

Population
Greater Kings Mountain
City Limits 21,914
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 14,990 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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School Board Considers HEW Ultimatum Friday

City Capital Expenditures For '69 \$384,987

Board Remands Re-Zoning Bid

Three Other Properties Are Re-zoned

By MARTIN HARMON

The city commission Tuesday remanded to the zoning board for further consideration petitions of Mrs. Avalonia H. Weaver and Mrs. Elizabeth M. Rhea for re-zoning for neighborhood business their lots at the corner of West Mountain and Watterson streets.

Three other re-zoning petitions were unopposed and were approved.

These were the Charles G. Campbell property at the corner of West Mountain and Candler streets, optioned to Kings Mountain Savings & Loan Association from residential to neighborhood business; the Kings Mountain Convalescent & Nursing Center property north of Kings Mountain Hospital, from Residential 20 designation to Residential 20; and the George W. Mauney property at the corner of West-Gold street and Phifer road, from residential to neighborhood business use.

The re-zoning board, meeting on July 15, had recommended approval of all the re-zoning requests by unanimous vote, Chairman Fred Plonk said Wednesday.

B. D. Ratterree led the opposition to the Weaver-Rhea re-zoning request, after Robert Bradley, attorney representing the would-be purchasers, had told the commission intended use of the property was for a drug store, without soda fountain, employing a 4,000 square foot building.

Mr. Ratterree said he objected because of additional danger to school children from increased auto traffic and the fact he had been promised an audience when the zoning board met. He was not notified of the zoning board hearing, he said.

Previously, City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., had read the names of seven of 20 petitioners initially opposed to the re-zoning petition, the seven having called to say they wanted their names withdrawn.

Withdrawing their names were Mrs. Margaret Ware, C. D. Ware, N. F. McGill, Jr., Mrs. Margaret L. Miller, Mrs. Ruth Goforth, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Goforth, Sr.

Mr. Ratterree said, "Some few backed out because they thought it would hurt their business or something. Those on there who didn't crawlfish I reckon are still with me."

Others opposed were: 1) Mayor J. L. Davenport, of Mt. Holly, owner of the former Carlyle Ware property at 403 W. (Continued On Page Six)

Grant Contract Signing August 1

Top officials in charge of urban renewal of the Atlanta region, Department of Housing and Urban Development will come to Kings Mountain August 1 for formal signing of contracts with the city for federal grants.

They are John D. Edmunds, Region III director of urban renewal, and James R. Patterson, area coordinator for urban renewal in the two Carolinas.

Contracts will be executed for the \$302,680 neighborhood facility grant, and for the \$450,000 Buffalo Creek water project grant.



EVANGELIST—Rev. Cline Borders of Lawndale will be evangelist for revival services beginning Sunday at Patterson Grove Baptist church.

Borders To Lead Revival Series

Rev. Cline Borders, associate director of the Seminary Extension Department of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be evangelist for revival services beginning Sunday morning at Patterson Grove Baptist church.

The Sunday services are at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. and services during the week through Friday, August 2, are at 8 p.m., said the pastor, Rev. Richard Plyler.

Mr. Borders is a graduate of Wake Forest University and Southeastern Theological Seminary. He has served pastorates in North and South Carolina. Rev. and Mrs. Borders and family make their home in Lawndale.

Junior Police Elect Officers

Thursday, July 11 at City Hall, 19 of the new 29 Kings Mountain Junior Policemen held their first meeting. The young men voted for their president, Tommy Shirley; their vice president, Johnny McDevitt; and their sergeants, Bobby King, Myron George, and Britt Leigh.

Policeman Ellis King and Chief Thomas McDevitt are in charge of the organization.

Monday night, July 22, the boys with their leaders held their second meeting at the Kings Mountain Police Club on York Road.

President Tommy Shirley opened the meeting. Chief McDevitt explained the necessity of abiding by the creed and also gave a brief discussion on appearance.

