retiring after two terms and also veteran retiring president.

Hill Lowery was reappointed to a second five-year term. Two other members are to be named to the executive committee, of which the officers are ex officio members.

The retiring chairman was presented a handsome bronze plaque emblematic of his nine years service. The plaque was appropriately engraved in recognition by his fellow trustees for "outstanding service to Kings Mountain Hospital and to the community." Vice-president Hambright made the presentation.

The retiring chairman had previously served as a county hospital trustee before Kings Mountain hospital was built.

During the business part of the meeting the directors authorized a $2.50 increase in hospital room rates dictated, they said, by rising operating costs and costs of materials, supplies and labor. The new daily rates, now in effect, are: private rooms, $18; Semi-private, $15; and wards, $12.

CHAIRMAN — George H. Mauney has been elected chairman of the Kings Mountain hospital board of trustees.

Rice's Grandson Dies In Vietnam

A grandson of a Kings Mountain citizen has lost his life in Vietnam.

Loyd F. Rice, 604 Phenix street, has learned that his grandson Private first class Harold Ayers, 18, died of a gunshot wound, received during a 40-day major operation, on June 26.

Pfc. Ayers attended Lamar school, Jonesboro, Tennessee.

He was a member of Company A, 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, 1st Division.

Department Store License Fee Cut

The city commission Tuesday night adopted the existing privilege license ordinance for 1966-67 with a lone change.

License for non-chain department stores was reduced from $50 to $25.

Mayor John Henry Moss said the change was made to make the fee comparable to that of non-chain furniture stores.

The license for chain stores of all types is $50.

Licenses were due and payable July 1 and penalty of five percent per month applies after August 1.

Year-End Surplus $257,950; Gas System Budget $396,857

Gas Revenues Were $376,500 In Past Year

The city's natural gas system is expected to gross $396,975 in the current fiscal year or $20,375 more than the fiscal year ended last Thursday.

The amended budget for the previous year placed gross receipts at $376,500 which enabled contribution to the city's general budget of $127,910, or $27,910 more than had been anticipated.

In the budget for the coming year, tentatively adopted by the board of commissioners Tuesday night, sales are anticipated as follows: residential, $131,250; commercial $104,500; public building sales $7500; and the industrial customers $149,625. Other revenues are expected to total $4000.

Profit figure of the past year is retained as estimate of available monies for other city purposes. The city expects to pay Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation $240,000 for the gas it distributes, salaries and wages of $16,240. Equipment maintenance is budgeted at 2,000, supplies at $4000, engineering fees at $1800, and advertising at $1000.

Griffin Heads Rotary Club

Wilson Griffin, Kings Mountain pharmacist and partner in Griffin Drug Company, will be installed as president of the Kings Mountain Rotary club Thursday.

The civic club meets for lunch at 12:15 at the Country Club.

R. Devere Smith, outgoing president, will install the new slate of officers.

Other new officers are Charles F. Mauney, vice-president; Fred Dixon, secretary-treasurer; Elmore Alexander, Tom Tate, Charles Wilson and Devere Smith, directors; and W. Skellie Hunt, sergeant-at-arms.

Don't Put Pennies In These Meters

All donations to the city recreation commission are appreciated if freely given.

But Policeman Ralph (Babe) Ware, who superintends the city's parking meters, thinks the nearly $6 in pennies gleaned from the 25 meters on the new parking lot at the corner of Mountain at Cherokee probably were not freely given.

The hitch: these two-hour meters will give value received only for nickels and dimes. While accepting pennies, the meters register no parking time in return.

Profits of the parking meters go to the recreation program.

New Stadium Bids Invited

The Kings Mountain board of education is readvertising for bids for general construction and electrical work for John Gamble Memorial Football Stadium.

Ben T. Goforth Plumbing Thursday submitted the low bid for plumbing.

School officials and architects expressed the hope that the new bids, to be opened July 21 at 2 p.m. in School Suprintendent B. N. Barnes' office, will be "more in line" and that work can be completed in time for the start of the football season in early September.

It is the third time bids have been "too high" on general contracting and electrical work.

The total of the three low bids Thursday, for general construction, electrical and plumbing, was $60,213.51, more than twice the amount the architect estimated.

