

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 1965, and includes the 14,900 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,124 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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Indicated City Surplus \$281,506

Carpet Industries To start Production in Thirty Days

New Industry Will Weave Contract Carpet

By MARTIN HARMON

Carpet Industries, Inc., expects to begin production in its new building here within 30 days, William J. Laine, president, announced Wednesday.

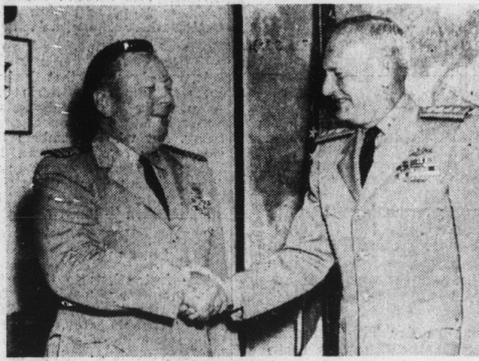
The new firm, a North Carolina corporation, will weave commercial or contract carpet, using nylon and polypropylene yarn. All new equipment, double shuttle looms manufactured by Wilson & Longbottom, an English firm, is being installed.

President Laine said estimated initial employment is 25 persons. The building at the corner of Waco Road and Mitchell Street is of prefabricated steel and occupies a two-acre site purchased from R. C. Gantt. City building permit issued was for \$28,655. Ford Construction Company was listed as contractor.

President Laine, of Charlotte, for the past three years has been a salesman with Nisco, Inc. and previously was with Rockingham Mills, of Rockingham.

Other officers are Joseph Byrnes, vice-president and secretary, and Robert Stern, vice-president and treasurer, both of New York, N. Y.

In a joint statement, L. E. Hinman and Ollie Harris, co-chairmen of the mayor's industry-seeking committee, welcomed the new firm, adding, "Carpet manufacture represents yet another diversification of Kings Mountain's textile industry."



WINS LEGION OF MERIT MEDAL — Rear Admiral Elliott Laughlin, right, commandant of the Naval District, presents the Legion of Merit Medal to Captain William F. Brewer of Henderson, formerly of Kings Mountain, in ceremonies Wednesday in Washington, D. C. Captain Brewer retired June 30th after a Naval career of 32 years.

Captain Brewer Wins Navy Award

The Legion of Merit Medal was presented to Captain William F. Brewer, USN, formerly of Kings Mountain, in a ceremony at Headquarters, Naval District Washington, D. C., on Wednesday, June 26. Rear Admiral Elliott Laughlin, Commandant of the Naval District, presented the award.

Capt. Brewer, who retired from the Navy on Sunday, June 30, received the Legion of Merit for his exceptionally meritorious service while assigned to United States European Command Headquarters in Stuttgart, Germany. As the Chief of the Management Division of the Military Assistance Directorate, Capt. Brewer established a reporting and redistribution system for checking and directing stock levels that contributed to the Military Assistance Program.

The citation accompanying his award says in part, "Captain Brewer has consistently demonstrated exceptional professional competence and resourcefulness in all facets of military assistance matters. His distinctive accomplishments culminate a long and successful naval career."

Since his commissioning as a naval aviator in 1937, his career of 32 years has included duty during World War II in England, Japan, and Okinawa. A graduate of the Naval War College, Newport, R.I., and the National War College, Washington, D. C., he has also served as the Commanding Officer of the sea-plane tender USS Duxbury Bay (AVP-38) and aircraft carrier USS Wasp (CVS-18). He has also served as the Chief of Staff of the Atlantic

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Amount Up By \$17,006 Since May 31

By MARTIN HARMON

The city's indicated surplus for the year ended Saturday is \$281,506, up \$17,006 over May 31 estimates of \$264,500.

City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., completed closing of the fiscal 1968 books Wednesday.

The figure is subject to audit but considered accurate.

The indicated surplus is comparable to last year's of \$257,950 and the 1966 surplus of \$182,552.

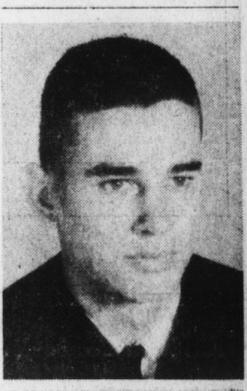
"The members of the commission and I are highly pleased at the surplus improvement both over May 31 estimate and the surplus of previous years," Mayor John Henry Moss commented.

He pointed out that city operational services and capital improvements have not been "shorted."

"Actually," he continued, "the good result reflects growth of the city and confirms several present city policies, including city limits expansion on petition, maintenance of a low city tax rate, and taking all services to all citizens as fast as physically possible."

He said the added \$17,006 will be appropriated to capital expenditures.

