

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 for January 1968, 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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Armco Magazine Features KM Line-Laying

Kings Mountain's water line construction was among the feature articles of the summer issue of Highway-Urban Construction house publication of Armco Steel Corporation.

The article, entitled "Kings Mountain Fights with Water for Its Industrial Life", is accompanied by a large photograph showing actual installation of the big 24-inch water main, and a picture of Mayor John Henry Moss detailing from the project map path of the line to Jake Wilson, of Asheville, Armco salesman.

The article follows: "The Battle of Kings Mountain was an American victory of October 7, 1780, when an 1100-man detachment of Cornwallis' army was surrounded by bands of riflemen under Col. Isaac Shelby, Col. James Williams, and Col. William Campbell. After a desperate fight on the wooded and rocky slopes of the mountain, the commanding British officer was killed and his men surrendered. "Today, 190 years later, the 8000 residents of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, are fighting another type of battle, to induce industry into their city. The key weapon in this fight is water — water of sufficient quantity to permit the city to insure potential industrial residents there will be an ample supply.

"The Mayor of Kings Mountain, John Henry Moss, states the problem, 'Due to our close proximity to Charlotte, which is growing by leaps and bounds and a newly completed interstate highway through our city we recognized that we had the potential for tremendous industrial growth. But at the same time we knew that to attract any industry, an abundant water supply was an absolute necessity. Buffalo Creek, 8-miles away was our closest reliable source of water. And to get this water into Kings Mountain, we had to build a dam and install a pipeline to bring in the water.'

"Although the population of Kings Mountain has quadrupled since 1900, it is still a small city. Transportation facilities greatly enhance its industrial potential. It is a railroad of the Southern Railroad, and is immediately adjacent to the newly completed I-85 to Atlanta. And the Interstate will soon be completed to Richmond, Charlotte, 22 miles to the east, is the second largest trucking center in the country. Currently, textile and the mining of limestone and mica are the principal industries of Kings Mountain.

"Consulting engineer working on the design of the waterline was W. K. Dickson & Co., Inc. of Charlotte, North Carolina. They determined that the waterline would run along State Route 1001 and U. S. 74 to Kings Mountain. The total length of this proposed (Continued on Page Eight)

Foot Mineral Posts Wage Hike

Foot Mineral Co. increased wages by 7% effective June 1, according to Foot Mineral operations manager, E. R. Goter.

The increase amounts to an average of about 18 cents an hour.

The across the board raise came 14 months after the previous raise, which was 5% on March 31, 1969, an average increase of 13 cents an hour.

Before that, wages were raised an average of 11 cents an hour on April 5, 1968.

City and Dover Mills Conclude Agreement on Property, Dyke

Another step on property acquisition for the Buffalo Creek reservoir was taken last week with conclusion of an agreement between the city and Dover Mills.

Under terms of the agreement, the city will build a dyke and provide necessary pumps to prevent flooding of the Dover Mill basement at high water level and acquired ten acres of Dover property which will be inundated.

Work on the dyke was underway Wednesday.

The city has paid Dover Mills \$35,500, a total of \$6500 for the property being acquired and for damages to Dover which will have to provide a new water source on a small tract east of NC 150, and \$19,000 to Dover for maintenance of dyke and pump-



PROMOTED — J. W. Powell, superintendent of Kings Mountain Quarry of Superior Stone, has been promoted to general superintendent effective June 22. L. G. Collins, operations manager of the company's western district, said today. Powell will assist Collins, in addition to his Kings Mountain duties. He is a veteran of 22 years with Superior Stone, starting as a cashier in North Wilkesboro in 1948. Powell has also worked at the Midland, Burke County and Bakers quarries of the company.

Miss KM Competes At Beauty Event

She Competes In Talent Event Friday Night

Linda Falls, Miss Kings Mountain, who is vying in Raleigh this week for the Miss N. C. title reports talking with former Kings Mountain resident Bill Ruth, general chairman of the pageant and his wife, the former Lyonnne Lindsay.

