

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 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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Wiesener, Beatty Buy Property

Carl Wiesener and Dennis Beatty have purchased two lots at the corner of West Mountain and Watterson streets and are proceeding with plans to erect a new building which will house a general drug store, it was learned yesterday from Wiesener.

The lots, which were purchased Tuesday from Mrs. B. O. Weaver and Mrs. J. M. Rhea, were rezoned by the city commission last week from residential to neighborhood business in a second public hearing.

The purchasers, both registered pharmacists, stated they will build their own building which will contain around 4,000 square feet of floor space. It will be a general drug store, without soda fountain, specializing in pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, sundries, health aids and various other drug store items.

Wiesener has been associated with Webb Drug in Shelby for three years and was previously a pharmacist at both Eckerd stores in Gastonia and in Charlotte. He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and is married to the former Nancy Suber, daughter of Sam Suber and the late Mrs. Suber of this city. He has resided in Kings Mountain for the past 20 years.

Beatty is a graduate of Kings Mountain high school and a 1968 graduate of the School of Pharmacy at the University of North Carolina. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Beatty, he is married to the former Janice Bridges, a registered nurse and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bridges, also of Kings Mountain.

Wiesener stated he expects the new business to be in operation around the first of the year.

Books Will Open For Registration On October 12

Registration books in Kings Mountain and at 28 voting precincts in Cleveland County will open Saturday, October 12th, at 9 a.m. and will remain open until 6:30 p.m. each Saturday until 20 days prior to the general election Nov. 5.

New residents of the county from out-of-state must have residence here 30 days prior to the election and register before being eligible to vote. New residents from in-state must only register 20 days prior to the election. In-state residents do not have to establish residency.

The books closed April 20th and at that time 24,473 persons were registered voters in Cleveland County. Of that number, 21,586 were registered Democrats, 2,621 registered Republicans and 266 registered as Independent. No person in Cleveland County is registered with the American Independent Party which is the third party formed by former Alabama Governor George Wallace.

Charles B. Wallace of Statesville, Iredell county coordinator for the Wallace campaign, on the roster of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night, noted that it isn't necessary for a person to change registration to vote for Wallace. The name of Wallace will appear on the ballot just like the names of candidates for the two other major political parties, he said.

Construction Now In Week Two

Kings Mountain's proposed community facilities building is in its second week of construction.

The new facility is being constructed in the Deal Street Park Area facing Cleveland Avenue at total cost of \$452,453.

A progress report of the project was given by Mayor John Moss at Tuesday's meeting of the city commission.

The building, when completed a year from this month, "will be the finest in this and adjoining areas," said Moss. It will contain 32,000 square feet of floor space and will be a complete recreational and community center complex.

Chairman of the city recreation committee is Carl Wilson.

DIXON SERVICE

A ministerial student from Gardner-Webb college will fill the pulpit at morning worship services Sunday at 9:30 a.m. at Dixon Presbyterian church, L. H. (Bud) Stewart, chairman of the pulpit committee, announced.



CEREMONIES HONOR SERVICEMAN — Cpl. Gregory Wayne Thomas was honored posthumously in ceremonies at City Hall Friday. Major Richard A. Widdows, right above, presents to Mrs. Margaret Ware Thomas, mother of Cpl. Thomas, the Purple Heart medal, the Purple Heart certificate, the National Defense Service, Vietnam service and Vietnamese campaign medals as Mrs. Boyce Ware, grandmother of Cpl. Thomas, holds the late serviceman's picture. Cpl. Thomas, wounded twice in action in Vietnam, died in action May 21. (Paul Lemmons Photo)

Three Dealers Are Showing New Car Lines

Showings of new 1969 automobiles will get underway today by car dealers in this area when the public is invited to look over new features included in latest models.

Charles Dixon, of Victory Chevrolet Co. on Railroad Avenue has announced his formal showing begins today and will continue through Saturday in a three-day event.

Southwell Motors, dealer in Fords, will display the new Ford lines on Friday, according to Bob Southwell, while Lackey-Falls Pontiac Company in Bessemer City will open doors to display new models today.

Dramatic new interiors and colors along with full door glass styling and other new styling mark changes in the 1969 automobile stock.

The widest choice of engines and transmissions in automotive history head a parade of exclusive Chevrolet features for 1969, Dixon comments. Thirty-five new Chevrolet models in seven distinctive car lines for 1969 go on sale nationally today.

