

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 14,990 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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Hospital Donations \$242,843; Project Underway



AT PREVIOUS FESTIVAL — With Community Festival time slated for next Wednesday, October 16, Kings Mountain Woman's Club members have a busy week ahead preparing for their 65th annual event. Scene from a previous festival above pictures, left to right, Mrs. George Thomasson, Mrs. George Houser, Mrs. Tom Trott, Mrs. Harry Page, Mrs. Aubrey Mauney and Mrs. W. T. Weir. Little Ann Thomasson is in the foreground.

Topographical Survey Started; Plans On Board

Activity on the grounds at Kings Mountain Hospital this week pointed to the first visible signs of an enlargement and modernization project that will get underway there soon in the amount of close to \$1 million.

At the same time, George Houser, chairman of a special committee to raise \$225,000 in public subscriptions, announced that results of his committee's efforts have reached \$242,843 "with some Foundations yet to be heard from."

This capital campaign money will be added to the \$500,000 in Cleveland County bonds authorized in February, 1964, and anticipated Foundation grants of \$200,000 to bring the total to \$942,843 to date.

Topographical surveys are now underway on the grounds, it was affirmed by Administrator Grady Howard yesterday, and some soil samplings will be made right away to determine the soil strength.

Detail planning on the new wing is also underway by architects Freeman & White of Charlotte, the new two-story wing to involve 35 patient beds on the second floor and the first floor to house a new lobby and entrance, operating room suite and recovery room, new central supply service, laboratory and pharmacy.

Renovations in the old building will include enlargement of the x-ray department, enlargement of emergency and outpatient departments. Additional upgrading of the old building, such as central air conditioning, is also scheduled.

In the successful campaign for public donations, Chairman Houser praised his division heads and their workers for their efforts. These included the initial gifts campaign under Charles Neisler and Jim Harry; primary gifts chairman John A. Cheshire, Jr.; area gifts co-chairmen Carl P. Finger and Ollie Harris.

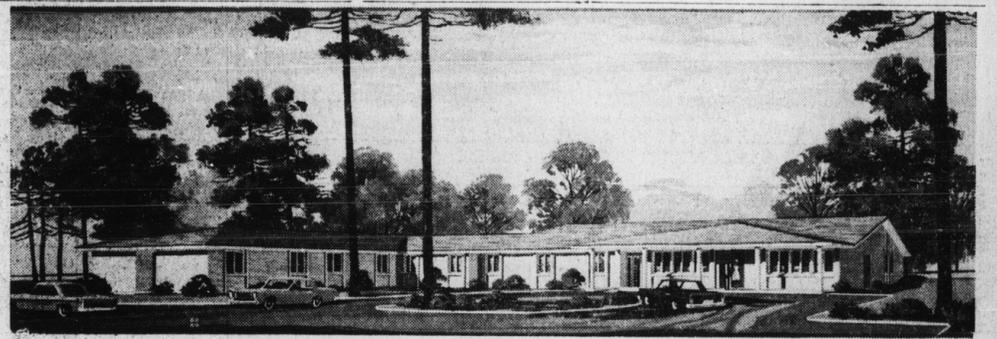
Estimated cost of the new wing and renovations was first set at \$850,000 with monies to come from the county bonds, foundation grants and public subscriptions in the amount of \$150,000. Because of continued escalation of construction costs, officials deemed the \$150,000 to be insufficient and raised the figure to \$225,000 after the public responded in the amount of \$180,000. When all monies are in, close to \$1 million will have been realized.

The project has been pushed because of a 98 percent occupancy rate at the present 75-bed institution, which means constant overcrowding and temporary housing of patients.

The proposed new wing will contain 23,000 square feet of floor space and will adjoin the east side of the present building. It will increase bed capacity by 40 percent.

George W. Mauney is president of the hospital board of trustees and serving on the board are Al

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PROPOSED KINGS MOUNTAIN NURSING AND CONVALESCENT CENTER

Spring Construction Is Expected On New 50 - Bed Nursing Home

Tom Stringfellow's Big Opportunity Begins With New Gaston Oral School

BY GRACE HAMBRICK

Tom Stringfellow is only three years old and he's deaf. But he's got a lot going for him.

Most of all he has parents who care—and secondly, he has the Gaston Oral School for Hearing Impaired Children, Inc.

The school that means so much to Young Tom and his 17 classmates is in no small part due to the efforts of his parents, Bob and Sylvia Stringfellow, and Tom was one of the original students at age two.

Just this week the youngster probably gave his parents their biggest thrill on his progress. He wrote his name.

