

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 21,914
City Limits 8,256

The Greater Kings Mountain figure is derived from the special United States Bureau of the Census report of January 1966, and includes the 14,999 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,914 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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KMHS To Play Kannapolis For Championship

Sewage System Construction Starts

City Re-contracts With Duke Power

Tate, Griffin Planning Group Re-Appointees

The city renewed for one year its contract with Duke Power Company for purchase of power for re-sale.

Rates are the same as under the expired contract.

The contract is renewable, provided that both the City and Duke may terminate the contract on 60 days written notice before the contract expires.

Mayor John Henry Moss reported the new contract calls for city use of up to 7200 kilowatts, against the city's recent consumption of 6200-6400 kilowatts. He told the city commission Duke is making changes at its substation to provide 8,000 kilowatts.

For the billing period ending January 23, City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr. reported, the city paid Duke \$2,996 for 3,231,360 kilowatt hours of electricity. Average cost per kilowatt hour was slightly over 6 cent.

In other actions Tuesday night, the board:

1) Passed two budget amendment ordinances the two transferring a total of \$50,000 from the general fund to the water and sewer fund. The money will be used for purchase of right-of-way for the sewer and/or water projects.

2) Awarded contract for purchase of a tag-along trailer to Ferree Trailer Company, Climax, N. C., on low bid of \$2625 f.o.b. Western Carolina Trailer Company, Charlotte, bid \$3100.

3) Confirmed reappointment for three-year terms of Thomas A. Tate and Wilson Griffin to the Kings Mountain planning board.

4) Authorized Kings Mountain Radio Club to establish a monitoring station in the basement of City Hall. Lawrence Adams, spokesman for the group of amateur operators present, said the monitor would be manned from 6 p.m. 'til midnight.

Revised School Calendar Adopted

A revised school calendar has been set by the board of education:

April 12-15, Spring Vacation (Begin after lunch—1:00 p.m.—Thursday, April 11—Classes resume April 16).

April 20, Make up day (Saturday—dismiss after lunch 1:00 p.m.)

May 31, Graduation (Last day for Seniors).

June 1, Make up day (Last day for students—dismiss before lunch—approximately 11:00 a.m.)

June 3-4, Teachers Days.

(The above schedule accounts for the 8 days lost due to inclement weather. If other days should be lost they will be made up on the Saturday following the day lost using the schedule for April 20.)

Plonk Heading Seal Campaign

Operation Bunny Hop for benefit of the Kings Mountain Easter Seal Campaign will be conducted on downtown streets March 30th.

Youngsters dressed as bunnies will conduct the fund-raising street drive here, Kings Mountain Chairman W. L. (Bill) Plonk announces.

Goal of the campaign March 1-April 14 is \$5,000 for Cleveland County.

Charlie Harry is Grover chairman of the drive. Chairmen of the women's division of the drive in No. 4 Township is Mrs. Bob Stringfellow.



APPOINTED — Tom Tate, top, and Wilson Griffin have been appointed to the Kings Mountain Planning Board by the board of city commissioners.

Big-B Residents To Get Refunds

Many purchasers of fire insurance within the newly approved Big-B (Bethlehem) fire district can look forward to refunds on existing policies and new purchasers to lower rates.

As of March 1, the Big-B district was approved by the North Carolina Fire Insurance Rating Bureau, Kings Mountain insurance agencies report.

They also report a mountain of work in store in issuing endorsements and refunds.

In a joint statement this week five agencies said:

"Kings Mountain insurance agencies will endeavor to issue endorsements and refunds, where applicable, to all customers residing in this district as soon as possible. This will entail much work and time. We ask your patience. We hope to get these out within the next three months, if possible. All refunds will be based on effective date of approval March 1."

Issuing the statement were C. E. Warlick Agency, B. F. Maner Agency, Tom Trov Agency, Arthur Hay Agency and John George Agency.

No estimate was made as to the number of refunds, nor patrons. However, two agents referred as the Big-B fire district's area as "large."