Original plans called for the stadium to be built at a cost of $85,000. Contracts already have

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City's Banks Offer City High Interest

Kings Mountain's two banking institutions, First Union National Bank of North Carolina and First Citizens Bank & Trust Company, have proffered the City of Kings Mountain top rates on short-term certificates of deposit.

Both have offered to pay five per cent interest on 30-day certificates and 5.15 per cent on 60-89-day certificates.

The commission Tuesday night authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to invest city monies in these certificates as funds and planned expenditures permitted.

Th city has several escrow accounts and has periods of heavy income which swell the treasury for short-term periods.

Eade Anderson Revival Speaker

Rev. J. Eade Anderson, pastor of Memorial Presbyterian church in Montgomery, Alabama and a former Kings Mountain summer supply pastor, will be evangelist for revival services beginning Monday at Dixon Presbyterian church.

Mr. Anderson will speak at services Monday through Friday at 7:30 p.m. Rev. James S. Mann, pastor, will open the services on Sunday evening at 7:30.

Rev. Mr. Anderson, a native of Horse Shoe Bend, N. C., was summer assistant pastor at Dixon and First Presbyterian churches here in 1948-49 when he was a seminary student. He and his wife and six children will be house-guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Humphries in the Dixon community. The Anderson family will also visit in Horse Shoe Bend with Mr. Anderson's mother.

A graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga., Rev. Mr. Anderson has served numerous pastorates including Olney Presbyterian church, Gastonia, and First Presbyterian church of Greenwood, Mississippi. He was called to the Alabama pastorate from Mississippi a few months ago.

The Anderson children are Jane, Scottie, Bruce, Mark, George and Becky.

Park Visitors Set New Record

Visitors to Kings Mountain National Military Park have topped all previous records, Supt. B. F. Moomaw has reported.

A total of 8,563 visitors from 27 states, the District of Columbia, Greece and England logged their names in the Park Museum the weekend of July 4th. A total of 2,438 people walked the Battleground trails, 2,273 visited the museum and there were a total of 1,1901 vehicles on the grounds Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

July 4th was favorite day for visitors as the area attracted many tourists.

Since January 1, a total of 169,171 visitors to the monument have set a record to date, Moomaw said.

All Streets To Get Water And Sewer Lines

The City of Kings Mountain expects to spend $1,320,486, some $300,000 more via its regular budget during the fiscal year which began last Friday, than in the year just ended.

Chief reason the budget estimate, as tentatively adopted Tuesday night, makes this increase possible is a June 30 year-end surplus of $257,950.

Other factors are increased estimates of utility sales and increased taxaxfle valuation.

Meantime, the commission voted to retain the present ad valoren tax rate of 95c per $100 valuation.

While pay increases for all employees add a sizeable amount to planned expenditures, the great portion of the increase is for capital improvements totaling $400,584 for specific purchases and projects, plus $25,000 as a contingency fund.

In presenting the proposed budget Tuesday night, Mayor John Henry Moss told the commission, "This is a sound budget. It is designed to provide water and sewer lines to every city street, to hard-surface all city streets remaining unpaved, to provide much-needed curb-and gutter and sidewalks in many areas, and to provide the several departments with the tools and equipment they need to do their work more quickly and more efficiently."

The budget provides for three additional employees. a utility meter reader, a building inspector, and an inventory clerk. The gas system budget provides for employment of a meter reader and it is anticipated the two will relieve elctric and gas department linemen of this monthly duty and make them available for regular duties at all times.)

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Biggest item of anthicipated income is from sale of power and water, at $592,500; the better than quarter-million surplus is second largest item; current year taxes are expected to increase by $7,000 to $174,000; and fourth is $127,910 profit from the gas system. These are the only six-figure items.

Outgo

The city's debt service requirement for the year is $30,000 principal, $9,625 interest, and $100 fical agent fee.

The recreation funds expects to expend the the $11,000 anticipated to be returned by the special recreation tax (five cents of the gross 85 cent rate).

Anticipated general fund expeditures by departments are:

Cemetery $12,9979.
Administrative $38,035.
Sanitary $43,262.
Street $139,207.
Police-Court $85,626.
Fire $31,320.
General $120,897.
Water & Sewer $87,032.
Electric $285,905.