The city's tentatively adopted budget for the year just starting is a record \$2,508,405.



WIN SCHOLARSHIPS — Bobby Martin, top, and Billy Williams are winners of the 1968 Martin Luther King scholarships from Lithium Corporation of America. The scholarships provide \$1,000 per year for four years of college.

Don Parker's Mother Passes

Funeral rites for Mrs. Zelma Proffitt Parker, 77, of Hendersonville, mother of Donald L. Parker of Kings Mountain, were held Sunday at 4:30 p.m. from the chapel of Anders - Rice Funeral Home in Asheville, interment following in Oakdale cemetery, Hendersonville.

Mrs. Parker, widow of J. M. Parker who died in 1933, died Friday. She had made her home in Asheville with a daughter, Mrs. W. P. Griffin.

Surviving in addition to Mr. Parker here and Mrs. Griffin are two daughters, Mrs. James Murray of Arden and Mrs. Agnes Lyda of Nashville; a son, James Parker of Cocoa, Fla.; three sisters, Mrs. W. R. Shultz of Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. Blanton Burdette of Laurens, S. C., and Mrs. M. L. Brockman of Charleston, S. C.; a brother, Raymond Proffitt of Newport, Tenn.; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Dixon Church Sets Homecoming

Dixon Presbyterian church will observe annual Homecoming Day Sunday.

Rev. E. O. Gore, retired Baptist minister and a native of the Dixon community, will deliver the sermon at the morning worship hour at 9:30.

Lunch will be served at 12:30 on the church grounds and a song service will be held beginning at 2 p.m. with church groups invited to participate.

BAPTIST SPEAKER

Rev. C. O. Greene of Shelby, associational missionary of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association, will fill the pulpit at both the morning and evening worship services Sunday at Kings Mountain Baptist church.

Rev. James M. Wilder, pastor, is at John Umstead hospital at Butler attending pastoral care clinics.

Hospital Fund Total \$124,135

Only \$15,470 in new pledges has been reported to Campaign Headquarters in the past week. The current grand total is \$124,135.

There is to be no house to house canvass for the drive. Anyone desiring to contribute to the hospital building fund may send a contribution to Hospital Development Office, 139 West Mountain Street. Checks should be made payable to Hospital Development Fund.

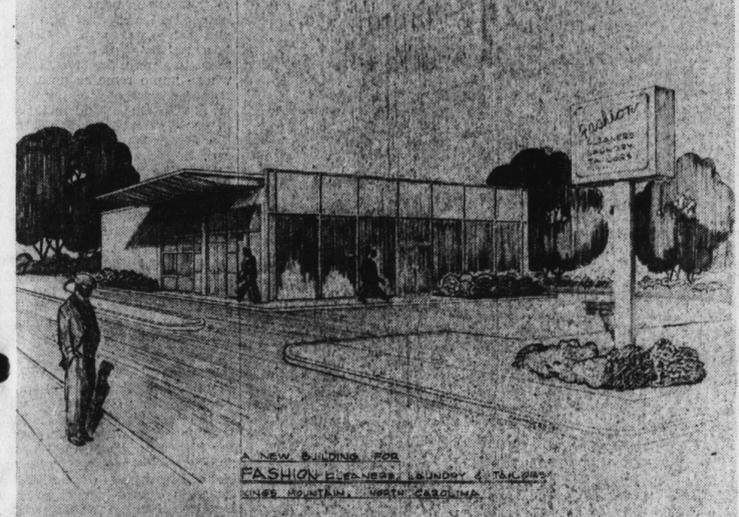
George H. Houser, general chairman of the drive, said that victory is in sight and asked all workers to turn their cards in as soon as possible.

Holiday Begins For Textile Folk

Majority of Kings Mountain area textile employees are enjoying a week's holiday which started for most on Saturday.

At least one plant — Carolina Throwing Company — expects to "run all week due to production requirements," said Charles F. Mauney, general manager of the throwing firm.

Kings Mountain retailers will also take a holiday Independence Day with only drug stores and service stations expected to be open. Closed will be the City Hall, all financial institutions, the city postoffice and Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library.



CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY — Pictured above is an architect's drawing of the proposed new home of Fashion Laundry and Cleaners to be built at estimated cost of \$50,000 at the corner of East King and Carpenter streets. Construction is expected to be completed by late August.



PRESIDENT — George W. Mauney has been re-elected president of the Kings Mountain hospital board of directors.

Hospital Board Renames Mauney

George W. Mauney has been re-elected president of Kings Mountain Hospital for the coming year.

New officers and directors were elected at the annual meeting Wednesday.

James Gibson was elected vice-president to succeed R. E. Hambricht of Grover and R. S. Lennon was re-elected secretary.