Two Brief Power Cut-Offs Sunday

All city power customers will be without power twice on Sunday but the two cut-offs will be of short duration, Electrical Superintendent Hunter Allen announces.

The initial cut-off will be between 6 and 6:15 a.m., with the second one between 1 and 2 p.m.

The cut-offs will be necessitated due to transformer change-overs at the Duke Power sub-station on North Gaston street.

E. E. Godwin Construction Superintendent

By MARTIN HARMON
Blythe Brothers Company, successful bidders, began work Monday on the sewage system renovation and expansion and estimate completion in a year.

In a report to Associated General Contractors of the Carolinas, H. R. Lockwood, vice-president of Blythe Brothers said approximately 40 workmen will be employed on the Kings Mountain job, including 15 new men—carpenters and laborers.

Meantime, the city board of commissioners took necessary technical actions at Tuesday night's regular meeting to authorize the mayor and city clerk to execute contracts both with Blythe Brothers and with Bryant Electric Company, of Gastonia, successful bidders for the electrical contract.

The Blythe Brothers contract is for \$1,059,917.70, the Bryant contract for \$14,596.

The McGill treatment plant is to be doubled to a daily capacity of a million gallons daily and a new plant of two million gallons daily will be built on Pilot Branch. Twenty-four inch and eight-inch outfall sewers will be installed.

The new plant will serve the western portion of the city. Its site is on property being acquired from the C. C. Whisnant heirs and from George Peeler of Shelby. Imhoff-type tanks will be replaced, including the so-called Mauney and Ware tanks.

The McGill plant is of modern type, was built in 1954, and serves the eastern portion of the city.

Beginning of construction marks beginning of the end of two decades of complaint by the State Board of Health that Kings Mountain's sewage disposal system is both overloaded and out-moded.

Initially estimated cost of the project was \$1,300,000.

A portion of the funds, \$388,500, is being provided by a grant from the federal Water Pollution Control Agency, Department of the Interior.

Construction bids were approximately \$75,000 lower than estimates of Col. W. K. Dickson, the city's engineer.

HELEN GOFORTH

Mary Helen Goforth is improving in the North Wilkesboro hospital following an accident, her relatives report.

New Petition Will Be Required On Linwood School District Plea

A new petition will apparently have to be redrawn by the 40-50 families in eastern Kings Mountain who seek annexation to the Kings Mountain school district.

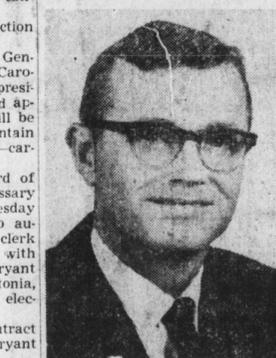
This is statement of the group's attorney, Henry Whitesides, of Gastonia, following his appearance before the new interim Gaston County Board of Education Monday night.

The families (about 30 children who have been attending local schools the past two years via court order) want their children to attend local schools because of the closeness of these schools. Legally, they are within the Gaston School District.

Whitesides said the new Gaston board was acquainted with "our problem" Monday night, Mr. Whitesides said the parents' petition originated before the consolidated board came into being. He also said there is some question the original petition was drawn correctly with regard to spelling out the boundaries of the area desiring annexation. This means, said Whitesides, that a true survey of the area involved would need to be made.

Parents of 30 out-of-school district pupils through their attorney Henry Whitesides Monday petitioned the Gaston County Board of Education for a referendum which would allow them to be annexed into the Kings Mountain school district.

Plonk Endorses Mel Broughton



FOR BROUGHTON — William Lawrence (Bill) Plonk, leader in the Bob Scott lieutenant-governor campaign four years ago, announced Tuesday his support for Mel Broughton for governor.

King Won't Run For County Post

Norman King, Ward 4 city commissioner, said Wednesday he will not be a candidate for county commissioner.

Mr. King said he had been encouraged by indications of support for the county board post.

He added, "I have a considerable interest in the major projects of the City of Kings Mountain. Additionally, many of my constituents told me they did not want me to leave the Ward 4 commissionership at this time."