A hotdog supper was served after the meeting. The young policemen presented Chief McDevitt with a birthday cake which was cut and served for dessert.

The following have agreed to abide by the creed and have received their membership cards: Morris Blacklock, Randy Harrison, Bobby Jackson, John T. McDevitt, Donald D. McDevitt, Richard D. Collins, Morris T. Collins, Tommy F. Shirley, Barry S. Laughridge, Paul B. Leigh, Jeffrey B. Jones, Bobby L. King, Gregory S. Cook, David H. Bridges, Johnny M. Sisk.

Also G. Laughter, Myron G. George, Mark S. George, Bruce W. King, Terry E. Johnson, Mark McDaniel, Bennett J. Masters, Jr., Michael J. Coleman, David R. Sanders, Elmer C. Martin, George Lublanski, Chad A. Ledford, Bart George and Roger D. Hovis.

PICNIC
Kings Mountain Kiwanians and their families will gather for a picnic Thursday night at 7 o'clock at Lake Montonia picnic area. Harold Cogkins is chairman of the food committee.

Curb-and-Gutter Is Big Item In New Budget

By MARTIN HARMON

The City of Kings Mountain has budgeted \$384,987 for capital improvements during the current fiscal year.

This appropriation was the total for permanent improvements included in the record \$1,522,465 budget ordinance adopted Tuesday night.

The budget was up by the approximately \$17,000 additional surplus over the estimate made in late June.

Meantime, the city commission made official its indicated 25c per \$100 valuation ad valorem tax rate—same rate prevailing for several years.

The capital outlay breakdown includes:

1) \$122,565 for curb-and-gutter installations (Henry street extension to Brookwood road, Woodside drive from Fallingwood to Dead End, Monroe avenue from Groves to Jackson, First street (contract awarded) also includes driveways and catch basins, Monta Vista drive from Wilson to Falls, Waco road from Gantt to Watterson, Meadowbrook road extension west from Hillside drive, Hawthorne road from Marion to Hillside drive and Beason creek, Katherine street from Fairview to Second, Cleveland avenue from East King to Ridge (one side only), Phenix street from Cleveland avenue to Tessenner property, Ashley Park-Rockford road, Downing street, Wales road, Allison street, Fairview street from Fourth street to Linwood road, Gold street from Cherokee street to York road).

2) \$16,276 to paving—(Woodside drive from Fallingwood to Dead end, Henry street extension to Brookwood, Cherokee street from Dickson to Dead end, Wilson street from Monte Vista to Dead end, N. Goforth street from Spies to Dead end, Glenn street from Grace street to Church, May street from Church to Grace, Bridges Drive Extension and Dixie street, Battleground avenue from sidetrack to Falls on right, Battleground avenue from Gold to sidetrack on right, Meadowbrook road extension west from Hillside drive, Roxford road, Downing street, Wales road, Allison street).

3) \$29,497 for water and sewer installations. Major water items include the Henry street extension line, Ashley Park water line, 12-inch line from Gantt to King Mills. Major sewer items include lines on Henry street extension, Ashley Park, and King Kampers sewer pump, pipe and manholes.

4) Equipment—Garbage truck, packer and containers; police cars \$5,000, fire truck (\$24,000), electrical department truck (\$30,000), gas lines (\$12,500), neighborhood.

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City's Urban Renewal Application Meets Requirements, Hummel Says

Kings Mountain's Survey and Planning application for a federal grant for the proposed Candler street urban renewal project satisfies all current federal requirements for funding.

Whether the Kings Mountain grant will be approved, Don Hummel, assistant secretary for renewal and housing assistance, Department of Housing and Urban Development, wrote U. S. Representative Basil L. Whitener, depends on fund allocations. Appropriations for this purpose for the current fiscal year are \$750 million, similar eligible applications total approximately \$800 million, leaving a \$50 million imbalance.

Rep. Whitener had written Mr. Hummel July 2: "This is with further reference to my recent inquiry concerning urban renewal survey and planning application number R-96 submitted by Kings Mountain, North Carolina."