Mr. Hambricht was re-elected to a five-year trusteeship and Tom Tate was elected a five-year trustee succeeding A. A. Barrett of Waco.

The new vice-president of the hospital board of directors is a partner in Center Service. The new trustee, Mr. Tate is secretary-treasurer of Home Savings & Loan Association.

Board May Act On Building Bids

The city commission will consider action Tuesday night on the bids for the projected neighborhood facilities building.

Bids exceeded the estimated \$424,000 cost by \$184,254 and totaled \$608,577.

A federal grant of \$302,680, representing two-thirds the estimated cost, was made by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Mayor John Henry Moss said he and members of the commission were considerably disappointed in the bid total, as the \$184,254 imbalance would be hard to raise with other major projects either underway or to be shortly.

The Mayor and officials of J. L. Williams Associates, the architects, conferred with HUD officials June 19.

"Frankly," the Mayor reported, "HUD officials were not encouraging over our obtaining any additional funds there."

He said he would confer with HUD officials again Monday.

Otherwise, the board's agenda for Tuesday, as of yesterday, is short.

It will consider a petition of Charles G. Campbell for re-zoning from residential area to business use his property at the north corner of West Mountain and Candler streets.

Fashion Cleaners Starts Building; \$50,000 Expansion

Construction began this week on a new \$50,000 home for Fashion Cleaners & Laundry, Kings Mountain business citizen at the corner of East King and Carpenter streets.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Austin, owners of the firm, said the new building is expected to be completed by late August.

The building design and plant layout, which was done by Mr. Austin, will be 3100 square feet, with brick veneer and concrete block interior walls, pre-stressed concrete roof and columns with glass and aluminum storefront.

Stone Heating Company of Shelby is the general contractor and other work has been sub-contracted locally.

Mr. Austin said the new building and new equipment will offer Kings Mountain "as modern a cleaning and laundry operation in the area."

Mr. and Mrs. Austin have operated a dry cleaning and laundry business since 1957 when they purchased Piedmont Washerette and subsequently Piedmont Laundry. They first began a dry cleaning operation in Grover, then moved both laundry and cleaning operations to the present location in a house at 301 East King street. Since 1964 the Austins have also owned and operated Weaver's Cleaners, which has been combined with their East King street operation.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Austin are natives of Kings Mountain. Mrs. Austin is the former Phyllis Ware.

Schools To Ask HEW To Defer

Kings Mountain board of education will ask the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to defer for the 1968-69 term its recommendation that half of Park Grace students and half of Compact students swap plants.

Superintendent Donald Jones said it is the thinking of the board and of himself that the HEW recommendation arrived weeks after assignment of pupils.

The change, he added, would pose no administrative problems but would change upcoming-year school plans for three grades in each of the schools.

HEW recommended that Park Grace send half its six grades to Compact and vice versa.

AT PHILMONT

Three Kings Mountain Boy Scouts, Ricky Falls, Rocky Ford and Reid Strickland, all of Troop 91, are at Philmont Scout Ranch and Explorer Base in Cimarron, New Mexico for a 12-day expedition. They left Saturday via chartered bus.

Kings Mountain Community Action Program Tuesday At ARP Church

Kings Mountain area citizens are being invited to attend a meeting of Cleveland Community Action Program of Kings Mountain Tuesday night at 8 p.m. at Boyce Memorial ARP church.

Announcement was made by Mrs. Faye W. Webber, home manager of Cleveland Community Action, Inc., and Rev. Thomas L. Richie, pastor of the ARP church.

Mr. Richie said letters of invitation have gone out to city of-



APPOINTED — Dr. Lawrence I. Lohr, Jr., of Ann Arbor, Mich., son of Mrs. L. Lohr of Kings Mountain and the late Mr. Lohr, has been appointed associate professor of chemistry at the University of Michigan. Dr. Lohr will begin his work at the university with the fall term. Since 1963 he has been a research scientist at the Ford Scientific Laboratory at Dearborn.

Ladies To Direct Schools Traffic

The policeman directing traffic at city school take-up and let-out times next school year will be police women.

Mayor John Henry Moss made the announcement in presenting the coming year's tentative budget.

The change will enable regular duty officers to enjoy a 48-hour work week year around, rather than only in the summer when schools are not in session.

The Mayor said the plan is a cooperative venture of the city, the Kings Mountain board of education, and the several school Parent-Teacher associations.

Aid Promised To Relocate

The State Highway commission is publishing legal notice in today's edition of the Herald stating it will provide relocation advisory assistance to families displaced by the York highway improvement project.

The notice states that the commission anticipates some families will be displaced by the demolition or removal of buildings.

Principal area of change of roadbed, Division Engineer W. W. Wyke has previously announced, is in the mountain gap area.

The road is to be widened from 18 to 24 feet from the I-85 bridge to the South Carolina state line.