Even Tom's teacher was quite thrilled. She called Mrs. Stringfellow to tell her that "out of the blue" he had written his name... with nothing to go by... no pattern to follow.

No other child has done this, she said, and it was such a big step forward it was big news for all.

Mr. and Mrs. Stringfellow knew before Tom was born that he would probably be handicapped in some way because Mrs. Stringfellow had suffered German measles in early pregnancy. After his birth, they noticed he slept a lot and that his two sisters didn't seem to bother him nor did any other noise.

Although Tom has no usable hearing, he has no problem communicating. He has a limited vocabulary and it is evident he has very definite thought patterns. He acts out what he wants to tell in most instances, says his mother, and he almost talks with his eyes.

Instead of trying to teach him sign language, his teachers are trying to teach lip reading and help him communicate this way. The latest effort is teaching cue speech, where words are cued. This is very different from sign language whereby the throat is used in order that he may learn to pronounce words.

One of the biggest things in Tom's favor is that he has not drawn into a shell as so often is the case of a deaf and mute child. He is a very outgoing child, his mother affirms, and gets along with other children. Even his little friends in Sunday School do not realize he is unable to hear.

Attention was brought to the Gaston Oral School this week when the Kings Mountain Junior Woman's Club donated a \$150 scholarship to be used at the school, which only this school year is meeting in new classrooms in the Woodhills school in Gastonia.

The school had its beginning in February, 1967 when the Stringfellows worked with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Suddreth to find aid for their deaf sons. Time meant much to the two couples since Mrs. Suddreth was suffering from leukemia and had hoped to see a school established for pre-school children before her death.

Mrs. Suddreth has since died, but her dream has been realized. Classes were first held on Saturdays only when teachers from Morganton came to the children at an improvised classroom in



TOM STRINGFELLOW... "you're coming on"

Flint Grove Baptist Church. In the summer of '67, classes were held three days each week and by the fall of '67, parents hired their own teachers who were elementary school teachers but had had no training for the deaf. They took courses sponsored by the state school for the deaf and carried out a full five-day a week program through last school year.

Civic clubs in Kings Mountain

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and Gastonia contributed to the purse which barely met last year's payroll but this summer money has been secured under the Title 6 program and classes moved to the new Woodhills School. The federal grant of \$26,000 for the program left \$10,000 to be raised for the full budget and parents are again turning to projects to meet that year.

The proposed home will offer private and semi-private rooms only. The 50-bed facility will have the facilities to increase to 100-bed capacity and will include a rehabilitation room, a recreation room, two dining rooms, two administrative offices, a lobby area, a barber shop, a beauty shop, treatment room, shower room, a large dayroom and a roofed porch area with rocking chairs.

The modern facility will be built of concrete block faced with white rock-faced brick. Cost of the building is estimated to be \$275,000 and it will be erected behind the hospital on Sipes street.

Group Named For Whitener Campaign Here

Five local citizens have been appointed to a committee to promote the reelection of Democratic candidate Basil Whitener to the U. S. House of Representatives. It was announced here yesterday.

They are J. Ollie Harris, W. L. (Bill) Plonk, J. Lee Roberts and Dorus Bennett, all of Kings Mountain, and Bob Hambricht of Grover.

This "Committee for Whitener" was announced yesterday by J. Linton Suttle of Shelby, Whitener's campaign manager in Cleveland County.

Committee members are furthering plans for an active campaign between now and election day on November 5.

Mrs. Hinnant Is DAR Director

Mrs. L. E. Hinnant of Kings Mountain was elected district III director of the North Carolina Daughters of the American Revolution at the district meeting Wednesday at Gardner-Webb college.

Mrs. Hinnant, wife of L. E. (Josh) Hinnant, first Union National banker, is a Kings Mountain native. The former Virginia Summers, she is daughter of Mrs. F. R. Summers and the late Mr. Summers. She is a past regent of

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Industry On Parade Is New Feature Of Next Week's Community Festival

Area Exhibitors Are Invited To Participate

"Industry On Parade" is a new feature of the annual Community Festival this year, invitations having gone out to all local textile mills, mining companies and other industries to display their products at the October 16 event.

A children's section is another special for this year's festival, according to Co-Chairmen Mrs. Raymond Holmes and Mrs. W. D. Wernere. In this grouping will be all phases of work accomplished by younger folks.

Invitations are being issued to all area citizens to enter as many exhibits as they like in the festival which will get underway at 11:30 a.m. next Wednesday at the Woman's clubhouse. No prizes will be awarded but exhibitors may enter horticulture, arrangements, arts and crafts, needlework, ceramics, hobbies, home crafts, drawings and paintings, plants, vegetables and fruits and other items.