Monday was registration day and Tuesday participants were entertained at a luau. Judging events began Wednesday. The top 10 finalists compete Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Falls had a red, white, and blue motorcade send-off party for Miss Falls and her chaperone, Mrs. John Gamble Sunday July 5 at 2 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Falls and daughter, Subetha, greeted guests who were served cokes and snacks by Mrs. Hubert Pearson, Mrs. Gary Ledbetter, and Mrs. David Falls.

The refreshment table featured a miniature doll replica of Miss Kings Mountain, Mrs. Falls a gold charm bracelet bearing a date to remember charm, gift of the Jaycettes.

The motorcade, blowing horns, accompanied Miss Falls and Mrs. Gamble, from the Falls' Ellenwood Drive home to I-85. Mrs. O'is Falls, mother of the entrant left Wednesday for Raleigh and Mr. Falls will join them there on Friday.

ing equipment in the future. Dover retains right to landscape the area.

Dover retains right to put mill drainage and treated sewage effluent into the reservoir within limits permitted by the State Board of Health.

On the provision, Mayor John Henry Moss commented, "It's not our province to start with, but that of the State Board of Health."

Progress on the construction of the big dam at the treatment plant is good, Dennis Fox, consulting engineer, reported, Mr. Fox said the dam now has a "solid rock foundation" and that the contractor is now using six pans to bring in fill dirt. The dam is an average of 600 feet wide and 650 feet at its widest point.

Low-Rent Housing Is Being Occupied

Dixon Area Lists Twister Damages

Trailer, Auto, Barns Damaged In July 4 Blow

July 4th celebrants enjoying outings Saturday afternoon were sent scurrying inside by a cloudburst of wind and dust identified as a twister that covered a wide area of the county and left several thousands of dollars in property damages behind.

In this section of the county, the spot heaviest damaged was the approximately one mile area from the Dixon Road I-85 Truck Plaza past the Dixon Presbyterian church and the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Bridges.

A house trailer belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Randy Childers, and located across from the Truck Plaza, was reportedly moved about eight feet by the wind's force and damaged approximately \$1100. Mr. and Mrs. Childers were away from home during the storm.

Barns belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Bridges (the former Ed Stewart homestead) were completely demolished. No animals were in the barns but tools belonging to the Bridges family were destroyed. Tin was ripped from the barn and there were some damages to the home of Mrs. D. B. Block and the top of the garage at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Jackson was ripped off.

A small foreign car owned by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shepherd was hit by an uprooted tree and damaged approximately \$1200. The Shepherds were visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Bowen. The twister uprooted numerous large trees in that area and also in the Ethelhem and Archdale sections where extensive wind damage was reported to trees and shrubs.

Insulation in a chicken house belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Rollins was damaged extensively. There were reportedly extensive damages on Highway 18 South of Shelby.

Picknickers at Lake Montonia's annual outing reported some tree damages.

There were reportedly no power lines down in this area due to the storm, according to a spokesman for the city public works department, who reported no wind damages in the city.

INJURED

Bill Bridges, local barber, was injured in an automobile accident in Plaxton, Ga. during the weekend and has been transferred to Kings Mountain hospital from Evans Memorial hospital. He and his wife were on vacation and Mrs. Bridges was reportedly not injured. Mr. Bridges is suffering from back injuries and facial cuts.

Dr. Harvey Bumgardner Returns From Five-Year Project in Peru

By LINDA BISER BEHRENS

Dr. Harvey Bumgardner recently returned from Lima, Peru after seven years there as director of an Agency for International Development (AID) agricultural project. For the next two or three years he will direct the Peru project from Raleigh where he will train agricultural leaders.

Before returning home, he detoured via Copacabana Beach in Rio de Janeiro for a month's vacation, which accounts for his sunlightened hair and deep tan. It was his seventh trip to Brazil and his eighth may be for a longer stay engaged in similar work after his Raleigh stint. He greatly admires Rio's scenery and the development potential of Brazil.

In Lima, Dr. Bumgardner taught courses at the National Agriculture University and worked with the Ministry of Agriculture. The first 3 1/2 years he was a poultry specialist and partly responsible for lowering the price of turkey. This was accomplished by instituting simple management practices long in use in the U. S. such as artificial light to induce pho-



SUSAN MCCARTER
Susan McCarter Dorothy in "Oz"

Mary Susan McCarter of Grover has joined the young people of Oz for the summer.