Southwell Motors will show the Mustang in five models this year instead of three, the new models being Grande and Mach-1, according to Bob Southwell. The new models have an all metal change but still look like Mustangs, he said, and there are 6 V-8s and two 6-cylinders to choose from. The Mustang also has two new engines — a new 4.1 litre and the new V-8 which is a cobra ram-jet C.I.D. A new sports roof with a spoiler is available, interiors are completely re-designed with cockpit styling and the 1969 models have new profile tires.

New styling from the ground up, the latest engineering innovations and added safety are all a part of the 1969 Pontiac story, say folks at Lackey-Falls in Bessemer City where sixteen models, offered in three series go on sale today.

Miss North Carolina Coming To County Fair



MISS NORTH CAROLINA

Ceremonies Honor Wayne Thomas

Fun, Learn Session For Junior Scouts

Kings Mountain area Junior Girl Scouts and their leaders are invited to attend a Patrol Workshop, Saturday morning from 10 until 12 noon at First Presbyterian church recreation building.

"Fun and learn" is how one Girl Scout leader described the forthcoming workshop for area Scouts and leaders.

Plans Shaping For Water Project

Land acquisition for the Buffalo Creek Water Project is proceeding, reported Mayor John Moss to the city commission Tuesday, adding that "in the not too distant future we hope to get final approval of the plans and specifications and then go out for bids on the project."

The mayor said that plans and specifications must be approved by the State Board of Health, the Dams Committee, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Corps of Engineers. He said the Corps of Engineers must approve the plans because of the dam size and also to determine the flood safety requirements.

From the date of beginning, target date for the project completion is 14 to 18 months, said the mayor. Mayor Moss said this date would mean that a functional water supply is assured but not all recreational aspects of the project would be complete.

"Col. (W. K. Dickson, the city's consulting engineer) Dickson tells us we should have approval from these agencies and engineering details in 30 days," said the mayor.

Purple Heart, Other Medals Are Presented

Cpl. Gregory Wayne Thomas, 20, killed in action in Vietnam May 21, was honored posthumously in ceremonies Friday morning at City Hall.

Major Richard A. Widdows of the Inspector-Instructor staff with the Marine Corps Reserve, Greenville, S. C., presented the Purple Heart medal, the National Defense Service medal, the Vietnamese campaign medal to Mrs. Margaret Ware Thomas, the serviceman's mother.

Members of the Thomas family and friends gathered to pay tribute to Cpl. Thomas. His pastor, Rev. Robert Mann, offered prayers and the audience stood in silent memory to the Kings Mountain Marine. A large photograph of Cpl. Thomas and the American flag formed the background for the ceremonies conducted by Major Widdows and Kings Mountain Mayor John Henry Moss.

Mrs. Thomas was also presented the Gold Star award.

Other members of the Thomas family present were Cpl. Thomas' brothers, Tony Lee Stone and Barry Thomas, and their grandmother, Mrs. Boyce Ware.

Cpl. Thomas was killed in Vietnam a few days before he was scheduled to return to the U. S. He joined the Marine Corps shortly after graduation from Kings Mountain high school in 1966 and had served in Vietnam 13 months prior to his death. He was scheduled to return to the states June 1.

Wallace Party Organized Here; Officers Named

An organizational meeting was held Monday by supporters of George W. Wallace for president in the Kings Mountain area with Tom Dellinger elected to serve as chairman of the group.

In addition to Dellinger, John Ross was elected treasurer and Gerald Thomasson was elected secretary.

Plans were discussed for the campaign from now until election day and the group asked citizens in this area who are interested in helping support Wallace for President to respond to: Wallace, P. O. Box 212, Kings Mountain. All contributions were asked to be sent to the post office address also.

HOSPITALIZED

George W. Sellers was admitted Monday to Kings Mountain hospital for treatment of a heart ailment. Mr. Sellers is a veteran Margrace Mill employee in the dye department.

Water Bills To Show Increase Oxford Begins Construction On 2.5 Million Building

New Firm Beginning Construction

Groundbreaking and construction got underway this week on the building which will house Oxford Industries, Kings Mountain's newest industry, with March set as target date for beginning operations, it was learned yesterday from Julian Lerner, division manager of the Knitwear Division.

Located on a 15-acre block on York road between Floyd street and Frederickson street, the local plant is the fourth to be located in North Carolina by Oxford Industries and its 37th in the Southeast. Home office is Atlanta, Ga.