William Orr, employee of Duplex - International, Ltd. is the lone commission candidate from Kings Mountain. Incumbent Coleman Goforth is a Stony Point community citizen.

Model Cities Group Incomplete

Mayor John Henry Moss said Wednesday he is still in process of appointing the Kings Mountain Model Cities committee.

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Law To Be Boss Even If Costly

"We will abide by the law even if it takes money out of the citizens' pockets."

This was the reply of Mayor John Henry Moss to a question concerning future city purchasing policy.

He added: "Formal and informal bids will be received on projects up to the legal maximum of \$7500. Only formal bids will be asked on projects estimated to cost more than \$7500."

The Mayor was recently under fire because eight of 58 street improvements projects during the past three years exceeded the legal limit of informal bidding.

However, it was found the city had been obtaining street improvements, both curbing and guttering and paving at bargain rates. The city has been buying curbing and guttering for \$1.80 per lineal foot (assessment to property owner 50 cents) compared to Shelby's bid price on a fiscal year basis of \$2.35. The State Highway commission engineer reported bid prices varying from \$2.50 to \$2.80 per foot.



PRESIDENT — John A. Cheshire has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association for the coming year. He succeeds Glee E. Bridges, hardwareman.

KM Retailers Elect Cheshire

John A. Cheshire, Patterson Oil Company executive, has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association for the coming year.

Jim Yarbrow, Sterchi Furniture credit manager, was elected vice-president. Elected to two-year directorships were Larry Morrow of Belk's, Howard Lutz of Kings Mountain Drug Company and Lee McIntyre of First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company.

The new officers were elected in mail balloting conducted by members this week.

Hold-over directors are Larry Hamrick of C. E. Warlick Insurance Agency, Joe Smith of Kings Mountain Savings & Loan Association, John McGinnis of McGinnis Department Store, Richard Barnett of Cooper's, Inc. and Bennett Masters of Harris Funeral Home. Glee Edwin Bridges, the outgoing president, will serve in an ex officio capacity on the board of directors.

West P-TA Sets Talent Show

West school P-TA will sponsor a talent show Friday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. at North school auditorium with proceeds to be used to purchase a typewriter with primary size type for the school.

A spokesman for the P-TA group said the talent event will replace the regularly-scheduled March P-TA meeting and parents are urged to encourage their youngsters to perform by singing, dancing or reciting. The committee has ruled out pantomime with records, singing with voice recording and acts in poor taste. Contestants must furnish own instruments, costumes and accompaniments. The school will furnish a piano and record player.

Winner of the West school contest will enter the Kiwanis club city-wide talent event in April.

Prizes will be presented the winner from grades 1-2, from grades 3-4 and from grades 5-6. Admission is 25 cents for students.

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Snags Mar Annexation Requests; Herndon, Sincox Properties In

By MARTIN HARMON
Requests for annexation to the city limits hit some snags Tuesday night.

Result: the city has expanded on Edgemont avenue by two parcels of property, the William Herndon residence, and the Dr. F. J. Sincox lot.

Deferred for March 26 action: action on annexation requests of J. F. Cunningham, Walter Myers, Richard E. Barnett, Harold George and Eugene R. Roberts.

James E. Amos asked what he said he "hoped" would be temporary withdrawal of his Edgemont annexation request. He said failure of two neighbors to petition for annexation would prevent city paving of the street fronting the Amos residence. The Amos withdrawal petition was honored.

"I want the many benefits of city residence, including lower water and power and insurance rates, and garbage collection," he commented.

Two neighbors to five other

Hickory Defeated Handily By 75-60

Towel City Team Defends Flag On Home Court

By JOE CORNWELL
Kings Mountain invades Kannapolis Thursday night for the boys basketball championship of the Western North Carolina High School Activities association.

The Mountaineers, victors over Hickory 75-60 in the Bi-Conference finals here Tuesday night, face defending champs Kannapolis on the Kannapolis court.