The Land of Oz is a themed adventure park atop Beech Mountain. It takes visitors on a walk through the entire story of "The Wizard of Oz", with original music and live costumed characters providing the action within the sets.

Miss McCarter says she came to Oz not really knowing what she would find, "but when I came up here and found that fantastic park and the set—and well, the part is so good—it's just great."

The part she is referring to is the role of Dorothy, which she and several others will be alternating in this season.

"I'm going to like it she said. Dorothy is so innocent and beguiling.

"And I think that thing I like most is that usually there is so much competition but here everyone wants to help everyone else. Management is the same way as the kids.

"All this helps capture the spirit of Oz. It's an experience, not a park for both the actors and the people.

"I'll get the experience of working as an actress plus all the emotion and feelings and experiences of myself and other people throughout the summer."

Miss McCarter is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McCarter of Grover. She is a student at the N. C. School of the Arts in Winston-Salem.

43 Will Have Their Keys By Weekend

It is anticipated 43 low-rent housing units will be occupied this weekend or by early next week.

Thirteen had been occupied through Wednesday. Another 15 tenants will get their keys on Thursday and an additional 15 on Friday.

As of Wednesday, the six-unit East Ridge street complex, all units designed for the elderly, had been occupied. Five units had been occupied on Harmon Court, and one each on McGill Court and Laekey street.

Thomas W. Harper, executive director of Kings Mountain Housing Authority, said prospective tenants are being offered the units on a "neediest first" basis and have a choice of available units in the six of nine locations ready for occupancy.

Still under construction are the 44-unit complex in the Earnette Drive area, the complex on South Candler street and the small complex on Grace street.

Mr. Harper again reminded prospective tenants to formalize initial applications.

"Many who are apparently eligible have not returned to make their applications formal," he commented.

Offices of the authority are maintained on McGill Court off Ridge street.

Rental scales range from \$28 to \$60 per month. However, the director pointed out, maximum rental for an eligible person or family is one-fourth of income.

For example, a person with sole income of \$80 per month social security check could obtain a low-rent housing unit for \$15 per month.



PRESIDENT—City Commissioner W. S. Biddix was re-elected president of the Key Producers club for the third year at the annual meeting recently of Sturdivant Life Insurance Company.

Insurancemen Tap Biddix

City Commissioner W. S. Biddix was elected president of the Key Producers club of the Monthly Ordinary Division of the Sturdivant Life Insurance Company for the third consecutive year at the annual meeting recently at Ocean Forest Hotel in Myrtle Beach, S. C.

The Kings Mountain insurance man was so honored for "outstanding overall performance and service to his policy holders."

Mr. Biddix presided at the annual meeting.

Dover To Speak To Rotarians

John R. Dover, III, Shelby attorney and businessman, will be guest speaker at Thursday's meeting of the Kings Mountain Rotary club at 12:15 at the County club.

Mr. Dover will use the subject, "Sweden — Old and New", reviewing for the group his trip to Sweden.

Rotarian Thomas Trott will introduce Mr. Dover who for nine years was associated with Dover Textiles Group. He is a member of the board of directors of Dover Mills Company, Ora Mills Company, First National Bank of Shelby, Shelby Savings & Loan Association, Doman Hotel Investments of Stockholm, Sweden and Vtol Flights, Inc. of Charlotte.

Robert G. Cox C of C Manager



MANAGING DIRECTOR — Lt. Col. Robert G. Cox has been named managing director of Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce.

Lt. Col. Cox Army Retiree After 22 Years

Lt. Col. Robert G. Cox has been named managing director of Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, it was announced this week by L. E. (Josh) Hinman, president.

Mr. Cox will maintain temporary offices on the second floor of the First Union National Bank building.

Arrangements for Mr. Cox to assume the managing director's position were made several weeks ago and became official July 1 when he was retired from the United States Army after 22 years of service.

"The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce is most happy to obtain the services of Col. Cox for this important position. Proper management of the organization, if it is to perform its indicated and needed functions, demands a full-time manager," President Hinman said. "The board of directors feels Mr. Cox has the experience and equipment."