Some hiring of employees is already underway, Lerner said, and are being trained at the Barwin plant in Kings Mountain as well as at its Reliable Mills in Gastonia. Applications are being taken at Barwin now for trainees at Barwin and at Reliable who will automatically go into the new plant when it is completed.

Initial employment will number 490, he said, with ultimate payroll of at least 700 persons. Ninety per cent of its employees will be women.

The Oxford Company is building its own plant, which will contain 200,000 square feet of production space, offices and a dye plant. It will be fully air conditioned and will be constructed at an estimated cost of \$2.5 million. Total payroll will approximate \$3 million plus annual.

Oxford Industries is a public-owned corporation listed on the New York Stock Exchange and is listed in the top 10 apparel manufacturers in the United States.

The company manufactures knit shirts and sweaters, men's sport shirts and dress shirts, also men's slacks and suits, women's dresses and blouses, women's skirts and a nationally branded line of women's apparel as well as banion shirts and sweaters, alpaca sweaters and orlon sweaters.

Oxford's volume of business in 1967 totaled \$140 million.



PASTOR — Rev. Russell Lee Hinton of High Point will become pastor of Oak Grove Baptist church October 1.

Oak Grove Calls Rev. Hinton

Rev. Russell Hinton of High Point will assume new duties October 1 as pastor of Oak Grove Baptist church.

Mr. Hinton, since August 1966 the minister of education at North Main Street Baptist church in High Point, is a former pastor of Providence Baptist church, Stoneville, Bear Marsh church, Mount Olive, Calvary Baptist church, Hamlet, and Conrad Memorial Baptist church in High Point.

Mrs. Hinton, the former Lillie Belk McAlhany of Fort Mill, S. C., joined the faculty of the high school Monday as mathematics teacher.

A native of Rocky Mount, N.C., Mr. Hinton is 43. He was licensed to the ministry in 1946 after serving in the U. S. Navy and working as a sheet metal worker, a textile employee and with the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.

Garland Still Passes; Funeral Rites Friday

Former Mayor Garland Still Dies Wednesday

Garland Everett Still, 66, Kings Mountain mayor from 1951-52, died Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. in Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

Funeral rites will be held Friday morning at 11 o'clock from St. Matthew's Lutheran church of which he was a member. His pastor, Rev. Charles Easley, will officiate, and interment will be in Mountain Rest cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family has designated memorials to the choir fund of St. Matthew's church.

The family will receive friends at Harris Funeral Home Thursday (tonight) from 7 until 9 p.m. The body will remain at Harris Funeral Home until the hour of service.

A native of Winston-Salem, Mr. Still was son of Mrs. J. N. Still of Winston-Salem and the late Mr. Still. He was a Kings Mountain merchant who formerly operated Garland's Jewelry and at one time was proprietor of a restaurant here. Until his illness four months ago, he was employed by Ivey's Men's Store in Cotswald Shopping Center in Charlotte.

Mr. Still was elected mayor of Kings Mountain, Wednesday, May 23, 1951 in the first run-off election in the city's history.

He attended Wake Forest college and Wake Forest Law School where he sang in the choir. Before coming to Kings Mountain he was a Winston-Salem merchant. He sang in the choir at St. Matthew's Lutheran church, at one time was active in Scouting.

He was married to Winnie Vera Still of Kings Mountain October 11, 1927. They are parents of three children: Garland E. Still, Jr. of Mocksville, John L. Still of Dunedin, Fla. and Miss Grace Christine Still of Danville, Va. There are five grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, his mother, the three children and grandchildren, surviving are two brothers, Rom Still of Winston-Salem and Nelson Still of Mount Airy.

Mr. Still, hospitalized since June, was moved from Kings Mountain hospital to Baptist hospital last Friday.

INDUCTED

J. C. (Jake) Atkinson, principal of Kings Mountain high school, was inducted by the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club last week as a new member. The Atkinsons came to Kings Mountain two years ago from Madison-Mayodan. They reside at 612 West Mountain street.



SUCCUMBS — Garland E. Still, former mayor, died Wednesday morning. Funeral rites will be held Friday.

John Mitcham's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for John Mitcham, 62, were held Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. from Resurrection Lutheran church of which he was a member.

Mr. Mitcham died Friday night in the Kings Mountain hospital after several months illness. Rev. David L. Caster, his pastor, officiated at the final rites and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Mitcham was a native of Kings Mountain, son of the late Luther and Rachel Herndon Mitcham. A veteran of World II, he was a former employee at Mauney Mills. His wife was the former Lillian Lynn.