Estimated cost of the project is \$550,000 and the commission hopes to take bids in November.

Greene Rites Held Sunday

Funeral rites for Howell Lee Greene, 69, retired farmer, were held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. from Allen Memorial Baptist church, interment following in the church cemetery.

Mr. Greene died Friday night at 7 o'clock in Cleveland Memorial hospital at Shelby after several month's illness.

He was a native of Rutherford County, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Lee Greene. His wife, Lola Hunt Greene, died in 1963.

Surviving are four sons, Ernest Greene and Cecil Greene, both of Norfolk, Va., Russell Greene and Herman Greene, both of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Mrs. Herman Wright of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Donald Greene of Mooresboro; a sister, Mrs. Blanche Towery of Great Falls, S. C., and 11 grandchildren.

Rev. George Thornburg and Rev. C. C. Crow officiated at the final rites.

BUILDING PERMIT

Stone Heating Company, Inc., has purchased a city building permit for construction of a brick-block dry cleaning building, estimated to cost \$20,000, at 301 East King street. Stone Heating is the builder.



RECEIVES FOUNDERS' AWARD — Carl Wilson, left, was presented the Cleveland County Heart Association's Founders' Award Wednesday and accepts the award from Cleveland County Heart Association President Bob Culbreth. Mrs. Scarr Morrison, also of Kings Mountain, received a Founders Award from the heart association in which both have been active at Wednesday's annual meeting. Mrs. Morrison was not present for the awards presentation. (Photo, courtesy Nick Taylor, Shelby Star).

Two Lithium Scholars Named

Bobby Martin of Bessemer City and Billy Williams of Kings Mountain have been named winners of the 1968 Martin Luther King Scholarship Awards by the Lithium Corporation of America.

The scholarships provide \$1,000 per year up to a maximum of four years to students of proven scholastic ability who are unable financially to go to college.

Lithium plans to award additional scholarships in 1969.

Bobby Martin is the son of the late Jack Martin, a long-time Lithium employee who passed away in June, 1968. He graduated from Bessemer City high school in 1964 and attended Gaston College before his transfer to Appalachian State University. He is majoring in sociology and plans to enter the teaching profession upon his graduation.

Billy Williams graduated from Kings Mountain high school in June, 1968, and will begin his college career at the University of North Carolina in the fall. He plans to major in chemistry and hopes to become a professional chemical engineer. During his high school career, he was a National Honor Society member and had the honor of being selected to attend the National Science Foundation Institute during the summer of 1967.

Williams is son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Williams.

John Alexander's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for John Wesley Alexander, 30, of 904 First street, were held Sunday at 4 p.m. from Oak Grove Baptist church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Alexander died Friday morning at 2:45 a.m. of injuries sustained in a truck wreck in High Point at 1:30 that morning.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther B. Alexander.

Other survivors include his wife, Mrs. Peggy Hamm Alexander; two sons, John Wesley Alexander, Jr., and Luther David Alexander, both of the home; a daughter, Venus Lynn Alexander, of the home; a brother, Harold Lee Alexander; a half-brother, David Smith; two sisters, Joann Stroupe and Mrs. Dickey Lou Holmes; and a half-sister, Mrs. Adie Bell White, all of Kings Mountain.

Rev. James M. Holder officiated at the final rites.

Funeral Services Friday At 4 For Ray Wright, 52, Baptist Pastor

Rev. Ray Wright, 52, pastor of Victory Baptist church until his recent illness, died Wednesday morning at 6 a.m. in Veteran's Hospital at Oteen.

Funeral rites will be held Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock from Macedonia Baptist church of which he was a member. The body will remain at Harris Funeral Home until 3:30 Friday when it will lie in state at the church. The family will receive friends and relatives at the funeral home Thursday night from 7 until 9 p.m.

Officiating at the final rites will be the Rev. Wayne Ashe, Macedonia pastor, assisted by Rev. C. E. Osmont of Harleyville, S. C. Interment will be in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Wright was a native of Kings Mountain, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Kossie Wright, Sr., who survive. He was a former ministerial student at Gardner Webb college.

He was married to the former Bertha Conner. Besides his wife and parents, other survivors include a son, Jerry Wright of Vicksburg, Mississippi; a daughter, Mrs. Herman (Dub) Blalock, Jr., of Kings Mountain; four brothers, Clayton Wright of Gaffney, S. C., Jack Wright of Swannanoa and Curtis Wright of Norfolk, Va.; five sisters, Mrs. P. R. Smith, Mrs. Otto Ford, Mrs. James Gann, Mrs. Steve Early and Mrs. Gerald Camp, all of Kings Mountain; and five grandchildren.

Rev. James M. Holder officiated at the final rites.