"I was very pleased to learn from Mr. Lyon's letter that the application is being processed at the present time. Kings Mountain is one of the most progressive communities in my Congressional District. The urban renewal project for which the survey and planning grant is desired is urgently needed for low-income families at Kings Mountain.

K M Cablevision Wins Franchise

Bridges Says 10-12 Channels To Be Available

Kings Mountain Cablevision, Inc., was awarded Tuesday night a 15-year franchise for cablevision operation within the city.

James Bridges, president, told the city commission his firm expected to provide Kings Mountain subscribers service from ten to twelve channels, including UHF stations currently broadcasting from Charlotte.

Such service is regulated by the Federal Communications Commission, he added, when asked when service could be inaugurated. He hoped, he said, "we will be close to offering service" a year hence.

Under terms of a CATV Ordinance priorly adopted by the board, the firm will pay the city annually five percent of gross operating revenues or \$2400, whichever is the greater. Additionally, the firm will pay the city \$3 per pole per year for each utility pole used by the Cablevision Firm.

The ordinance sets service rentals at \$4.95 per month and \$1 per month for each additional set. Installation charges will be \$10 for the initial set, and \$5 for each additional set.

The ordinance requires the company to pay any costs to the city resulting from its installations.

The commission awarded the franchise, renewable for ten years on agreement of both parties, on recommendation of a special committee, which included Commissioners T. J. Ellison, chairman, Ray Cline and Norman King. Chairman Ellison said the committee had processed one other application for the franchise, from Statewide Cablevision, Forest City.

Other officers of Kings Mountain Cablevision, Inc., are Richard McGinnis, vice-president; Eugene Timms, secretary; and L. E. (Josh) Hinnant, treasurer.

HAYNES WINNER
R. Ed Haynes, 216 North Weldon street, Gastonia, won a Tiger Sweepstakes worth \$50 via the promotion sponsored by Esso service stations. Mr. Haynes is a local customer of McGill's Esso Servicenter. No purchase is necessary by customers to participate in the sweepstakes.

Flashing Signal Now Three-Way

A once-flashing traffic signal is now fully operative giving off stop-go-caution instructions.

The signal and the corner of West Mountain and Watterson streets at the West School corner was ordered operative by the city board of commissioners Tuesday night.

Authorizing a traffic study committee to include three commissioners, appointed by the Mayor, and the Chief of Police, the commission honored the request of Lt.-Col. Robert G. Cox and Horace Kiser, West Mountain residents, for activation of the signal.

Lt.-Col. Cox suggested, "It should help to slow down these drivers who want to drag 'em down in back, spin wheels and burn rubber."

E. J. Stewart Rites Conducted On Wednesday

Funeral rites for Edward J. Stewart, 83, retired farmer of the Dixon community, were held Wednesday afternoon at 4 p.m. from Bethlehem Baptist church of which he was a member.

Mr. Stewart died Monday afternoon at 1:30 in the Kings Mountain hospital after illness of several years.

A native of Cherokee County, South Carolina, he was son of the late Michael Mauney and Victoria Downey Stewart. He was married to Corrie McDaniel Stewart who died suddenly July 7th after suffering a heart attack. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stewart had been in declining health for several years.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. James Thompson of Palatka, Florida; Mrs. Arthur Biltcliffe of Kings Mountain; Mrs. J. Haywood Allen of Shelby and Mrs. J. W. Palmer of York, South Carolina. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Rev. Clarence McMahan and Rev. James F. Graham officiated at the final rites.

Active pallbearers were Elton Stewart, Max Stewart, McCoy Stewart, Robert Dixon, Bill Herndon and Bruce McDaniel.

PHA Bid High For Property

Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority, Inc., was high bidder Saturday for a 2.3 acre tract on the south side of the Kings Mountain Special Education Center (New Davidson school) property auctioned by the Kings Mountain school district board of education.

