

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 21,914
City Limits (1966 Census) 8,256
City Limits (Estimate 1968) 9,300

Greater Kings Mountain figure is derived from the special United States Bureau of the Census report of January 1966, and includes the 14,950 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 5,154 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Township in Gaston County.

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PRICE TEN CENTS

Fox: Treatment Plant Should Be Ready By March 1



EVANGELIST—Rev. Kenneth R. Lawson of Forest City will be evangelist for Fall revival services beginning Wednesday at First Baptist church.

Lawson To Lead Baptist Series

The Rev. Kenneth R. Lawson, pastor of Forest City Baptist church, will be the evangelist during the Fall Revival at First Baptist church next week.

Teams of visitors will go out Monday and Tuesday evenings to invite the community to attend the services which begin Wednesday and go through Sunday, at 7 p. m. On Friday evening, the church will go from the revival to a football game. After the game, a fellowship period is planned with young people from Laurens, South Carolina, and has served churches in Marietta, S. C., Asheville, N. C., and New Orleans, Louisiana, before coming to Forest City.

The community is invited to attend these special services each evening at 7 p. m., says Rev. Robert C. Mann, pastor of First Baptist church.

Mayor and Senator To Raleigh Monday

Mayor John Henry Moss and Senator Jack White will go to Raleigh Monday for a conference with officials of the state highway commission.

Specifically to be discussed is the Candler street widening project which has been held up due to inability of six Candler street families, their residences to be razed, to find other quarters.

All of the tenants are renters, the property having been acquired from the owners. Meantime, the highway commission has become a temporary landlord and collecting rents of from \$12 to \$16 per month.

First Accident For Driver

Joe David Houser, 40, Akers Motor Lines driver for 19 years, was involved in his first accident during 24 years driving experience, Friday afternoon.

Mr. Houser had applied brakes on Piedmont avenue to deliver freight. The brakes wouldn't hold and he bumped a fireplug to stop the vehicle. The City of Kings Mountain fire hydrant was damaged approximately \$669.40. The Akers truck was damaged approximately \$20.

Mr. Houser has won safe driving pins from Akers the past 19 years.

SATURDAY DANCE

Square dances will be held each Saturday night, beginning Saturday, at Grover Rescue Squad building, a spokesman for the squad has announced.

Two-County City Kings Mountain To Become Moreso; Petition Filed

Two-county city Kings Mountain is expected to expand 150 acres farther into Gaston county on October 14.

The city commission Tuesday night honored a petition of Bill Stinnett and the heirs of Mrs. C. M. Whitesides for annexation to the city by ordering a public hearing for October 14.

Of the 150 acres, which are north of Linwood road and east of Boyce street, the Whitesides heirs own 90.5 acres and Mr. Stin-

PHA Building Permit Is \$21,177

KM Authority Pays \$248,000 Advance of HHA

Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority paid for one of the largest building permit fees in city history Wednesday, \$21,177.69 based on contracts totaling \$2,177,690, for the 150 low-rent housing units now under construction.

Thomas W. Harper, housing authority director, also reported the authority repaid the regional office of the department of Housing and Urban Development's Housing Assistance Administration advances on the project to date of \$248,000, including \$6,586 in interest charges.

The payments were made on receipt of proceeds of the \$1,739,000 in project notes sold August 19 on low bid to North Carolina National Bank at an interest rate of 5.5 per cent.

Approximately \$1,500,000 remains available for monthly payments to contractors based on percentage of project completed.

The authority expects to earn some money on the \$1,500,000 before it is gradually paid out by investing in short-term, United States Government treasury securities. Yields on the Treasury's latest issue of short-term bills rose to 7.184 percent for 13-week bills and to 7.166 per cent on 26-week bills.

Construction work on the project was proceeding well. At the Lackey street site concrete floors were being poured and brushed and foundations had been poured on the site on the east side of Baker street.

Bus Service Starts Sept. 22

Bobby Creighton and his father-in-law, W. E. Tessenier, will operate a bus service for students who live inside the city limits beginning September 22.

Mr. Tessenier said full information about the service may be obtained by calling him at 739-2772.

KM Officers At School

Three Kings Mountain policemen, Sgt. David Corn, and Patrolmen James Belt and Robert Dodge are attending a police officers' breathalyzer school at Asheville.

Admission to the school was on basis of scores on an aptitude test.

Mayor John Henry Moss said the three scored highest among Western North Carolina district applicants.

The breathalyzer device is designed to determine alcohol blood content and, in turn, whether a person who has been drinking is drunk.

Macedonia Sets Revival Series

Revival services will be held September 21-26 at Macedonia Baptist church.

Rev. Clarence McMahan, pastor of Gastonia's Macedonia Baptist church, will be visiting evangelist.