Son of Assistant Postmaster and Mrs. B. F. Cox, Col. Cox enlisted in the army at Fort Jackson, S. C., in March 1948. He attended officer candidate school in 1951, was commissioned a second lieutenant on graduation, and assigned to a military police unit.

He attended flight school in 1954, first getting instruction in fixed wing planes, then in flying helicopters. He has been in helicopter operations since, the past 12 years in maintenance including duty at two major depots, Corpus Christi, Texas, and New Cumberland, Pa., at the latter as acting director.

He spent 7 1/2 years of his 22 in service on duty overseas in Hawaii, Japan, Korea, Europe and Vietnam.

He holds the President of Korea medal, the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal, Air Medal, good conduct medal, American Defense Medal, Vietnamese service medal, United Nations service medal, Korean service medal, and armed forces reserve medal.

Mrs. Cox is the former Hetty Howard, daughter of General Francis E. Howard (USA-Ret.) The Coxes have four children, Hetty Cox, Kathy Cox, Bobby and Len Cox.

Mayor Names Committee

Mayor John Henry Moss has appointed an 11-member All-American city committee to develop recommendations for an all-American city program and to make application for the award.

The annual contest is sponsored jointly by the National League of Cities and Book Magazine.

Among previous cities honored are Gastonia, Salisbury, and Rock Hill, S. C.

Named to the committee are George B. Thomasson, Donald D. Jones, Mrs. W. T. Weir, Frank Hinson, Odus Smith, David Plonk, Mrs. Charles H. Mauney, Carl Devane, Mrs. John Blacklock, Tom Trott and Charles Ballard.

13 Arrests During Holiday

Kings Mountain police reported 13 arrests over the July 4th weekend.

They included five defendants charged with public drunkenness, two driving while under intoxication, two no operator's license, one violation of prohibition law for beverage purposes, one improper registration, one stop sign violation, and one failure to stop for light and siren.

First Low-Rent Housing Tenants Pleased With Their New Quarters

By LINDA BISER BEHRENS

The rabbit inhabited field Thurman Jordan, 15, and friends used for football and softball has been converted to a government building project and three Negro families and an elderly Negro have just moved into two and three bedroom houses there on Harmon Court.

Across town at Dilling and E. Ridge Street, one complex of six adjoining efficiencies is completely filled with elderly persons. A single occupant, Ethel Mills, has moved into one-bedroom quarters in a cluster of three of the standard six unit structures on McGill Court.

The elderly seem a little wistful about previous more spacious houses, yards, gardens, and quiet. Mrs. Lillie Fronberger, 80, of Harmon Court, likes her two bedroom house very well but better if she could get around in it. Her infirmity requires a constant companion, Mrs. Margaret Wilson, who brings her five or six grandchildren along.

Mrs. Mary Wright, whose husband Robert has been dead four years confides that she doesn't like the taste of city water "too good." Previously she lived in the William Wright homeplace about two miles from Oak Grove church, which the Wright son plans to tear down. But she hopes he doesn't. Although the porch roof is caved in and she lived in

the rear of the place with a leak on the table, she recalls how the elder Wright's took her in as a baby when she was "barely able to sit up". Mrs. Wright did farm work—hoed and picked cotton there.

A visiting granddaughter, Helen Dixon is there. Her parents are interested in a family unit.

Instead of buying wood for heat, Mrs. Wright is now supplied with gas heat. Mrs. Lucinda Surratt, former resident of a farm, then of Candler St. previously burned coal in winter. Both recall how difficult it was to keep warm. Mrs. Surratt assisted in moving by a daughter, Mrs. Mary Michener, from N. Y. says she hoed, picked cotton, pulled fodder and did most everything a man does on the farm and she and her late husband rented until he began work at the Coca Mill.

Even while she moved in on Tuesday her front porch was filled with pots of flowering plants.

Mrs. Rosa Wright, 67, says flowers are permitted at the back of the back yard along the walk and against the house. She moved from her 14 year rented 4 room quarters at the corner of E. Ridge and Battleground Ave. where she kept a remarkable yard full of flowers. She mowed so much grass then that when the public housing people offered to bring a lawnmower at intervals or cut (Continued On Page Eight)