Delegation Demands City To Curb Alleged Dixie Park Disturbances

A delegation of Juniper and West Gold street citizens Tuesday night asked the city board of commissioners to "do something" about the Dixie Trailer park near their residences.

Specifically, G. L. McDaniel, Jr., said there had been a disturbance in a trailer near his home the previous night which produced, he said, shooting, screaming and crying by a woman and child, and made him and his neighbors fear for their safety

He charged that, in spite of several calls to police, they answered only one and then stayed only "two minutes and did nothing."

Officer Ernest Beam, one of the investigating officers, said a man he considered to be drunk was in the yard of the trailer, but that he never left the premises. Meantime, Officer Beam added, the man's wife told the officers to leave, that she did not want their services. Officer Beam said that Warren Reynolds, owner of the trailer court, who had been summoned by neighbors arrived, volunteered to see whether he could calm the man and proceeded to do it. Meantime, he said, officers regularly patrolled the area throughout the remainder of the night.

Mayor John Henry Moss, who had also been called, corroborated the complainants report of much disturbance.

Jack White, acting city attorney, explained to the delegation that the law, as the officers had stated the previous night, did not permit invasion of a person's residence without a warrant, unless they had seen the crime or had reason to believe a felony was being committed. He said the complaints of the previous evening constituted a misdemeanor or misdemeanors and that the recourse of the delegation was to swear a warrant charging public nuisance.

One lady in the delegation kept inquiring, "What is a police department for? What do they do?" She alluded to the recent pay increase of city policemen, and, as she left remarked, "I still didn't get the answer to my question."

To suggestion that he and other members of the delegation swear out warrant, G. L. McDaniel, Jr., said he would fear for his personal safety should he take such action.

He asked the mayor and commission to visit the site to see the trailer, which they did following the meeting.

Commissioner Norman King questioned friends who live in a trailer nearby and was told there was no shooting, other than firecrackers.

The man's brother, Officer Beam said, said the alleged disturber of the peace owned no gun.

Capital Outlay Appropriations Represent 32 Percent of Budget

By MARTIN HARMON

More than 32 percent of the city's tentative record budget—exclusive of the $1,300,000 sewage system bond project—is earmarked for capital outlay (long term) improvements.

The figure of slightly over $400,000 anticipates these major projects:

1) building of a million-gallon water tank adjacent to the Cherryville Road water tank and repair of the clear well (for storage) at the Deal street filter plant, both for $100,000.

2) construction of a public works, utility and garage building $60,000.

3) renovation of City Hall $10,510.

4) curb-and-gutter installations $108,028. (see list of streets below).

5) street paving $31,219 (see list below).

6) two garbage trucks with packers one additional, one replacement) $22,000.

7) sidewalks $5000.

8) bookkeeping machine $16,032.

9) pumper for fire department $10,000.

10) other automotive equipment $7,500

Additionally, several streets are scheduled to be resurfaced (see list below).

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Highway Commissioner Garrison Asks Aid On New Access Road

W. B. Garrison, division highway commissioner, has asked the board of education to aid in right-of-way information as a prelude to possible construction of additional access roads to Kings Mountain high school.

The road, requested previously by the board of education, would be built from U. S. 74 south to the west side of the school.

The board voted to seek the aid of Davis & White, attorneys, to supply the information.

In another action, the board authorized Superintendent B. N. Barnes to write parents of Gaston County pupils attending Kings Muntain schools that these pupils may not be able to attend here during the next school term, pending agreement with the Gaston County school system. Such agreement has been invited previously but not abtained.

In other action, the board:

1) Acceptedthe offer of Hamrick & Redding to conduct the annual audit of local school funds at $5.50 per hour.

2) Accepted the resignation of Harry Jaynes as Kings Mountain high school principal.

3) Appointed D. L. Parker acting principal until a replacement for Mr. Jaynes is elected and on scene. (Mr. Parker is not a candidate for the principalship).

4) Continued contract for one year with Pilot Life Insurance Company for pupil accident insurance at $1.75 per enrollee, same rate previously in effect.