MANAGER — Bobby F. Webster has assumed new duties as manager of Kings Mountain Office Supply and Equipment company.

Reader's Digest Honor Scouts

Two Kings Mountain girls are featured in a picture in the nationally distributed "American Girl" magazine.

Susan Goforth and Kay Patterson, members of Senior Girl Scout Troop 200, compose one illustration of a magazine article in the September edition entitled, "A Gift of You."

The local girls are shown pushing a debris-loaded wheelbarrow as they cleared the land which now contains the handsome "Welcome to Kings Mountain" monument at the western entrance to the city. The monument and the surrounding area was the civic project last year of the Kings Mountain Senior Scouts. One of 18 troops in the United States to receive a Reader's Digest Foundation Grant, the Senior Girl Scouts enlisted the aid of the city, local business and citizens to complete the entrance area. The City of Kings Mountain now maintains the plot.

The article relates some of the history of the Reader's Digest Foundation Grants, showing how Girl Scouts are "changing the face of America." In 142 localities now high school age Girl Scouts can say, "Because of us, the world is a better place to live in," according to the author, Miss Mabel Hammersmith.

Senior Troop 200 began meeting again last Monday night with their new advisor, Mrs. Charles Baird.

Gas Allotment Up 630,000 mcf

The city's natural gas allotment has been increased by the federal power commission by 620,000 thousand cubic feet for the year beginning November 1.

The new allotment of the city natural gas system, in service since January 1954, is 3,890 thousand cubic feet. Initial allotment was 1,800,000 cubic feet.

Notification of the increase was from Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company, the city's supplier.

Mayor John Henry Moss commented, "The continuing increase in demand for natural gas service reflects the continuing growth of the city. Immediate necessity for the increase authorized reflects the addition of two major industrial customers and plan of the city district schools to convert their heating systems from coal to gas as quickly as current coal supplies are extended. Another need for the increase is the potential demand of Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority, which will employ gas heat in all its 150 housing units and for cooking in all but the 30 units designed for the elderly."

Legion Dance

"The Starlighters" will play for a dance Saturday sponsored by American Legion Post 155 for Legionnaires, their wives and guests. Dancing will be from 9 until 12 p. m. at the American Legion Hall.

Mrs. Ed Hord, 92 Last Member Of Family of 16

Funeral rites for Mrs. Lillie Hord, 92, last surviving member of a family of 16, who died Monday night, were held Wednesday afternoon at 4 p. m. from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home.

The widow of Edmond W. Hord, Mrs. Hord died at 11:30 p. m. Monday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. D. Ware. She had been in ill health for several years.

She was a native of Cleveland County, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hord.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. C. D. Ware of Kings Mountain and Mrs. John P. Wilson of Cherryville; four grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Rev. Charles B. Summey officiated at the final rites and interment was in Elizabeth Baptist church cemetery.

Agan Oxford's General Manager

The appointment of Ernest W. Agan, Jr. as General Manager of Oxford Knitting Mills in Kings Mountain was announced today by Grady M. Jackson, Vice President of the parent Oxford Industries, Inc.

Commenting on the appointment, Jackson said, "We are delighted to have a man of Ernest's talent and capability back with Oxford after an absence of too many years."

Agan, who has assumed his new duties, comes to Oxford from Text International, Inc., in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where he was Production Manager. He originally started his business career with Oxford at the Rome, Georgia, plant in 1947 and was employed for five years, prior to starting his own business in the textile industry.

Agan is married to the former Juanita Rayburn. They have three children and are planning to move to Kings Mountain in the near future.

Oxford Industries is a diversified manufacturer with 35 plants in six states. The Atlanta based firm has annual sales of approximately \$133 million, primarily in apparel.

Advance Tax Total \$61,426

City residents continued to pay 1969 tax bills this week at discount—though of one rather than two percent which applied in August.

The one percent discount rate applies through September. It drops to one-half one percent in October.

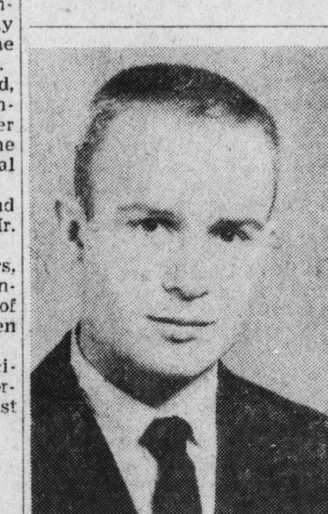
Kings Mountain's tax levy, exclusive of utilities is \$266.286. On basis of 1968 utility valuations of \$1,075,073, the levy would be \$275,424.