The bid price was \$4200, which Thomas W. Harper, executive director of the housing authority, said was the value set by Frank Hoyle, of Cherryville, registered appraiser.

The sale remains open for ten days.

Should the bid be raised by five percent, another auction would be held.

Mauney Heads Rotary Club

Charles F. Mauney, general manager of Mauney Hosiery Mills and Carolina Throwing Company, has been installed as president of the Kings Mountain Rotary club for the coming year.

Installation service for new officers was held at the club's regular noon meeting Thursday at the Kings Mountain Country club.

Other new officers include Fred Dixon, first vice-president; Ed Goter, second vice-president; Robert H. Goforth, secretary-treasurer; Larry Hamrick, assistant secretary-treasurer; and Charles E. Wilson, sergeant-at-arms.

Past president and ex-officio director is Rev. Charles W. Easley.

New directors are Robert L. Bradley, Ken Culberson, Dr. John C. McGill, and Tom Tate. Bulletin editor is Russell Zerbe.

IMPROVING
Joe Lee Woodward, schools trustee officer, is improving at Kings Mountain hospital where he is receiving treatment for a respiratory ailment.

FROM SALT LAKE CITY
Mrs. David R. Hamrick returned Tuesday night from Salt Lake City, Utah where she accompanied her grandchildren, Jon David and Gianna Marie Moore, home. The Moore children, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Moore, had been visiting their grandparents the past month. They made the trip by plane. Mrs. Moore is the former Norma Kay Hamrick.

Rance Henderson WSAHH Director

IN NEW POST—Rance Henderson has accepted a position as director of the West Suburban Association for the Hearing Handicapped in Lombard, Ill.

Rance Henderson, Kings Mountain native and son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Henderson, will assume new duties August 1 as director of the West Suburban Association for the Hearing Handicapped in Lombard, Illinois.

Mr. Henderson has for the past six years been on the staff of Oregon School for the Deaf in Salem, Oregon, serving as head football and track coach, athletic director and more recently as supervising teacher of the high school department and the vocational department. In addition, Mr. Henderson has served as director of extra-curricular activities.

Mrs. Henderson, the former Betty Ledford of Kings Mountain, has also been a member of the faculty of Oregon School for the Deaf. They are parents of two children, David, age nine, and Julie, age eight.

In his new position Mr. Henderson will supervise a staff of 45 including 35 teachers, an audiologist, psychologist, curriculum director, social worker, home educator and four secretaries. In addition to duties as director, Mr. Henderson will also teach on a limited basis at De Paul University in Chicago, Ill., instructing one course per quarter in the university's program to train teachers to work with the deaf.

WSAHH is a program that provides locally, as opposed to a residential school, an educational program for 235 deaf students.

Mr. Henderson holds an M.S. degree from Oregon College of Education in Monmouth, Oregon and an M.A. from San Fernando Valley State college in Northridge, Calif. He has also studied at Williamette college in Oregon.

METER RECEIPTS
Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday totaled \$188.75, including \$128.50 from on-street meters, \$42.75 from fines, and \$17.50 from off-street meters.

Effective Saturday, all regular Saturday window service will be discontinued at Kings Mountain postoffice and collection of mail from street deposit boxes will be adjusted to conform to the generally less-frequent Sunday collection schedules.

Postmaster Charles L. Alexander said the curtailing in postal service was ordered by Postmaster General W. Marvin Watson to comply with the cutback required by Congress under the recently-enacted tax bill by reducing some postal services and curtailing new hiring.

Postmaster Alexander said the Post Office Department agreed to the reduction in funds for the 1969 fiscal year that began July 1 and is not asking for a restoration of any money cut from its budget.

"The Postmaster General," Mr. Alexander explained, "told us we could operate within the budget and maintain postal services at or near their present level if we did not have to reduce employment to the June 1966 level."

Mr. Alexander noted that he has been directed to submit his plans by September 1 regarding his proposals on how and when Saturday delivery on city residential routes should be handled locally.