No prizes or awards will be given for the entries or for any exhibit, Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Wernere remind. "This is an exhibition and not a competitive event," they say.

Many new items are expected to be on sale at the bazaar, workshops having been underway to make various items expected to appeal to the public.

Another popular feature of the festival will be continued this year, serving lunch and dinner. Dining room and kitchen committees have been busy preparing tempting menus for regular customers who patronize the festival as well as for newcomers who will make their first visit to the event.

Originally called the "Floral Fair", next week will mark the 65th year women in this area have contributed their efforts and talents to raise money for a worthy cause.

Doors will open to the one day show at 11:30 a.m. Theme of this year's festival is "Growing In Knowledge and Culture."

Exhibits may be entered October 15th from 1 p.m. until 9 p.m. and on October 16 from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m.

Boiling Springs

Grant Approved

The Federal Water Pollution Control Administration Tuesday approved a grant of \$94,680 to assist the town of Boiling Springs in the construction of a modern sewage treatment system.

Announcement was made by Congressman Basil L. Whitener in a telegram to the Herald from Washington, D. C.



REAPPOINTED — Carl F. Mauney, Kings Mountain industrialist, was reappointed to the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission for a five-year term by the city commission Tuesday. Mr. Mauney, who is completing a one-year term on the commission, is currently chairman of the redevelopment body.

Fireman Parade Starts Saturday At 1 O'Clock

Firemen from four area fire-fighting units will form a parade Saturday afternoon on downtown streets to culminate a week-long observance of National Fire Prevention Week.

Fire-fighting units from Kings Mountain, Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department, Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Department and Chapel Grove Volunteer Fire Department will make up the parade units.

The parade will get underway at 1 p.m. using the following route: Line-up from the library building to the fire department on Piedmont Avenue; heading south proceed to Mountain street, turn right to Battleground, turn left to Gold, turn left to York road, turn left to E. King street, turn left to Country Club road, turn left to West Mountain, turn left to Candler, turn right to Gold and turn left at Railroad avenue to West King to break-up.

Purpose of the parade is to acquaint the community with the work of the departments and the equipment used by each group, said a spokesman for the Bethlehem unit.

LODGE MEETING

Regular communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM will be held Monday night at 7:30 p.m. at Masonic Hall, announces Secretary T. D. Tindall.

Rotarians Plan White Elephant Sale Oct. 24

Members of the Kings Mountain Rotary Club will sponsor a white elephant sale on Thursday, October 24, with proceeds to go to three of their favorite projects, it was revealed yesterday by President Charles Mauney.

The public is invited to participate by bringing items for sale, trade or swap. For those who have items to contribute, Rotarians will pick them up and ready them for the sale.

Benefiting from the sale will be the North Carolina School for the Deaf in Gaston county, the Kings Mountain High School chorus and the Kings Mountain Hospital.

Auctioneers for the project will be Senator Jack White, Dr. John McGill, Mayor John Henry Moss, the Rev. Charles Easley and Ed Goter.

Citizens are asked to delve into their attics for items that will be appropriate for the white elephant sale, the Rotary president said.

Planned as a fun evening, the event will be held at the National Guard Armory at 8 p.m.

Registration Opens At Polling Places

Voter registration books open in Kings Mountain and throughout the county on Saturday.

The books will be open for three consecutive Saturdays, through October 26th. Saturday, November 2, will be challenge day.

Ralph Gilbert, chairman of the Cleveland County board of elections, said the same precinct officials who served in the May primaries will be on duty at all precincts.

The Kings Mountain area precincts, their locations and the registrars, are:

Bethware, at Bethware school, Mrs. A. E. (Jim) Connor.

East Kings Mountain, at City Hall Courtroom, Mrs. Nelle Cranford.

West Kings Mountain, at National Guard Armory, Mrs. J. H. Arthur.

Grover, at Grover Rescue Squad Building, Mrs. J. B. Ellis.

The registrars will be at the voting places Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Chairman Gilbert reminded that unregistered citizens who expect to vote in the Nov. 5th election must visit their precincts in person to accomplish registrations. He said that deadline for application for civilians to cast absentee ballots in the general election is 6 p.m. October 30th. Exception to the rule for civilians are those who fall ill after the date. Registered voters who are ill may apply, or have members of the families apply, for the absentee ballots up to Oct. 26.

There is no deadline, other than physical fact of having ballots in the hands of the chairman of the elections board by Oct. 26 for military personnel, said Mr. Gilbert.

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.