Surviving besides his wife are their son, Sam Mitcham of Greensboro; their daughter, Mrs. Paul Abernethy of North Augusta, S. C.; four grandchildren; three brothers, Rufus Mitcham of Kings Mountain, Lloyd Mitcham of Lincoln and Leo Mitcham of Ellenboro; and one sister, Mrs. Robert Morrison of Kings Mountain.

Active pallbearers were Luther Mitcham, Robert Mitcham, Gene Mitcham, Howard Mitcham, Ronnie Mitcham and Roger Mitcham.

Honorary pallbearers were Toy Black, Boyd Howell, Cicero Falls, Sam Caveny, Nelson Ledbetter, Howard Sanders, Dr. George Plonk, Dr. Sam Robinson, Charles Ramsey, Dr. John C. McGill, Roy Biddy, Jim Bennett and Bud Bamgardner.

KIWANIS PROGRAM

Kings Mountain High School Football Coach Bill Bates will review the recent games of the high school Mountaineers as the program for Thursday night's Kiwanis club meeting at 6:45 p.m. at the Woman's club.

Five Morehead Nominees Named Two Are Merit Semi-Finalists

Attend Game Early To Get A Seat

Kings Mountain High football coach Bill Bates said Wednesday that probably no more than 1,500 seats will be available at Belmont Friday night.

The Mountaineers and Raiders meet in Belmont's new stadium at the high school, and work is not yet completed. No bleachers have been in stalled yet but Belmont Coach Ray Shelton said he hopes to have the 1,500 available.

Fans are urged to go early in order to avoid standing.

Tuesday Bills Will Reflect Rate Increase

Kings Mountain water customers, numbering approximately 3,000, will sing their first rate increase blues next week when statements for September will go into the mails from City Hall.

City Clerk Joe McDaniel said yesterday he expects no criticism from the citizens when they receive their statements next week since the increase should come as no surprise to anyone.

The new rates, representing the 90 percent across-the-board surcharge imposed by city commissioners the last week in August, were implemented to provide revenue for amortizing \$4 million in

When the 3,000 city water customers receive their September bills Tuesday they will also receive a letter from Moss Administration 11 reminding of the "critical water shortage and drought" and noting that "When water consumption increases and the debt service reduces for the city, the water rates will be lowered accordingly."

Public Works Supt. Grady Yelton gives this additional water report: Davidson Lake, 8 feet low; York Road Lake, six feet, seven inches low. "We are using the Gold Mine and starting at the Old Wells to augment our water supply," said Yelton.

bonds for the city's water and sewer projects.

At the same time, the board also voted to levy a 10 percent differential on basic rates for industrial consumers outside the city limits. All residential users of water outside the corporate limits will have 50 percent added to their bill above city rates.

The minimum monthly bill for 3,000 gallons of water will be \$2.38 instead of \$1.25 as in the past. A user of one million gallons of water, the case of at least five industrial customers, will find that his monthly bill has leaped from \$284.17 per month to \$539.73.

Mayor John Henry Moss said the new minimum charge of \$2.38 for 3,000 gallons of water compares with rates of neighboring cities.

A. M. Pullen and Company of Charlotte, the city's accountants, and W. K. Dickson & Company of Charlotte, the city's engineers, projected the above rate increases.

Prior to the \$3 million bond vote last December, projected rate increases were made public and issuance of the bonds for the water project were approved by an overwhelming margin of 20-1.

Rikard To Head DECA Chapter

Barry Rikard, senior, will head the Kings Mountain High School chapter of DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) this school year. Mike Bennett won the vice-presidential post for the second year. This is Mike's third year in the D.E. program.

Other new DECA officers are Wanda Blanton, secretary; Roy Huffstetler, treasurer; Morgan Hollifield, parliamentarian; Tommy Grayson, reporter; and Pete Ware, S.P.O. representative.

Installation of officers is scheduled in conjunction with Parents' Night, Wednesday, October 16, at the high school.

Five senior boys at Kings Mountain High School have been nominated for Morehead awards and will be interviewed by the Cleveland County Morehead Selection Committee in the next few weeks. Attorney L. Lyndon Hobbs of Shelby is committee chairman.

Local nominees include Don Forrest Bridges, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bridges of 307 Edgemont Drive; Richard Etheridge, son of Mrs. Dorothy P. Etheridge of 913 Sharon Drive; Ross Alan Springer, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Springer of Grover; Timothy Norris Webster, son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Webster of Route

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