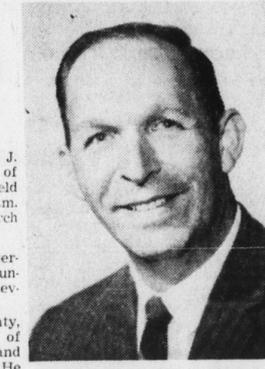
An effective date for the elimination of Saturday residential delivery here and nationally is then expected to be established by the Department, the postmaster explained.

The exact total of the overall employment cut that will apply locally is not yet known, and it will be affected to some extent by the rapidity of job turnover in the local staff in the months immediately ahead. However, the postmaster said he expects the cut to be serious.

To make the overall cutback to the 1966 level, post offices have been ordered to fill only three out of four vacancies as they occur.

Postmaster Alexander also noted that beginning July 1 all planned extensions of city and rural delivery were curtailed. At this time there are no plans to provide.

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Board May Ask Charlottesville Appointment

Kings Mountain district school trustees will meet Friday night to determine what course of action to take in the wake of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's request for additional time to desegregate the 190-member all-Negro Compact school.

Meantime, City Attorney Jack H. White has been retained by the board of education to confer with the attorney general in Raleigh "as to the course of action," said Board Chairman George H. Mauney. "HEW apparently wants 'freedom of choice' plans thrown out notwithstanding the Supreme Court's rulings," said Mauney.

Chairman Mauney said board members may go to Charlottesville, Va. this week to confer with Dr. Eloise Severinson, regional civil rights director who informed Supt. Don Jones in a letter July 19th the board had 10 days to submit a plan for desegregating Compact school or face possible cut-off of federal funds.

Supt. Jones was out-of-town yesterday and unavailable for comment.

Desegregation of Compact must become effective this fall, according to the HEW order. The board of education had requested that it be given until next year to eliminate this one remaining all-Negro school in the system.

In requesting a delay until next year, the board said school assignments had already been made for 1968-69 and that insufficient time remained to make reassignments, said Mauney. Chairman Mauney said yesterday that all the Negro students assigned to Compact for the fall term had chosen to attend Compact via the systems freedom-of-choice plan.

HEW's staff representatives, following a review in March of Kings Mountain's desegregation compliance, suggested that all-Negro Compact could be eliminated by pairing the school with predominantly white Park Grade, so that each school would have three fully-integrated grades each. A formal recommendation to this effect came 83 days later on June 11. HEW suggested that Park Grade be made a primary school with grades 1-3 and Compact school be utilized for grades 4-6.

Dr. Severinson wrote Supt. Jones: "Thank you for your letter of July 12, 1968. The Office for Civil Rights is pleased to hear that you were able to implement some of its suggestions for further desegregating your school system. (one full-time white teacher has been assigned to Compact for the coming year and another white teacher would have taught at Compact part of the day and at another school the remaining time.)"

"Even though the closing of Davidson school was a forward step, Davidson has been converted into a special education center) this office feels that the all-Negro Compact school has to be desegregated before Kings Mountain City can be considered in compliance under the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VI.

"According to your correspondence, the problem you are confronting seems to be one of giving proper notice to the parents. There are no major administrative obstacles to prevent your implementing our requests set forth in our letter to you on June 11. We therefore suggest that there has been sufficient time to inform the populace of the possibility of reorganizing the grade structure of the Compact and Park Grade schools with the appropriate reassigning of faculty so that they would be substantially desegregated by September 1968.

"Please forward to this office within 10 days a plan concerning the reorganization suggested in this letter. Otherwise this office will have no alternative other than to forward your administrative unit's file to Washington with the recommendation that administrative enforcement proceedings be initiated."

LUTHERAN SPEAKER
Rev. John A. Pless of Hickory, executive director of North Carolina Lutheran Homes, will fill the pulpit at the 11 o'clock morning worship service Sunday at St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

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