Roberts Asks Rezoning To Build 12-Unit Apartment On N. Cansler



WINS BRONZE STAR—Sgt. Oscar Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Jones of the Dixon community, is recipient of the Bronze Star for bravery in action in Vietnam. He arrived home Wednesday and will receive his discharge from the service. Sgt. Jones is a member of the 25th Infantry Division.

Weatherman Smiles Opening 22nd Annual Bethware Fair



ELECTED—Dick Webb has been elected first vice-president of the North Carolina-Virginia Chapter of the American Society of Training and Development.

Dick Webb ASTD Officer

Richard H. (Dick) Webb, Jr., Kings Mountain native, has been elected first vice-president of the North Carolina-Virginia Chapter of the American Society of Training and Development.

Webb, coordinator of testing and training for Reynolds Metals Co. in Richmond, Va. the past five years, is son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Webb of Kings Mountain.

He is a graduate of Davidson college and received his Master's degree in psychology from N. C. State University. He did additional study at the School of Aviation Medicine at Gunter AFB, Alabama.

Mr. Webb is married to the former Betsy Moore of Charlotte. They are parents of two daughters, Debbie and Sharon. Mr. Webb is an elder in the Presbyterian church in Richmond.

East P-TA Favors Project

East school Parent-Teacher Association unanimously Tuesday night endorsed fluoridation, a project spearheaded by Kings Mountain Jaycees.

Over 100 parents and teachers attended.

Motion in favor of the proposal was made by Bill Saunders, seconded by Mrs. Tib Bennett.

After a short business session, parents visited the classrooms.

Exhibits, Rides, Fireworks Are Fair Features

The weatherman was smiling on preparations for the annual Bethware Community Fair Wednesday afternoon. The Fair was slated to go in full swing about sundown. Bright sun made for perfect Fair weather.

Johnny Patterson, Fair manager, said the 22nd edition of the Bethware Progressive club's community fair opened about 4 p. m. but mainly for preparations for Wednesday night.

The Bethware school grounds, site of the Fair, was buzzing with activity as students and Progressive club members erected booths and R. C. Lee Riding Devices set up nine rides and concession stands.

Bethware Volunteer Fire Department will operate a concession stand featuring hotdogs, hamburgers and homemade goodies for benefit of fire-fighting equipment for the department.

Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Department will operate a dunking machine and popcorn stands to buy fire-fighting equipment for the department.

A special feature on the midway this year is a Chicken Show of 400 show-type chickens sponsored by the Cleveland County Sentiment Association. There are numerous commercial exhibits plus entries of school pupils in the area of 4-H, Boy Scout and Girl Scout and youth activities. Home Demonstration clubs of the area have a display of fine, old furniture and there are exhibits by Future Farmers of America and Future Homemakers of America from the district high school.

For the 12th year cash prizes are being awarded exhibitors and Manager Patterson predicted that more and better exhibits every year would grace the exhibit buildings by Wednesday evening. Judging will be completed by opening of the fair Thursday (today). Children's Day is Thursday with special events planned from 1 until 6 p. m.

The Fair opens Friday at 3 p. m. and at 1 p. m. Saturday. Prize drawings will be held at 10 p. m. nightly with merchandise donated by area business firms. Fireworks displays are held nightly. The Fair closes Saturday at midnight. There is no admission charge.

Cansler Street Work Formalized

The city commission Tuesday night formally approved the Cansler street widening project No. W.O. 97121891 and contracted with the State Highway Department for the work.

Formal resolutions were unanimously approved.

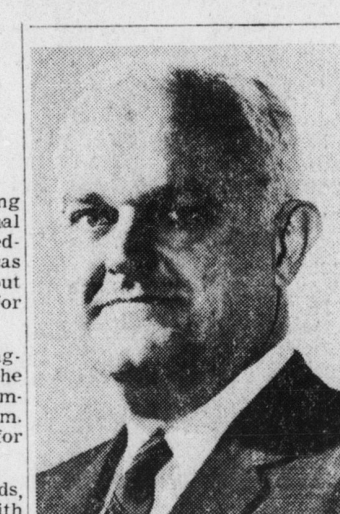
Under the agreement, the city, at its own expense, will relocate all electrical lines and poles and make any necessary adjustments in water and sewer lines to clear the way for extending the right-of-way to 60 feet and widening the paved portion of the street.

The city, under the agreement, also agrees to pay 25 percent of the costs of right-of-way and removal of any obstructions, the payment to be made in five annual installments. The city's share will be adjusted as the final right-of-way cost is determined. The project has been estimated to cost \$278,000 and will be covered with the city's proportionate share of state road bond funds voted several years ago.

No estimate was given by the commission on the city's anticipated expense in paying its share of the project.