The Mountaineers, coached by Bob Hussey, had a rough time with Hickory in the first quarter and most of the first half, before breaking the game open in the latter part of the third period.

Gary Stafford kept Hickory in the game early in the first with his amazing outside shooting. Stafford connected on six field

NO ADVANCE SALE
There will be no advance sale for the Western North Carolina High School Activities association championship double-header at the Kannapolis high school gym Thursday night, Kannapolis officials report.

Tickets will be sold, first come, first served, with only 2500 available. The girls' opener between Chase and Concord, begins at 7 o'clock. Kings Mountain and Kannapolis lock horns at 8:30.

goals in the first period of play, as the Tornados jumped out in front of the Kings Mountain lads, 29-15.

Well rounded scoring kept the Mountaineers in contention in the first period of play. Steve Spencer, Ken Mitchem, and George Adams all scored.

Adams came to life in the second quarter as he pumped in 14 vital points. The 6'5" senior scored all but five of the Mountaineers' points.

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Injuries Fatal To Pfc. Bowens

Pfc. Reece Dale Bowens, 20-year-old Grover serviceman, was killed in Thailand March 8th, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William G. Bowens have been notified.

Bowens was reportedly driving a military vehicle and attempted to pass another vehicle on a mountain road. The shoulder of the road gave way and the vehicle operated by Bowens overturned. Bowens died as a result of the injuries.

Funeral arrangements, which are incomplete, will be announced by Harris Funeral Home.

Pfc. Bowens was a member of Company C of the 809th Engineers Battalion. He was a member of Allen Memorial Baptist church.

Besides his parents he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Rebecca Bowens.

J. A. Childers said he had a problem of ingress-egress to his residence and reported that the narrow entrance street has not been dedicated for a public street.

Were it, he added, an addition he plans would "leave my house on the curb."

Dean Smith said his problem was the same, as he, too, plans an addition.

Commissioner W. S. Biddix made the motion to table the request, but Commissioner Norman King objected. He pointed out that it has been city policy for years to honor requests of property owners (when adjacent and contiguous to the city limits) for annexation. In this instance, he declared, the objectors do not seek annexation.

When Mr. Biddix amended his motion to provide for action on March 26 Mr. King acquiesced. The vote was 3-0 in favor.

Commissioners T. J. Ellison and O. O. Walker were absent due to illness.



TOP SCORER—George Adams is the top scorer for the high school Mountaineers who tangle Thursday night with Kannapolis for the WNCSPA championship.

Cline, Cabiness Seek Re-election

Two incumbent members of the Cleveland County Board of Education, both Democrats, filed last week for reelection.

Three other persons, all Democrats, announced the previous week, bringing the total number in the race at present to five, the same number to be elected.

Incumbent Buford Cline paid his filing fee Friday. The 46-year-old dairy farmer of route 1, Shelby, presently is serving his fourth consecutive two-year board term.

Robert F. (Bob) Cabaniss, 39-year-old farmer of route 4, Shelby, Tuesday filed as a candidate for election to a third term on the board of education.

Filing last week were Fred Simmons of Polkville, Mrs. Cecil Barrier of Tobacco and Devon Bingham of Waco.

School board members will be elected under a different arrangement this year, due to enactment of a local bill by the 1967 General Assembly. The three top vote-getters in November will serve four-year terms. The next two highest will serve two-year terms. In subsequent elections, candidates will be elected for four-year terms. Before this year, a full board was elected every two years. The new arrangement will set up rotating terms.

Cabaniss was first elected to the board in 1964. He is a member of the Cleveland County (Continued On Page Six)

Bids On Sewer Bonds Tuesday

The Local Government Commission will receive bids at its offices in Raleigh Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock on \$1,000,000 sanitary sewer bonds.

Mayor John Henry Moss will be present for the bidding.

Under terms of the bid invitation, the bonds will carry a 25-year amortization, with \$10,000 in principal, plus accrued interest, to be paid each year. First payment is due during the 1968-69 fiscal year in semi-annual installments.

As of June 30, 1968, prior bonded debt of the city will have been reduced to \$370,000.