CHICKEN SUPPER

The Chancel Choir of Grace United Methodist church will sponsor a chicken supper beginning at 4:30 p. m. in the church fellowship hall. Plates are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and takeout orders will be available.



SPEAKER — John A. Lang, Jr., administrative assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force, will speak to the Shelby Kiwanis club September 18th.

Kiwanis To Hear AF Official

John A. Lang, Jr., administrative assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force, will speak to the Shelby Kiwanis club September 18th.

Shelby Kiwanians have invited clubs from Kings Mountain, Forest City, Rutherfordton, Gaffney, Morganton, Newton, Gastonia and Hickory to join them for the meeting in the Charles Dining Room at 7 p. m.

Clyde Nolan of Shelby is chairman of the committee on arrangements for the affair.

A native of Carthage, N. C., Lang told Mr. Nolan in a letter that he will speak on "the subject of our national security posture and its present public image."

Lang, 58, was graduated from the University of North Carolina with his bachelor's and master's degrees. He is married to the former Catherine Gibson and they have four children.

A teacher at Georgia Military Academy and later president of the National Student Government Federation, Lang became assistant to the director of the CCC Camp educational program and then, in 1938, state administrator of the National Youth Administration in North Carolina. He enlisted as an Army Air Force private in May 1942, being separated in 1946 with the rank of major.

He joined the Air Force Reserve as a major and is now a Reserve major general with a mobilization assignment of assistant to the superintendent, USAF.

The North Carolinian was staff assistant to the Better Health Association in Raleigh from 1946 to 1947, then held various staff positions for various congressmen, including Rep. Charles B. Deane of North Carolina, for the next 14 years. He joined the office of secretary of the Air Force in 1961, became administrative assistant to the secretary in 1964.

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Mrs. Summers' Hambright History Published; Forebears Prussians

There is a tradition that the Hambrights were natives of Prussia in Germany where military training and experience was so much a part of the life of the people and this influences reflected in the members of the family for several generations.

Thus writes Mrs. F. R. Summers in her published history of "The Frederick Hambright Family."

Col. Frederick Hambright's most conspicuous service to his country was in the Battle of Kings Mountain October 7, 1780. By a resolution of the North Carolina Assembly in 1786, an elegant mounted sword was presented him "for his voluntary and distinguished services in the defeat of Major Patrick Ferguson at the Battle of Kings Mountain." This sword is now in the Museum of Kings Mountain National Military Park.

Mrs. Summers, the former Bon-

Engineer Says Construction Is On Schedule

By MARTIN HARMON

Construction of Kings Mountain's water treatment plant on the east bank of Buffalo Creek is on schedule and the plant should be ready to supply potable water by March 1.

Dennis Fox, project engineer for W. K. Dickson & Company, said Wednesday, "I see no reason why the plant shouldn't be ready for service by March 1."

He also reported that Ray D. Lowder Company, which holds contract for pipeline installation, is progressing well on laying the big 24-inch main from the treatment plant to the west city limits. He said the Lowder firm is "about two weeks away from U. S. 74."

He also said in-city work on laying lateral lines is proceeding well.

A change has been issued to up the size of the lateral on Phifer Road, from Mountain street, to 12-inch pipe. Initial specification was for 8-inch pipe.

Gillespie Construction Company, general contractor, had 55 men on the job Wednesday, highest total to date. "There's work going on all over the place," Engineer Fox commented.

A huge crane with half-cubic yard bucket was taking concrete from Spangler & Sons ready-mix truck, the concrete being poured into the walls of one of the two large settling basins. Work was underway on the pump station which will take water from a million gallon finished water reservoir. The treatment plant will have a capacity of four million gallons daily.

City Is Thanked For Shelby Aid

Shelby Mayor Hubert Plaster has thanked Kings Mountain for the city's aid in Shelby's recent transmission line failure.

Mayor Plaster wrote Mayor John Henry Moss:

"We are most grateful for the timely and effective assistance you rendered on the recent occasion of the transmission line failure at the Water Treatment Plant."

"With your contact, we were able to secure adequate equipment and restore service without too much delay."

"Please don't hesitate in calling us when we may be of service."

Police Praised By Drug Firm

Kings Mountain Drug Company has praised the Kings Mountain Police Department for its promptness in solving the recent narcotics robbery at the drug firm.

Charles Blanton, a partner, wrote Mayor John Henry Moss:

"On behalf of the owners and staff of Kings Mountain Drug Company, I would like to formally express our appreciation and admiration for the excellent, professional efforts of Police Chief McDevitt and his officers. Our recent narcotics robbery was the first incident of breaking and entering that we had ever had, and thus our first contact with Kings Mountain Police."

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